

## Special shellfish protected as Esquimalt replaces seawall



Esquimalt's director of engineering and public works, Jeff Miller, stands at the Arm Street seawall that is slated for repairs this summer.  
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Barnacles and seaweed cling to a deteriorating rocky wall bordering the Gorge.

It's called the Arm Street seawall, and although it technically isn't on the sea, the scenic space it provides is important to Esquimalt.

However, the wall is getting old.

"It's showing some signs of fatigue," said Jeff Miller, Esquimalt's director of engineering and public works.

He added there's no danger of collapse at the seawall.

The municipality contracted out repair work on the wall. To do it, crews will have to maneuver equipment into the confined boardwalk above the wall, pick off and relocate a protected species of mussels off the existing rocks and install a new concrete wall.

The township budgeted \$188,000 for the project, which will get underway some time this summer.

The Gorge-bordering seawall on Delwood Road is due for repairs as well. It's closed, as breakage has resulted in safety hazards. Miller said Delwood will likely be fixed next summer.

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