



NTC-Quamichan Update



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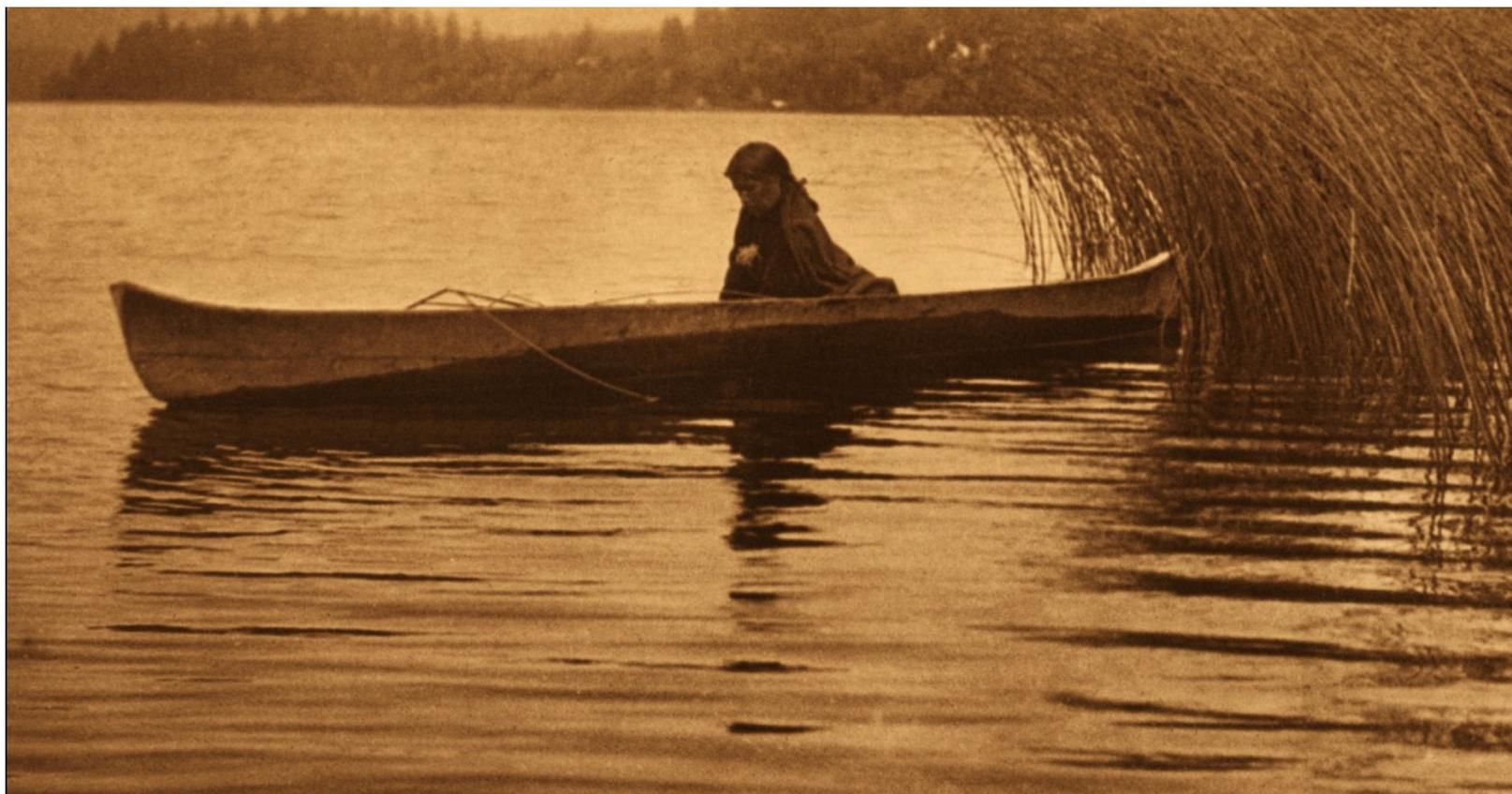


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Agenda



Wayne Pommen-Why I am Giving to the NTC Project



Aaron Lattimer-Athlete Director on the Athlete Position



NTC Project to-date

Infrastructure progress to date
Summer Testing Program
Remediation Pilot Project



NTC Update

Current Phase-The Boathouse



Wayne Pommen



[Laumann-Pommen Gift Announcement](#)



Aaron Lattimer-Athlete Director



A former National Team rower, Aaron has firsthand knowledge of the athlete experience and a deep understanding of the challenges and opportunities that come with competing at the highest level. In addition to his athletic career, Aaron has built a strong foundation in governance, leadership, and business. He has served on the Rowing BC Board of Directors, completed his MBA at Queen's University through the Game Plan initiative, and works as Chief of Staff to the Founder and Executive Chair at Aritzia.



NTC Project to Date

Just under \$2.1 million invested to date

- Dock \$905,000
- Modular Units \$265,455
- Shower and change room block \$170,000
- Course \$45,000





Water Monitoring

- Lake Quamichan was subject to a robust testing regime this summer using three different technologies and three different entities; two of whom (Vancouver Island University and North Cowichan) are independent
- RCA conducts “spot testing” using immunochromatographic strips. This testing is done in line with the NTC Safety Policy. Approximately 30 such tests were carried out this summer from May to August
- North Cowichan conducts bi-weekly tests from May to September for all types of phytoplankton as part of their “ecosystem management” program. This summer concluded their fourth season of testing on the lake



Water Monitoring

- This summer, RCA retained Dr Chris Gill at Vancouver Island University to conduct nearly daily tests from August 1 through the end of October (n=73) using a paper spray mass spectrometry test developed in partnership with the National Research Council
- VIU tests for 19 of the most prevalent cyanobacterial toxins from three different classes: Microcystins, Anatoxins, and Nodularins
- Health Canada sets Microcystis threshold levels at 10 ppb for PRIMARY contact. Note that this is set for a 23 kg child spending an hour in the water and directly ingesting 103 ml of lake water



RCA Standard for Environmental Risks



Per the NTC Safety manual, all environmental factors are run through a decision matrix (heat, wind, fog, etc.) based on measurements against established thresholds



We have the logistical capacity to test and shift training locations daily if adverse test results arise; as we do for other environmental safety concerns



Medical Team comments: “We have no direct evidence of health-related adverse water quality issues at Lake Quamichan this summer.”



Water Monitoring



Summer 2026 testing will continue to utilize all three testing methodologies



RCA has secured \$10,000 grant from COC to support testing over the next two summers



Grant also contemplates production of a booklet for freshwater sport detailing engagements with granting agencies, community, levels of government and academia



Remediation

- On October 7, North Cowichan formally approved a pilot project to run in the summer of 2026 to test remediation strategies on Lake Cowichan
- Pilot to consist of three “tanks” set at the deepest part of the lake:” a control, an oxygenation only, and an O₂ + Al additive

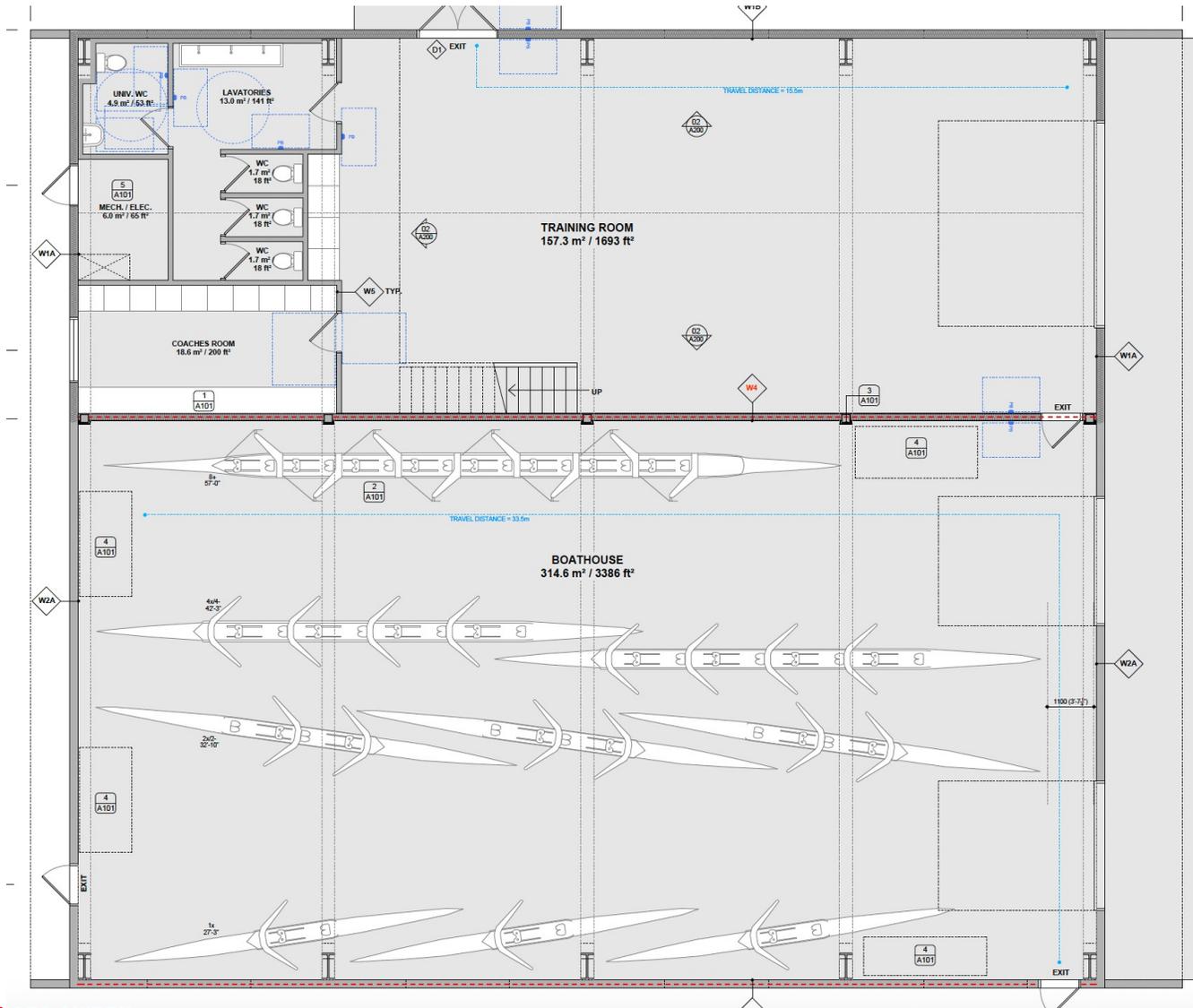




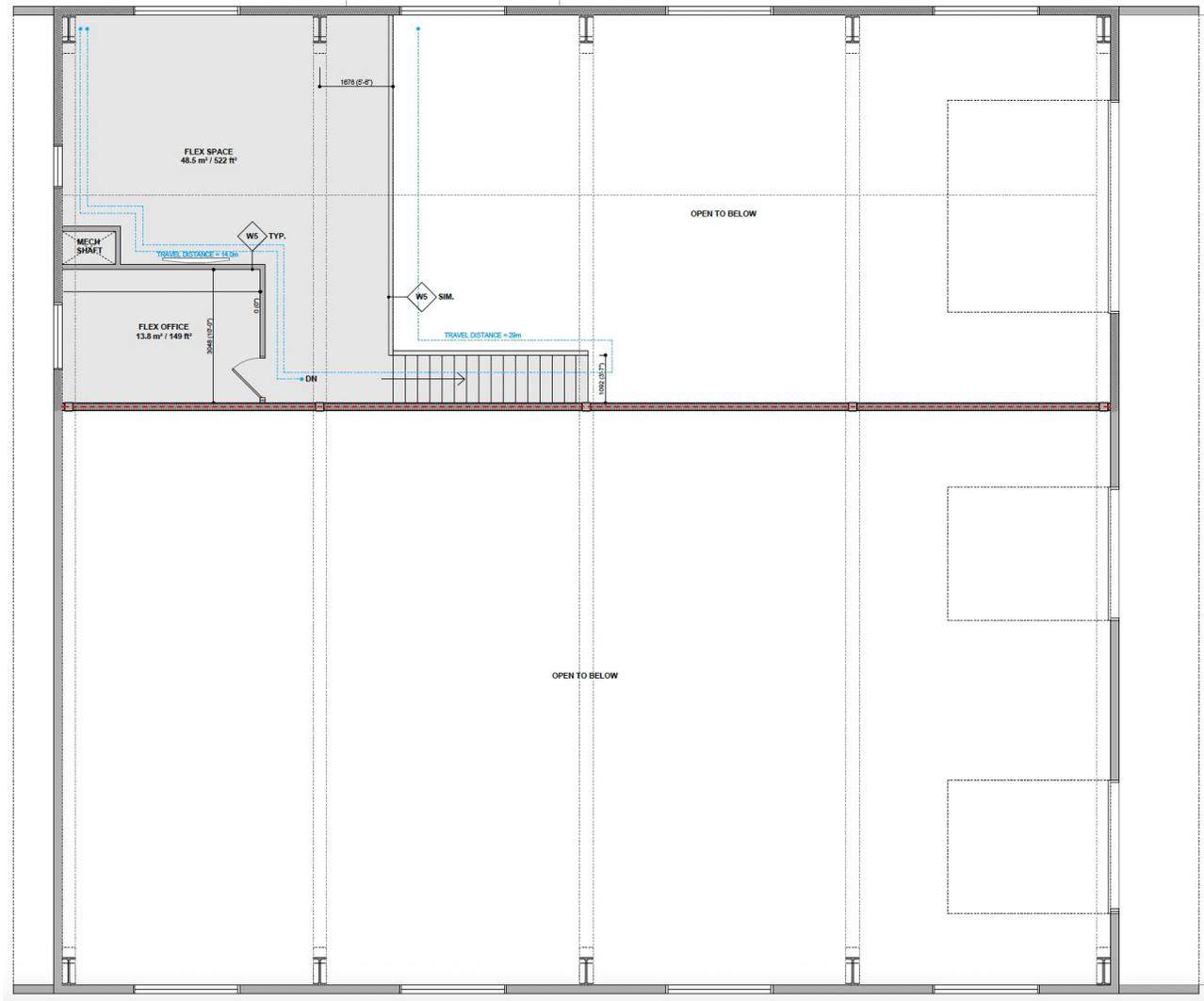
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Boathouse

- Maximizes functionality subject to constraints of time, money and space
- Allows, but does not obligate, RCA to push back future infrastructure development
- Opportunity for future partnerships with Maple Bay RC, Cowichan Tribes, expanded National team activities, or other RCA partners (clubs, PRA's etc)



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Construction Costs:	
Two Boat Bays (4000 sq ft @\$355per)*	\$ 1,418,271
Additional Bay - 2000 Sq Ft Climatized Space **	\$ 833,088
Added Washrooms - Accessible + 3 Stalls	\$ 42,368
Added Mezzanine for Athlete Lounge & Therapy Space	\$ 102,375
Finishing & Enhancements (Wood Features & Memoria	\$ 103,740
TOTAL	\$ 2,499,842



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<u>Confirmed Contributions:</u>			
Provincial Grant		\$	500,000
Federal Grant		\$	118,000
Donation - Local Trust Fund		\$	160,000
Donation - Silken & Wayne		\$	200,000
Donation - Alumni Naming Gift		\$	600,000
Matching Donations		\$	125,000
Vendor In-Kind		\$	80,000
	<i>Sub-Total Confirmed</i>	\$	<i>1,783,000</i>
	<i>Delta</i>	\$	<i>716,842</i>



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<u>Projected Fundraising Revenues:</u>		
Matching Donations		75,000
Available Naming Donations/Sponsorships		
Athlete Performance Space (Large Climatized Bay)		300,000
Mezzanine/Athlete Lounge		75,000
Coaching Room		75,000
Flex Office/Therapy Room(s)?		50,000
Additional Gov't Support		100,000
Vendor In-Kind		\$ 170,000
	Sub-Total In-Progress	\$ 845,000



Where to from here?

- Ongoing donor announcements
- Relocate existing boathouse to upper tier (March 2026)
- Break ground late March
- Completion and Occupancy by September 2026
- Continue fundraising



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Training on Lake Quamichan with the Canadian National Rowing Team has been an incredible experience that fuels my excitement to push for another Olympic cycle. The progress that's been made so far and the completion of the Shell House will further elevate our training environment, setting the stage for even greater strides in our performance.

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- Maya Meschkuleit, 2024 Olympic Silver Medalist





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