

NOTICE TO PHOTO EDITORS
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Pedestrian bridge to be installed on SEFC seawall December 18

On December 18, 2007 between 1100-1200h, City contractors will swing into place a 40-metre, 46,000 kg pedestrian bridge over the inlet at Southeast False Creek.

Media are invited to view the installation, which will take place at the SEFC inlet (on SEFC seawall about 300m west of Science World).

The bridge will be lifted using a barge-mounted crane. Installation of the bridge will take several days to complete as the centre struts are welded to the bridge. Work on the lighting system will continue into the new year. The bridge is expected to open to the public in February 2008.

The bridge was fabricated in Surrey and transported by road on a house mover to a painting facility nearby. The bridge was then transported to a dock on the Fraser River on December 16, and transferred to a barge. It will be towed to False Creek early on December 18, and installed between 0800-1200h during the high tide.

When finished, the new bridge will add to the pedestrian route along the SEFC waterfront. The bridge's unique design - it's wider in the middle than at the ends - was inspired by the shape of a canoe.

Media can access the SEFC inlet site by walking west along the seawall from Science World. You cannot drive to the installation site. All media (including still and video photographers) must remain in the public area of the seawall (i.e. behind the moduloc fencing placed round the inlet to separate public and construction zones).

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Southeast False Creek (SEFC) is the last remaining large tract of undeveloped waterfront land near downtown Vancouver. It is being redeveloped by the City of Vancouver, first as Vancouver's Olympic Village for the 2010 Winter Games. After 2010, it will become a model sustainable community that will eventually be home to 16,000 people.