



Mayor Kay Grouhel at Official Opening, 1967 courtesy of LDHS



Notice something new at Transfer Beach Park?

The new interpretive panels explore the remarkable history of the waterfront.

Ladysmith is celebrating the 50th anniversary of Transfer Beach Park, along with Canada's 150th birthday! In 1965 the Town purchased the waterfront land and after two years of effort by volunteers and community service groups, the spectacular oceanfront park was officially opened on Canada's Centennial, July 1st 1967.

The park's name was derived from 'Transfer Wharf' which was built in the early 1900s to provide rail barge service for the mid-island. At this time the waterfront served as an industrial processing and transportation hub for the Extension Coal Mine. Despite the coal and later forestry activities, this area was a popular spot for recreation. The transformation from an industrial site to a park was assisted by many volunteer efforts including a community "raking bee" which prepared the area for grass, and students from Malaspina College's heavy equipment operator course helped to level the area.

From 1967 to 2017, volunteer groups and the Town have added many improvements including a water spray park, playgrounds, an amphitheatre, picnic shelters, and an eco-adventure building. Residents and visitors alike participate in many events at the park including swimming, logger sports, concerts, paddlefest, fireworks, BBQs and picnics.



Transfer Beach, 1955 courtesy of Isabelle Ouelette



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