

BERGH COVE PUBLIC WHARF CRANE USE POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to govern the use of the publicly available loading crane located on the Bergh Cove Public Wharf and to provide the users of the facility with guidance in its safe operation. This policy aims to establish the privileges and responsibilities of both the Regional District of Mount Waddington, who operate the facility on behalf of the Community of Quatsino, and the users of the facility who wish to operate the crane equipment. It recognizes the importance of the loading crane as a resource to the community and the need to ensure its continued function as a safe and well-managed community asset.

RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the Regional District of Mount Waddington to ensure that the crane is in acceptable operating condition by regularly inspecting, maintaining, and servicing the equipment. A visual inspection of the crane's mechanical condition will be conducted on a weekly basis by a representative of the Regional District, with maintenance and servicing completed as required.

It is the responsibility of the user to ensure that the crane is in good working condition prior to use, and to operate the equipment in a safe and responsible manner in accordance with the regulations and policies associated with the facility.

CRANE OPERATION

The following instructions must be followed while using the crane:

- Inspect the equipment for mechanical issues prior to each use. If an issue is noted, do not use the equipment.
- Report any issues to the Wharfinger immediately by calling the contact number posted on the wharf.
- Do not use the equipment in high wind as the boom may swing unexpectedly. Stand clear of the load and boom when in use.
- Do not exceed the **3 Tonne maximum load** limit under any circumstances.
- Use the low gear while lifting or lowering a load. Use the high gear for retrieving excess cable.
- Engage the locking dog before lifting a load.
- Use the brake and handle (crank and wheel) together to lower a load. Do not use the brake alone.
- Do not modify the crane components in any way. Do not use an extended crank handle.
- Return the crane to low gear to lock the handle (crank and wheel) after use.
- Secure the boom to the base of the crane after use.

Use of the crane is subject to the regulations laid out in "Regional District of Mount Waddington Community of Quatsino Bergh Cove Public Wharf Regulatory Bylaw No. 982, 2020". As such, operation of the crane must be conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner. Users who demonstrate improper or dangerous use of the equipment will be subject to the facility's Enforcement Policy.

LIABILITY

Use of the crane is at the user's own risk. Improper use of the crane may result in injury or damage to personal property. The Regional District of Mount Waddington is not liable for any injury or damages incurred as a result of improper equipment operation.

If you have any questions regarding the operation of the crane, please contact the Wharfinger or the Regional District of Mount Waddington directly at 250-956-3301 or info@rdmw.bc.ca