



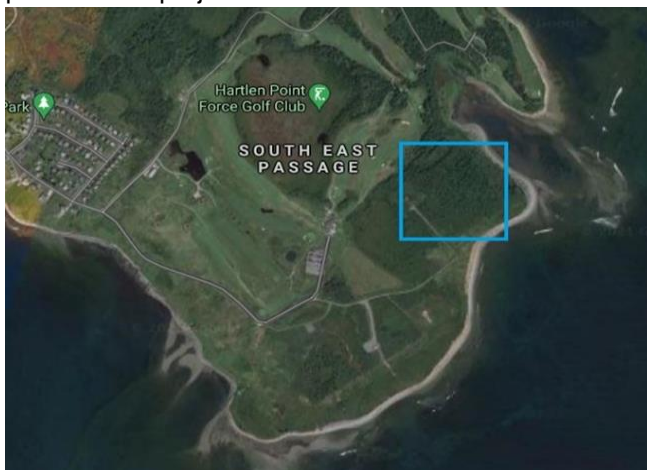
Canadian Surface Combatant Land-Based Testing Facility

at Hartlen Point, Nova Scotia

The Government of Canada is procuring 15 new Canadian Surface Combatants (CSC), upgrading and replacing the capabilities of two classes of Royal Canadian Navy (RCN) ships in a single, combat-capable vessel. To help bring the 15 new surface combatant ships into service and support them throughout their lifecycle, the Department of National Defence (DND) will be building a land-based testing facility (LBTF) on a portion of DND-owned land at Hartlen Point in Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia.

Canada is a maritime nation and has the longest coastline of any nation on earth. The new CSC will ensure that the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) can continue protecting the sovereignty and security of Canadian waters, making significant contributions to international naval operations on behalf of all Canadians, and taking on the maritime challenges of the 21st century. This infrastructure project is a critical piece to ensure the new ships are sea-ready. It will enable the ships' systems to be integrated and will ensure they function correctly before being installed on the ships. Beginning work on this facility is a major milestone in the progress of the CSC project.

The exact location of the LBTF at the Hartlen Point site will not be finalized until the initial consultant work is completed in 2022 and we begin the design phase of the project.



Quick Facts

- We expect this facility will be approximately 9000-m² across several floors, and will accommodate 120 full-time staff, including members of the Royal Canadian Navy, DND employees, and contractors.
- The LBTF construction will follow DND's Green Building Directive which targets net-zero carbon emissions.
- More than 10,000 Canadian jobs are estimated to be created or maintained throughout the 25-year construction period of the CSC ships, and we expect the LBTF project to sustain almost 350 jobs in the Halifax region during construction.
- Additional infrastructure will be required at CFB Halifax and CFB Esquimalt to support the CSC project. Further details will be confirmed as the project progresses.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Where exactly will this facility be built at Hartlen Point?

A. This facility will be built on a portion of DND land at Hartlen Point in Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia. The exact location of the facility has yet to be determined and is pending the outcome of the ongoing environmental impact studies. Additionally, this project is still in the early phases and we are still determining requirements for this new infrastructure. Preliminary work is underway to determine the building's specifications and will take place throughout 2022; then the design phase will run until 2023, when construction is expected to begin. We expect to know more about the specifics of the facility in late 2022, but the design depends heavily on the design of the CSC ships themselves.

Q. Why is this being built at Hartlen Point?

A. The proposed Hartlen Point site is DND-owned, meets our security requirements, and provides adequate space for all of this facility's systems in one location. This location is also directly on the coastline and allows 130 degree live transmission of safe, government-regulated emitters out over the ocean, which is essential for the CSC testing requirements. The exact site location will not be finalized until the environmental impact studies and the building specification work is complete, and we begin the design phase of the project.

Q. Will there be any negative impacts on the environment?

A. We are committed to doing our part to leave a healthy environment for future generations of Canadians and to meet the targets set in the Greening Government strategy. In all aspects of the CSC project, DND continues to explore opportunities to improve its environmental footprint. As such, the LBTF construction will also follow DND's Green Building Directive which targets net-zero carbon emissions.

Additionally, as per our standard procedure, we are in the process of completing an environmental assessment to better understand the project's potential impacts at Hartlen Point. Once completed, we will have a better idea of the necessary steps to offset any impacts on the environment prior to and during construction.

Q. Will nearby residents still be able to access Hartlen Point?

A. As a neighbour in the Halifax community, we have frequently allowed residents to use the DND lands at Hartlen Point for birdwatching, hiking, and other activities. At this point in the project, it is too early to determine future public access. We expect this facility will only occupy a portion of the land at Hartlen Point, but exact siting has yet to be determined.

Once the construction of the facility begins in 2023, access to the immediate area around the facility will be fenced for operational security reasons. We are working to ensure that other parts of Hartlen Point remain open to public access during that time. Future public access will be determined once final facility siting is determined following our work with the design consultant. We expect this initial design work to be completed in 2022.

We will continue to engage with local stakeholders and the neighboring community as more details are known about the specifics of the facility and any resulting access limitations.

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