Western Maritime Institute

3449 Hallberg Road
73 Mobile Homes

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Hallberg Road

Nanaimo Airport

3560 Hallberg Road
(108 Mobile Homes)

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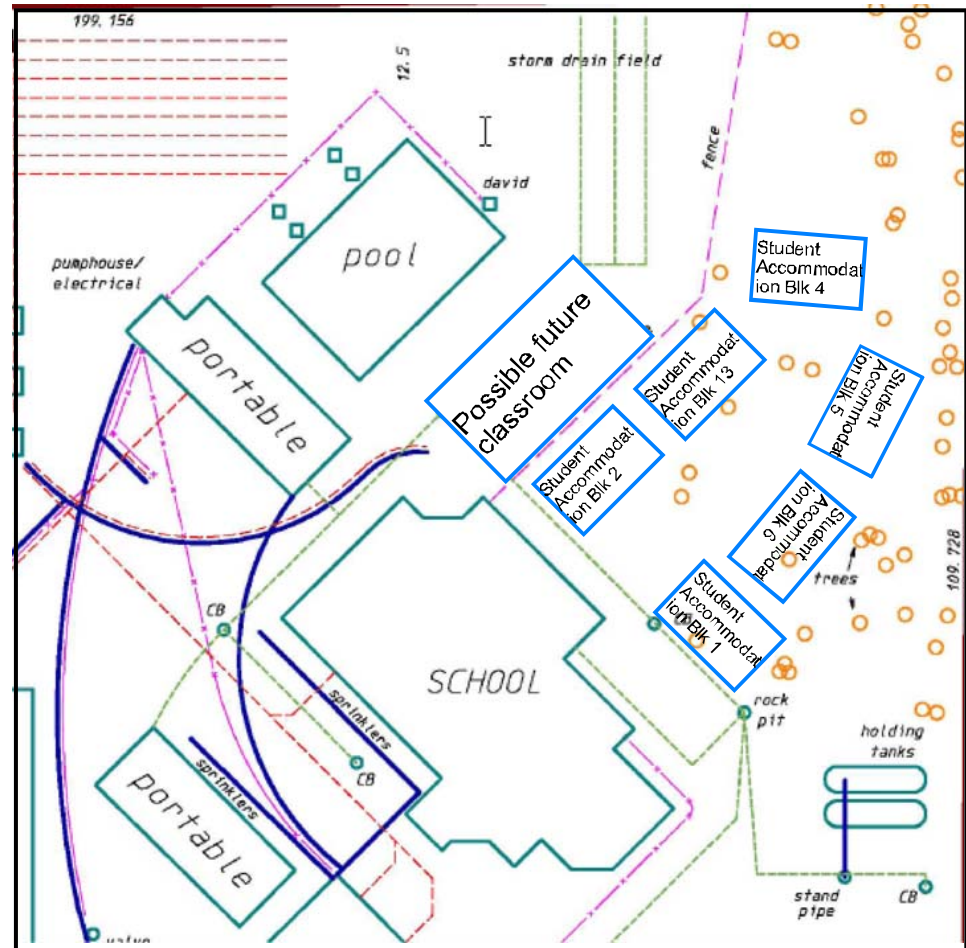# Western Maritime Institute
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Western Maritime Institute is a private post secondary marine training institute wholly owned by CE International Consultants Limited and managed by Maritime Education Associates. MEA is registered in British Colombia with the Private Career Training Institutes Agency (registration # 2563) and is accredited by Transport Canada and Industry Canada as an approved institute accredited to deliver marine training to meet national and international standards.

Courses offered at the range from entry level training for new Deckhands seeking employment with domestic employers such as the British Columbia Ferry Services Corporation, Seaspan International and the Canadian Coast Guard.
More advanced training up to certification as a Master (Captain) of a vessel is also offered for both the fishing and commercial fleets, as well as electronic navigation and radio training.
The college recently completed a Survival Craft Training facility and a Shipboard Fire Training Simulator. These two facilities are one of only two in Western Canada.

Western Maritime Institute Student Accommodation

- Western Maritime Institute's students come from all over Western Canada and the Arctic The typical course at WMI run from one (1) day to three (3) weeks.

- Accommodation for classes of up to 16 students is required but is not available in the area.

- WMI proposes to build up to six (6) chalet style student residences.

- Each residence will house up to six (6) students in single study type cabins with shared facilities

Western Maritime Institute
Student Accommodation

- **Development of the student residences will help to support and strengthen the local economy by:**
  - □ **Introducing visitors into the area who will utilize new and existing restaurants, retail and service sector businesses in the community as well as enhance the use of Nanaimo airport**
  - □ **Enhancing the local employment opportunities.**
  - □ **maintaining the use of building in there historical roll and an educational institute.**

- **A Maritime College respects the needs of future generation to qualify for employment in the marine transport sector of the province. Marine Transportation is one of the vibrant areas of the economy where there is significant demand for qualified personnel.**

- **Western Maritime Institute recognizes their commitment to environmental stewardship in all aspects of their operations.**

- **WMI in sitting the proposed student accommodation we will maintain the rural nature of the property.**

- **WMI's proposed student residences are small, chalet style units. Careful sitting of the units in the wooded area on the north east corner of the property will only impact three or four of the tall trees on the site.**

Western Maritime Institute
A Community Partner

- Western Maritime Institute supports and encourages the community vision which upholds the concept of "Smart Growth".

- Western Maritime Institute recycling of an aging, run down elementary school into a viable and thriving Marine Training Institute is an economic boost to the community.

- WMI supports a vibrant local and provincial marine industry which has an immediate need for trained personnel. This demand will grow with the industry over time.

- The institute continues to be a partner in the village. A defined neighbourhood centre who facilities continue to be available to the community.

- The Institute, in co-operation with the Cedar Fire Department, is enhancing the safety of the village. The community fire department now has access to over 650,000 litres of water to fight residential and woodland fires with the development of WMI's Survival and Fire Training Schools.

- WMI facilities will be used to train firefighters and safety and survival personnel within the community where required.

- The proposed of student accommodation will bring additional economic and social stimulus to the village without any negative environmental or esthetic impact.