



Policy Title	Date:	Resolution No.
<b>Community Pier Policy</b>	<b>September 21, 2023</b>	<b>BCC-23-143</b>

**1. Introduction:**

The Summer Village of Birchcliff has a unique layout that provides the ability for every property owner to have access to the lake under the guidelines set by Alberta Environment and Parks. This policy ensures that everyone, including back lot owners, has a chance to have access to the lake in the form of a dock. It is the responsibility of everyone involved to be champions of stewardship to conserve the natural setting of the village and the health of Sylvan Lake and its watershed.

**2. Goal:**

To provide guidelines for a community dock program in the Summer Village for the use, access, and enjoyment of the residents.

**3. Definitions:**

In this policy, including this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

“Walkway” – access from shore to terminal platform

“Terminal Platform” – located at the end of the walkway

“**Pier**” - a platform supported on pillars or girders leading out from the shore into a body of water, used as a landing stage for boats.

“**Reserve**” - means a parcel of land owned and subject to the management of the municipality and reserved for use as natural environment preservation areas or walkways or parks or playgrounds separating areas used for different purposes, and registered at the Land Titles Office as Reserve, Environmental Reserve or Municipal Reserve lot.

“**Resident Area**” – An area of properties designated to a particular pier.

“**Shared Dock**” - A dock, owned and operated by the municipality, that restricts use to a prescribed set of individuals or groups.

“**Slip**” – a docking place for a boat can be located along a walkway or along the terminal platform.

“**Viewpoint Park**” – A classification of reserve lands outlined in the Birchcliff Open Space Plan

#### **4. Policy:**

##### **1) 1 slip/watercraft per residence:**

- a. Slips are for the sole use of the property owner.
  - i. Cannot be leased.
  - ii. Can be sold/transferred within our “resident area” and administered through the village, they need to be applied and paid for. Each residence shall only be permitted to have one slip.
- b. Slips can accommodate one boat or two personal watercrafts (sea-doo).
- c. A layout of the shared dock must be submitted to administration. The layout must include single wide sections only, platforms of more than one section side by side will not be permitted. Switching of slip locations is to be done via communication with administration. The slip will remain with the registered property in the event of a sale.
- d. Only one pier will be eligible for each viewpoint park, and that pier will be a community pier. Administration will work with Alberta Environment and Parks to ensure any unregulated piers on our reserves are removed.
- e. Each boat/personal watercraft must have a cradle/hoist or sea leg; tying to the dock is not acceptable.

##### **2) Initial buy in:**

- a. The pier program is to be entirely funded by the participants in the shared pier.
  - i. Fee is nonrefundable as the slip remains with the registered property.
  - ii. All associated costs will be paid for by the participating residents.
  - iii. Once the fees are paid, the owner will receive one slip and an access agreement for permission to have the dock in the water and access it via the adjacent reserve. If the fee is not paid, there will be no access agreement granted. Slips and access agreements will be maintained by the Summer Village Administration.
  - iv. All cheques will be made payable to the Summer Village of Birchcliff as administration of the financial transactions associated with the Community Pier will be handled through the Summer Village Administration office.
  - v. Future slips for those who do not immediately buy in may be considered by applying to the Summer Village. The application will be awarded or rejected based on what our DLO allows (must fall into our “resident area”).
  - vi. Future buy in cost will include a portion of the shared line extending out into the water and any previous improvements made to the reserve/stairs.

### **3) Spring Installation and Fall Removal**

- a. To be managed by Administration. The Public Works department will contract out the spring installation and fall removal.

### **4) Signage**

- a. Appropriate signage to be posted, to be managed by Administration. No unauthorized signage will be permitted and will be removed by Administration.

### **5) Annual Fee Collection**

- a. A budget will be completed annually by administration and divided equally between communal docks. It will be adjusted for inflation annually and will include:
  - i. Administration time fee of 5%
  - ii. Annual costs
  - iii. Late fee will be substantial – 20% per month.
  - iv. Land improvements, repairs, or changes to the reserve land and/or access can be applied for and if approved will be paid for by the individual dock group making the application.

### **6) Parking**

- a. Comply with the Summer village Traffic Bylaw #221-19. Unauthorized parking under the Traffic Bylaw may result in a ticket.

### **7) Storage**

- a. No storing of resident owned equipment will be allowed on the reserves. Storing of the community pier on the adjacent reserve will be arranged by Administration. Hoists cannot be stored on municipal lands.

### **8) Fueling**

- a. Absolutely no storage of fuel containers allowed on the dock or within the reserve area.

### **9) Garbage**

- a. Pack out what you pack in.
- b. Any waste from fishing shall not be dumped at the dock or the swimming area.

### **10) Lake Access to Range Road 15**

- a. Will be closed June 1<sup>st</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year according to the Summer village Open Space Maser Plan as it is to be used as a winter access road.

- b. Residents are to have lifts in before that time, the barrier can be moved only by request to administration.

#### **11) Noise**

- a. Quiet time to be respected with no operation of equipment during the following hours as stated in the Community Standards Bylaw #160-11; section 3.4 *“Noise or disturbance that annoys or disturbs the peace of any other person is not allowed between 11:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. any day”*.
- b. Be mindful of our neighbors, the shared piers and respective open spaces are not private party spots. Community Standard’s Bylaw #160-11; section 3.3 *“In determining what constitutes noise likely to annoy or disturb the peace of other persons, consideration may be given, but is not limited to:*
  - 1. Type, volume, and duration of the sound;*
  - 2. Time of day and day of the week;*
  - 3. Nature and use of the surrounding area”*

#### **12) Alcohol or Cannabis**

- a. No alcohol or cannabis consumed on Municipal land as stated in the Cannabis Consumption Bylaw # 214-18.

#### **13) Fires**

- a. No fires or BBQ will be allowed in municipal reserves or on the shared piers.

#### **14) Violation**

- a. The Summer Village retains the right to revoke the access agreement should this policy, the Reserves, Parks, and Pathways Bylaw or the Community Standards Bylaw not be followed. Any member who is in violation will be given a written warning. Repeat offences (any more than 3 offences in a 3-year period) will result in a forfeit of the access agreement. No refunds will be given.

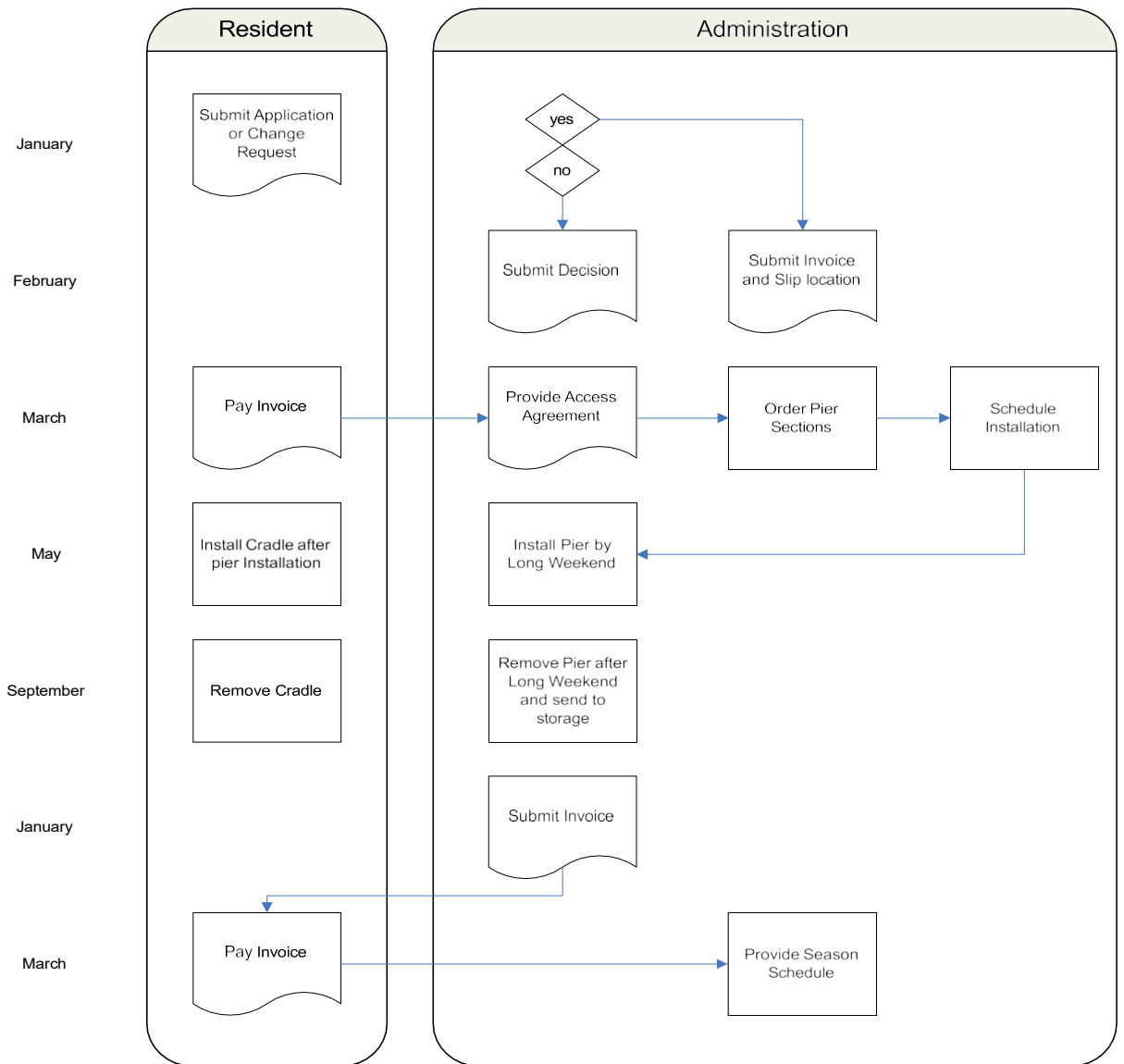
#### **15) Improvements**

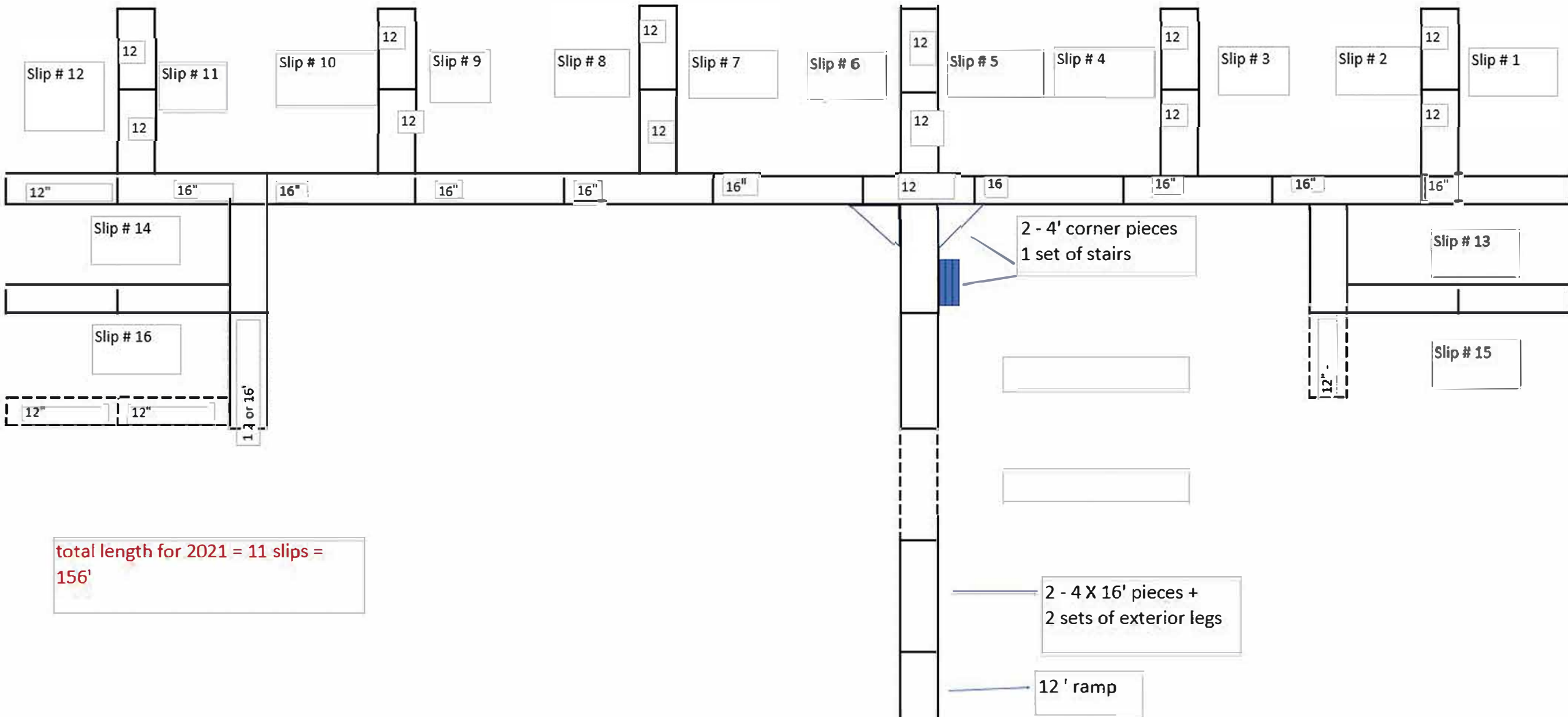
- a. Any improvements to the reserve area must done via a “change request” be applied for prior to January 1 (see step one of Community Pier Life Cycle on following page). This application is to be submitted to Administration, and will be presented to Council for decision as any works done on municipal lands require Council approval. Any improvements to the reserve area will be paid for entirely by the community pier group using that reserve for access.

**16) Process** – Any changes to the community pier, such as the addition of members and dock sections must be applied for via a “change request” prior to January 31. See diagram on the following page.

**17) Diagrams** - The attached diagrams show the dock layouts at full build out for each reserve area, should each slip be used.

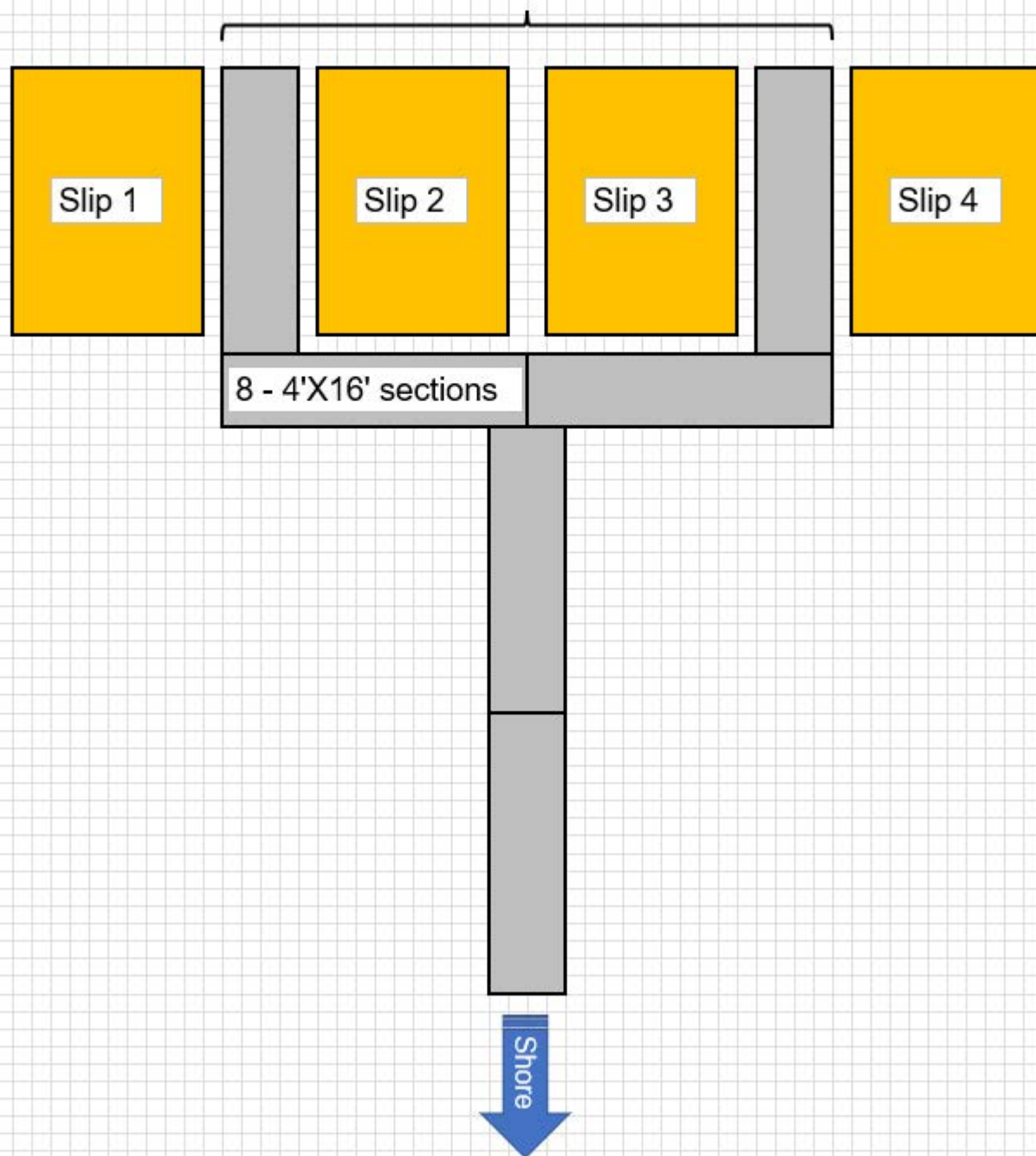
# COMMUNITY PIER LIFE CYCLE





RA4

48.6% of reserve width





OS 16 & 19

Total 48.7% of Reserve width

