NEWS RELEASE

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RBC Foundation Grant Awarded to Learn to Skate Program for Nanaimo Schools

Second year City is awarded grant

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is pleased to have been awarded with a grant from the RBC Foundation and it's Learn to Play Program. The grant will assist in the development of the Learn to Skate program.

Programmed lessons run in both the Beban Park and Nanaimo Ice Centre facilities from October to the end of March 2016.

Photo Participant Names:Photo entitled, Cheque Presentation with City of Nanaimo, RBC representatives and Forest Park Elementary School teachers and children (Left to Right): Steve Daly (Teacher, Forest Park Elementary), Coach Michelle Van Raes, Coach Dayna Briggs, Anne Kuzminski (Manager, RBC Woodgrove), Robert J. Lee (RBC Nanaimo Branch Manager), Darcie Osborne (Arenas Manager, City of Nanaimo), Councillor Ian Thorpe (Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission), Coach Cindy Diamente, Katrina Toft (Teacher, Forest Park)

Photo entitled, Cheque Presentation from RBC to City of Nanaimo (Left to Right): Gary Paterson (Arenas Coordinator, City of Nanaimo), Anne Kuzminski (Manager, RBC Woodgrove), Robert J. Lee (RBC Nanaimo Branch Manager), Councillor Ian Thorpe (Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission), Darcie Osborne (Arenas Manager, City of Nanaimo).

Strategic Link: Supporting affordable and accessible lessons supports the Social Equity Sustainability Pillar and directing this initiative to our stakeholder partners in education and child care supports the strategic priority of Community Building Partnerships.

Key Points

- A grant was awarded by the RBC Foundation's Learn to Play program which will directly benefit the City's Learn to Skate program. This is the second year the City has been awarded this grant.
- The Learn to Skate program is offered to schools and preschools in Nanaimo and runs from October to the end of March.

Quotes

"We are truly grateful to be awarded this generous grant for a second year. With the support of the RBC Foundation we are able to reach out to more children in Nanaimo and introduce them to a truly Canadian pastime."

Gary Paterson
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