

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# New playing court provides opportunity to learn a new sport

Beaufort multipurpose court gets a makeover

## **Summary**

The public is invited to attend the grand opening of the Beaufort multi-use court Saturday, August 19. The official opening ceremony will take place at 9 am. Between 10 - 3 pm, the Nanaimo Pickelball Club is offering an introduction to the sport of pickleball with free lessons.

Beaufort Park includes walking trails, a year-round dog off leash area and now, a new multi-use court! The needed upgrades to the playing surface resulted in six new pickleball courts. The surface will also be able to accommodate other sports, such as basketball and hockey nets in the winter.

Strategic Link: Active Lifestyle: Improving Nanaimo's community infrastructure and resources to enable residents to support one another in achieving an active and healthy place to live.

### **Key Points**

- The public is encouraged to attend the ceremony and take advantage of the complimentary lessons and demonstrations.
- Please access the parking lot on Chelsea Street, off Waddington Road.

### **Quotes**

"This park is a little gem. The new courts will brighten up this beautiful space and give the community a new park amenity."

Elizabeth Williams Manager, Recreation Services City of Nanaimo

"The game of pickleball has been growing steadily for the last few years in and around Nanaimo, and now with this great new facility, it has a home for pickleball players to gather and enjoy this wonderful, social, active lifestyle sport. Thank you to the City of Nanaimo for their support"

Dave Eaton President Nanaimo Pickleball Club

### **Quick Facts**

- Pickleball is a game resembling tennis in which players use paddles to hit a perforated plastic ball over a net.
- The Nanaimo Pickleball Club boasts over 170 active members promoting the sport in Nanaimo. If you are interested in finding out more about the club visit www.nanaimopickleball.org.

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