



### **City to Host Beban Park Re-Opening**

*November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010-* The City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Culture Department will host a community open house at Beban Park on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 4-7pm. The public is invited to view the renovations that have recently taken place at Frank Crane Arena, Beban Pool, Social Centre and the breezeway area.

The City received a one million dollar grant from the Government of Canada as a part of the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program to carry out facility renovations. The funding was put to optimal use as the improvements focused on urgently needed improvements including: a new concrete slab in the arena, an elevator, refrigeration plant, improved access, signage, and office space.

“Our Government is proud to support these important improvements,” said the Honourable Lynne Yelich, Minister of State for Western Economic Diversification. “Through initiatives like the RInC program, our Government is creating employment and producing lasting, modern recreational infrastructure in communities for residents and visitors to enjoy.”

“On behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission I’d like to invite everyone to the event. The grant we received from the Federal Government was very much appreciated as it allowed us to continue to fulfill our mission of improving the life and leisure of all of our residents,” says Diana Johnstone, Councilor and Parks, Recreation and Culture Commission member.

The Social Centre lobby will be open for self guided tours and staff will be on site to answer questions about the improvements and future plans. The event will include a free public swim at Beban Pool from 4-8:30pm and a free public skate at Frank Crane Arena from 6-8pm.

For more information about the event please call 250 756 5200 or visit [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca)

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