

NEWS RELEASE

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

Reduction of financial barriers allows more schools to join skating lessons

Summary

The City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Environment Department is pleased to have been awarded with a grant from the RBC Foundation and its Learn to Play Program. The grant will assist in the development of the Learn to Skate program offered during the daytime hours to schools and preschool programs in the Nanaimo area.

Programmed lessons run in both the Beban Park and Nanaimo Ice Centre facilities from October to the end of March 2015.

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 Building Partnerships.

Key Points

- A grant was awarded by the RBC Foundation's Learn to Play program to the City of Nanaimo Parks, Recreation and Environment department and will directly benefit the Learn to Skate program.
- The Learn to Skate program is offered to schools and preschools in the area and runs from October to the end of March.

Quotes

"This is a fantastic opportunity to reach more children of diverse social, economic and cultural backgrounds and introduce them to skills that are truly 'Canadian'."

Gary Paterson
Recreation Coordinator - Arenas
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- Due to changes in the past few years it has become challenging for local schools to take full advantage of the high-quality lesson programming provided by the City.
- Providing skating opportunities introduces all children to sport and leisure activities they might otherwise miss out on, has a direct link to physical literacy skills and provides skills that will build children's confidence and desire to remain physically active throughout their lifetime.

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