

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Harewood Centennial Park playground officially reopens

#### Summary

The City of Nanaimo, along with community partners, celebrated Phase 1 completion of the Harewood Centennial Park Improvement Plan in the park on Friday, July 10 with a ribbon cutting, cheque presentation of \$15,000 towards park improvements from the Nanaimo Lions Club and a community get together.

Phase 1 improvements included a new destination playground, climbing wall renovations, utility upgrades, a mountain bike area and public access to 3 additional acres of parkland.

*Strategic Link:* Community Building Partnerships

#### Key Points

- Phase 1 of the Harewood Centennial Park Improvement Plan included a new destination playground, climbing wall renovations, utility upgrades, mountain bike area and public access to 3 additional acres of parkland.
- Harewood Centennial Park improvement partners include: Emco, Harewood Neighbourhood Association, Hub City Paving, Nanaimo Lions Club, Nanaimo Mountain Bike Association, Romper Room Indoor Climbing Centre, Young Blood Contracting and Yvonne Vander Kooi.
- Phase 2 of the improvement plan will include the addition of a covered sport court, perimeter trail, youth park and an improved lacrosse box and washrooms.

#### Quotes

"The success of this park revitalization is the result of community members working together. This is how City projects should happen - neighbourhoods and City staff working alongside each other to make changes for the better. "

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Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission  
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