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Work begins on multipurpose court in Harewood Centennial Park

Ground breaking event held today

Summary

A ground breaking ceremony was held in Harewood Centennial Park on Wednesday, July 26 to celebrate the work set to begin on a new multipurpose court and replacement of the existing lacrosse box. These two projects are the next phase of work to get underway as part of the multiphase Harewood Centennial Park Improvement Plan.

Getting to the point of construction has been a collaborative process consisting of a working group led by a member of Council, the Harewood Neighbourhood Association, City staff, local consultants, contractors, engineers and user groups.

This phase is scheduled to be complete by end of October/mid November 2017.

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

- There are two major improvements identified as part of this phase, the first is the addition of the multipurpose covered court space and the second is the replacement of the existing lacrosse box.
- The addition of this facility will allow Nanaimo Parks and Recreation opportunities to offer new programs such as pickleball, roller hockey and roller-derby.
- A total of 23,356 square feet will be available for use, accommodating many user groups.
- Facility construction is budgeted at \$2,417,290 based on a preliminary Class C cost estimate with projected annual operating revenue of \$17,550 and expenses of \$6,352.

Quotes

"The second phase of the Harewood Park Improvement plan to include a multi-purpose covered indoor / outdoor surface and a new outdoor lacrosse box is a welcome addition to the Sports facility inventory in Nanaimo. Many volunteers, sports groups and organizations have lobbied for improved venues. The future users of these facilities will benefit for decades to come and will relieve the demand on existing seasonal activities in facilities throughout Nanaimo."

Bill Bestwick
Chair - Parks, Recreation and Wellness Committee
City of Nanaimo

"We are so pleased to move forward with the goals and vision of the community, this will be a valuable addition to this popular park. "

Bill McKay
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

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Quick Facts

- This project supports the Active Lifestyle community value, providing social, recreational and sporting opportunities and amenities outlined in the current Strategic Plan.
- The addition of court space was one of the priorities identified in the Harewood Centennial Park Improvement Plan.

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