

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# Important Reminder for Nanaimo Park & Trail Enthusiasts

# **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo's Parks and Recreation Department is fortunate to have 180 km of trails for the community's enjoyment. As we head into fall and winter months, we would like to remind the public to please be careful and use caution when navigating trails, boardwalks, stairs and bridges. Many of the trails, as well as playground equipment, are wet and slippery so wearing proper footwear is recommended. In addition, windy weather and heavy rain can cause broken branches and debris on the trails and in the parks, resulting in hazardous terrain.

This reminder is not meant to discourage people from getting outdoors and enjoying the beautiful surroundings; however it is important to be aware of the potential hazards that exist. Parks and Recreation appreciate the reports of potential dangers and thank you in advance for your cooperation in keeping all park and trail enthusiasts safe.

Strategic Link: Taking Responsibility

### **Key Points**

- The City of Nanaimo's Parks and Recreation department would like to remind the public to be careful and use caution when using trails, boardwalks, stairs and bridges this fall/winter.
- To report concerns or issues in the parks and on the trails, please contact Nanaimo Parks and Recreation at 250-756-5200 or email askparksandrec@nanaimo.ca.

#### Quotes

"We want to encourage all users of the parks and trails to use caution and to be aware of the conditions that come as a result of the unpredictable weather we often see this time of year. With recent heavy rains and winds, we received several reports of broken branches, exposed roots and leaning trees. City crews will work to clear debris from parks and trails as quickly as possible, but please be careful."

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