

## NEWS RELEASE

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### Harewood Covered Multi-Purpose Court is Ready for Use

#### Summary

The City of Nanaimo is pleased to announce the new covered multi-purpose court is complete and ready for use. The replacement of the existing lacrosse box adjacent to the covered court is also nearing completion. Both projects were identified in the phased Harewood Centennial Park Improvement Plan and included a new parking lot and drop-off area, new lighting, new park gates and electrical upgrades. Improvements to the washroom/changeroom building and environmental improvements with a storm drain into the Chase River were also completed.

Construction has been a collaborative process consisting of a working group led by a member of Council, Nanaimo District Lacrosse Association, the Harewood Neighbourhood Association, City staff, local consultants, contractors, engineers and other user groups.

These changes add yet another feature to this destination park in the heart of Harewood. The next project, a Youth Park addition of a skateboard park is currently being planned.

*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. *Building Community Partnerships:* Collaboration can bring synergy and enhanced impact.

#### Key Points

- The addition of this covered, lit facility will allow for many additional playing hours for local sport organizations such as lacrosse.
- A total of 23,356 square feet (200 x 80 feet of playing surface) will be able to accommodate many user groups including the ability to host games and tournaments.

#### Quotes

"We are so pleased to move forward with the goals and vision of the community, this is a valuable addition to this popular park and look forward to starting the next project."

Bill McKay  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

"The addition of the two playing surfaces at the Harewood Centennial Park brings the City one step closer to a full destination Recreation Centre serving all ages. These facilities will bring families, teams, and participants together for decades to come. "

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

"We are looking forward to the ability to offer new programs, grow existing programs and pleased to continue to provide quality venues for sport groups in Nanaimo."

Ian Thorpe  
Councillor and Chair - Parks, Recreation & Wellness Committee  
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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