

NEWS RELEASE

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New mountain bike skills park opens in Harewood Centennial Park

Summary

Just in time for the start of summer holidays, those wishing enter the sport of mountain biking will have a new place to test their skills. City of Nanaimo Parks crews recently completed a project at Harewood Centennial Park with the construction of a new mountain bike skills park, which opens Friday, June 30.

The construction of the bike skills park was a partnership with the Steve Smith Foundation whose expertise was used in the design and construction of the project.

The park is designated as a "Green Level" or entry level bike park for riders. The aim is to help young and new riders gain the skills in a controlled environment and build to exploring the Nanaimo areas vast network of mountain bike trails.

The skills park adds to an already feature-rich park, further solidifying Harewood Centennial as a destination park.

Strategic Link: Enhancing parks and open spaces is a great way to improve the livability of our community and boost the well-being of citizens.

Key Points

- The park is designed for young or newer riders to develop skills for riding Nanaimo's vast mountain bike trail network.
- It will add to the already feature rich park which includes two sports courts (including a multi-use covered sports court), a youth (skate) park, a water park, an accessible playground and, soon to be constructed, two artificial turf fields.
- This project is part of a suite of planned improvements that were planned as part of the approved Harewood Centennial Park Plan.

Quotes

"I am proud of the City's commitment to adding recreational opportunities for youth. The Harewood Mountain Bike Skills park serves as another great opportunity to promote an active community and keeps Nanaimo a great place to Live, Work and Play."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

Quick Facts

- Nanaimo is a high profile area for bike enthusiasts. The construction of the new bike skills park at Harewood Centennial Park compliments the existing Bike skills park at Beban park and the world class Steve Smith Bike park, also located at Beban Park.

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