

# NEWS RELEASE

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## Upgrades coming to Rotary Bowl Track and Field facility

### Summary

Starting at the end of June and continuing until October, the City of Nanaimo will be commencing the upgrade of the Rotary Bowl Track and Field facility. The improvements will meet the growing demands of the community and give the City the ability to host higher level track and field competitions.

The project will include:

- a new high jump area
- a new pole vault track
- a sprint start extension to the oval
- new sod and irrigation system in the infield area

This capital project continues the City's investment in local sport infrastructure, which encourages residents to be active and healthy, and it will allow Nanaimo to further promote itself as a destination for high level sporting events. The budget for these improvements is \$1.4 million with \$300,000 being funded through the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Community Works Fund.

For safety, the site will be partially closed during construction. This includes the entire infield and most of the track.

*Strategic Link:* Creating and improving City of Nanaimo amenities aligns with maintaining and growing current services which is one of the key focus areas from the Council's Strategic Framework.

### Key Points

- The improvements will include a new high jump area, a new pole vault track, a sprint start extension to the oval and new sod and irrigation system in the infield area.
- These improvements will allow Nanaimo to further promote itself as a destination for high level sporting events, including higher profile track and field competitions.
- Construction takes place from the end of June until October 2026.

### Quotes

"These improvements to Rotary Bowl are an investment in both our community and our future. By enhancing this important athletic facility, we are creating more opportunities for residents to participate in sport and recreation while strengthening Nanaimo's ability to host regional and provincial track and field events. We are grateful for the funding support provided through the Community Works Fund which is helping us build infrastructure that benefits our community for years to come."

Leonard Krog  
Mayor  
City of Nanaimo

### Quick Facts

- The City purchased the Rotary Bowl from Nanaimo Ladysmith Public Schools in 2017 and has made several improvements since then.

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