



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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Public welcome to access Creston Community Park Upgrades project to continue

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) and the Creston and District Community Complex (CDCC) is pleased to advise that the public is permitted to access the new community park area as of Monday, December 16. After several months of construction, the site is now safe to access and many features can be enjoyed.

Creston Valley Services Committee Chair and Electoral Area B Director Tanya Wall welcomes people to use the park and congratulates the contractors and construction crews for working diligently through the fall to get the park completed to this point. "The park is still in its early stages, so please keep to the pathways and obey the signs and restricted areas. We need to help the park mature and grow and let the landscaped areas take root through the winter and next spring. We want the park to be the best it can be for the grand opening in the spring."

The parts of the park that are now open are the playground and slope slide, the skate park, the accessible pathway, and the parking lot.

Features that are still under development are the pickle ball courts, sport court, view point, beach volleyball courts, horseshoe pits and some additional landscaping and planted areas. These facilities are nearing completion and will be completed in the winter and spring, weather permitting.

"We are calling this a 'soft opening' because while the park is open, there are several areas that have been seeded and planted this fall, so park users are asked to keep out of these newly seeded and landscaped areas and keep to the paved pathways in the park," said Randy Fediuk, Manager of Recreation at the CDCC. "The plan for this winter is to keep the main accessible pathway open and maintained through the winter. This pathway goes from the corner of Hillside St. and 20th Ave. N., through the park, loops back to the lower parking lot and then leads to the main entrances at the front of the complex."

Mr. Fediuk provided some additional safety guidelines for use of the park:

- During the soft opening there will be some additional construction work periodically throughout the winter and spring. Please keep yourself and your children a safe distance from construction activities when they are happening.
- The secondary pathways and staircases will be signed and closed off for the season. These pathways will not be maintained for the winter and will reopen in the spring.

- Active use of the park features is permitted from 7:00 am – 10:00 pm.
- Park users and the public are reminded not to use the park features when it is snow-covered, wet, icy, or slippery as this can be hazardous. Always play safe.

A community celebration is being planned to celebrate the park completion in June 2020.

The Creston Community Park upgrades project was formally announced in March 2018 and is being funded through the Federal Gas Tax Fund, administered by the Union of BC Municipalities in Partnership with the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia, with additional funding provided by the Columbia Basin Trust.

Updates on the project will be shared on the RDCK Website at: www.rdck.ca/CrestonCommunityPark.

Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit www.rdck.ca.

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Photos of the site are available upon request.

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