

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Clarification to City News Release Dated March 10, 2022

The City issued a news release on March 10, 2022, about the renovations now underway to the Parksville Community Centre to facilitate 91 new child care spaces and programming for different age groups, family supports and outdoor recreation space.

For clarification purposes, we wish to point out:

- The Parksville Community Centre will soon be home to the BGCCVI Parksville Child and Family Centre program.
- BGC Central Vancouver Island (BGCCVI) will operate the BGCCVI Parksville Child and Family Centre and manage community use of the Parksville Community Centre.
- The BGCCVI Parksville Child and Family Centre is the portion of the Parksville Community Centre funded by the grant from the ChildCare BC New Spaces Fund and the Union of BC Municipalities.
- The portion of the Parksville Community Centre available to the public for community use will be refreshed and available for bookings when all renovations are complete, anticipated to be in early June.
- The Emergency Management Oceanside (EMO) portion of the Parksville Community Centre facility remains under City control.
- When the Parksville Child and Family Centre is not being used by BGCCVI, efforts will be made to provide access to the entire centre for the general public.
- The City's lease and operating agreement with BGC Central Vancouver Island states the Parksville Child and Family Centre program will operate for the purpose of the child care facility and for accessory community use.
- BGCCVI will manage and operate the child care facility on a financially self-sustaining basis, without reliance on any funding assistance from the City.

The City's online engagement platform, <u>Let's Talk Parksville</u>, features information and updates on this project. Information about BGC Central Vancouver Island is available at <a href="https://www.bgccvi.com">https://www.bgccvi.com</a>

At the April 11 Council meeting, City staff will update Parksville Council and the public about project.

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