

City to Host Playground Inspector Certification Program

The City of Parksville will host the 2014 Canadian Certified Playground Inspector certification program offered through the Canadian Playground Safety Institute (CPSI) and supported by the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA). Certified instructors lead the theory and practical courses which are offered over a four-day period, December 2 to December 5. The course will be held at the Parksville Community and Conference Centre.

Playgrounds are fun but complex spaces. The theory course helps individuals understand Canadian play space safety standards and the practical course is a classroom and playground experience which provides hands-on instruction on conducting an inspection audit of a play space. Those who complete the theory and practical courses achieve the industry-recognized status as "Canadian Certified Playground Inspector". Inspector status is valid for three years and may be renewed with a recertification exam.

The City of Parksville is pleased to host this course open to maintenance/public works personnel, daycare staff, health inspectors, owner/operators, private inspectors, contractors, manufacturers, parks and recreation staff and others who work or support the use of quality playground equipment in schools, municipalities, housing complexes, condominiums or other areas which contain public playground equipment.

The City of Parksville has one employee certified by the CPSI and by hosting this program, we will be provided with the opportunity to have at least one additional employee certified as Canadian Certified Playground Inspector.

Registration and information is available from the Canadian Playground Safety Institute:

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