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Mid Island Co-op Generously Supports Parksville Splash Park

The Parksville splash park project received a huge boost of support from Mid Island Co-op with a donation of \$30,000, the single largest donation to the project and the only donation at the Tsunami sponsorship level. The donation was announced on October 10 by Mid Island Co-op along with the Parksville Lions Club and the Rotary Club of Parksville AM.

The City of Parksville, on behalf of the Lions and Rotary Clubs is pleased to acknowledge this generous donation by Mid Island Co-op. Mayor Marc Lefebvre said, "The City is extremely grateful for this substantial contribution from Mid Island Co-op which is a significant milestone to the splash park project. We are appreciative of the generous support of Mid Island Co-op, a business we are proud to have in our community."

Barb Peters, Funds Allocation Committee Chair with Mid Island Co-op said, "Mid Island Co-op is thrilled to be able to contribute to the revitalization of the new Oceanside splash park. As a Co-op we are committed to supporting the communities where we do business and causes that matter to our member-owners."

The City is grateful for the commitment of the Rotary and Lions Clubs to ensure the success of this project and to the businesses, organizations and individuals in our community for their support of this important fundraising project to make a new splash park a reality for the Oceanside region.

About Mid Island Co-op

Located on Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Mid Island Co-op has been in business since 1959 and was created by local citizens as an alternative way to provide themselves with goods and services. We currently have more than 57,000 members throughout our territory; spanning from North Cowichan to Sayward. Mid Island Co-op has fifteen retail petroleum and convenience store locations, seven commercial Cardlocks and two liquor stores.

About the Splash Park

The new splash park will cost about \$300,000, which will include dismantling of the existing spray park, waterlines, drain infrastructure, new equipment to meet current regulations, new surface or pad, equipment installation, signage, landscaping and commissioning. The City will contribute \$200,000 and the Rotary and Lions have committed to raising \$100,000 from the community, including their own club contributions. Any additional funds raised will be used to assist with ongoing maintenance of the new splash park.

Donations may be made online through **Canada Helps** linked from <u>www.parksvillesplashpark.com</u>. The website also offers a variety of sponsorship opportunities as well as project updates, ongoing fundraising initiatives and how people can help with the project.

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