

A Splash for the Kids!

The Parksville Lions Ventureland Splash Park was officially opened on June 22 with a community event. The celebration was an opportunity for the Parksville Lions Club, the Rotary Club of Parksville AM and the City of Parksville to recognize and thank the many donors and sponsors for their generous support of the new splash park project.

The Parksville Lions Club and Rotary Club of Parksville AM came together to successfully raise more than \$100,000 from the community, including their own club contributions, making the splash park a reality for the Oceanside community. At the event, Mayor Marc Lefebvre stated, "The members from both clubs should be proud of this very special partnership. We are indeed fortunate to have these clubs active in our community."

Key donors to the project were Mid Island Co-op, Province of BC, Quality Foods, TD Canada Trust, Parksville Downtown Business Association, Parksville Heavy Equipment, Shar-Kare Feed & Pet Supplies, Ballenas Rotary Interact Club, Stanford Auto, Royal Canadian Legion – Branch #49, Branching out Urban Forestry, and Vancouver Island Real Estate Board as well as many other individual and corporate donors.

The new splash park included dismantling of the old spray park, waterlines, drain infrastructure, new equipment to meet current regulations, new surface or pad, equipment installation, signage, landscaping and commissioning. The City's contribution is about \$200,000 and any additional funds raised will assist with ongoing maintenance of the splash park.

The splash park is used by Oceanside residents as well as the thousands of tourists who visit our region annually. Ventureland Playground is well-loved by many generations - parents who played in the park as children, now bring their children and their parents now bring their grandchildren. As well, hundreds of school age children visit with their classrooms each year.

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