

FCM Stormwater Management Funding for Parksville Community Park

On February 6, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities announced funding through the Green Municipal Fund to support the City of Parksville's stormwater management master plan for Parksville Community Park. The City will receive \$168,300 in grant funding for this project.

The stormwater master plan will prioritize integration of low impact development (LID) stormwater management infrastructure into the Park. The City will use this plan to support the twenty-five year vision outlined in the 2018 Community Park Master Plan, expanding the park's facilities while maximizing the functionality of existing facilities.

The stormwater plan will include rainfall and sea level long-term projections, which will be considered when designing the LID facilities in order to maximize the Park's resiliency to climate change. Consideration of LID facilities within coastal areas where sea levels are expected to rise could be a first of its kind. This project may also demonstrate how to improve the water quality of discharge along shorelines while showing innovation in coastal stormwater management.

Many other Canadian communities are located along this extended area of shoreline. This study's findings could help these communities better plan stormwater management for their own coastal infrastructure and increase resiliency to rising sea levels.

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