

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **Reopening of City Sports Courts**

City of Parksville facilities have been closed to the public since mid-March and staff have been providing assistance by phone and email. As well, most of our operations have continued under the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are working to safely reopen facilities that were closed to avoid the spread of COVID-19, using a carefully planned, phased approach following provincial health guidelines. The City has been working with the various provincial organizations to ensure a safe return to these activities in Phase 2.

The tennis courts in Springwood Park and the sports courts and lacrosse box in the Parksville Community Park will reopen on May 22 for casual use only. In accordance with provincial guidance, there is no organized team play, training camps or competitive tournaments permitted at this time. You are encouraged to view the <u>ViaSport BC</u> website for up-to-date information about the various sports sectors.

When using a City facility, review and obey any posted signage instructions prior to starting activities. Practice physical distancing, wash and sanitize hands often and be mindful of others around you. Users must keep gatherings small with no congregating. When using the sports courts, keep in mind:

- Courts are for casual play only, not organized teams.
- Clearly mark equipment and refrain from touching other people's items.
- Do not share racquets, water bottles or any other sports equipment.

As reopening measures become available, we will post updates on the City's website, <u>Let's Talk Parksville</u> and social media channels. When it is safe to do so, we will reopen amenities as soon as possible. For now, the following public facilities remain closed at this time.

- City offices remain closed to the public. We are working towards a June 1 reopening with new ways of offering services which meet provincial guidelines and provide for the safety of our staff and visitors.
- In the Parksville Community Park, the playground, outdoor gym, splash park, sports fields and sand volleyball courts remain closed.
- Foster Park and Shelly Creek Park playgrounds remain closed.

The City's off-leash dog park at Springwood Park and the skate park in the Parksville Community Park reopened on May 15.

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