



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

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Construction of Creston skatepark underway

Creston, BC: Work on the multi-purpose skatepark at the Creston & District Community Complex (CDCC) is underway. New Line Skateparks Inc., a skatepark design and construction firm based in Langley, BC, began construction at the site last week.

Surveying, fencing and bulk excavation work took place first during the week of April 15, and is being followed by storm drain installation and the forming and pouring of retaining walls and skatepark features over the coming weeks.

“Now that the design and planning phase is complete, it is extremely exciting to see the actual construction of the new multipurpose skatepark at the CDCC get started,” said Tanya Wall, Chair of the Creston Valley Services Committee and Director of RDCK Area B. “We are progressing from vision and plans, to reality and great recreation experiences for residents and visitors.”

The new skatepark will feature 10,000 sq. ft. of innovative functional spaces for skateboarders, BMX riders and scooter riders, as well as an accessible walkway and seating area for spectators. The construction is anticipated to take three months, with a goal of having the park completed and open in July 2019.

The construction of the new skatepark is the first significant step in the redevelopment of outdoor spaces at the CDCC that are inclusive, accessible and attractive. The facility is intended to be a dynamic space for young people and families, and will encourage active living and healthy outdoor recreation for users of all ages.

The skatepark is being constructed separately from the remainder of the community park. This part of the work was sent out for Request for Proposal (RFP). The RFP will close on April 29, 2019.

“The skatepark construction will be a very interesting project and process to watch as it takes place, but we remind the public that this is and will be an active construction zone with moving equipment, vehicles and supplies on site,” said Randy Fediuk, Manager of Recreation at the CDCC. “For everyone’s safety, we ask that the public please take care and respect all safety barriers and fencing, and keep out of the construction site.”

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This project, a part of the Creston Community Park upgrades project, was formally announced in March 2018 and is being funded through the Federal Gas Tax Fund, administered by the Union of BC Municipalities in partnership with the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia, with additional funding provided by the Columbia Basin Trust.

Updates about the project will be shared on the RDCK website at: www.rdck.ca/CrestonCommunityPark. Visitors to the Complex can also view conceptual drawings, schematics and project updates on display in the main lobby.

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Conceptual drawings are available for the media upon request.

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