



# Media Release

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## Be part of the conversation on the future of the Nelson Community Recreation Campus

Nelson, BC: The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), in partnership with the City of Nelson, are seeking input from residents in the City of Nelson and Area F and Defined Area E, about if the current recreation amenities offered at the Community Recreation Campus still meet community needs. The Community Recreation Campus includes the Nelson & District Community Complex (pool, fitness centre and arena), Civic Centre and Arena, Curling Rink, Indoor Soccer Facility, and the empty lot at 824 Front Street.

“On behalf of the Nelson & District Recreation Commission, the RDCK and City of Nelson, the objective is to understand the current perspectives of the community, in relation to recreational needs,” said Joe Chirico, RDCK General Manager of Community Services. “We haven’t engaged with residents since 2012, during our Master Plan engagement process and understand the community’s priorities may have changed since that time. Our collective goal for this engagement process is to educate the public on the current state of all facilities and amenities at the Community Recreation Campus and develop a vision for future recreation at the Campus.”

Residents will have the opportunity to hear from the RDCK and City of Nelson staff about the state of the facilities and amenities, at the Community Recreation Campus, during the community meetings and will have the opportunity to ask questions. Following the community meetings, residents can share their thoughts on whether the current facilities fit the community’s recreational needs, through a survey that will be available to the public on November 27.

“Indoor and outdoor recreation facilities provide important benefits for our community – from helping residents develop physical literacy to providing opportunities to stay active through all stages of life,” said Janice Morrison, Mayor of the City of Nelson. “We know residents are passionate about their sports, hobbies and activities, and we encourage all residents to help shape the future of recreation in Nelson.”

Residents can join a community meeting on the following dates and times:

Date	Location	Time
Tuesday, November 5	Taghum Hall 5915 Taghum Hall Road	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Wednesday, November 6	Prestige – Monashee Salon 701 Lakeside Drive	6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Thursday, November 7	Ecole Des Sentiers-Alpins – Gym 2780 Highway 3A	6:00 pm– 7:30 pm

If you are unable to attend any of the community meetings, all material will be shared on the RDCK’s public engagement platform following the first meeting on November 5. To stay up to date on the engagement process, visit [engage.rdck.ca/nelson-community-recreation-campus](https://engage.rdck.ca/nelson-community-recreation-campus).

*Incorporated in 1965, the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is a local government that serves 60,000 residents in 11 electoral areas and nine member municipalities. The RDCK provides more than 160 services, including community facilities, fire protection and emergency services, grants, planning and land use, regional parks, resource recovery and handling, transit, water services and much more. For more information about the RDCK, visit [www.rdck.ca](http://www.rdck.ca).*

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