

## **RDN and Community Celebrate Phase One Completion**

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) celebrated phase one completion of the Jack Bagley Community Park development project on May 4. Joining in the celebration were Nanoose Bay residents, RDN Directors, Nanoose Bay Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee members, local community groups and dignitaries. Following a welcome from the RDN and community, residents of all ages enjoyed a pickleball demonstration and opportunity to try out the sport on the newly completed courts. The RDN thanks the Nanoose Bay Pickleball Club for hosting the pickleball activities.

Since late March, residents have been enjoying the many park additions including the new sport courts. Phase one of the park development was supported by the RDN Community Works Fund and PacifiCan's Canada Community Revitalization Fund.

Phase one of the Jack Bagley Community Park development project includes:

- One tennis court and five pickleball courts.
- A new washroom building with a covered area.
- Accessible entrance ramp and stairs.
- A paved plaza with picnic tables.
- Upgrades to the existing playing fields irrigation system.

The second phase will include sports field improvements. For more information on the project, visit [getinvolved.rdn.ca/jack-bagley-cp](https://getinvolved.rdn.ca/jack-bagley-cp) and for information on RDN parks, visit [rdn.bc.ca/parks-services](https://rdn.bc.ca/parks-services).

### **Quotes**

“Community spaces like Jack Bagley Park are the backbone of our neighbourhoods. They bring together people of all ages and abilities and provide opportunities to be active and spend time outdoors. The Government of Canada is proud to help communities throughout British Columbia enhance public spaces and create places for visitors and residents alike to enjoy.”

*The Honourable Harjit S. Sajjan, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Minister responsible for the Pacific Economic Development Agency of Canada (PacifiCan)*

“The RDN provides a variety of recreational opportunities across the region through our extensive parks and trails system. We are pleased that the new sports courts that are part of the Jack Bagley Community Park development project have already become a popular destination for Nanoose Bay residents. We thank

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Pacific Economic Development Canada for helping fund the park additions that will be enjoyed by the community for years to come.”

*Vanessa Craig, RDN Chair*

“The new Jack Bagley Community Park phase one amenities are a wonderful addition to our community. The tennis and pickleball courts can be used by all ages and abilities and help keep our community active. The other amenities including the washroom and picnic facilities further add to the park experience. We are grateful to our residents for their enthusiasm and support for this project and we are delighted to celebrate this milestone together.”

*Bob Rogers, RDN Director, Electoral Area E*

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