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Green light for Splashpark – groundbreaking July 10

Construction is about to begin on Campbell River's Rotary Splashpark.

A groundbreaking event took place at 3 p.m. Tuesday, July 10 in Willow Point Park.

Based on timelines for other splashpark projects, construction is expected to take up to 12 weeks.

The splashpark will include a fire hydrant and hose element and will feature Campbell River's marine heritage.

"Campbell River's Rotary Splashpark will include a fishing pole with salmon attached, a whale body and tail, and the mega soaker – a bowl full of water that fills and spills – will be a killer whale, and the first in B.C.," said Ross Milnthorp, the City's general manager of parks, recreation and culture.

"We anticipate the Splash Park will be great fun for local families and for Campbell River visitors," said Patricia Gagnon, past president of the Rotary Club of Campbell River. *"The Campbell River Rotary Splashpark is another great example of community partners working together to provide a welcome addition to our city that people of all ages can enjoy."*

Access to the park will be free, and the fun will be divided into three sections: one for families, one for teens and one for toddlers.

The project was led by the Rotary Club of Campbell River, and funding is provided by TELUS (\$123,200), the Rotary Club of Campbell River (\$120,000), Daybreak Rotary (\$40,000) the Campbell River Professional Firefighters Association (\$20,000) and the City's Parks Parcel Tax (\$75,000). The City will also fund annual operating costs (\$30,000).

TELUS is contributing \$123,200 to the new Campbell River Rotary Splashpark as a result of \$100 being donated on behalf of every new community member who became an Optik TV customer in the community over the past year.

"TELUS believes in the importance of community, of giving where we live, so we are pleased with the success of our most recent TV for Good™ campaign, which enabled our customers in Campbell River to satisfy their thirst for Optik TV while supporting a local project," said Ray Lawson, TELUS general manager for Vancouver Island. *"The new Campbell River Rotary Splashpark will be a wonderful place for the community to enjoy for years to come."*

The splashpark was approved in principle in 2010 and given final approval by City Council in November 2011.

The contractor (Rec Tec) was selected by Rotary and is working in cooperation with the City of Campbell River to construct the splashpark.

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