VICTORIA, BC — Tomorrow afternoon, the public and media are invited to celebrate the grand opening of the new multi-use sports court and bike skills park at Cecelia Ravine Park. Located next to the Burnside Gorge Community Centre, the two new amenities will enhance recreational opportunities for neighbourhood youth.

What: Grand Opening of Cecelia Ravine Park Sports Court and Bike Skills Park
When: Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Where: Cecelia Ravine Park, 3130 Napier Lane

The first of its kind in Victoria, the bike skills park design is based on input from local youth and features a pump track (a continuous loop that can be ridden on a bike without pedalling), a small skills practice area, and three separate skill level trails with a variety of technical terrain.

The fenced sports court includes a basketball hoop and a hockey net. Youth tennis lines and a figure eight for bike skills will be painted on the court next spring.

The event will include bike skills demonstrations by well-known local riders and a joint ribbon cutting by Mayor Dean Fortin, Councillor Charlayne Thornton-Joe, and Burnside Gorge Community Association Board Chair Tracy James. City Recreation staff and a local bike mechanic will be onsite until 3 p.m.

The community is encouraged to cycle to the event and try out the new bike skill trails, shoot some hoops, and score some goals. Basketballs and hockey equipment will be provided. Please bring your own bike, safety equipment and helmet.

Complimentary refreshments and treats will be provided. Parking is available on Cecelia Road and at the Burnside Gorge Community Centre. The event will take place rain or shine. For more information, visit: www.victoria.ca and click on What’s New?

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