Media Advisory

Grand Opening of Cook Street Playground and Outdoor Fitness Circuit at Beacon Hill Park is Wednesday

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VICTORIA, BC — Tomorrow afternoon, the public and media are invited to a community celebration to officially open the re-designed Cook Street Playground and the new Outdoor Fitness Circuit at Beacon Hill Park.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:
Mayor Dean Fortin will be joined by Patti Hunter, General Manager of KidSport Greater Victoria, students from South Park Elementary, City Parks staff and the community for a ribbon-cutting and plaque unveiling to mark the opening of the playground and fitness equipment. Parking will be available on-street and at the lot off Nursery Road.

What: Cook Street Playground and Outdoor Fitness Circuit Grand Opening
When: Wednesday, December 5, 2012, from 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Where: Beacon Hill Park, across from the Victoria Lawn Bowling Club

Designed for children 18 months to 12 years of age, the playground includes new swings, spinners, net climbers, and sand and nature play areas. Two new structures provide for imaginary and discovery play, and children can meet the park’s new dinosaur and go for a fun 25-metre cable ride.

With the community’s input, the City of Victoria replaced the aging play equipment this year to meet national safety standards and to commemorate Victoria’s 150th anniversary. Playground improvements were funded by the City of Victoria, with grants from Ronald McDonald House Charities and KidSport Greater Victoria.

Located next to the playground is the new nine-piece fitness circuit that can accommodate up to 15 people at a time. Parents can work out next to their children, and walkers and runners can complement their outdoor exercise routines with a range of cardio and strength exercises. The new fitness circuit at Beacon Hill Park is made possible by the BC Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development’s Community Recreation Grant program which invests in local government capital projects that make communities, healthier, more active places in which to live.

This free event will include complimentary refreshments and giveaways, and will take place rain or shine. For more information, visit: www.victoria.ca

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