



## City Re-Opening Some Outdoor Recreation Facilities

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VICTORIA, BC – Starting May 14, the City is re-opening tennis and pickleball courts, sports fields, and skate and bike parks as part of a phased return to outdoor recreation facilities.

Although these facilities will be open for recreational use, there will still be no lessons or league play, and people will be expected to continue following public health guidelines, including physical distancing.

The decision aligns with the provincial government's Restart Plan, which includes recreation as one of several activities to resume this month.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, decisions about recreation facilities have been guided by public health advice, and the City continues to monitor provincial recommendations as part of safe recovery.

"A cautious re-opening of some outdoor recreation facilities is a positive step forward for physical and mental well-being," said Mayor Lisa Helps. "It's important to stay active and healthy outdoors and we're doing that in a safe, coordinated way across the region."

Closure signage and fencing will be removed in the coming days and replaced with new signage to communicate guidelines for use.

At this time, close contact recreation facilities remain closed, including playgrounds, basketball courts, outdoor gyms and the Crystal Pool and Fitness Centre.

Recreation ambassadors continue to be out in public spaces to engage with residents about recreation facilities and to encourage physical distancing.

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