



MEDIA RELEASE

New Parkland for Burnside Gorge

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VICTORIA, BC – The City has purchased two properties and a section of a third property from a private land owner to create additional parkland in the Burnside Gorge neighbourhood.

The properties, located on Cecelia Road and Washington Avenue, are next to Cecelia Ravine Park and the Galloping Goose Regional Trail and close to the Burnside Gorge Community Centre. The land will be transformed into green space and will expand Cecelia Ravine Park by 0.22 hectares (0.5 acres).

The City committed to a “no net loss” of parkland in Burnside Gorge following the conversion of Ellice Street Park for construction of the Rock Bay Landing shelter in 2009. The acquired land is 120 square metres greater than the minimum amount to be replaced. The City is buying the properties for \$950,000, which includes one unoccupied house that will be dismantled in the fall of 2016.

“It is great to see this long-awaited acquisition take place,” said Mayor Helps. “The expansion of Cecelia Ravine Park green space to the Burnside Gorge neighbourhood adds to an already much loved park.”

Neighbours, parks users and the broader community will be invited to help create a vision for the additional green space.



Purchased land

There is also a comprehensive neighbourhood planning process underway for Burnside Gorge. The draft plan is being released to the public for feedback today. The plan provides guidance on a range of planning and land use issues including parks and green spaces, as well as housing, transportation, heritage and more.

To read the draft Burnside Gorge Neighbourhood Plan and find out about planning for the future, visit:
www.victoria.ca/burnside

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