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CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE WINS BCRPA FACILITY EXCELLENCE AWARD Jumpstart Multi Sport Court Honoured with Award for Capital Projects under \$3M

Penticton, BC (May 2, 2024) -- BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) presented its **Facility Excellence Award** for capital projects under \$3 million today to the City of Prince George for their Jumpstart Inclusive Multi Sport Court (www.bcrpa.bc.ca/membership/provincial-awards).

The award recognizes outstanding facility design that reflects community culture, is innovative in addressing community needs, is accessible to all patrons, serves as a community gathering hub, incorporates green design elements to reduce or eliminate negative impacts on the environment, and ultimately enhances the well-being of the community.

Located in Carrie Jane Gray Park and spanning 28,000 square feet, Prince George's Jumpstart Multi Sport Court is the city's only fully accessible multi-sport court and the largest of its kind built to date. The cutting-edge facility features inclusive amenities such as a FIBA basketball court, tennis court, 10 fixed-height basketball hoops, four pickleball courts, as well as a self-guided play area with high contrast movement paths.

The design accommodates those with physical, cognitive and sensory challenges, supporting casual play and a variety of organized sports and para sports. In addition, green design elements include new timed, user-operated LED lighting to ensure energy savings.

This project is a partnership between the City of Prince George and the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charity.

"This centrally located sports hub gives users of all ages a natural, safe space for gathering that supports participation by everyone in the community. It is a great example of bringing multi-generations together to stay active," says Katie Fenn, BCRPA CEO. "We are thrilled to present BCRPA's Facility Excellence Award to Prince George's outstanding project."

The Facility Excellence Award is one of six Provincial Awards of Excellence presented during BCRPA's annual Symposium conference held this year in Penticton. Each award is presented on behalf of more than 5,000 recreation and parks sector members from across BC working to enhance the physical and mental health, wellness, connectedness, and quality of life of their communities.

West Shore Parks & Recreation also received an honourable mention in this category for the Thrifty Foods Skatepark.

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BACKGROUND

BCRPA: Inspiring and connecting professionals to build healthy and resilient communities through the power of recreation and parks.

The British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA), a not-for-profit organization, plays a central role in leading the enrichment and improvement of the quality of life of British Columbians and their communities. We do this by championing the power of recreation and parks.

Ours is a story of creating community connectedness and individual well-being based on the knowledge and recognition that recreation and active living, as well as access to parks and the natural environment, have significant impacts on our physical and mental health.

Since 1958, the BCRPA has provided leadership, training and support, fostering the principles of accessibility and inclusiveness, to help its members meet provincial and local mental health and physical activity priorities that improve the quality of life of every British Columbian.

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