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PANORAMA RECREATION WINS BCRPA FACILITY EXCELLENCE AWARD

Jumpstart Multi Sport Court Honoured with 2023 Facility Excellence Award - Projects under \$3M

Vancouver, BC (May 4, 2023) -- BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) presented its **Facility Excellence Award** for projects under \$3 million today to Panorama Recreation’s Jumpstart Multi Sport Court (www.bcrpa.bc.ca/membership/provincial-awards). The award recognizes outstanding innovation in facility concept, design, development, maintenance, or operation of a facility.

Panorama Recreation’s Jumpstart Multi Sport Court, located in North Saanich, has removed barriers to being active by providing free, accessible, outdoor options for physical activity and sport to all ages and community members with a variety of abilities.

The 13,200 square-foot outdoor sport facility features areas for basketball, volleyball, pickleball, badminton, four square and hopscotch. Design features include adjustable nets, accessible seating areas, and large gate entrances for easy access.

The Court has enabled Panorama Recreation to expand inclusive and accessible programming including reservable family pickleball, multisport physical literacy camps and programs, and specific sensory-friendly play times. The facility also allowed Panorama Recreation to partner with Canucks Autism Network and Island Health to create and deliver programming that was previously not possible due to the lack of an appropriate facility.

Conveniently located near KÉLSET Elementary School, the Court is also regularly used by students as an additional space to recreate during school hours.

“We are proud to present Panorama Recreation with BCRPA’s Facility Excellence Award for projects under \$3 million for the Jumpstart Multi Sport Court,” says Katie Fenn, BCRPA CEO. “The accessibility embedded in the Court’s design and features provides opportunities for all North Saanich community members to participate in activities.”

The Facility Excellence Award is one of five Provincial Awards of Excellence presented during BCRPA’s annual Symposium conference in Vancouver. Each award is presented on behalf of more than 4,400 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.

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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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