



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Public Input Sought on the Future of Strathcona Gardens

**Campbell River, BC** – The Strathcona Regional District invites the public to learn more about future of Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex and provide input into the planning process. On Thursday May 11th, the Regional District will host two public information sessions at Strathcona Gardens to talk further about the proposed redevelopment project.

A needs assessment study completed in 2015 along with recent engineering reports confirmed that Strathcona Gardens is aging and more needs to be done to ensure the facility will continue to meet the recreational needs of the community both now and into the future. Last year the Regional District launched “Recreate Strathcona Gardens” and invited the public to provide comments on a preliminary concept. Through this second phase, the concept has been refined and will be presented for further feedback. The goal of this project is to undertake a major redevelopment of the facility to address aging components and deliver the recreation services desired by the community in an exciting, modern, safe and inclusive environment.

“The Regional District is very keen to hear from the public on this initiative,” says Michele Babchuk, Chair of the Strathcona Gardens Commission. “Strathcona Gardens is a well-used facility and we want to make sure it remains a valued recreational hub for our communities. These public information sessions are one opportunity for the public to provide input into this process, and we look forward to hearing what people have to say.”

Members of the public are welcome to drop-in to the reception area at Strathcona Gardens and speak with the project team on Thursday May 11<sup>th</sup> at the times listed below:

- 10.30 a.m. - 12:00 noon
- 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Refreshments will be available and all participants will have a chance to win passes to Strathcona Gardens. Those unable to attend these sessions can view the information online at [www.recreatesg.ca](http://www.recreatesg.ca) and provide feedback via email to [recreate@strathconard.ca](mailto:recreate@strathconard.ca).

The Strathcona Regional District is a partnership of four electoral areas and five municipalities providing approximately 43,000 residents with 55 services including parks, liquid and solid waste systems, fire protection, emergency preparedness programs and a full-service sports facility.

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