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Albion Water Spray Park Combines Active Play with Cool Fun

Maple Ridge, BC: The Albion Water Spray Park located in the middle of the Albion Sports Complex will have an Official Opening Ceremony on Saturday, June 28, 2014 at 11:00 am, and if the weather holds, the ceremonial water cannon arch will be created by Mayor Ernie Daykin of Maple Ridge and Mayor Deb Walters of Pitt Meadows.

“As a parent and grandparent I really appreciate the thought that has gone into the design of this park. First, and foremost, the new water park has so many elements that allow the kids to control the water flow and have some serious creative play time. The second thing I love is that the park has been placed beside the hill that allows parents to keep an eye on their kids in the spray park and in the playground that was installed in 2012,” said Mayor Ernie Daykin. He added, “on behalf of Council I want to invite folks to come out and be part of the grand opening and to put this on their summer ‘to do’ list for a family picnic. This is another gem in our community park system.”

The spray park is made up of several water play activity elements. A water play table with trough and water wheel is activated with a children’s size hand pump. In this activity area children can manage water flow, or manipulate water and sand at the play table. The sand area adjacent to this area also includes log steppers for further imaginative play opportunities.

Three activators allow children to start a water flow sequence from surface pop-its, bubblers from a boulder, a rain umbrella, mister spray hoops, ground sprays and two water cannons. Surface water from these spray devices is collected in a stone-lined water channel or runnel that children can manipulate flow with two weirs. One of the goals of the park was to create a space that encourages exploration and active play.

The park was designed by Van der Zalm and associates and construction was completed by TGK Irrigation Ltd. in the fall of 2013. All of the park play elements were tested before being buttoned up for the winter. The surrounding areas were landscaped and seeded to ensure that the area would be ready for the opening this summer. The total cost for the park was \$387,000, which includes the design, construction, water connection and bio-filtration system.

The water from the park flows to a surface drain which directs all waste water to a bio-filtration open channel which allows the release of water chlorination before it enters the storm drainage channel and tributaries of Mainstone Creek.

The community is invited to come down for the opening of the new Albion Water Spray Park, 23778 – 104 Avenue, in the Albion Sports Complex on Saturday, June 28, 2014 at 11:00 am. . There is loads of parking, and the event will run rain or shine. Certainly a little water can't stop a spray park opening!

For more information about the Albion Water Spray Park please contact Bruce McLeod at bmcleod@mapleridge.ca or call 604-467-5308.