

## **RDN Reopening Select Outdoor Recreation Facilities**

After careful planning, preparation and consultation with health professionals and professional associations, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is reopening select outdoor recreation facilities starting on Thursday, May 14.

Many outdoor amenities have been closed since March 23 to help limit the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This limited reopening of the RDN's select outdoor recreation areas is the first phase of an ongoing reopening plan and follows the Province of BC's announcement from May 6 that eases some restrictions beginning in mid-May as part of the BC Restart Plan.

The following outdoor facilities will reopen on Thursday, May 14:

- Sport Courts (singles play only unless playing with people from the same household)
- Huxley Skate Park

The following outdoor facility will reopen on Thursday, May 21:

- Cedar Skate Park

Guideline signage for these areas will be posted at each location to help residents understand how to remain safe and healthy during this pandemic while visiting these outdoor spaces and to ensure, if followed by the public, that they remain open.

These guidelines remind residents to:

- Stay home if you are showing any signs of illness;
- Wash or sanitize hands before and after use;
- Practice physical distancing, even at play: keep at least 2m (6 ft) distance at all times from anyone outside your household;
- Do not share equipment and clean your equipment before and after play; and
- Do not gather in large groups.

Playgrounds and indoor facilities, such as recreation centres, arenas and pools, remain closed pending reopening guidelines that are being worked on right now between the Ministry of Health, WorkSafe BC and other professional organizations, including the BC Recreation and Parks Association.

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