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Get up close with Logger Mike this week!

Starting Tuesday, June 28, the new Logger Mike will stand beside his 30-year-old inspiration at Frank James Park.

"We're inviting people to come down to meet the new carving and take photos while you can get up close," says Ross Milnthorp, the City's general manager of parks, recreation and culture. "At nearly eight feet tall and 400 pounds, this work of art in west coast red cedar is by award-winning local carver Cody LaFrance and replaces the weather-worn 30-year-old icon carved by Dean Lemke."

The old and new Logger Mike carvings will be on display in the park, along with the Transformations on the Shore carving contest creations, right up until Canada Day, when they will be part of the downtown parade. Later in July, the new Logger Mike will be raised partway up the spar pole in Spirit Square.

Parks Department staff will be available June 28 and 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on June 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help with photos and share the history of Logger Mike.

"Once again, we must thank all the organizations who were part of this project: the Campbell River Shoreline Arts Society for their assistance in selecting a carver, Capacity Forest Management, Western Forest Products, Az-Tec Freight and Storey Creek Trading for sourcing, donating and transporting the red cedar, and to Chinook Scaffolding and Home Hardware for their contribution to the creation of a new Logger Mike carving," Milnthorp says.

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