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Lacrosse Box Grand Opening, April 29

Dreams have come true for the Campbell River Minor Lacrosse Association. On Friday, April 29 at 5 p.m. they will be celebrating the grand opening of the newly-constructed outdoor lacrosse box at Robron Park. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a free barbeque hosted by Save-On-Foods and some short opening speeches with a pick up lacrosse game to follow.

The Campbell River Minor Lacrosse Association was determined to build an outdoor lacrosse box for their organization and for general community use. It all came to pass in 2010 thanks to a great deal of volunteer and financial support.

"This really is a celebration of how our local businesses and governments can come together and support the development of our youth," says Kevin Mills, project lead for the Lacrosse Association.

Major funders included the City of Campbell River (46%), the Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RInC) funding program (34%) and community businesses and organizations (20%). All project contributors will be recognized at the grand opening.

Also on the celebration list during this event: other RInC supported projects for which the City received matched funds in 2010. These matched funds allowed for the installation of five new playgrounds at Robron, Willow Point, Gazelle, Campbellton and Barclay parks. The matched funds, plus a \$5,000 donation from the Campbell River Minor Baseball Association, also allowed the Parks Department to complete ball diamond improvements at Robron, Pinecrest and Nunns parks.

Ross Milnthorp, the City's general manager of parks, recreation and culture expresses gratitude to all the community businesses and organizations, as well as the funders, for their support of these projects. "The benefit of these facilities to the community in terms of youth development and sport tourism is tremendous," Milnthorp says.

The lacrosse box will be booked for lacrosse practices and games, and is available for the public when lacrosse is not in session. Rollerbladers and ball hockey players are welcome!

If you would like any more information about the Lacrosse Box Grand Opening or the RInC supported projects, please call the City of Campbell River Parks Department at 250-286-7275.

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Photo: Lacrosse box ready for action