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Help create a memorable location at Discovery Pier and Baikie Island

A new park furniture donation program is offering sites on the Discovery Pier and Baikie Island.

"People wishing to commemorate a special occasion or a loved one are invited to contact the City's parks staff about new opportunities to donate furniture in parks," says Ross Milnthorp, GM Parks, Recreation and Culture. "Parks staff can help people wishing to donate a bench or picnic table in other locations that may have special significance."

Given the popularity of the former Legacy Landmark program, Campbell River was short on space to place new benches and tables, with a long list of people hoping to donate an item. The parks department has now contacted everyone on the wait list to inform them of the new furniture program.

"We sincerely appreciate the patience of those who waited for new furniture sites to become available," Milnthorp adds.

The new park furniture donation policy offers individuals, groups or organizations an opportunity to lease a memorial park bench or table site for 15 years, with the City maintaining the landmark during that time. At the end of the 15-year term (or 25 years, if renewed), the bench/table space will be made available for renewal for a new donation with the first right of refusal given to the original donor.

A copy of the new Guidelines and Application form are also available online at www.campbellriver.ca.

For more information, please contact the Parks Department at 250-286-7275.

Background:

- Since Campbell River introduced the Legacy Landmarks Program in 2001, 178 benches and picnic tables have been installed in City parks and along City trails.
- Items need to be replaced on average every 25 years.
- Feedback on a proposal to offer new legacy landmarks for a limited-time lease, with an option to renew was received from previous bench or picnic table donors and the City's Community Services, Recreation and Culture Commission.
- Donations of benches and tables placed between 2001 and Feb. 28, 2014 will stay in place for 25 years from the original date or until it is no longer in serviceable condition. For example, if the bench/table is still in serviceable condition past the 25 year mark it will remain in place until such time as it needs replacement.

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