

Cycling Pump Track opens Oct. 4

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Penticton– The City of Penticton and the Penticton and Area Cycling Association (PACA) are holding an official grand opening of the new Cycling Pump Track on October 4 at 4 pm at the track near the parking lot on the KVR Trail at 1194 Poplar Grove Road. Residents are invited to bring their helmets and their bikes to the event and try out Penticton’s newest outdoor recreation amenity.

“Our city has a new and exciting recreational amenity that residents and visitors can enjoy free of charge thanks to the dedication of the Penticton and Area Cycling Association,” says Mayor Andrew Jakubeit. “This project is a real testament to what can be achieved when residents come together with a common vision and goal.”

A pump track is a cycling feature that consists of a series of rollers and banked turns that a rider can pump and make loops on the track using the features to gain speed without pedaling. It is an accessible, free and fun community asset which can be used by the youngest rider on a push bike to an expert rider heading out on to the Three Blind Mice trail network.

“The pump track at Poplar Grove Rd is a fun, skill-building public space that can be used by all levels and ages of bike enthusiast. We look forward to sharing the pump track with the local community for years to come and congratulate all parties involved with bringing this project together. This was truly a grassroots group effort,” said Travis Kroschinsky, PACA member.

The pump track project is valued at over \$40,000 and was initiated and managed by the dedicated volunteers of PACA. PACA fundraised and solicited in-kind donations from local businesses and members. The club paid for the design and foundational build. Labour, machine costs and materials were donated by local businesses. The City of Penticton gave the use of the land, assisted with project management, and provided the concrete on the perimeter slopes.

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