

Penticton Youth Park enjoys longer season this year

(Penticton, BC – October 28, 2019) – The City’s Recreation Department is celebrating the recent success of keeping the Penticton Youth Park on Riverside Drive open a month and half longer than in previous years.

“The City of Penticton employs a group of experienced skaters to act as Youth Park Ambassadors every summer,” says Recreation Coordinator – Tot, Child and Youth, Amanda Dean. “We typically only have the park open for July and August, but because of the positive feedback we received, along with having staff that wanted to continue, we were able to stay open for another couple of months.”

Youth Park Ambassadors are hosts to the community visiting the park and they help to build relationships with users to ensure a safe environment free of bullying and vandalism, promote helmet use and provide minor first aid when required. This year ambassadors were in attendance from June 1 to October 13, monitoring anywhere from 40 to 100 users a day with 150 users during the final weekend of being open.

“We received several calls from parents this season saying that they feel comfortable sending their children to the youth park knowing that there is supervision on site and applauding the staff for their attentive first aid and anti-bullying procedures.”

Although the Youth Park Ambassadors are done for the season, the Penticton Youth Park on Riverside Drive and is still open to the public for use until snow and ice accumulate on site.

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