

EOC set to reopen Penticton playgrounds on June 1

(Penticton, BC – May 28, 2020) – Penticton’s playgrounds will reopen to the public on Monday, June 1 as part of the Emergency Operations Centre’s (EOC) phased restart plan.

In addition, outdoor basketball courts, the outdoor fitness equipment at Skaha Lake Park and water bottle fill stations at local parks will be available for public use as of Friday, May 29. Spray parks will remain closed until further notice.

“While we’ll soon be removing the caution tape from these outdoor facilities, please be aware that the risk still remains. Continue to be mindful of your situation and follow Provincial Health guidelines,” said Bregje Kozak, EOC Deputy Director and the City’s Director of Recreation & Facilities.

Please note that the playground and exercise equipment surfaces will not be cleaned or disinfected beyond normal practice. Park users are reminded to continue using physical distancing, avoid gatherings, and clean their hands before and after use to prevent the spread of COVID-19. And most importantly, stay home if you’re sick.

When using the basketball courts, similar rules apply involving physical distancing, hand washing and avoiding gatherings. Please limit play to small groups or players within the same household.

Watch for on-site signage at the outdoor facilities and be aware that EOC members and City staff will be monitoring each location to ensure safety measures are being followed. Results from these inspections will be compiled into a report card which will determine whether that location can safely remain open.

“The City thanks its residents and youth for their cooperation as the EOC moves forward with these phased restarts. We encourage you to get outdoors and enjoy Penticton’s beautiful backyard – safely,” said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki.

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