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CITY OF RICHMOND WINS BCRPA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Terra Nova Nature Adventure Play Environment honoured with 2017 Parks Excellence Award

Kelowna, BC (Thursday, April 6th, 2017) - The BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) today presented its Provincial Parks Excellence Award for 2017 to the City of Richmond for Terra Nova Nature Adventure Play Environment. This award recognizes a unique example of excellence in the concept, design and development of parks and open spaces in BC.

Richmond’s new and unique park is called a “game-changer” by a member of the awards selection committee. Terra Nova Nature Adventure Play Environment connects families to nature and offers adventuresome play that enjoys broad appeal for children of all ages across Greater Vancouver who are keen to experience it firsthand for themselves.

Emerging from the results of an in-depth community engagement process, the site's history, as well as its significant natural features, the design for the Terra Nova Nature Adventure Play Environment features a unique landscape that embodies the principles of adventure nature play. Incorporating a super-fast slide, two zip lines, a 10 metre tall treehouse and so much more, the elements are contained within 25 hectares of remnant agricultural fields and hedgerows, habitat for resident and migratory wildlife, heritage buildings, walking trails, a nature preschool, an urban farm and community gardens.

“This park honours the past and the unique natural setting and at the same time is forward thinking in embracing outdoor play components that adults might call risky, but kids call fun,” said BCRPA CEO Rebecca Tunnacliffe.

The awards were presented at the BCRPA’s annual Symposium today in Kelowna. The conference brings together members of the recreation and parks sector from across BC, including elected officials, volunteers, members of the business community and others interested in building and sustaining active, healthy lifestyles and communities in BC.

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BACKGROUND:

The British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association is a not for profit organization dedicated to building and sustaining active healthy lifestyles and communities in BC. Established in 1958, the Association is a central resource agency for members and stakeholders of the recreation, parks, physical activity and culture sector, providing leadership, training and support to help meet national, provincial and local priorities. Through a diverse network of partners and extensive programs and services, BCRPA actively advocates accessibility and inclusiveness to recreation and physical activity.

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