

Vandalism in Lions Ventureland Playground

The in-ground trampolines in the Lions Ventureland Playground in Parksville Community Park were recently vandalized and to ensure the safety of children using this play equipment, changes have been made. One trampoline which had the rubber mesh cut through completely has been removed and a second trampoline with only cut marks will be observed by staff (Monday to Friday) for further damage. This vandalism was reported to the Oceanside RCMP Detachment.

The City's operations department will source replacement webs for the trampolines, and we estimate it may be several weeks before replacement materials arrive. The cost to replace the webbing on both trampolines is expected to be about \$6,000 to \$7,000.

These well-used trampolines are a unique part of the playground, and it is disappointing they are once again not available to children due to vandalism. As well, it is most discouraging for City staff and Parksville Lions Club members who maintain and care for the playground.

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