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## Waterfront Walkway Official Opening Ceremony - May 15

Parksville, BC — The community is invited to attend the official opening of the new waterfront walkway on Saturday, May 15 at 11 am. Participating in the ribbon cutting ceremony will be Parksville-Qualicum MLA, Ron Cantelon, former Mayors Randy Longmuir and Sandy Herle, and Mayor Ed Mayne. The ceremony will be held rain or shine at the start of the new walkway, closest to the gazebo in the Community Park. Light refreshments will be served in the gazebo following the ceremony.

The City of Parksville recently completed the waterfront walkway from the Community Park to the foot of McMillan Street. The new walkway is 445 meters in length and 4.5 meters wide and accommodates pedestrians.

The walkway was funded by a major grant from the Province of British Columbia and the City of Parksville with a contribution from the Beach Club towards the portion of the walkway in front of their building. The total cost to construct the walkway was \$820,000 (including GST) which is about \$50,000 under budget.

Mayor Ed Mayne said, "The new waterfront walkway has transformed the Parksville Bay and is a most welcome and popular addition to the City's Community Park."

To celebrate the official opening of the walkway, the Parksville Downtown Business Association will host a children's bike decorating contest and parade immediately following the ceremony.

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