

Media Release

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District of Summerland Moves Forward with New Playground at Peach Orchard Beach Park

SUMMERLAND – The District of Summerland is one step closer to creating a new children's outdoor play space at Peach Orchard Beach Park following Council approval of the design.

At its September 9 regular meeting, Council expressed its vision for a fun and engaging playground that:

- reflects the natural beach surroundings through colour and design,
- offers play features for both younger and older children,
- retains sand surfacing and introduces accessibility elements, and
- incorporates a zipline similar to the one that used to be located at the site.

Following a competitive procurement process, Canadian Recreation Solutions (CRS) was selected to design and install the new playground. CRS presented design concepts to the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee on August 27 prior to them going to Council.

With input received, CRS will now work with District staff to update the designs and proceed with installing the playground in 2026.

The removal and replacement of the existing playground, which has exceeded its lifespan, was recommended in both the 2018 Parks & Recreation Master Plan and the 2022 Waterfront Concept Plan, and was identified by Council as a strategic priority in its 2022–2026 Strategic Plan.

Quote:

"Peach Orchard Beach Park is one of Summerland's most cherished community spaces, and this new playground will make it even more enjoyable for families. By introducing new and more accessible play features, and at the same time bringing back the beloved zipline, we're creating a fun and safe space for all children."

~ Mayor Doug Holmes

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2 photos attached:

- Peach Orchard Playground (current)
- 1 image of Option 1 playground concept (to be updated with recent input)



