



British Columbia's Recreation and Parks Infrastructure Case Studies

Outdoor



The examples below highlight the essential role of community recreation and parks infrastructure in maintaining active, healthy, and connected communities.

Investment in infrastructure retrofits are the most cost-effective approach to addressing the impacts of growth pressures, climate change and evolving housing legislation in BC.



Jumpstart Multi-Sport Court, North Saanich

New Build

\$1.2 million, completed 2022

Population 12,235

The Jumpstart Multi-Sport Court removes barriers to physical activity by providing free, accessible outdoor activities and sports to all ages and a variety of abilities, resulting in the expansion of community programs. The court is regularly used by students of the nearby KĒLSET Elementary School, furthering its community impact and boosting physical activity opportunities for youth. Funded by Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities.



Kovack Park Shade Sail, Revelstoke

New Build

\$23,000, completed 2019

Population 8,275

The Kovack Park Shade Sail upgrade blocks 95% of UV rays and reduces heat for playground users. Climate change has resulted in longer, hotter summers in BC with more frequent heat waves. Reprieve from the elements is vital for community members to safely enjoy the park. Investment in sun shades has helped reduce the risk of sun exposure, which can cause sunburn, heat exhaustion, dehydration, and increases the risk of skin cancer. \$5K funding from Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiative Program, material and service donations from several private businesses, and excavation by the City of Revelstoke.



Memorial Park Amphitheatre and Skatepark, West Kelowna

Rebuild

\$3.5 million, began 2023

Population 36,078

The new skatepark successfully replaced a 30-year-old crumbling skatepark to meet the community's growing needs. The amphitheatre now hosts regular free, outdoor concerts for thousands of people to enjoy. The structure includes a universally accessible pathway, wheelchair seating, and handrails. The entire project serves community members of all ages and supports physical activity, community connection and tourism. \$315K funding from Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, and remainder from the City of Kelowna.



Second Synthetic Turf Field at Mackie Park, Delta

New Build

\$5 million, 2024 to 2025

Population 108,455

This new synthetic turf field meets the growing demand for sports infrastructure in Delta by replacing a gravel field with a full-size soccer pitch and a high school-rules football field. This additional field offers more opportunities for kids to play outside and increases recreational space for the whole community. Funding for the Second Synthetic Turf Field came from BC's Growing Communities Fund.

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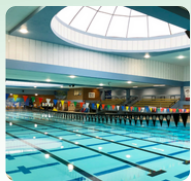
Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre, Chilliwack

Retrofit

\$945,000, completed 2023

Population 93,203

Chilliwack installed a waste heat recovery system utilizing waste from the City's colosseum to heat the pools, hot tubs, and dehumidifiers in the Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre. The project reduced carbon dioxide emissions by 55% and saved more than \$72,000 per year in energy consumption costs. This upgrade successfully reduced the facility's carbon footprint while saving money and ensuring access to recreation. \$500K funding from FortisBC, \$200K funding from BC Hydro, and remainder from the City of Chilliwack.



Crystal Pool replacement, Victoria

Rebuild

\$209.2 to \$215.9 million, 2017 -

Population 91,867

The rebuild of the 50-year-old Crystal Pool aims to improve accessibility and reduce emissions. The current facility is the highest greenhouse gas emitter in Victoria. \$42M from the City of Victoria reserve funds. Remainder will require borrowing or other funding.



Minoru Centre for Active Living, Richmond

New Build

\$80 million, completed 2020

Population 209,937

This 110,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility replaced three aging facilities creating a centre of excellence for active living and well-being. Designed with accessibility, sustainability and wellness in mind, the facility includes a seniors centre, events centre, and fitness and aquatics complex. Programming inspires healthy living and social connections across the demographic spectrum. The project was funded by the City of Richmond.



Memorial Arena, Salmon Arm

Rebuild

\$7.58 million (cost to replace, 2025 to 2031)

Population 19,432

A high-need replacement for the community. The old arena was forced to close as it was not safe for occupation. At almost 70 years old, it's far past its lifespan. The City of Salmon Arm does not yet have the necessary funds or access to borrowing to take on a project of this magnitude at this time.



Trail Memorial Centre, Trail

Rebuild

\$3.5 million, began 2023

Population 7,920

This project will integrate Trail's HVAC system with the centre's boiler and refrigeration systems, creating an estimate natural gas savings of 6,064 GJ, electrical savings of 284,605 kWh, and cost savings of \$19,504 per year. The natural gas savings will result in an annual greenhouse gas emissions reduction of 301 tonnes of carbon dioxide, equivalent to removing 65 gas-powered vehicles from the road. \$1.41M from Government of BC CleanBC Communities Fund, \$1.18M from Government of Canada Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program, and remainder from the City of Trail.