



McKenzie Towne Council

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New splash park in southeast Calgary celebrating Canada 150

Calgary, Ab – McKenzie Towne Council is revitalizing Prestwick Common and constructing a new splash park in the heart of McKenzie Towne. A groundbreaking ceremony and event will be hosted by McKenzie Towne Council on Saturday, February 18, 2017 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Prestwick Common (15113 Prestwick Blvd SE). The ceremony begins at 11:00 a.m. and the event will feature public skating, music, hot dogs and hot chocolate.

“With support from Western Economic Diversification Canada and thanks to the cooperation of the City of Calgary, McKenzie Towne Council is excited to begin revitalizing construction of Prestwick Common and its new splash park. In celebration of McKenzie Towne Council’s 20th and Canada’s 150th anniversaries, we are transforming our community’s most enjoyed park into a generational, accessible and inclusive space,” said Rob Van Gastel, President of McKenzie Towne Council.

“The Government of Canada is proud to support this project in celebration of our country's 150th anniversary of Confederation, as well as McKenzie Towne Council’s 20th Anniversary.

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The upgrades to the Prestwick Common spray park will boost vibrancy in the community and will provide a fun environment for families for years to come,” added The Honourable Navdeep Bains, Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development, and Minister responsible for Western Economic Diversification Canada.

Construction begins in March and will be completed mid-June of 2017. The project is anticipated to be completed before July 1st, to celebrate Canada’s 150th anniversary of Confederation. The fountain feature – an aging amenity – and surrounding area is being upgraded. The 12,000 square foot fountain and surface area is transformed in the winter and used as a skating rink. The revitalized amenity will feature 4 new fire pits. The new splash park area will be open, accessible and interactive with its features accommodating youth, children and toddlers. Prestwick Common’s new design ensures that the use of the park will be inclusive to everyone. Another new addition to the site will be fully accessible public washrooms.

McKenzie Towne Council (MTC), a volunteer resident board, represents the residents of McKenzie Towne. Based out of McKenzie Towne Hall, MTC’s mission is to be a steward of the community, to enhance and maintain physical amenities while actively promoting collaborative participation amongst residents in an inclusive environment.

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