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TOWNSHIP OF LANGLEY WINS BCRPA FACILITY EXCELLENCE AWARD

Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre honoured with 2020 Facility Excellence Award

Vancouver, BC (June 22, 2020) – BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) presented its Facility Excellence Award for projects over \$1 million today to the Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre in the Township of Langley. The award recognizes outstanding innovation in facility concept, design development, maintenance or operation in a facility.

Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre (ACUCC) is located within the historic center of the Township of Langley along the Fraser Highway in Aldergrove. The ACUCC facility was created with the goal of supporting the inclusion of all genders, ages, and cultures within Langley’s 125,000+ residents, bringing together four key recreation components into one central location: an arena, community spaces, aquatics waterpark, and a playground. The establishment of ACUCC in its central downtown location not only allows it to be accessible by multiple forms of transportation (walking, cycling, transit and driving), but it supports the overall revitalization of business activity in the Township’s core.

The design of the ACUCC utilizes reclaimed brick and beams from an old school, showcasing a historical reference within its structure. The facility also includes an important energy conservation focus, with waste heat from the high efficiency refrigeration being utilized through the pool’s water heating system. In addition to the solar thermal system, LED lighting and water harvesting recovery system, the facility also provides electric vehicle charging stations.

“It is our pleasure to present the Township of Langley with the Facility Excellence Award for the Aldergrove Credit Union Community Centre. This project’s focus on utilizing design as a means for fostering overall community inclusion, accessibility, sustainability and economic revitalization puts it in a category of its own,” said Rebecca Tunnacliffe, CEO of the BC Recreation and Parks Association. “Not being able to hold our annual awards ceremony in person this year, we have chosen instead to present them today as another way to celebrate June being recreation and parks month. Recreation and parks have never been more important to our lives than they are right now and our awards help further highlight the impactful work being done across BC. Although COVID has temporarily restricted access to our recreation facilities, they still operate as the heart of our communities, providing services and programs that improve our health and wellbeing.”

The Facility Excellence Award is one of four provincial awards presented virtually by BCRPA on behalf of over 3,300 recreation and parks sector members from across BC, each working to enhance the physical and mental health, wellness, connectedness and quality of life of their communities.

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The British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) is the voice of public recreation and parks, and champions the sector's development of healthy people and connected communities. Representing over 95% of the provinces' local governments, we play a central role in supporting the enrichment and improvement of the quality of life of British Columbians. Our work as a not-for-profit organization focuses on creating community connectedness and well-being based on the knowledge and recognition that recreation and active living, as well as access to parks and the natural environment, have significant impacts on our physical and mental health.

Since 1958, the BCRPA has provided leadership, training and support, fostering the principles of accessibility and inclusiveness, to help its members meet provincial and local mental health and physical activity priorities.

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