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### **Universally Accessible Playground Centennial Beach, Boundary Bay Regional Park**

**Delta, B.C.** – The Tsawwassen Boundary Bay Lions Club will be at the centre of a ceremony marking the official opening of an expanded children’s playground at Boundary Bay Regional Park. Designed to be universally accessible to children of all abilities, it is the first of its kind in the region. A dedication ceremony will be held at Centennial Beach on Sunday, June 20 at 11:00 am. Representatives from project partners including the Province of British Columbia, Corporation of Delta and Metro Vancouver will be in attendance.

The vision and concept for an expanded, universally accessible playground was first proposed by the Tsawwassen Boundary Bay Lions Club in 2008. They undertook fundraising, and quickly secured almost \$400,000 to help cover costs of the project. The expanded playground includes specialized play equipment for the physically handicapped and those children confined to a wheelchair.

“We are so thankful for the Lions Club who contributed much of their time and energy towards making this playground accessible to children of all abilities, enabling them to interact with one another in this extraordinary setting” said Lois E. Jackson, Delta Mayor and Chair of Metro Vancouver Board,. “It is truly remarkable when organizations are able to form partnerships on projects that result in amenities for the benefit of our community.”

“One of the most inspiring aspects of this project has been the way in which the Lions Club was able to mobilize and coordinate such a terrific fundraising campaign,” said Gayle Martin, Metro Vancouver Parks Committee Chair. “With their vision and enthusiasm for the project they managed to secure grants and donations including valuable in-kind support from community partners.”

Sunday’s ceremony caps a morning of family fun and entertainment, as part of the annual “Sunday in the Park” event celebrating Father’s Day. One of the key attractions will be the famous Lions Club pancake breakfast, beginning at 9:00 am. Bring your cameras and your kids, and enjoy the event!

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