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Virtual Ribbon Cutting Celebration at Beckett Park

Maple Ridge, BC: A short ceremony was held on Wednesday, August 12 to celebrate the soft opening of Beckett Park in Port Haney. Scott O'Dell, owner of Haney Home Hardware and Mark Lancaster, owner of North Fraser Automotive Repair joined Mayor Morden and Valoree Richmond, Director of Parks & Facilities, to cut the ribbon as part of a video released on the City's social media sites. The new park is located at 11683 223 Street just east of the Haney Bypass.

"The COVID-19 pandemic doesn't lend well to big community celebrations so we decided to hold a virtual celebration to mark the soft opening of Beckett Park," said Mayor Morden. "The uptake in the park has been incredible and there's hardly a moment in the day when the space isn't being used by local families for picnics, basketball and scooter activity.

"We were grateful to have the assistance of Mark's daughters to help with the ribbon cutting. Once COVID-19 is behind us, Council will host a community celebration with the participation of staff from a variety of municipal departments who assisted in making this project a reality," he concluded.

You can view the video on the City's social media sites along with a site tour by Chad Neufeld, Manager of Park Planning & Development. The design of Beckett Park was completed with consultation and input from the neighbourhood.