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New Parks Opened in Abbotsford

Abbotsford, June 18, 2010 – Abbotsford is continuing to develop innovative and sustainable parks for citizens, announced Mayor George W. Peary today.

Peary officially opened Abbotsford's newest park, Pepin Brook at a ceremony yesterday afternoon. Located on the south side of Chardonnay Lane and Riesling Drive in the new Pepin Brook Estates community, the park was inspired by images of vineyards and rolling countrysides.

“Creating lasting, sustainable green spaces for our families to enjoy is extremely important for our community,” said Peary. “Pepin Brook is a neighbourhood gathering space that provides families and children with a plaza for outdoor events, overhead structures, a multipurpose court, playgrounds, paved walkways, and seating areas.

This park is approximately 1.34 hectares in size and includes sustainable features such as drought resistant plants and permeable concrete strips and pavers to reduce storm water run-off.

“Water conservation an important factor in the development of new parks in our city,” said Peary. “We must always be mindful of the demand for water as our city grows.”

Also opening today in Abbotsford is Section Two of the Discovery Trail. The 8.5 kilometre section of trail connects Exhibition Park, Gladwin Park, Riverside Park and Willband Park, as well as Clearbrook Park and Homestead Park.

The Trail Head for Section Two of Discovery Trail is located at Exhibition Park, at the entrance off Gladwin Road, across from Chief Dan George Middle School. Donation opportunities for this section include metres of trail, pavers, interpretive signage, and benches.

Detailed donor information is available on the City's website at www.abbotsford.ca/discoverytrail.

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