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Vavenby Community Park Gets New Playground Equipment

Project made possible thanks to Federal Gas Tax Fund

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Residents of Electoral Area “A” (Wells Gray Country), along with representatives from Thompson-Nicola Regional District and the Wells Gray Services Community, today celebrated the unveiling of new playground equipment at Vavenby Community Park.

The upgrade also includes a picnic shelter upgrade, new fencing, and landscaping.

This project was made possible thanks to a contribution of \$45,000 through the Federal Gas Tax Fund. The total cost of the project was \$145,000.

Quick Facts

- The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) administers the federal Gas Tax Fund in British Columbia in partnership with the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.
- Since 2006, the federal Gas Tax Fund has made approximately \$13.8 million available to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District.

Quotes

“The Government of Canada is proud to support projects like the improvements to Vavenby Community Park through the federal Gas Tax Fund, which is designed to let communities decide where they most need to invest their infrastructure dollars. This is a great example of a project that is helping to create a safe and inclusive community space that residents and families can enjoy now and for generations to come.”

The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities

“Physical activity is an essential part of good living for everyone, and is especially beneficial for the healthy development of children. Thanks to this important partnership between all levels of government, families in Vavenby now have a safe, accessible and high-quality playground that will benefit the entire community.”

Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

“The federal Gas Tax Fund allows communities to direct funding toward local priorities. These improvements to Vavenby Park supports active, healthy lifestyles for kids in Electoral Area A.”

Wendy Booth, President, Union of BC Municipalities

“The federal Gas Tax Fund provides capital investments for a broad range of recreational and tourism infrastructure. The improvements made to the Vavenby Community Park will ensure that it continues to be a place where families will gather with their children, to play, exercise and socialize.”

John Ranta, Chair, Thompson-Nicola Regional District

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