

## **2 GRANT approvals for our Creston Valley**

On March 9, 2018 the Town of Creston received official notice that our Federal Gas Tax Fund grant application was APPROVED for \$2.8 million. These funds will be used for our Permanent Bio-Solids Handling System at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. While the Project may not be glamorous, 100% funding is greatly appreciated for the entire project.

The technical explanation is our Bio-solids are by-products of the Waste Water Treatment Plant process. The Town has an effective short-term solids removal solution, however, the establishment of a permanent structure and waste collection/laydown area that is in conformance with current Ministry of Environment regulations will greatly reduce potential contamination of the environment. Upon completion of this project, the Town will be able to process bio-solids throughout the year without changing the current wastewater treatment processes.

UBCM (Union of BC Municipalities) administers the Federal Gas Tax Fund in B.C. in partnership with the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia. This round of announcements saw 112 communities receive \$193,000,000 for infrastructure and recreation related improvements.

**Now the other REALLY EXCITING GRANT is the Creston Community Park located at the Creston & District Community Complex, which received \$3.1 million from the Federal Gas Tax Fund. This project was designed and submitted to replace the Skateboard Park which closed in 2015.**

Columbia Basin Trust provided \$150,000 in 2017 towards this project and now with the 100% funding approval the project could start in April 2018 and be completed by August 2019.

In November 2016 conceptual plans and details were outlined by consultants Jim Barnum and Mark Van der Zalm for a Creston Community Park that would feature 10,000 square feet of innovative functional space for skateboarders, BMX riders and scooter riders. The area will also include an accessible walkway and seating area for spectators, and a picnic/civic space with seating for social and community gatherings. Other features will include a revitalized playground, horseshoe pits, beach volleyball courts; the addition of pickleball courts and a multipurpose basketball court; upgrades to lighting, landscaping, parking areas, trailheads and pathways, and enhancements to accessibility between the indoor and outdoor amenities of the Complex.

A letter written to our Town Council in May 2015 from Masters Kyle, Travis, Andre and Jaocb to build a new Skate Park started this process and they could be enjoying their idea in 2019! Congrats guys!

I am very pleased to have been involved with this project. The successful award of both grants is due to the creative and dedicated involvement of our Town of Creston staff and our RDCK Creston Valley staff!

Thank You!  
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# CRESTON COMMUNITY PARK



## MASTER PLAN



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