



August 11th was a banner day for the community of Seymour Arm. After considerable effort on the part of the local community, along with the CSRD Parks staff and commission, the new Beswick Road Park was unveiled to the delight of almost 50 local residents and visitors. This park was a long time public access to the lake that has always been heavily used by the locals. Demands on the site led to its inclusion in the parks plan and eventual development into a CSRD Regional Park. Several improvements were made to the site: a better parking lot layout was created, a lovely garden featuring native species has been planted, and a vault toilet was installed.

On hand for the ribbon cutting were members of the Area F Parks Advisory Commission along with Roger Beardmore and Dairen Gridley-Haack from CSRD Parks.

Following a Parks Commission meeting, Roger Beardmore shared a bit of the history of the site and extended thanks to the people of Seymour Arm for their ongoing support. Bob Reimer, a charter member of the Parks Commission and Seymour Arm resident, spoke about the dedication of the community and of his personal pride in the new park. Needless to say, Bob deserves a huge amount of credit for tirelessly advocating for his community as he has spearheaded the effort to have the improvements made to Beswick Road Park.

The commission hopes that all the people of Seymour Arm will enjoy this new park for many years to come. Anyone who doubts the value of the Parks program need only visit Beswick Road Park to see another demonstration of why parks are so valuable to our community.

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