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Envision Financial supports Rotary Club of Ladner Splash Park

DELTA, BC (February 6, 2017) The Rotary Club of Ladner can take another big step forward towards installing a new water park for kids in the centre of Ladner with a sponsorship of \$20,000. A safer, more sustainable water play facility in Ladner's Memorial Park, in the centre of Delta, is scheduled to open in time for this year's summer in partnership with the Corporation of Delta and in recognition of the farming heritage in this area.

"It's great for us to further deepen our relationship with the Ladner community," says Geoff Willers, branch manager of the Ladner branch of Envision Financial, a division of First West Credit Union. "At Envision Financial, we have a commitment to strengthening the communities we serve. We know that providing financial services is only one aspect of the impact we have locally. Helping build community is an important part of what we do."

Delta Credit Union started in Ladner and Ladner Rotarian Peter Podovnikoff was the founding President & Chief Executive Officer. He said over the years the credit union established a significant and important linkage with the community and its roots.

"When Delta Credit Union eventually became Envision Financial," he says, "there was apprehension among some in the community, but some of us reinforced the fact that Delta was becoming part of a greater family and that was a good thing. I am most delighted that the even larger family of First West Credit Union has found a way to make a contribution to this project, which is an important part of the Ladner community, in the way Envision Financial continues to be."

Chair of the Rotary Club of Ladner Splash Park Committee, Irene Forcier, says: "In partnership with the Corporation of Delta, we are just months away from replacing the 30-year-old water play facility, with one that has a rubberized play surface, safer for the kids, and the latest in water play equipment with far less use of water. In doing so we are especially pleased to honour the farming heritage of this community through the theme of the park. Parents, grandparents and friends will enjoy this new facility with children of all ages and abilities over many years to come thanks to the support of generous sponsors such as Envision and First West Credit Union."

First West Credit Union is the third-largest credit union in British Columbia by asset size following Vancity and Coast Capital Savings. With close to 250,000 members and nearly \$11 billion in assets under administration, First West was formed in January 2010 when Envision Financial in Langley amalgamated with Valley First Credit Union based in Penticton. First West

Credit Union acquired Enderby & District Credit Union in 2013 and Island Savings joined First West in 2015.

The 1.2 million members of 34,000 Rotary clubs around the world are engaged in meeting needs of their own local communities and the shared world community, bringing together leaders who exchange ideas and take action to create positive change on priorities such as: • promoting peace • fighting disease • providing clean water • saving mothers and children • supporting education and • growing local economies.

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PHOTO CAPTION:

Envision Financial manager in Ladner, Geoff Willers, joins President of Envision Dave Lanphear (at left) in presenting a \$20,000 cheque on behalf of First West Credit Union for the new Rotary Club of Ladner Splash Park, to Ladner Rotarians, club president Walt Hayward, splash park committee chair, Irene Forcier and Delta Credit Union founding president Peter Podovnikoff.

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