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RDNO Announces Opening of New Nature Reserve Along Swan Lake

The Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) is thrilled to announce the official opening of the Jordan Nature Reserve, a new public park located on the east side of Swan Lake.

A ribbon-cutting event yesterday afternoon marked the official opening of this new park space. The RDNO recently acquired the 5.7-acre property, commonly known as the Rowing Club, from the Jordan family. This acquisition complements the adjacent 13.4-acre RDNO parkland to the south, creating a combined 19.1-acre nature reserve dedicated to conservation and public enjoyment.

As its name suggests, the Jordan Nature Reserve is managed with a strong focus on environmental conservation, while welcoming the public to experience the natural beauty and diverse wildlife that frequent the area. It will continue to be home to the Vernon Rowing and Dragon Boat Club, preserving its legacy as a hub for water-based recreation. Enhancements to the site include:

- A 30-stall parking area for improved access
- A 500-metre multi-use trail connecting Crane Road and Lochdale Road
- A picnic area for families and visitors
- A pit toilet for convenience
- A hand launch for non-motorized watercrafts

“We’re proud to open this space to the community,” said Bob Fleming, Chair of the RDNO Greater Vernon Advisory Committee. “It’s a place where people can connect with nature, enjoy recreational activities, and appreciate the ecological value of Swan Lake.”

The RDNO extends its gratitude to the Jordan family for their contribution to local conservation efforts and to all partners involved in making this project a reality. For more information, please contact us at communityservices@rdno.ca.

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