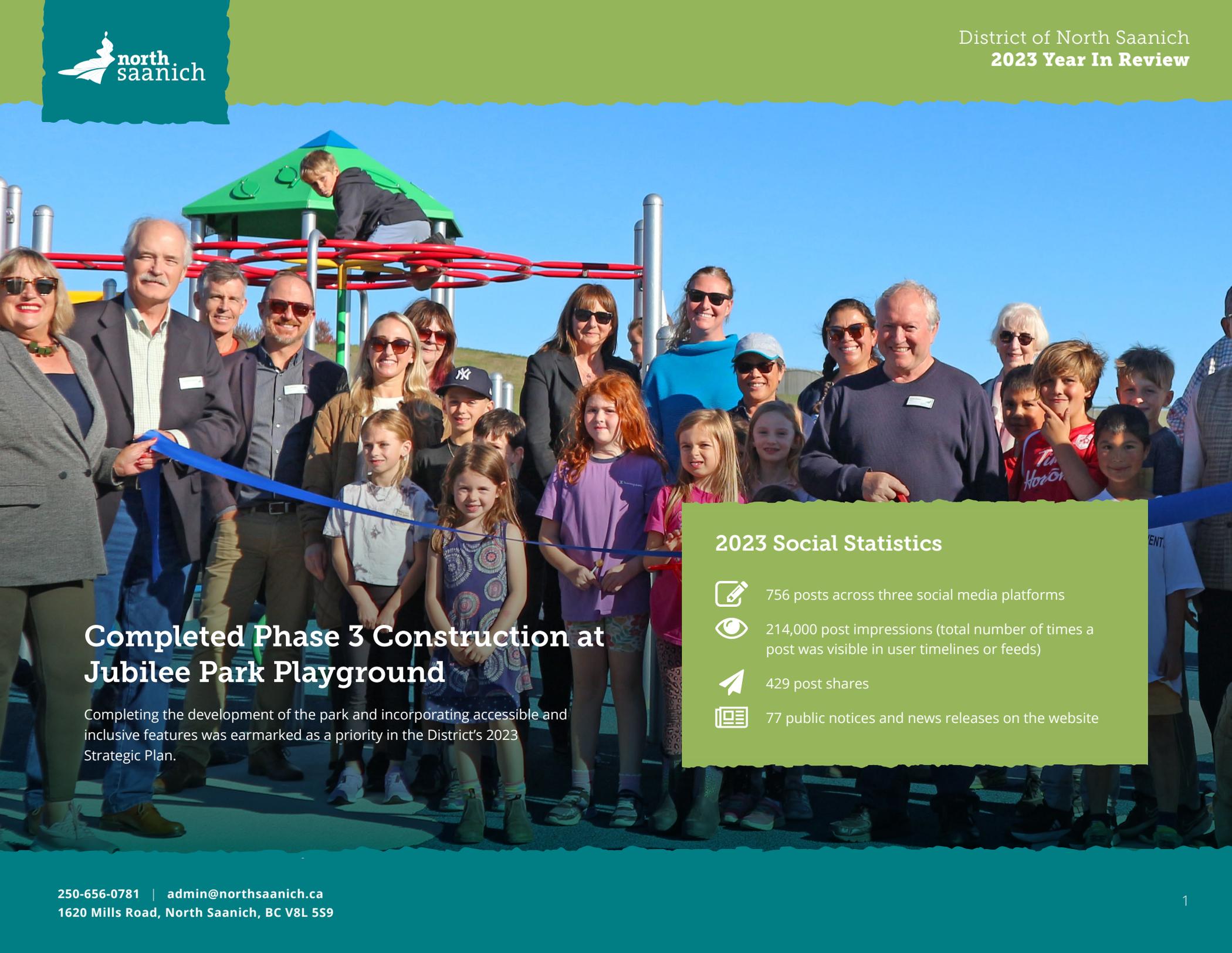




# 2023 Year In Review

District of North Saanich | British Columbia, Canada



## Completed Phase 3 Construction at Jubilee Park Playground

Completing the development of the park and incorporating accessible and inclusive features was earmarked as a priority in the District's 2023 Strategic Plan.

### 2023 Social Statistics

-  756 posts across three social media platforms
-  214,000 post impressions (total number of times a post was visible in user timelines or feeds)
-  429 post shares
-  77 public notices and news releases on the website

## Adopted an Employee Appreciation Policy in July

This was done to continue developing and supporting a culture where employees are appreciated and recognized for their contributions and commitment through service to the community. Also hosted a staff appreciation BBQ in September.

- Council appointed Stephanie Munro as permanent CAO (Chief Administrative Officer) in November, following a comprehensive recruitment process.
- Kept property taxes low and even reduced them over the course of the budget process from the proposed 5.9% to 4.9%.





**Collaborated with Sidney and Central Saanich to Host an Indigenous Film Screening (Bones of Crows) for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**



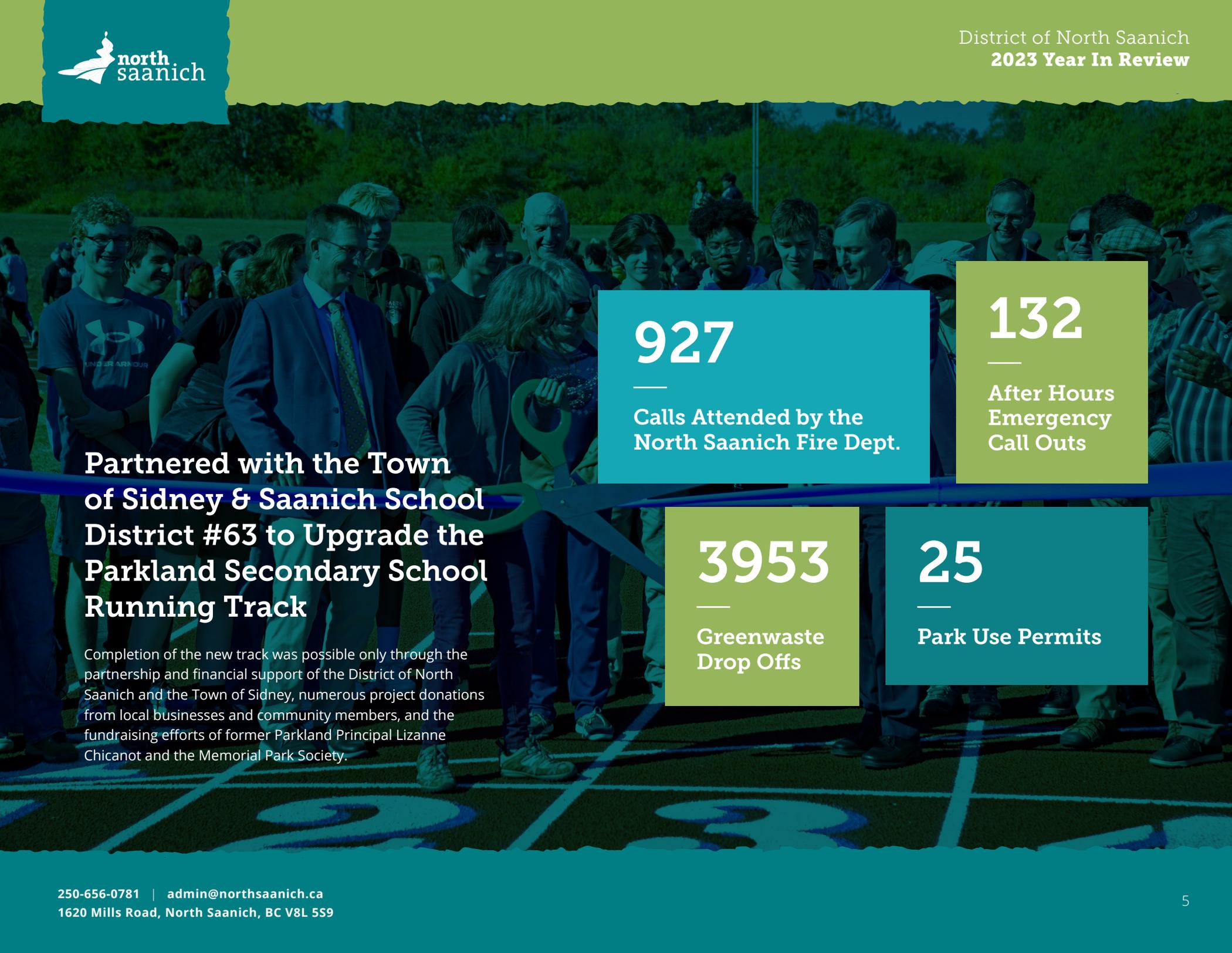
## Completed Work on the West Saanich Corridor Improvements

The project sought to balance the needs of adjacent businesses and the Deep Cove Elementary school by accommodating safe infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists, while improving sightlines and parking needs.

## Completed Work on the McDonald Park Road Multi-Use Path

A key initiative in the District's Active Transportation Plan and the Tseycum Creek Integrated Stormwater Management Plan.





## Partnered with the Town of Sidney & Saanich School District #63 to Upgrade the Parkland Secondary School Running Track

Completion of the new track was possible only through the partnership and financial support of the District of North Saanich and the Town of Sidney, numerous project donations from local businesses and community members, and the fundraising efforts of former Parkland Principal Lizanne Chicanot and the Memorial Park Society.

927

Calls Attended by the North Saanich Fire Dept.

132

After Hours Emergency Call Outs

3953

Greenwaste Drop Offs

25

Park Use Permits

## Engaged Residents on the Parks Master Plan

The purpose of the Plan is to strategically guide staff work and Council decisions on parks policy, planning, capital improvements, and management over the next 10 years (2024-2034). The plan will guide the future planning, design, and protection and maintenance of new and existing park infrastructure and amenities in both the natural and built environments.



## \$33,000+ Grants in Aid

- Continued developing and executing the Capital Asset Management Program, which is critical to responsibly managing the renewal of our infrastructure which includes our water, sewer, drainage and transportation network.
- Preparing to review the Tree Protection Bylaw, adopted by Council in 2022, which allows Council to exercise certain powers to preserve and protect trees within the municipality, prohibit and regulate their cutting and removal, and require their replacement.

## \$75,000 Annual Funding

- Supported community organizations in North Saanich (and throughout the region) by providing over \$33,000 in Grants in Aid and \$75,000 in annual funding to organizations which provide a direct benefit to citizens of the District, including the Sidney Museum & Archives, ArtSea, and Peninsula Streams.
- Received a donation of land (Noble Garden).
- Launched a Socially Responsible Investment Strategy, which aligns with Council's strategic priority of ensuring strong leadership, fiscal responsibility, and transparent government.



## Supported Community Events Including the 2023 Flavour Trail & the Halloween Fireworks at the North Saanich Fire Hall

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**13** | Special Event Permits

**107** | Building Permits Issued

**7** | Memorial Bench Dedications

**67** | New Business Licenses



## Resources

[2023-2024 Allowable Burning Days & Green Waste Drop-Off Schedule](#)

[2024 Council Meeting Schedule](#)

[2023-2026 Strategic Plan](#)

[2023-2027 Financial-Plan](#)