

**Media Release – Nelson & District Credit Union donates \$10,000 to local skate park society**

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**Nelson, BC – International Celebration of Skate Spawns Community Donation**

Thursday June 21<sup>st</sup> is known internationally as “Go Skateboarding Day” and can now be recognized as the day Nelson & District Credit Union (NDCU) stepped up to help Kootenay Lake Outdoor Skate Park Society (KLOSPS) members realize their dream of an outdoor skate park for Nelson. Tom Atkins of NDCU met with Rob Levesque and several local skaters at the foot of Baker Street to celebrate the announcement of the donation of \$10,000.

The relationship between NDCU and KLOSPS goes back 10 years when Nelson skate park pioneers approached the Credit Union requesting some help, reflects Tom Atkins of NDCU. “It all started with some in-kind donations of binders, pens and some photocopying. There was an informal group of skaters, parents and community members that got the ball rolling with a meeting at the old Lord Nelson banquet hall. NDCU recognized the tireless commitment of this group early on, and we are happy to be here today with this announcement of \$10,000 for the Nelson outdoor skate park.”

NDCU’s commitment to youth goes far beyond financial literacy and scholarships. An investment by credit union members in an asset such as this park will add significantly to the vitality of this community. Youth arts, culture, social responsibility and recreation initiatives are also widely supported through their community investment program.

Robert Levesque, society president adds, “The future looks bright. This has been one heck of a year, we got our location, we've acquired a design and the community support has been phenomenal. This kind of donation means everything. To have an organization like Nelson & District Credit Union make such substantial donations shows the youth that this community cares.”

Nelson & District Credit Union was established in 1950 and has grown to over \$167 million in assets and serves over 12,500 members throughout the Kootenay area. NDCU is a community based financial co-operative that offers a full range of banking and financial, wealth management and insurance services. Please visit [www.nelsoncu.com](http://www.nelsoncu.com).

Established in 2002 with the mission to develop a skate park for youth, the Kootenay Lake Outdoor Skate Park Society has one true objective: build a world class outdoor public skate park for Nelson, BC and area. Please visit [www.nelsonskatepark.com](http://www.nelsonskatepark.com).

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