

Rhonda West

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Subject: [External] Accessible Parks in Salmon Arm

Good morning Mayor and Council,

My name is Emma, and I am a community support worker here in Salmon Arm. I am currently supporting a young adult who uses a wheelchair. I have noticed recently that the second disk swing at Blackburn Park has recently broken, and I have reached out to Kevin Hansen asking what had happened and when the city plans on putting the swing back in. I had also asked about putting more "accessible" parks in town, Kevin had suggested to reach out to the mayor and/or city council.

On the day that the person I'm supporting and I found out the disk swing at Blackburn Park was broken, we drove around to four other parks in town only to find that there were no swings safe enough for him to use. I feel extremely disappointed that Salmon Arm does not have these kinds of parks available considering we have quite the population of children, youth and adults living with special needs in our community. I would like to know if someone could please explain to me why we don't have these kinds of parks (or even park equipment) available, and what the city plans on doing about it.

Thank you in advance,
Emma LeBlanc
CSW