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### **Bay Beach Grand Re-Opening**

After a year of construction, Bay Beach is almost ready for your enjoyment! On Sunday May 26, 2019 the official Bay Beach Grand Re-Opening will be held starting at 11am. This is a family focused event and we invite everyone to come out for the day to enjoy the beach, the new park, facilities, a variety of family entertainment the first annual Bay Beach Sand Castle Competition, food trucks and more.

The official ribbon cutting will be held at noon, followed by judging of the sandcastle creations at 2 pm and finally the announcement of the sand castle winners at 3pm. It will be a fun filled day for all to enjoy. Mayor Redekop stated that “we hope that all of Fort Erie will turn out for this grand re-opening of Bay Beach to see firsthand that the wait was well worth it! This beach has been transformed into a world class destination that will serve the community and tourists for decades and help showcase the best that Fort Erie has to offer.”

The Sand Castle Competition is open to professionals and families/groups that would like to try their hand at creating something special. There are first prizes for both categories.

Bay Beach underwent extensive construction to provide an accessible and modern beach destination for locals and tourists alike. Some of the park features include a state of the art washroom facility, a new playground, a covered pavilion, shaded areas around the playground, a ramp down to the beach and a terrace deck that extends over the beach.

This is an enormous project that could not have been done without the help of various contributors both financially and boots on the ground. The Town of Fort Erie would like to thank the Niagara Region for their contribution of \$850,000, as well as the Ridgeway Lions Club for raising over \$105,000 for the new playground, the Bert Miller Nature Club, and the Crystal Beach Hill Cottagers Organization to name a few.

Bay Beach will be a popular tourist attraction in Fort Erie and is a pristine example of what collaboration, hard work and perseverance can achieve.

The Bay Beach site will be closed to the public, until May 26, 2019 as construction wraps up.

