

## Media Release

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## Cool down in the park this summer! Join us at a pop-up spray park

This year, the City of Vernon is celebrating summer by bringing out the fire truck and you're invited to join us for some water play fun! Pop-up spray parks will be happening throughout the summer at a variety of Vernon parks to help kids cool down in style.

"If you *pop* on by, be sure to bring your water toys and squirt guns, as there will be water available to start a serious water fight," said Christy Poirier, Manager, Communications and Grants. "And while you're there, take a minute to say hi to Sparky the Fire Dog and help Vernon Fire Rescue Services celebrate its 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary."

The schedule for the pop-up spray parks is as follows:

- July 8 (10 AM 11 AM): Marshall Field near the soccer dome
- July 20 (3 PM 4 PM): Armory Park
- August 10 (6 PM 7 PM): Polson Park in the oval
- August 26 (2 PM 3 PM): Alexis Park School
- September 2 (11 AM 12 PM): Location to be determined

"Pop-up dates and times have been scheduled to offer as much opportunity as possible for kids to take part during a busy season for families," said Poirier. "During the events, firefighters will be using a ladder truck and sprayer to create something similar to a big rain shower. It'll definitely help us beat the heat in a safe and fun way."

Please be aware the spray parks are subject to the availability of the fire trucks and fire personnel – should they be needed, the spray park may be cancelled without notice.

If you have an interest in sponsoring a spray park, please reach out to the City for sponsorship information by emailing lcordell@vernon.ca. The City and Vernon Fire Rescue are looking forward to splashing through summer together!