



*Above: Lafarge gravel pit in 1970 would soon be transformed into a recreation facility. Right: Mayor Lou Sekora officiates at the opening ceremony of the \$30-million Town Centre Park in May 1989.*



## 1989 FROM GRAVEL PIT TO RECREATION COMPLEX

It was once the site of a gravel pit. Today, this same property is the site of the picturesque Lafarge Lake and Town Centre Park recreation complex.

The gradual transformation from resource recovery site to recreation and leisure facility took place gradually. What evolved was a first-rate recreation area to serve the fast-growing Coquitlam Town Centre.

When Town Centre Park officially opened in May 1989, it was the newest and finest facility of its kind on the Lower Mainland. A prestigious NAIA District 1 track meet hosted by Simon Fraser University was

the first event held at Town Centre Park stadium.

One of the major features of the 100-acre development is its capability to host several types of sports events.

Expected to complement the \$30-million Town Centre Park development in the near future are plans for a new municipal hall, a new RCMP headquarters, a Douglas College campus, other major recreational facilities and a cultural centre – all slated for the Town Centre area. The proposed cultural centre may, in fact, be located within Town Centre Park.

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*The Town Centre Park stadium nears completion in April 1989.*

