



## Thompson Nicola Area Memorial Bench Dedication

September 20, 2020

Looking out at the faces gathered here, it warms my heart and my eyes fill with a tear

This bench is more than a place to sit and remember

But the story of Guiding that all of us treasure

The Bench - sturdy and strong

Holds the memories of Guiders who have since gone on

The power of Guiding has left us with lasting impressions,

We are thankful for the guidance, friendships and lessons

From the shy little girl who becomes a wee Spark

To the Brownie who is no longer afraid of the dark

To the Guide who begins to see the big picture

To the Pathfinder who discovers the excitement within her

The Rangers and Lones who lead others with courage

Strong women these girls are - and we will always encourage

The Sparkles, the Brown Owls, Guiders and Commissioners

They are our Mum's, our Grandma's, our Aunties and Sisters

As the songs we still sing

The friendships still made

Gone Home dear ladies

Your memories will never fade...

Claire Harms  
Blazing Sages Trefoil Guild



On September 20, 2020, a permanent memorial was dedicated as a tribute to all our Sisters in Guiding. A memorial bench was chosen to create a lasting remembrance, along with contributing to the City of Kamloops parks system.

It is hoped that our Guiding bench will be used by all members of Thompson Nicola Area and their families when they visit MacArthur Island Park. It is anticipated that our bench will be recognized as a gift from Guiding and appreciated by all Park users as well as members of Thompson Nicola Area Girl Guides.

The bench is located in MacArthur Island Park between soccer fields 8 and 9 just off the Island Parkway.

