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**REPORT TO ELECTORAL AREA SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, 02 JULY 2009**

SUBJECT CRD RECREATION FACILITY FEES AND CHARGES 2009/2010

PURPOSE/ISSUE

The purpose of this report is to recommend to the Board adoption of Bylaw No. 3623 which will consolidate the fees and charges for all CRD Recreation Centres starting September 1, 2009.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND

The Capital Regional District has ownership in four recreation centre facilities: JDF Recreation Centre in the West Shore, Panorama Recreation Centre in the Saanich Peninsula, SEAPARC in the District of Sooke and Salt Spring Island Pool on Salt Spring Island. These recreation centres collect fees for use of the facilities and each year the fee schedules are updated with new rates starting in early September. For administrative efficiency the current bylaws will be repealed and the new or existing fee schedules for each recreation centre will be attached to a single consolidated bylaw. The single consolidated approach was developed following consultation with the respective parks and recreation directors and the fee schedules attached to the proposed bylaw were provided by the directors.

ALTERNATIVES

- 1) That Bylaw No. 3623 cited as, "Capital Regional District Recreation Services and Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2009" be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, and read a third time and adopted.
- 2) Do not approve the consolidated fees and charges bylaw for recreation facilities but have an individual bylaw for each facility.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

An average increase of 2.5% on the user fees for the West Shore recreation facility was approved by the Society's Board of Directors on May 14. On April 15, the Peninsula Recreation Commission approved the rates as proposed at their meeting with revenues expected to increase approximately 8 – 10% over the current rate structure and still remain comparable to other rec centres in the CRD. SEAPARC approved an average increase of 5% to the rental rates and an average of 10% to the admission rates in October 2008. There are no changes to the fees for Salt Spring Island at this time.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS

The attached bylaw and schedules represent the consolidated fees and charges approved by the CRD Recreation Commissions and the West Shore Parks and Recreation Society for the 2009/2010 season.

RECOMMENDATION

“That Bylaw No. 3623 cited as, "Capital Regional District Recreation Services and Facilities Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1, 2009” be introduced and read a first time, read a second time, and read a third time and adopted.”

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Attach: Bylaw No. 3623