



PENINSULA RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, June 22, 2017 at 7:00pm
Room 8, 2151 Lannon Way, Sidney, BC

AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda
2. [Adoption of Minutes of May 25, 2017](#)
3. Chair's Remarks
4. Presentations/Delegations
5. Commission Business
 - a) [Arena B Ice Rink Floor Replacement Update – Verbal Report](#)
 - b) [2017 January to April Programs Report](#)
 - c) [2017 Play in the Park Program Report](#)
 - d) British Columbia Parks and Recreation Association (BCRPA) After School Recreation Program Grant – Verbal Report
 - e) [Carving Community Connections – Aboriginal Welcome Figure Project Report](#)
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

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**Minutes of a Meeting of the Peninsula Recreation Commission
Held Thursday, May 25, 2017, in the Boardroom, 1885 Forest Park Drive,
North Saanich, BC**

Present: **Commissioners:** W. Ruffle (Chair), T. Chad (Vice Chair), A. Finall, H. Gartshore, C. Jensen (for R. Windsor) (7:05pm), B. Losie, M. Lougher-Goodey (for S. Price), N. Paltiel
Staff: L. Brewster, Senior Manager; M. Alsdorf, Manager of Program Services; J. Goodwin, Manager of Facilities and Operations; K. Say, Community Recreation Coordinator; S. Asdal (recorder)
Absent: T. Daly

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOVED by Commissioner Losie, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Finall,
That the agenda be approved with the addition of the supplementary agenda.

CARRIED

2. Adoption of Minutes

MOVED by Commissioner Finall, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Paltiel,
That the minutes of the April 27, 2017 meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Chair's Remarks

Chair Ruffle remarked that Panorama Recreation Aquatics staff that responded during an emergency incident in the pool on May 5, 2017, received letters of appreciation from the Acting Capital Regional District (CRD) Board Chair, CRD Chief Administrative Officer and General Manager of CRD Parks and Environmental Services.

MOVED by Vice Chair Chad, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Finall,
That the letters be added to the employees' personnel files.

CARRIED

Alternate Commissioner Jensen entered the meeting at 7:05pm.

4. Presentations/Delegations: There were none.

5. Commission Business

a) Food Services Survey Report

L Brewster provided an overview of the report and M. Alsdorf provided a PowerPoint presentation.

The Commission discussed the following topics:

- The percentage of respondents wanting food services compared to the percentage that indicated they would frequently use those services
- The importance of providing good quality food
- Food services at other recreation centres in the region
- The business model for providing food services
- The possibility of a food truck

b) Take Heart Service Contract Report

M. Alsdorf provided an overview of the report.

The Commission discussed the schedules and terms and conditions of the contract and requested that they be reviewed by CRD contract management staff.

MOVED by Vice Chair Chad, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Losie,
That the continuation of the Take Heart and Breathe Well program as outlined in the Island Health contract be approved.

CARRIED

c) Community Rehabilitation Service Contract Report

M. Alsdorf provided an overview of the report.

MOVED by Alternate Commissioner Jensen, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Paltiel,
That the continuation of the community rehabilitation program as outlined in the Island Health contract be approved.

CARRIED

d) Parkland Hockey Academy Report

M. Alsdorf provided an overview of the report.

The Commission discussed the following topics:

- Panorama Recreation's access to Parkland Secondary School facilities for programming
- Hours of ice time per week per Academy participant

MOVED by Commissioner Paltiel, **SECONDED** by Alternate Commissioner Jensen,
That School District 63 and the Parkland Hockey Academy pay the regular youth non-prime rate for ice rentals.

CARRIED

e) Maintenance Update Report

J. Goodwin provided an overview of the report and advised that:

- The process to procure an architect will begin next week

- The terms of reference will be sent to the Hockeyville Working Group for approval next week
- Sand removed from Arena B during the Ice Rink Floor Replacement Project will be repurposed

The Commission sought clarification on the source of funding to procure the architect.

MOVED by Alternate Commissioner Jensen, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Finall,
That the report be received for information

CARRIED

f) March 2017 Statement of Operations Report

L. Brewster provided an overview of the report.

MOVED by Vice Chair Chad, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Gartshore,
That the report be received for information

CARRIED

g) Ballroom Dance Drop-In Fee Report

K. Say provided an overview of the report. The Commission sought clarification on the potential impact of an increased fee on drop-in visits.

MOVED by Vice Chair Chad, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Losie,
That the Peninsula Recreation Commission forward to Capital Regional District Finance the amended fee of \$6.00 for the Ballroom Dance drop-in to be included in the 2017/2018 Fees and Charges Bylaw to be approved by the Capital Regional District Board.

CARRIED

6. **New Business:** There was none.

7. **Adjournment**

MOVED by Vice Chair Chad, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Finall,
That the meeting be adjourned at 7:51pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER

Panorama Recreation

ARENA B ICE RINK FLOOR REPLACEMENT UPDATE



Ice Out – April 2017



Ice Rink Decommission



Repurposing of Dasher Board Glass



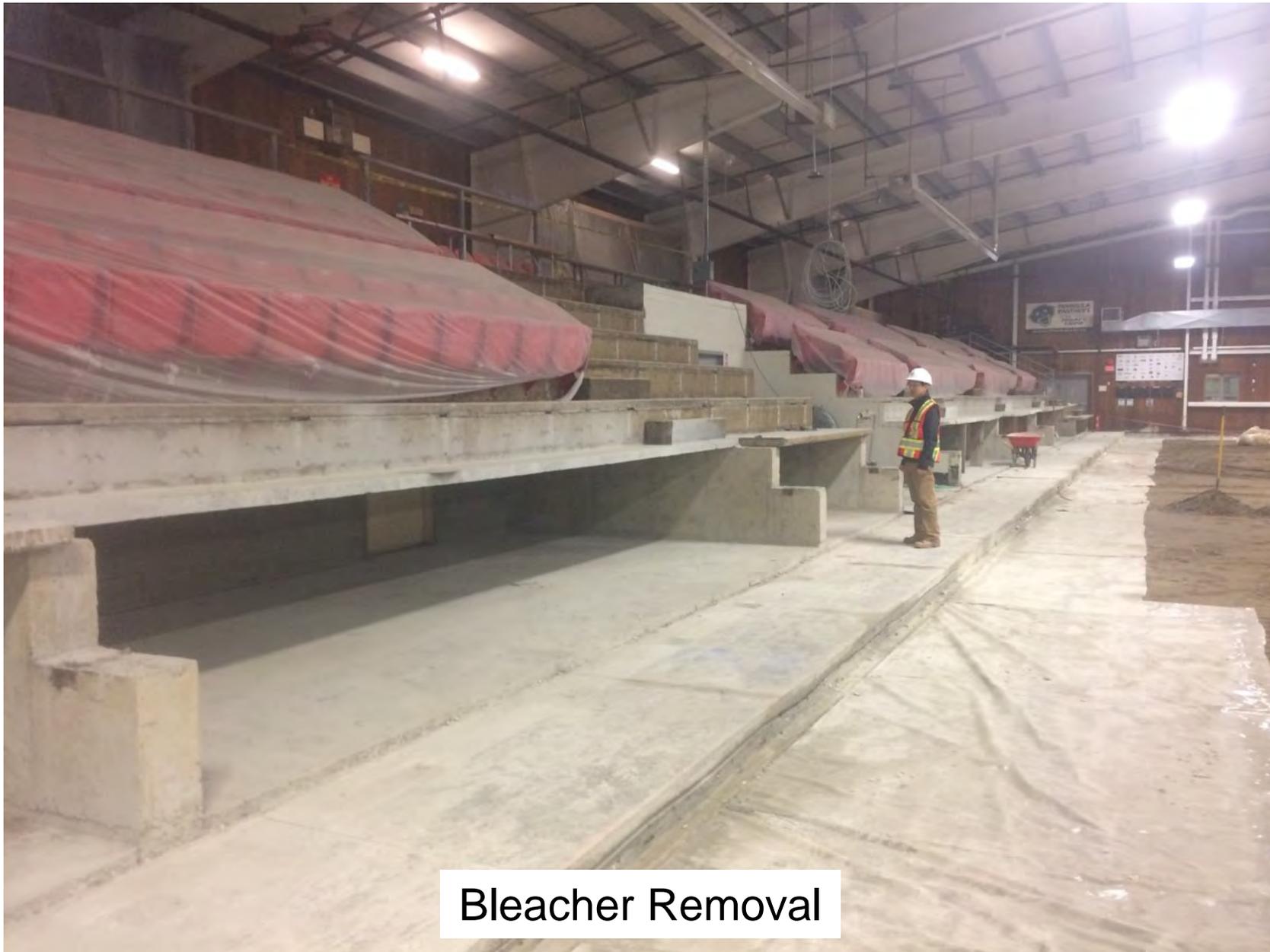
Ice Floor Saw Cutting



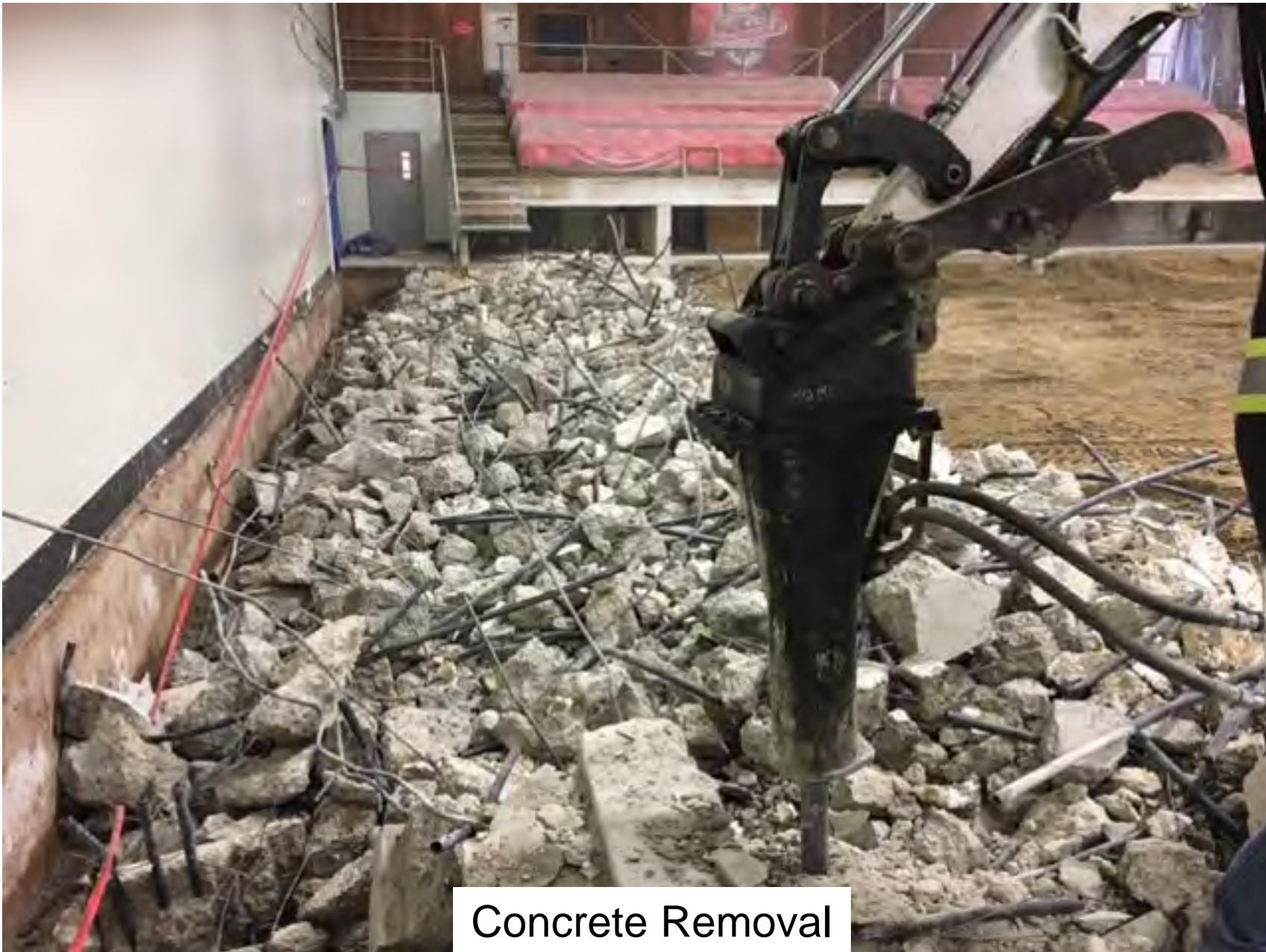
Ice Floor Cutting



Repurposing of Ice Floor Concrete



Bleacher Removal



Concrete Removal



Removal of Heating & Cooling Pipes



Excavation of Floor



Future Penalty Box Area



Future Player Box Area



Lower Sand Lift



Installation of Weeping Tile



Installation of Heating Pipe



Heating Pipe System



**REPORT TO PENINSULA RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017**

SUBJECT 2017 January to April Programs

ISSUE

To provide an update on the programs and services of Panorama Recreation for January to April 2017.

BACKGROUND

The program team spent much of the beginning of 2017 working on the recreation software replacement project. Staff assisted with the system configuration, entered programming and participated in training sessions prior to the software launch on April 5.

Overall program revenue is up slightly (\$4,000) when accounting for the adjustment of the Storyoga Preschool revenue from programs to rentals. Youth programs in tennis, aquatics and community recreation has shown strong registration and drop-in admissions have also increased and are up 5% over this time last year.

Several divisional initiatives of the Service Plan have been initiated and/or completed. Highlights include:

- Blanket exercise with local First Nations communities
- Exploration of aboriginal welcome figure carving
- Planning and delivery of Physical Literacy Week with free activities and training
- New Sportmix youth sports program offered at Brentwood Elementary School
- Full registration in Forest Explorers nature-based preschool program in Central Saanich
- Engaged patrons in a food services survey

Appendix A provides a summary of the January – April Program Report for 2017.

CONCLUSION

Panorama Recreation continues to provide programs and services that are desired by the community.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Peninsula Recreation Commission receive this report for information.

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Melanie Alsdorf
Manager of Program Services

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Lorraine Brewster
Senior Manager
Concurrence

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Attachments: Appendix A – 2017 January to April Program Report



Panorama Recreation

2017 January - April Program Report

Panorama Recreation | 2017 January - April Program Report



Includes:

- Strategic Plan update
- Service Plan - Divisional Initiatives updates

Panorama Recreation Departments:

- Arena
- Aquatics
- Community Recreation - Adult
- Community Recreation - Youth
- Fitness, Weights & Rehabilitation
- Racquet Sports
- Marketing

Strategic Plan

Explore the feasibility of establishing food services at Panorama Recreation

- Completed an inventory of best practices in food services at recreation facilities
- Engaged patrons in a food services survey, available online and at Panorama Recreation Centre

Develop an arts-based strategy to expand arts programs and services that will improve and promote the health on the Saanich Peninsula

- Offered a free teen art event for approximately 50 youth: designed mugs and used various art materials for creative exploration
- Offered two free youth drop-in art sessions
- Continued planning with the Arts & Recreation committee made up of program team members

Identify strategies to enhance and complement programs and services offered by the Peninsula Recreation Commission

- Seasonal program offering analysis by program staff to ensure that program offerings are meeting community needs
- Expanded use of Centennial Park for the Forest Explorers preschool program



Service Plan - Divisional Initiatives

Develop and implement programs and services for First Nations

- Met with members from Tsawout and Tsartlip Nation to discuss ideas. Panorama will be participating in monthly newsletter sent to Tsawout community members
- Participated in the January and March Pauquachin Hummingbird Initiative Health Fair, sharing information about programs and services, including our LIFE program
- Participated in Blanket ceremony and lunch at Pauquachin Nation to connect with and learn more about the history and experience of local First Nations community members
- Proceeding with a plan to work together on a Welcome Figure project for the lobby with Curtis Henry

Physical Literacy awareness plan

- Continue to highlight physical literacy in our Winter/Spring brochure
- Started mentorship program with Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence (PISE) with grant funding from the intermunicipal Physical Literacy and You (PLAY) group. Mentors observed our early years Forest Explorers program throughout the spring to assist them in incorporating fundamental movement skills into the program.
- Planned and delivered a physical literacy promotion week in which members of the community and staff were invited to join in a variety of free sessions designed to promote physical literacy and fundamental movement skills. Sessions included parent seminars and professional development workshops, aquatic and dry-land physical literacy programs for parent and child, and introductory fitness classes.
- Provided training to all arena instructional staff regarding physical literacy and fundamental movement skills
- Physical literacy display in the Panorama Recreation Centre lobby for March
- Promoted a free physical literacy workshop in partnership with Queen Alexandra
- Community Recreation Youth Coordinator and Program Manager participate in PLAY group to further physical literacy awareness across the region

Identify strategies to increase programs and services in Central Saanich

- Successfully launched the Brentwood Sportmix program at Brentwood Elementary school on Wednesday afternoons. This program is a noncompetitive activity program for children 10-13yrs old. We worked together with SD63/ Brentwood Elementary to gain early access to their school gym.
- The Forest Explorers program at Centennial Park is completely full with 12 children registered. We will continue offering this program and increase program duration throughout the summer and into the fall.
- Ongoing partnership with Boys and Girls Club in Central Saanich. Free Teen Lounge at their Kaare Norgaard Central Saanich Club each Friday night from 6-8pm

Food Services Assessment

- Completed an inventory of best practices in food services at recreation facilities
- Engaged patrons in a food services survey, available online and at Panorama Recreation Centre

Art programs delivery - New Horizon's Grant

- Provided a free workshop to community members from a local acrylic artist
- Continued with popular Salish Knitting workshop and intergenerational art programs with local high schools
- Purchased art supplies for continued arts programming, including large easels

Arena Programs

Key Initiatives & Accomplishments

- Adult hockey league full with waitlist, revenue increase of 6%
- AHL Playoff Tournament ran March 17-19, very well received with positive feedback
- In house skate sharpening continues to be successful, patrons appreciative of the regular daily hours sharpening is available with daily pickup/drop off at reception and the skate shop

Targeted Service Levels

Service Level Delivered

2017

January - December

Operational hours of ice per day: 18.5 hours per rink for a total of 8,917 hours per year (August through April)

Offer one new program per year

78% of registered programs are successful

Offer 18 hours of public skating per week for a total of 684 hours per year

6,281 visits to the arena (decrease due to arena project)

2017

January to April

Operational hours of ice per day: 18.5 hours per rink with the exception of April due to arena floor project

Offered 0 new programs

92% of registered programs were successful

Offer 16 hours of public skating per week

3,779 visits to the arena (Jan - Apr)



Aquatic Programs

Key Initiatives & Accomplishments

- 2% increase in drop-in admission revenue (\$74,332 in 2016; \$75,775 in 2017). Increased the number of family drop in admission by 8% (1,357 in 2016 ; 1,463 in 2017)
- An increase in revenue of 159% for the Creative Craft and Splash program (Aquatic arts program) (\$2,210 in 2016; \$5,718 in 2017)
- Successfully offered two weeks of Spring Break camp including a full-day and half day camp option with an increase of 7% in revenue (\$5,979 in 2016; \$6,374 in 2017)
- 8% increase in youth lessons revenue (\$110,610 in 2016; \$119,170 in 2017). Increased the number of registrations by 3% (1,287 in 2016; 1,327 in 2017).

Targeted Service Levels

Service Level Delivered

2017 January - December	2017 January to April
Provide lane swimming a minimum of 114.5 hours per week	Provided 114.5 hours of lane swimming
Provide public swimming 114.5 hours per week	Provided 114.5 hours of public swimming
Offer five new programs per year	Offered one new registered program and two new drop in aquatic fitness classes
65% of registered programs are successful	74% of registered programs were successful
Offer 22 drop-in classes	Offered 23 drop-in classes
Deliver 20 weekly drop-in aquatic fitness classes	Offered 24 weekly drop-in aquatic fitness classes
Average attendance of 22 in drop-in fitness classes	Average attendance of 23 in drop-in fitness classes
143,047 visits to the pool this year	51,419 visits to the pool



Community Recreation -Adult Programs/Elder College

Key Initiatives & Accomplishments

- Added 11 hours/week of Pickleball to the drop in schedule at Greenglade to meet community demand
- Increased visits to drop-in Pickleball by 54% (616 in 2016; 949 in 2017)
- Offered two very successful Salish Fusion Knitting workshops by local Tsartlip First Nations community member, story teller, and public speaker

Targeted Service Levels

2017

January - December

Offer 20 new adult programs each year

58% of registered adult programs are successful

Deliver 18.5 hours of drop-in sports programs per week (September - June)

Average attendance of 21 for drop-in sports sessions

Offer a minimum of 44 hours of public access to the pottery studio

Service Level Delivered

2017

January to April

Offered 8 new programs

59% of adult programs were successful

Delivered 39 hours of drop-in sports programs each week (added 11 hours of Pickleball)

Average attendance of 21.5 for drop-in sports sessions

Offered 44 hours of public access to the pottery studio



Community Recreation -Youth Programs

Key Initiatives & Accomplishments

- Increased revenue 9% for in-house community recreation spring break camp programs from 2016. \$15,641 in 2016; \$17,172 in 2017
- Increased revenue 150% for contracted spring break program from 2016. \$5,701 in 2016, \$14,297 in 2017
- Hosted 85 birthday parties (combined gym, ceramic, hamsterballs, later tag and bumper ball parties).
- Increased youth program revenue by approximately \$22,000 since 2014

Targeted Service Levels

Service Level Delivered

2017 January - December	2017 January to April
Offer a minimum of 14 hours of Childminding per week	Offered 14 hours of childminding per week
Offer seven new youth programs each year	Offered five successful new youth programs
68% of registered youth programs are successful	80% of youth programs offered from have been successful
Offer a minimum of 360 hours of free teen programs at two locations	120 hours of free youth programs offered between our two Teen Lounges



Fitness, Weights & Rehabilitation

Key Initiatives & Accomplishments

- Increased drop-in admission revenue to the weight room by 10% (\$18,368 in 2016; \$20,120 in 2017)
- Morning drop-in yoga at Greenglade Community Centre averages over 25 participants per class

Targeted Service Levels

Service Level Delivered

2017 January - December	2017 January to April
Operational hours of Panorama weight room: 114.5 hours per week	Operational hours of Panorama weight room: 114.5 hours per week
Operational hours of Greenglade weight room: 61.5 hours per week	Operational hours of Greenglade weight room: 61.5 hours per week
79% of registered programs are successful	83% of registered programs were successful
Offer two new programs each year	Offered three new programs
Deliver 61 drop-in fitness classes each week at Panorama	Offered 64 drop-in fitness classes per week at Panorama
Deliver seven drop-in fitness classes each week at Greenglade	Offered 12 drop-in fitness classes per week at Greenglade
Average attendance of drop-in fitness classes: 15	Average attendance of drop-in fitness classes: 11
133,223 visits to the weight room each year	49,030 visits to the weight room at Panorama



Racquet Sports, Weights & Rehabilitation

Key Initiatives & Accomplishments

- Increase in contract (presold) court bookings of 25% (\$22,209 in 2016; \$27,851 in 2017)
- Offered introductory tennis lessons to 132 students from Kelset Elementary School over a five week program
- Delivered Women’s Doubles, Mixed and two Men’s Singles tournaments
- Secured at third International Tennis Event for May 25 - June 3, 2017

Targeted Service Levels

Service Level Delivered

2017

January - December

Tennis courts open 14.5 hours per day, 346 days a year)

Offer 5 new programs each year

92% of registered programs are successful

Offer 11 local tournaments each year

Offer three provincial/national/International tournaments each year

2017

January to April

Tennis Courts Open 15 hours per day

Offered 2 new programs

91% of registered programs were successful

Offered 4 local tournaments

Offered 0 provincial tournaments



Marketing & Communications

Key Initiatives & Accomplishments

- Provided patrons with monthly wellness literacy tips and tools for topics such as Get Fit (Panorama Recreation Deluxe Active Pass), Heart and Stroke, 30 Day Fitness Challenge and Water Source Control.
- Partnered with existing and new local organizations in the Employee Wellness program. Generated \$249,693 January to April 2017, an decrease of 1.9% from 2016 (\$254,705). Implemented phase 2 of the program by requiring Employee Wellness organizations to have other wellness initiatives implemented in their work place.
- Printed and distributed approximately 21,000 Summer Active Living Brochures throughout the Saanich Peninsula, parts of Saanich including Cordova Bay and Broadmead
- Distributed the January, February, March, April eNewsletter to approximately 14,000 subscribers per issue.
- Developed and implemented marketing plans for the Arena Floor Replacement Project and the launch of the PerfectMind Recreation Management software.
- Renewed partnerships with community organizations. Such organizations included Peninsula Co-op, Seaside Magazine, Peninsula News Review, Times Colonist, Town of Sidney and the Sidney BIA.
- Participated in a variety of special events throughout Greater Victoria. Such events included Pauquachin Hummingbird Health Fairs (2), Pink Shirt Day, Parkland Secondary School Open House, Headway Health Fair, Beacon Community Services Job Fair, Peninsula Celebrations' Easter Egg Hunt and Family Day. Secured a BC Family Day microgrant from BCRPA which enabled to provided fresh fruit for our facility users to enjoy.

Targeted Service Levels

2017
January - December

Participated in and/or support 36 local community events

Service Level Delivered

2017
January to April

Participated in and/or supported 8 local community events





**REPORT TO PENINSULA RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017**

SUBJECT **2017 Play in the Park Program**

ISSUE

To inform the Commission of the 2017 Play in the Park program.

BACKGROUND

The Play in the Park program will be offered from 5:30-8:30pm, Monday to Friday from July 3 to September 1. Staff will encourage family participation while facilitating interactive, intergenerational active play, face-painting, group games and supervising the inflatable obstacle course. The program schedule is as follows:

	JULY	AUGUST
Monday	Tulista Park, Sidney	
Tuesday	Centennial Park, Central Saanich	
Wednesday	Rathdown Park, Sidney	
Thursday	Pioneer Park, Central Saanich	
Friday	KELSET Elementary School Field, North Saanich	

This year, Play in the Park will be led by one leader and three assistant leaders. For the last two seasons of Play in the Park, we have had a partnership with the Pauquachin First Nation who were able to support our program by sponsoring one staff member from their community. Unfortunately we were not able to continue with this arrangement due to rules in their grant/ sponsorship policies which allow arrangements such as these to only run a maximum duration of two years in a row.

We are, however, very excited to share that the originally sponsored Pauquachin staff members have gone through our open competition and have won positions on our team again. This was the goal of the partnership from the very beginning and we may be able to partner again next season. Staff will continue working to encourage local First Nations participation in Play in the Park this year by providing their community contacts with our up to date schedule of events.

We are now in our second and final year of the CRD Active Transportation and Healthy Communities program. As you will recall, we were successful in securing \$15,000 in grant money to be used over the 2016 and 2017 Play in the Park seasons. The main focus of the grant was to reduce traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, improve personal health and enhance community well-being. The CRD developed this two year umbrella program to support, motivate and educate residents to increase their use of active transportation.

Funding for this program has been made available through the CRD Board (\$125,000 per year for 2016 and 2017), the CRD Traffic Safety Commission (\$25,000 per year for 2016 and 2017) and the Victoria Foundation (\$100,000 for 2016 and 2017 combined). Play in the Park is a great platform to incorporate and encourage active transportation on the Saanich Peninsula. Last season we used a large portion of the funds to purchase a new mobile skate park which we have been using in our Teen Lounge programs as well as special events. We have plans this year to have it out at our Play in the Park program throughout the summer.

In support of the program, our objectives are to:

1. Encourage program participants to choose active modes of transportation to get to and from each event.
2. Raise awareness of the benefits of active travel and share information on resources available to support residents in walking or riding in everyday life.

Features for this summer to enhance the quality of Play in the Park and to help bring awareness to achieve these objectives are as follows:

- Bike skills and maintenance workshops hosted by the North Park Bike Shop
- Central Saanich police bike engraving
- The opportunity to install a “Bike Kitchen” at Panorama Recreation or one of our parks
- Prizes to increase active transportation to and from parks
- Use of our newly purchased mobile skate park each Friday night throughout the summer
- Social media and other promotional efforts with specific messaging around active transportation

Other new features for the Play in the Park program include:

- Working with our fitness team to provide free trial fitness classes
- Storywalks (A Greater Victoria Library program)
- Participaction Canada 150 Checklist activities
- Pickleball demonstrations and trials
- Games2U activities
- Thrifty Foods Smile Truck visits

The official launch of the program will take place at Tulista Park on Monday, July 3. We have invited all of our program sponsors to attend and to mingle with our community. Games2U will be bringing their inflatable hamster balls and our brand new inflatable will be brought out for the first time. Attendees will have the option to purchase dinner at the event through our new sponsorship with the Thrifty Foods Smile Truck. This new healthy alternative food truck will make appearances at Play in the Park four times throughout the summer. This year’s launch party will round off a fantastic weekend of celebration on the Peninsula for the Canada 150 celebrations.

In exchange for sponsorship, Panorama provided promotional opportunities as part of our Play in the Park marketing campaign. Staff were successful in securing sponsors and partners for the program including: CRD Active Transportation and Healthy Communities, Investors Group, Sidney by the Sea Rotary, Peninsula Co-op, Bottle Depot, Tanner’s Books, Participaction and Van Isle Marina.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

This program facilitates community members coming together to meet, interact and build a stronger community across all ages. It also encourages active, outdoor play which is imperative for the health of our youth and their families. Play in the Park is offered at no cost; therefore, reducing financial barriers to families. Inclusion of our local First Nations will also serve to build a stronger, healthier community.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

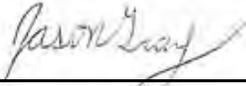
The benefit of outdoor play and unstructured play for youth is well known. As this program is offered outdoors in local parks, we hope that community members will enhance their awareness and continue to value local outdoor spaces. Raising awareness and promoting active transportation will also help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

Funds from the Active Transportation and Healthy Communities grant will help to assist in offsetting the cost of our new People Power program initiatives. Our sponsors have also allowed us to purchase some new equipment. It will also provide opportunities for local initiatives and businesses, such as North Park Bike Shop, Games2U Victoria, Thrifty Food's Smile Truck and the Greater Victoria Library.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Peninsula Recreation Commission receive this report for information.



Jason Gray
Community Recreation Coordinator



Lorraine Brewster
Senior Manager
Concurrence

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**REPORT TO PENINSULA RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017**

SUBJECT **Carving Community Connections – Aboriginal Welcome Figure Project**

ISSUE

To inform the Commission of the status of the Aboriginal art project.

BACKGROUND

Following the presentation from Curtis Henry at the February 23, 2017 Commission meeting regarding an aboriginal art project, staff discussed the possibility of an aboriginal carving project for Panorama Recreation. The current Service Plan has a divisional initiative to build relationships with First Nations communities on the Peninsula and our Strategic Plan has a priority to increase and enhance art-based programs and services. This project aligns with both initiatives.

Through discussion with Curtis, staff determined that a welcome figure in the Panorama Recreation lobby would be a unique community project that would serve to welcome all community members visiting the recreation centre. A welcome figure is a traditional piece of First Nations art that is intended to foster respect of the land, animals and people.

The welcome figure project would include purchasing a log and creating a space at Panorama Recreation Centre to host community carving sessions twice per week from May to July. The carving sessions would be for all ages to observe Aboriginal artists at work, take-part in small amounts of the carving, learn about aboriginal heritage and culture and would be a unique opportunity to connect our diverse community members with each other. In addition to the carving sessions, Panorama would host an Aboriginal blessing ceremony and present the welcome figure to the community.

SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The welcome figure would serve to welcome all our community members into our facility. The intention would be that our First Nations community members feel included and welcomed to Panorama and that participation in activities and social interaction at Panorama would increase as a result.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of the project is estimated at \$15,000 and staff are actively pursuing grant funding. Staff have submitted a proposal for a social connectedness grant funded by Healthy Communities Capacity Building.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Peninsula Recreation Commission receive this report for information.

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Kim Say
Community Recreation Coordinator

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Lorraine Brewster
Senior Manager
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