



Sooke & Electoral Area
Parks and Recreation
Commission

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AGENDA
CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT
SOOKE & ELECTORAL AREA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

General Meeting, Boardroom – SEAPARC Leisure Complex
Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of the Minutes of July 3, 2013
4. Chair's Report
5. Directors' Report
6. New Business
7. Staff Reports
 - a. Staff News
 - b. Staff Report – Fees & Charges Policy: Arena Rates
 - c. Capital Plan
8. Public Question Period
9. Round Table
10. Motion to Move In Camera to conduct an in camera meeting in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, Section 90 (1); (i) *the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose*
11. Adjournment

MINUTES

**Capital Regional District
Sooke & Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission
Minutes of a meeting held Wednesday, July 3, 2013
SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Road, Sooke, BC**

Mission Statement:

*"Sooke Parks & Recreation Commission creates recreational opportunities for the public through the planning, development, provision and operation of recreational facilities, programs and activities with a focus on the people of the Sooke and Juan de Fuca Electoral Area"
(Mission Statement adopted October 16, 1991)*

Present: Commissioners: Jim Perkins (Chair), B. Berger, D. Bishop, M. Hicks (JDF Director),
P. Grove, W. Milne (Sooke Director)
Staff: L. Hutchings, SEAPARC Manager, L. Finch, Program Services Manager,
L. MacDonald, Recording Secretary
Absent: 0
Public: 2
Press: 0

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The following additions were made to the Agenda:

2. a) Delegation – Steve Sorensen, District of Sooke Fire Chief re: Safe Halloween

MOVED by Commissioner Berger, **SECONDED** by Director Milne that the agenda be adopted as amended. **CARRIED**

a) DELEGATION

Chief Sorensen outlined the 20 year history of the Safe Halloween event. Rick Armour and the Sooke Fire Firefighters Association have coordinated the event for several years, with contributions from the District of Sooke, Rotary Club of Sooke, Sooke Harbour House, Sooke Search and Rescue, Sooke Home Hardware, Peoples Drug Mart, Village Foods, EPCOR, SEAPARC, along with support from a number of community volunteers. This event not only creates a common area for people to join and celebrate, but deters vandalism. People of all ages attend and enjoy the event with attendance averaging at approx.1,500 per year. In 2012, the event was held at the Sooke Community Hall.

The Sooke Fire Fighters Association has determined that they are no longer able to coordinate the event and build the Haunted House. Doing so requires extensive man power, time and resources, of which they are no longer able to contribute. Rick Armour, who has been the Event Coordinator, is stepping down from his role as well. Mr. Armour and Mr. Sorenson have queried whether SEAPARC would be willing to take over the event coordination.

Discussion points included:

- Hours required to coordinate event and assemble haunted house
- Volunteer v. paid staffing
- District of Sooke involvement

While SEAPARC has been, and will continue to be, involved in the event, it was felt that SEAPARC staff should not be responsible for coordinating the event. Commissioner Berger and Director Milne agreed to work on a strategy to form a committee of event sponsors/volunteers. The SEAPARC Program Services Manager will serve as part of the committee and SEAPARC will assist as required and as resources permit.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF June 5, 2013

MOVED by Director Milne, **SECONDED** by Director Hicks that the minutes of June 5, 2013 be adopted. **CARRIED**

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

No meeting will be held in August and the September meeting date will be moved to Wednesday, September 11, 2013.

5. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Hicks reported on changes to the federal government's Gas Tax Fund that will permit funds to be used for recreational infrastructure beginning in 2014. Every local government in Canada receives a portion of the fund, based on population, twice a year.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a) Skate Park

The SEAPARC Manager reported that repairs have been made to the skate park's concrete surface in the past month and will continue to be made as required. Installation costs for a 30' pole with a 400 watt light and programmable timer are estimated to be approximately \$3,000. Discussion followed on the purpose of the light (security or functional), amount of coverage light will provide, liability issues and timer settings.

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Grove that a light standard be installed in the skate park for skateboarding with an automatic timer set to turn off at a time determined by the Commission. **CARRIED.**

Director Milne asked that the RCMP be consulted when determining the timing of the automatic light shut off.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) SEAPARC Bike Jump Park

Director Milne reported on the proposed bike park for John Phillips Memorial Park. Several options are being considered at this point in the process and a public hearing will be held this fall.

One alternative suggested is that the existing SEAPARC bike jump park be upgraded and modified with input from the Sooke Bike Club. Discussion followed on the current state of the SEAPARC bike jump park. The Manager noted that \$6,190 was recovered in the SEAPARC annual operating budget as a result of a reduced allocation from the Parks & Environmental Services department. It was suggested that \$3,000 of the \$6,190 could be budgeted for skate park lighting. The remaining amount could be allocated to refurbishing the SEAPARC bike jump park. It was agreed that the existing bike jump park could, possibly, be cleaned up and made usable for a relatively small cost and that an effort should be made to promote the bike park on SEAPARC's road sign and in local newspapers.

MOVED by Director Hicks, **SECONDED** by Director Bishop, that, if required, two lights should be installed at the skate park, and that funds be spent on the SEAPARC bike jump park upgrades to make the park usable.

CARRIED.

8. STAFF REPORTS

a) Staff News

The Program Services Manager reported that the pool has reopened after a three week maintenance shutdown and summer camps are underway.

Due to historically low admissions on Halloween night, a decision has been made to close the aquatic facility at 7 pm on October 31.

b) Community Recreation Survey Results

The Program Services Manager summarized results from the Community Recreation Survey held in May. A total of 274 surveys were completed. Highlights include:

- The following activities received the highest participation rates:

- #1 walking
- #2 gardening
- #3 swimming
- #4 dog walking
- #5 hiking

- Top five priorities in response to question: How important is the development/improvement of the following facilities/amenities?

- #1 Improve and Expand Existing Trails
- #2 Acquire Land for Parks & Trails
- #3 Improve and Expand Existing Parks
- #4 Youth Centre
- #5 Develop Existing Parks

- Responses to the question: What increase in taxpayer support for recreation amenities would you consider reasonable given the priorities that you have noted in your answers to the previous questions?

- Nothing 22%
- \$1 to \$50 94%
- \$51 to \$99 75%
- \$100 to \$149 39%
- \$150 to \$199 27%
- More 12%

The Program Services Manager distributed 25 pages of comments from survey participants providing a great deal of qualitative information. The Chair thanked the Program Services Manager for her efforts and noted that the survey results will be useful in future planning and budgeting.

Director Milne suggested the Commission meet in the fall to review the survey results in depth with the goal of developing a 3-5 year strategic plan over the next six months. A meeting date will be determined at the September 11 SEAPARC meeting.

c) Staff Report – Leisure Involvement for Everyone (LIFE) Policy Revisions

The SEAPARC Manager presented a revised LIFE Policy with clarifications to reflect current practices. The Manager noted that, after discussion with staff, the changes suggested in the

presented policy to amend the annual timeframe will not be pursued (ie. 12 months covered by pass would begin July 1 and end June 30), The pass will continue to be based on the calendar year (January 1 to December 31).

MOVED by Director Milne, **SECONDED** by Director Hicks, that SEAPARC Policy No. R-100.1, Leisure Involvement for Everyone (LIFE), be approved as amended. **CARRIED.**

Discussion followed on the Annual Regional Recreation Pass initiative that allows individuals to purchase an annual pass that is valid for drop-in fitness activities at 14 other municipally operated recreation centres. Concern had been expressed at the last meeting that regular SEAPARC patrons may purchase their passes at other centres with the result that SEAPARC does not benefit from the \$475 fee. Director Hicks reported that over 200 passes have been purchased at the West Shore Recreation Centre by residents of the Sooke & Juan de Fuca Electoral Area. The Program Services Manager is currently collecting data from all area recreation centres on pass sales and usage rates. She will report back to the Commission at a later date. The SEAPARC Manager noted that, based on SEAPARC admission data, it appears that residents who purchase their passes at other facilities are primarily using those facilities – not SEAPARC.

9. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

10. ROUNDTABLE

The SEAPARC Manager shared the positive response received from BC Hydro's Power Smart Energy Study. Details on total funding to be received from BC Hydro are forthcoming.

The SEAPARC Manager reported on discussions with CRD Corporate Services regarding the Manager's signing authority and the Commission's delegated authority. It is anticipated that Delegation Bylaw 2864 is subject for a review process.

Director Hicks has confirmed with the General Manager – Parks and Environmental Services that that both himself and Director Milne will be on the hiring committee for a new SEAPARC Manager.

11. ADJOURNMENT

It was **MOVED** and **SECONDED** that the meeting adjourn to conduct an in camera meeting in accordance with the Community Charter, Part 4, Division 3, Section 90 (1); (i) *the receipt of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.*

The in camera meeting commenced at 8:08 p.m. and adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The meeting adjourned 8:36 p.m.

Jim Perkins, Chair

Lynn MacDonald, Recorder

STAFF NEWS



**STAFF REPORT TO THE SOOKE &
ELECTORAL AREA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**

SUBJECT: Staff News

PURPOSE/ISSUE: Information

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS:

PROGRAMS

Staffing

Kate Wall has been hired as the interim ECE Preschool Instructor while Audri Mosher is on maternity leave. We are also in the process of hiring new arena program staff to assist with skate lessons.

Aquatics Highlights

Aquatics program registration has increased compared to last summer. Swim lesson registration has increased from 193 participants last year to 213 this year. SEAPARC Sharks Swim Club has increased from 11 registrants last summer to 34 this summer.

The weekly themes and daily fun swims attracted hundreds of kids to drop-in swimming this summer.

Recreation Highlights

SEAPARC had another great year of summer camps. Registration was at capacity almost every day. Participants enjoyed a variety of activities, including swimming, the outdoors, and various field trips including Camp Barnard, Sooke Potholes, and French Beach. Thank you to our amazing summer camp staff who kept the kids safe and having fun all summer long. We held a number of contracted summer camps as well including Acting Out Theatre Camp, British Soccer, Thrifty Foods Young Chefs and three Art Camps.

Fitness Instructor David Ristau led a very popular outdoor 50+ fitness class for the first time this summer. Participants enjoyed the variety and having the option to continue this class through the summer while the multi-purpose room was being used for the summer camps.

ADMINISTRATION

Community Recreation Survey Results

As the Program Services Manager is currently away on annual leave, the Community Recreation Survey results, compiled and sorted into a more “user friendly” format, will be sent to the Commission for review prior to the October meeting.

Travel Assistance Funding

A contribution of \$200 was made to assist with travel costs for Sooke residents Nin Dougall and Tyson Friesen to participate in the Western Canadian Under 14 Softball Championships in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan this past August.

SEAPARC Bike Jump Park

The Bike Jump Park was refurbished as well as time and financial resources permitted.

The SEAPARC boundary was remarked by surveyors. The installation of perimeter boundary and caution signs is in progress.

Before too much more work is done to the park, it would be prudent to develop a "Site Master Plan" for the SEAPARC site envisioning development priorities and corresponding infrastructure enhancements.

Skate Park

Repairs have been made to much of the surface area cracks in the concrete.

The surface area surrounding the skate park "bowl" is continually shifting and will likely require major repair/replacement over the next five years (\$15,000 - \$20,000).

Installation of a 400 watt metal-halide lamp is in progress.

The Commission should conduct a "life span" review of the Skate Park to determine whether it is worthy of major renovations over the next 1-5 years.

Digital Sign

Item included in 2014 Capital Plan. Discussions are in progress.

Arena Condenser

The new arena evaporative condenser has been installed and is operating. The installers have a few minor adjustments to make but it is operating as expected. The original project budget was set at \$47,500. Final project cost: \$66,069.81.

Desiccant Dehumidifier

The arena desiccant dehumidifier installed in 2011 has not been working properly. The manufacturers have agreed to replace the current unit at no charge. Installation of the new dehumidifier will require closure of the arena for at least one day. Installation date(s) to be determined.


Sooke Fine Arts Show – Dry Floor Arena Rental Rates

The SEAPARC Manager will speak to the process/history of determining dry floor rental rates for the Sooke Fine Arts Show. Appendix A attached includes background information on the setting of rates including:

- March 20, 2008 Staff Report – reduction in rental rates
- May 19, 2011 letter to Society responding to request for rate adjustment
- May 23, 2013 notes from meeting with Sooke Fine Arts President & Treasurer



Linda Finch
Program Services Manager



Larry Hutchings,
SEAPARC



**STAFF REPORT TO THE SOOKE &
ELECTORAL AREA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2008**

SUBJECT: Sooke Fine Arts – Reduction in Rental Rates

PURPOSE/ISSUE: The Sooke Fine Arts Society uses the arena to host the Sooke Fine Arts Show. The society requests reduced rates for use of the arena. It is stated the Sooke Fine Arts show cannot be financially viable without provision of the arena at reduced rates.

HISTORY/BACKGOURND:

The Sooke Fine Arts Show was a very well organized event in Sooke for twenty years. It was not produced in 2006. The Sooke Fine Arts Show returned in 2007 and produced an excellent show. The event was the result of considerable community effort and cooperation.

The Sooke Fine Arts Show traditionally takes about twenty-eight days for adjudication and set up, ten days for the Fine Arts Show and another four days to take down the set up.

The Sooke Fine Arts Society has moved the traditional ten day show ahead – July 25 to August 3 versus August 1 to August 10 – in order to allow scheduling of a two week hockey school.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Rent the arena at full rates. A community rate for the ten days of the Fine Arts Show would be \$900 a day or \$23,040 for a ten day show/twenty-eight days for set up/take down and adjudication.
2. Rent the arena at reduces rates in consideration of policies contained in the Fees and Charges Policy.

FINANICAL IMPLICATIONS:

Without the Fine Arts Show, it is doubtful that the arena dry floor rental will generate \$10,000 in the short term. In the longer term, there is an expectation that demand for summer program use of the arena from other community users will grow.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS:

The Commission's Fees and Charges policy, as it relates to the request from the Fine Arts Society, states the following:

Special Events

An event with a primary purpose of celebrating or displaying a specific theme. A Special Event may take place on an infrequent basis or once per year and may be organized by SEAPARC staff and/or non-profit agencies or societies. Special Events may be priced and supported differently than other programs and rentals, depending on community benefit and achievement of socially worthwhile goals.

Cost Recovery

Cost recovery reflects a desirable level of revenue recovery for each facility rental or program service. It varies from each user group based on the indirect benefit approach, the achievement of socially worthwhile goals and the cost of providing the service.



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May 19, 2011

Ms. Evonne Black, President
Sooke Fine Arts Society
PO Box 471
Sooke, BC V9Z 1H4

Dear Evonne:

RE: Sooke Fine Arts Show Rental Fees

At their May 4, 2011 meeting, the Sooke & Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission considered your April 20, 2011 letter requesting an adjustment in the Fine Arts Show rental fees.

The Commission recognized the huge popularity of the Show and the significant social and economic benefits the region gains from the event. The Commission determined the following:

1. The 2010 daily rental rate shall be applied again in 2011;
2. For the years 2012 through to 2016, the current 2010/2011 rental rate shall be increased by 2% per year (on top of any incremental increase in fees).

On behalf of the Commission, I wish the Sooke Fine Arts Show continued success. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Sincerely,


Larry Hutchings
SEAPARC Manager

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Meeting Notes

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Topic: Sooke Fine Arts Show Arena Rental Rates

Date: May 23, 2013

Present: Larry Hutchings, SEAPARC Manager
Bob Cummings, Sooke Fine Arts Society President
Danny Huszar, Sooke Fine Arts Society Treasurer (250) 646-2446

Bob and Danny queried the process for arriving at the rates for the Sooke Fine Arts Show. Larry gave an account and rationale related to the rental fees from 2006-2013. The Fine Arts rate was set for the 2011 year, with incremental increases generally prescribed until 2016. During 2011, there was no increase in the arena prime rate, therefore no percentage increase to the Fine Arts Show other than the minimum 2%. The minimal increase caused some confusion related to the 2013 rate, a 4.5% increase.

It was suggested that the Commission is always willing to listen to any feedback regarding the show's rental rates. If rental rates were unsustainable, and the Society required assistance, it was suggested the Commission would be amicable to finding a solution to assist the Fine Arts Show.

The Manager stated that as an administrator he was working towards a rate of 20% of Prime as a standard rate for the Fine Arts Show.

Bob and Danny thanked the SEAPARC Manager and commented they were quite comfortable with better knowledge of the process and options for future course of action.

**SOOKE FINE ARTS SHOW
ARENA DRY FLOOR RENTAL
RATE SUMMARY**

YEAR	DAILY RATE	TOTAL	% CHANGE
2003	\$275	\$11,570	
2007	\$500	\$14,970	
2008	\$489 (Youth Rate)	\$15,089	8%
2009	\$538	\$16,827	11.5%
2010	\$592	\$17,771	5.6%
2011	\$592	\$19,516	10%
2012	\$604	\$17,173	12% (decrease)
2013	\$631	\$16,491	4% (decrease)

Youth 17% = \$35/hr \$557.60/day

Adult 34% = \$70/hr \$1,115/day

STAFF REPORTS



**STAFF REPORT TO THE SOOKE &
ELECTORAL AREA PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**

SUBJECT: Fees & Charges Policy – Arena Rates

PURPOSE/ISSUE:

To make housekeeping amendments to the Fees & Charges Policy.

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

The Fees & Charges Policy was adopted July 8, 2004 and amended March 2, 2011. Several revisions/additions are suggested related to arena rental rates. Suggested changes are attached as Appendix A.

ALTERNATIVES:

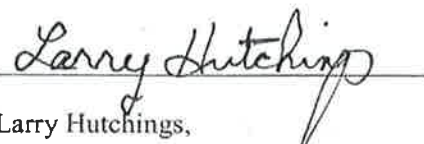
1. To approve the revisions as presented.
2. To alter and/or reject the suggested revisions.

CONCLUSION:

That SEAPARC's rates be specifically identified in the Fees & Charges policy.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the arena rates suggested under Appendix A be accepted.


Larry Hutchings,
SEAPARC Manager

APPENDIX A

Factors of Consideration - Ice

- The Commission annually establishes a prime rate which is consistent with the average prime rate for ice time provided in the Capital Regional District.
- Prime time is defined as those hours that have the greatest demand from local community groups. They are as follows:

Monday - Friday: 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

- Ice rental for non prime ice for local users may be sold at 85% of prime rate.
- Prime time rental rates for youth organizations using multiple hours will generally be 50% of the “adult rate,” with the exception of those hours defined as “prime rate” hours.
- ~~Ice rental for low use non prime ice for local groups may be sold at reduced rates in accordance with the above principles and marketing strategies.~~ Ice rental for early morning hours, before 8 am, may be sold at 25% of Prime Rate.
- Ice rentals for public school hockey academy programs will be set at 36% of Prime Rate.
- Ice rentals for hockey camps/schools shall be set at 55% of Prime Rate.
- Options for partnership opportunities with local youth group users for effective and efficient use of resources will be pursued.
- Admission fees for potential spectator sporting events as a means of recovering some cost, crowd control and meeting the objective of providing spectator sporting events will be pursued.

Factors for Consideration – Dry Floor

- Rates for hourly rentals for the various categories of users are reflected as a percentage of the prime rate.
- The hourly rental rates for dry floor rental are as follows:

Local Non Profit (Youth) 17% of Prime Rate

Local Non Profit (Adult) 34% of Prime Rate

Non Resident Service Group - Youth 34% of Prime Rate

Commercial/Non Resident Service Group – Adult 50% of Prime Rate

Sooke Fine Arts Show approx. 20% of Prime Rate

CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT - SCHEDULE G

CAPITAL BUDGET FORM 2014 & Forecast 2014 to 2018

Service #: **1.401**
Service Name: **SEAPARC - Facilities and Recreation**

Year (1)	Type Code (2)*	Specific Project Description (3)	Capital Expense \$	Funding		Grant Program Sponsor (6)	Loan Authorization # (7)	Participants (8)	%
				Source (4)**	Amount Total (5) \$				
2014	B	Wheel Chair Ramp	15,000	C	15,000				
2014	B	Energy Efficient Lighting Improvements	13,000	R	13,000				
2014	E	Chair/Table Replacement	2,500	E	2,500				
2014	B	Arena Roof/Gutter Brackets	20,000	C	20,000				
2014	E	Road Sign	25,000	R	25,000				
2014	E	Computer Replacement	5,200	E	5,200				
2014	E	Building HVAC - motors/fans/pumps	10,000	E	10,000				
2014	E	LCD Projector	2,000	E	2,000				
2014	E	Arena Compressor	25,000	E	25,000				
2014	E	Dessicant Dehumidifier	25,000	E	25,000				
2015	E	Condensing Tower Make Up Tank	3,000	C	3,000				
2015	E	Skate Park Refurbishment	20,000	C	20,000				
2015	E	Laptop Replacement	2,000	E	2,000				
2015	E	Network Server	6,000	E	6,000				
2015	E	Laptop Replacement	2,000	E	2,000				
2015	E	Computer Replacement	3,900	E	3,900				
2015	E	Safety Relief Valves	6,000	E	6,000				
2015	V	Bus	65,000	R	65,000				
2015	L	SEAPARC Land Acquisition	300,000	S	300,000				
2016	E	Building HVAC - motors/fans/pumps	5,000	E	5,000				
2016	E	Computer Replacement	3,900	E	3,900				
2017	E	Oil Separators	7,500	E	7,500				
2017	E	Compressor Drive Motors	15,000	E	15,000				
2017	E	Zamboni	100,000	E	100,000				
2017	E	Computer Replacement (2)	3,900	E	3,900				
2017	B	Arena Roof	1,100,000	S	1,100,000				
2017	E	Electrical Distribution	50,000	R	50,000				
2018	E	Computer Replacement 5200	5,200	R	5,200				
TOTAL			1,841,100		1,841,100				

Type Codes (2) *	L = Land	C = Capital Funds on Hand
S = Engineering Structures	E = Equipment Replacement Fund	R = Reserve Fund
B = Buildings	G = Grants (Federal, Provincial)	S = Short Term Loans
V = Vehicles	O = Donations / Third Party Funding	L = Lands Sales

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CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT - SCHEDULE G

CAPITAL BUDGET FORM 2014 & Forecast 2014 to 2018

Service #: **1.403**

Service Name: **SEAPARC - Swimming Pool**

Year (1)	Type Code (2)*	Specific Project Description (3)	Capital Expense \$	Funding		Grant Program Sponsor (6)	Loan Authorization # (7)	Participants (8)	%
				Source (4)**	Amount Total (5) \$				
2014	B	Hand Railings	3,000	C	3,000				
2014	B	Pumps/Motors	10,000	R	10,000				
2014	E	Pool Pumps / Motors	10,000	E	10,000				
2014	E	Pool Lift	6,000	E	6,000				
2014	E	Pool HVAC	5,000	E	5,000				
2015	B	FM Global Fire Sprinkler Upgrades	13,000	R	13,000				
2015	E	Pool DHW Tanks (3)	8,000	E	8,000				
2015	E	Pool Vacuum	7,000	E	7,000				
2015	E	Pool Lectrinator System	10,000	E	10,000				
2016	B	Pool Pumps/Motors	10,000	E	10,000				
2016	B	Grout Hot Tub	7,500	R	7,500				
2016	E	Pool Filters	10,000	E	10,000				
2017	B	Building Renewal	100,000	R	100,000				
2017	E	Pool HVAC	6,000	R	6,000				
2017	E	Pool Pumps/Motors	7,500	E	7,500				
2017	E	River Run VFD	5,000	E	5,000				
2018	E	Pool HVAC	6,000	E	6,000				
2018	E	Pool Pumps/Motors	7,500	E	7,500				
2018	E	Pool Lectrinator System	5,000	E	5,000				
TOTAL			236,500		236,500				

Type Codes (2) *
L = Land
S = Engineering Structures
B = Buildings
V = Vehicles
E = Equipment

Funding Source Codes (4) **
D = Debenture Debt (new debt only)
E = Equipment Replacement Fund
G = Grants (Federal, Provincial)
O = Donations / Third Party Funding

C = Capital Funds on Hand
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INFORMATION ONLY

SEAPARC CUSTOMER SUGGESTIONS

April - September, 2013

Programs:

1. Please ask guards to speak firmly to young boys making fun of the water aerobic classes - not appreciating and not funny. *(week of May 5)*
2. How about squash courts? *(week of May 12)*
3. Can you please, please, please order some size medium (5-7) flippers for the pool; there hasn't been any for a long time. Thx *(week of May 25)*
4. Archery – Commonwealth has seen a massive increase in youth doing it (I had to book 4 months in advance for my son this spring). Due to the Hunger Games (2 more movies of that to go). *(week of June 9)*
5. Would love to have open / Public skate times *(week of July 21)*
6. Get a slide and let kids in hot tub when they are not with their parents *(week of July 21)*
7. Bouncy Castle on Fridays *(week of July 21)*
8. I was wondering about horse riding lessons thru SEAPARC. Also, lessons for drums & piano lessons for 8 year olds and school age. *(week of Aug. 18)*
9. Can SEAPARC get a waterslide? *(week of Aug. 18)*
10. What about Aqua Spin such as they have at Panorama? *(week of July 21)*

Administration:

1. It would be great to have a gym to do physical workouts. Thanks *(week of July 21)*
2. Just wondering if there are plans for a weight room @ SEAPARC in the near future? My 16 year old son is currently taking a bus daily to JDF rec centre to use their weight room @\$4.50/drop-in. This is much less than Odyssey's (Sooke Health & Fitness) drop-in @ \$9.00! We'd much rather use our community facility but??? Help *(week of July 21)*
3. Military Discounts: Sooke has a very large population of military members that could benefit from a "break" in prices for drop-in admissions or monthly rates. *(week of July 28)*
4. We had to give up our family membership due to cost. We had a membership for many years. After the 40% discount from the Olympics ended we finally had to give up the membership. We would like to see you bring back a discount program or military discount. *(week of Aug. 3)*

Maintenance:

1. Please sand down all splinters in sauna- bench tops, sides and walls. Thanks!! *(week of May 12)*
2. The shower head in the handicap washroom/shower needs to be replaced. The finish is coming off and is sharp on the hands. Thank You *(week of May 19)*
3. It would be nice to have a refrigerated fountain on the pool deck, you know like the one in the lobby. The kind you can fill water bottles with. Thanx *(week of May 19)*
4. Shower on the left in ladies change room is difficult to shut off. *(week of May 25)*
5. I'd suggest you to have anti-slip tiles next to the big slide for kids. Also, a work out gym. *(week of July 21)*
6. Would like to see swimsuit spinners (such as that @panorama). *(week of July 21)*

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Pssst....

Want to know a secret?

Sooke already has a bike park.

Uh huh.

Shhhhhhh.

Don't tell anyone.

Well, okay, it's not actually a secret. More like it's a fact. SEAPARC has had a bike jump park in existence since 2006. According to Linda Finch, the Program Services Manager at SEAPARC, the bike jump park "was designed by professional mountain bike rider Jay Hoots. The park was built in partnership between SEAPARC and several local youth with the bike club."

SEAPARC's bike jump park was built in consultation with Lorien Arnold, owner of Sooke Mountain Cycle. "I did all the background stuff," said Arnold. "A professional bike park designer by the name of Jay Hoots built that park."

According to a profile article in *Get Out There* magazine (Oct, 2012), Jay Hoots is a freestyle mountain bike rider who "has actually built mountain bike skills parks across the country. A lot of them."

"There used to be a core group of use, like maybe 10 or 15 of them, when it was first built," said Finch in conversation, "But ... it just hasn't been used for the last six years."

Due to disuse, the bike jump park at SEAPARC fell into a state of disrepair. However, as the vigorous renewal of the debate rages in Sooke, SEAPARC decided to refurbish the existing park.

Arnold's vision of a possible bike park at the John Phillips Memorial Park location is very similar to the existing park at SEAPARC: "What we are visualizing for John Phillips is a multitiered park that is oriented to riders of all ages and abilities." What differentiates Arnold's vision from the existing SEAPARC bike park is the visibility, the drainage, and the accessibility of the park.

The challenge with the SEAPARC location is that "it's completely out of sight." Which may be why this jump park is largely unknown, and un-used.

Arnold, as a father to an eight-year-old, has safety concerns as well. If there's an off-season incident that involves injury, a person can go unnoticed for a significant period of time, said Arnold. "Unless someone goes down there, they're not going to be seen."

"It's not like it's a terrible site to have something like a bike park of some kind, but it doesn't provide the versatility that a park in the public eye is going to provide," he concluded.

Ultimately, Arnold has a vision of John Phillips of being similar in nature to Victoria's Beacon Hill Park: a centrally located, multi-purpose park. "I just see it as a real potential for a Beacon-Hill type park for Sooke where there's mixed use," with people using it for sports and leisure and a host of other activities.

While waiting for things to thunder to a conclusion (and on September 23 there's a meeting for the "Committee of the Whole -- Public Input Bike Skills Park"), if you have a hankering to go out and practice your bike jumps, you can head to the SEAPARC location.

"Recent upgrades included removing overgrown brush and weeds, levelling, compacting, and resurfacing the entire area and installing new signage," wrote Finch in follow-up correspondence.

"The park currently consists of five sets of jumps ranging in skill levels from beginner to advanced," continues Finch. "SEAPARC hopes the park will be used by youth to practice and develop their skills, as well as a place for experienced riders to mentor and teach skills to younger, inexperienced riders. SEAPARC also plans to offer skills clinics and classes next spring."

The existing park is open for use from dawn to dusk, and it's available to all ages. The main entrance to the bike park is at the main entrance to SEAPARC. Just go up the gravel drive between the museum and SEAPARC.

The only pre-requisite, which seems like a no-brainer, is that enthusiasts using the bike park have the motor skills to ride a bike: balancing on two wheels while propelling oneself forward using pedal-power.

And, of course, helmets are mandatory in BC.



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Thank you so much,
Robert Cumming

Dear Lany,

Thank you to all the SEAPARC staff
who help bring this wonderful show
to life.
Catherine Keay