

**AGENDA**  
**Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee**  
**Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2**  
**Thursday April 27, 2017, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

- 1. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** (attachment)
  - February 22, 2017
- 2. FEES AND CHARGES DISCUSSION**
  - Discussion led by the Mayor
- 3. SAANICH COMMONWEALTH PLACE – HIGH PERFORMANCE SPORT**
  - Presentation from Manager of SCP
- 4. CEDAR HILL PARK PLANNING**
  - Presentation from Senior Manager Parks and the Parks Planner
- 5. ADVERTISING HEALTH SERVICES-PARTNERSHIP POLICY** (attachment)
  - Discussion led by the Senior Manager Recreation
- 6. BUSINESS SYSTEMS ENTERPRISE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**
  - Update from the Senior Manager Recreation
- 7. DIVISION UPDATE, PARKS** (attachment)
  - Update from the Senior Manager, Parks
- 8. DIVISION UPDATE, RECREATION** (attachment)
  - Update from the Senior Manager, Recreation

\* Adjournment \*

**\*\*Next Meeting: May 25, 2017\*\***

Please advise Elizabeth at [Elizabeth.vandenhengel@saanich.ca](mailto:Elizabeth.vandenhengel@saanich.ca) or  
475-5494 local 3430 if you are unable to attend.

**Go Green!**  
**Members are encouraged to bring their own mug to the meeting**

**MINUTES**  
**PARKS, TRAILS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Held in Council Chambers, Saanich Municipal Hall  
**February 23, 2017 at 7:00 PM**

Chair: Dean Murdock

Members: Ted Austin; Pamela Carroll; Daryl Dagneault; Stefanie Yao, Tom Hatcher, Graham Hill, Chris Spicer

Staff: Suzanne Samborski, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Eva Riccius, Senior Manager Parks; Shari Holmes-Saltzman, Senior Planner; Gary Durrah, Manager Park Planning and Development and Acting Manager of Community Development and Business Systems; Carole Ireland, Cedar Hill Campus Recreation Manager; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

Regrets: Pamela Carroll, Dave Marecek, Dex Owen (Student Liaison), Anne Whiteaker, SD 61 Trustee

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**MINUTES**

**MOVED by D. Dagneault and Seconded by S. Yao "That the minutes of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting January 26, 2017 be adopted."**

**CARRIED**

**UPTOWN DOUGLAS CORRIDOR UPDATE**

The Senior Planner updated the Committee on the Uptown Douglas Corridor project . The highlights are noted:

- The Plan has completed Phase 3. From the information collected a 3 concept layer plan is developing.
- The 3 layers being explored are:
  - Green layer
  - Transportation and mobility layer
  - Land-use
- Green layer considers:
  - Parks
  - Natural environment
  - Green building
  - Culture/recreation connections
  - Sustainability
- Transportation/mobility layer considers:
  - Active transportation modalities
  - Movement of goods through this corridor
  - Vehicles
- Land-use layer considers:

- Downgrading the highway into arterial streets
  - Exploration of increased density for Oak Street.
- The data collected from stakeholder and community engagement require further review and refinement.
- Planning will present overall vision for the Douglas Uptown Corridor to Council for approval in spring 2017.

## **CEDAR HILL ARTS CENTRE**

The Cedar Hill Campus Recreation Manager presented the Committee with an overview of the Arts Centre at Cedar Hill, the following was noted:

- Goal for 2017 is to create connections between gallery spaces and the art that is currently being created at the Arts Centre.
- The Community Arts Centre of Greater Victoria has moved to a space that is more suitable for their needs.
- Family Day Family Arts Festival 2017 was a success attracting over 2400 people.
- The demand for the ceramics studio continues to be very high.

## **McMINN PARK CONCEPT PLAN**

The Manager Park Planning and Development presented the Committee with a concept plan for McMinn Park. The following comments were noted:

- McMinn Park is a P4 park.
- The park is scheduled for a complete upgrade.
- Community consultations are ongoing.
- McMinn Park is an interesting combination of natural and developed park.
- Proposed park upgrades include:
  - Adding a small washroom facility
  - 2 dedicated Pickleball courts.
  - Adding Basketball hoop at both ends of the sports court
  - Redoing the pathways
  - Bike park
  - Adult exercise equipment
- Washroom could be a one stall universal facility
- If the washroom and the bike park are approved these would be in the 2018 work plan.

## **PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN REVIEW**

The Director of Parks and Recreation updated the Committee on the status of the initiatives in the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Master Plan.

## **PARKS NAMING REPORT**

The Senior Manager, Parks gave the Committee an overview of the Parks Naming Policy. The following was noted:

- The Mayor requested the Parks Naming Policy be reviewed to ensure it is current.
- The Policy is still effective with a few minor housekeeping amendments.

**MOTION:**      **Moved by G. Hill and Seconded by T. Austin “That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee recommends that Parks Naming Policy be updated to reflect the track changes submitted in the Park Naming Policy Review and Proposed Revisions Report, February 23, 2017 from the Senior Manager, Parks.”**

**CARRIED**

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS REVIEW**

The Director of Parks and Recreation together with the Senior Managers of Parks and Recreation updated the Committee with the 2017 Parks and Recreation Departments 2017 capital projects and associated budgets. It was noted that 94% of the budget is for maintaining/renewing existing facilities and the remaining 6% is allocated for creating new facilities.

## **DIVISION UPDATE, PARKS**

The Senior Manager of Parks, provided a Division update to the Committee.

## **DIVISION UPDATE, RECREATION**

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services, provided the Committee with the Recreation update.

## **McKENZIE ROAD INTERCHANGE PROPOSED BERM**

The Chair updated the Committee with a berm and walkways proposal that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is exploring as a way to help redistribute some of the excavated material from the interchange project. The MoTI has held information sessions with the Community Association and other stakeholders to review the berm and walkways proposal.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 23, 2017.

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Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

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Committee Secretary

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## The Corporation of the District of Saanich

# Report

**To:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee

**From:** Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager - Recreation

**Date:** 3/16/2017

**Subject:** Proposed changes to Council Policy (99/550) – Community Health Partnerships and Commercial Advertising

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee endorse the proposed changes to Council Policy (Reference 99/550): Recreation Centres – Community Health Partnerships and Commercial Advertising.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to obtain feedback from advisory committee members concerning the proposed changes to Council Policy (Reference 99/550): Recreation Centres – Community Health Partnerships and Commercial Advertising.

### DISCUSSION

In 1999 Saanich Council endorsed the establishment of Community Health Partnerships to facilitate a broad range of health and wellness services within Saanich's Community Recreation Centres. At that time, Council directed that within these Community Health Partnerships no commercial advertising was permitted at any of the Community Recreation Centres.

Initially, this restriction was added to mitigate market advantage to health service businesses operating within the recreation centre over community based businesses. In 2017, we believe this is no longer a significant issue. Throughout the past 16 years Saanich has provided an open and transparent tender process that has allowed all interested parties to bid competitively on all levels of health service provision within the centres. Each tender process has attracted limited response. We believe this indicates that market does not perceive a significant market advantage being located within a recreation centre. In addition, community based businesses continue to thrive within the market place even within a single block of many of our facilities.

It should be noted that service providers provide fair market value for the space and access to our centre through either rental agreements or revenue sharing. The return on investment is comparable to other types of contractors providing services in our buildings.

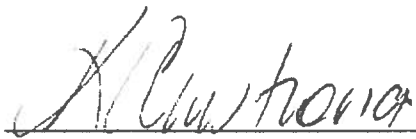
The revenue generated through Health Services contributes significantly to a centre's bottom line, and allows for other community services to be enhanced. This has proven to be a good return on investment for Saanich taxpayers.

These partnership services are now fully integrated components of our services within three recreation centres, and there is a community expectation to have access to health services within our facilities. As the population continues to age, this expectation and demand will grow. It provides tax payers access to needed services in a convenient, comfortable and accessible manner. Health services are a vital part of the continuum of services we offer citizens.

In 2016, 6346 health services visits were recorded at Gordon Head, 6167 visits at SCP, and 850 visits at Cedar Hill. Many of these patrons purchase Saanich Recreation passes or attend programs after they have finished with their Health Services appointments, which contributes to revenue generation expectations.

Finally, Saanich Recreation allows other program partners to advertise services within and outside our building when deemed appropriate. In 2017, eighteen (18) years since the first partnership was created, Health Services is just another community partner operating within our buildings and we would like to align our policies with business expectations of the times.

Prepared by



Kelli-Ann Armstrong

Senior Manager - Recreation

Approved by



Suzanne Samborski

Director, Parks and Recreation

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## THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

**REPORT TO:** Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee

**DATE:** April 27, 2017

**FROM:** Eva Riccius, Senior Manager, Parks

**SUBJECT:** Parks Division Update – April, 2017

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The following update is provided for the Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee:

**Maintenance – EI-2** – Spring has sprung and our crews are out mowing those parks that will support our large tractors, still very wet in some areas. Baseball parks are in full swing with some parks still combating the wet conditions. We are starting to do our soccer field rehabilitation after the soccer season has worn the grass off the fields. Soccer is drawing to a close with just a few tournaments left on the books. The plumbing project has been completed at Layritz and passed by the Inspectors. The parks shop continues to be busy supporting all Parks Divisions. Gearing up for interviews of the various positions that need filling and looking forward to having the budget completed. Park use permits are increasing as well as the support needed to ensure all goes well.

**Construction – EI-3-3** – Annual trail improvements which included work in Quadrant 1 (South) and Quadrant 4 (South/East) are essentially complete. Construction in Gore Memorial Park was completed in March. The work focused on renovating an old overgrown planting bed and renewing it with new plantings including trees, shrubs and irrigation. This change will improve the aesthetics and some long term operational concerns resulting from vagrancy, loitering and inappropriate activity in the park. Other capital projects under construction are noted in the planning and design section of the report.

**Horticulture – EI-2** – Turf crews are up and running getting grass mowed at facilities, streetscapes, sports fields and general park areas. We will be taking on the maintenance of new McKenzie Road Streetscapes at Uvic in mid May. Bulbs, while late, are blooming at many of our facilities and display beds in parks and streetscapes. They will be coming out early in May to make way for annual displays. New plantings have been installed at Gore Park. We will be supporting Engineering with landscaping improvements to streetscape at Carey Road and Ravine Way going down to the Galloping Goose trail as well as at Rendle Green as part of a stormwater drain project.

**Urban Forestry – EI-1-3** – Staff are responding to pruning and tree removals based on Requests for Service from the public. Arborist crews continue to update safety training with joint training sessions with Oak Bay and Victoria. Grid pruning in the Royal Oak and Broadmead areas continue during the dormant season.

**Natural Areas – EI-1-5** – Staff continue to support volunteer groups in parks as they work tirelessly to remove invasive species. Staff are close to finishing a restoration along the new Colquitz River trail that connects to Wilkinson Rd. The boulevard tree



planting program is complete. Small tree maintenance programs continue with fertilizing, mulching, and de-staking before the summer watering program begins in May. Invasive species are growing like weeds and programs such as poison hemlock control has begun.

## **Projects, Planning and Design**

**Wilkinson Lindsay Bridge/Pathway Project** – Trail construction by the contractor is scheduled for completion by the end of April. Parks Natural Areas staff will be finishing the project with landscaping enhancements and planting the remaining trees and shrubs once the contractor has completed their work. A landscape plan is available to view at:

[http://www.saanich.ca/assets/Local~Government/Images/Engineering/ColquitzRiverTrail\\_LandscapeRestorationPlan\\_V3%20\\_1.pdf](http://www.saanich.ca/assets/Local~Government/Images/Engineering/ColquitzRiverTrail_LandscapeRestorationPlan_V3%20_1.pdf)

**McKenzie Interchange** – MoTI hosted a public open house on March 13<sup>th</sup> to share draft plans for the construction of a large planted berm along the south edge of the highway. The proposed berm will consist of materials (marine clays) excavated from lowering the elevation of the highway. Part of the berm at the eastern end could be inside the leased area of the park pending a decision by Council. As a result, staff have been reviewing the design of the berm, trails and plantings and providing feedback to Ministry staff. Council approval will be required for any berm construction within the leased area of the park.

**Haro Woods Management Plan** – Work with the Haro Woods Advisory Group is continuing to finalize the draft vision and goals for the draft Management Plan. Find out more at: <http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/parks/projects-in-saanich-parks/active-projects/haro-woods.html>

**Park Capital Improvements in 2017 – McMinn Park** – Feedback on the draft concept plan at the open house and online survey has been largely positive. The open house was attended by more than 120 people and the survey received 152 responses. The feedback from this event along with information obtained from the virtual open house on the Saanich website has assisted staff in finalizing the concept plan. Preparation of detailed design drawings and cost estimates is underway. Construction is slated to begin this June. Access to the core area of the park will be closed during the renovation. More information is available at: <http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/parks/projects-in-saanich-parks/active-projects/mcminn-park-improvements.html>

**Sierra Playground** – Working drawings and cost estimates have been completed and the playground equipment has arrived. Site work has commenced and will take approximately 6 weeks to complete. The scope of work includes all new play equipment, renovated pathways, site furnishings, drainage improvements and tree planting. Information at: <http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/parks/projects-in-saanich-parks/active-projects/sierra-park-playground-replacement.html>

**Cedar Hill Park Visioning and Planning Project** – Facilitated meetings with the stakeholder working group are ongoing. Some key themes that have emerged in

discussions include

- Ecology / biodiversity / natural environment
- Community / community building / inclusivity
- Physical and social health and well-being
- Management Potential / future enhancement and potential.

Work is proceeding on organizing a public event in early June. Details to be confirmed. Further information at: <http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/parks/projects-in-saanich-parks/active-projects/cedar-hill-park.html>

**Copley Park Football Field** – This is the only football field in Saanich Parks. The field is in very poor condition resulting from inadequate drainage, poor design and rough uneven surface. In addition, the lighting system which was very old and inadequate was removed at the end of March. Staff are working with the football club to redesign the field to modern standards. The work will include new drainage, revised layout and grading and irrigation. Construction is currently planned for this summer with the field being available for the next football season which begins in early March 2018.

**Gloria Beach Access** - Beginning in early April, Parks will begin making improvements to the Gloria Beach Access which is located between 5065 and 5055 Cordova Bay Road. Saanich Parks is acting on safety concerns expressed by citizens who have had some difficulty navigating the slippery gravel surface down to the beach. A new paved surface and handrails will be installed along with a few other minor improvements. In addition to pedestrian use, this access is the only point for heavy machinery (through a permitting system) to access the beach for repairs to seawalls and the sewer infrastructure. The improvements will take approximately two weeks. During this period of time, the access will be closed to both pedestrian and vehicle access.

## THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

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**DATE:** March 23, 2017

**FROM:** Eva Riccius, Senior Manager, Parks

**SUBJECT:** Parks Division Update – March, 2017

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The following update is provided for the Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee:

**Maintenance – EI-2** – Winter season maintenance is underway, including repairs to fencing, bleachers, and other structures before the parks season starts. We are starting to plan for the baseball season start up and meetings with the various ball clubs. We are working with the ball clubs, CRD, and Saanich plumbing inspectors to ensure concession upgrades are compliant with regulations. It's a busy time of year getting ready for the baseball season, and the weather has not been cooperating much (very wet). We are supporting end of season soccer tournaments and planning for soccer field renovations. All of the parks equipment is getting the once over to ensure it is up and running for upcoming mowing season. We are looking forward to having our summer help back soon (postings are now out).

**Construction – EI-3-3** – Annual trail improvements are occurring throughout the District. Work is nearing completion in Quadrant 1 (South) and Quadrant 4 (South/East). Construction in Gore Memorial Park is underway and should be complete in the next week to ten days. The work is focused on renovating an old overgrown planting bed and renewing it with new plantings including trees, shrubs and irrigation. This change will improve the aesthetics and some long term operational concerns resulting from vagrancy, loitering and inappropriate activity in the park.

**Horticulture – EI-2** – Staff have been weeding, pruning and mulching shrub beds in parks and neighbourhood traffic circles and will be transitioning to the startup of turf mowing in late March. Bulbs in display beds are late coming up this year due to the cold weather but will be in bloom over the next weeks as the weather warms up. Look out for the red and white displays in some of our feature beds to mark Canada 150.

**Urban Forestry – EI-1-3** – Staff are responding to pruning and tree removals based on Requests for Service from the public. Arborist crews have finally completed remnant removals and clean up from last month's snow and wind events. Grid pruning in the Royal Oak and Broadmead areas continue during the dormant season.

**Natural Areas – EI-1-5** – Natural Areas staff conducted wildlife structure inspections and maintenance with noted success in several wood duck boxes. Staff continue to support volunteer groups in parks as they work tirelessly to remove invasive species while the ground is still moist. Staff have also started restoration along the new Colquitz River trail that connects to Wilkinson Rd. The boulevard tree planting program has come to a close with the final trees being planted along the new boulevard strips for the Wilkinson Road bridge replacement project. Small tree maintenance programs continue

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## Summary of Parks' Public Engagement



Public engagement is an integral part of how Saanich Parks approaches park improvement projects. Whether it's a letter to nearby residents and sign on the site informing people of an upcoming project such as the renewed stairs at Belmacarra Park or gathering people's ideas regarding the renovation of Tolmie Park. Saanich Parks uses a variety of tools to engage the public including our Projects in Parks page on the website (<http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/parks/projects-in-saanich-parks.html>), online surveys, public open houses, workshops, project advisory committees with members of the public, and more.

In 2016, over 670 people attended open houses and workshops. Over 1800 surveys (online and paper) were received providing us with valuable input from residents. About 7,500 letters and flyers were sent to residential addresses providing information about projects and opportunities for public engagements. Additionally, opportunities for public engagement for park projects are advertised in newspapers, newsletters and through Saanich social media streams. The Parks and Recreation Facebook site has over 19,000 friends, a significant reach into the community.

## Invasive Species Removal and Control

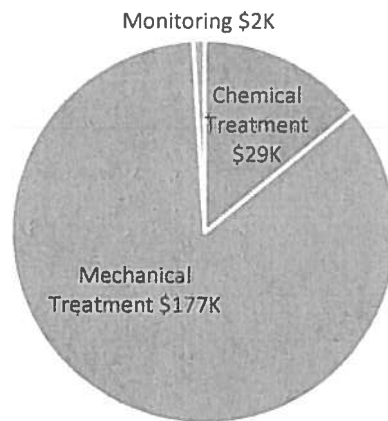
In implementing the Council approved Invasive Species Management Strategy, Saanich Parks has been monitoring and treating over 18 invasive plant species in parks and on other public lands. These are the key invasive species that have been identified regionally and provincially to be targeted. Among those, three in particular (garlic mustard, lesser celandine and knotweed) were also targeted for chemical removal on private lands.

The charts below show the breakdown of the costs for the program, noting that the bulk of the program costs are spent on mechanical treatment which includes the over 15,000 hours spent by volunteers in the Pulling Together Program. For just about \$70,000 per year in labour costs (1 FTE) to support volunteer efforts, the District receives over \$500,000 in value through the volunteers (7 FTEs).

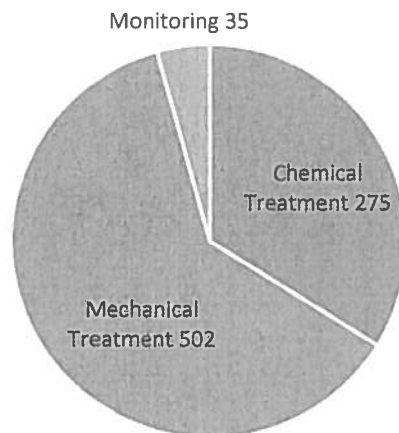
	
<b>Saanich</b>	<b>Community</b>
\$71,000	Free (\$over \$500,000 value)
2080 hours	over 15,000 hours

Item # 7

### Program costs



### Number of Sites





## The Corporation of the District of Saanich

# Report

**To:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee  
Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee

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**From:** Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager - Recreation

**Date:** 4/20/2017

**Subject:** April 2017 Monthly Report

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee receive this report as information.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an overview of the previous month's Recreation Divisions activities.

### DISCUSSION

#### Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

Cedar Hill hosted a World Table Tennis Day event from 1-4:30pm on Thursday, April 6. Approximately 50 people attended this is free event to play the game or test their skills against a ping pong robot - think tennis ball machine! Over 100 countries worldwide hosted events on April 6th.

Later this month (weather permitting) the portion of the Cedar Hill walking trail that runs from the McRae House garages to the entrance gate at Oceanview Rd will be re-paved. This is a shared use portion of the trail that also serves as an access road for the Golf Course grounds maintenance building and Saanich Volunteer Services.

Golfers will be pleased to know that the seasonal snack window and on course beverage cart will begin operating on approximately May 1, depending on the weather.



## **Gordon Head Recreation Centre**

Best for less swim lessons were held during Spring Break and 70 children were able to enroll in the \$5 lessons. This gives instructors-in-training a chance to meet their course requirements, while offering great value to the community.

There were 254 registrations for spring break camp programs

The Sikh community hosted its annual Vaisakhi Event at Gordon Head. This community event welcomes all members of the community for a free meal. Over 70 people attended the celebration.

## **Community Services**



The Flipside Youth Activity Centre is excited to plan and host a Cinco de Mayo Patio Party for youth of diverse cultural backgrounds on May 5th during Youth Week. This event is supported by a Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) Day of Caring grant. RBC approached The Flipside to apply for the grant that includes a monetary donation and approximately 30 hours of community service performed by their employees. We expect to host our usual Friday night attendees as well as youth from the Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre Society and the Inter-Cultural Association.

The Flipside recently hosted a wrap-up celebration for the "Girls on Fire" Personal Development and Future Planning program piloted at Shoreline Middle School this winter. The wrap-up included a facility tour of G.R. Pearkes amenities, programs and services, button-making and presentation of 10x pass Access Card to encourage on-going physical, social and emotional development.

The Upside Teen Centre is the proud new owner of an oven! The installation was completed over a few days in February. The value of this appliance is immense! The Youth Drop In programs and our ongoing user groups, including Community Living Victoria and others, will utilize the oven to encourage cooking as a life skill, as well as for healthy eating.

The Saanich LIFE program (Leisure Involvement For Everyone) had over 2000 members by mid-February 2017. This program continues to support individuals and families living on a low income. Numbers will continue to grow throughout the year; 2016 had almost 4000 LIFE members engaging in physical activity by year's end. Although the LIFE program is a regional offering, the Saanich LIFE program has the greatest number of LIFE members consistently on an annual basis.

The Canadian Jumpstart program continues to be the largest non-Saanich financial supporter assisting individuals and families living on a low income. At present, the Canadian Jumpstart

program has assisted 53 children to participate in recreation program within Greater Victoria sport organizations totaling just under \$10,000 and an additional 17 kids within Saanich Recreation programs – value \$2550. In addition to individual support, we continue to provide support to Craigflower and Tillicum schools providing after school program offerings to children at no cost. KidsFUNd, a Saanich initiative that assists with financial assistance for those families requiring it, continues to assist children with their recreational needs and presently have 11 children with a total of \$800 in support.

Draft 1 of the Older Adults Strategy received 30+ submissions from public and staff teams. The OAS Management team is currently reviewing and incorporating feedback where possible, as well as working on timelines (priorities), resources needed, and staff responsibilities. Draft 2 will be ready in May for sharing with Project Team, Research Team and staff teams, then presented to Healthy Saanich and Parks, Trails and Recreation Committees.

***Saanich Cycling Festival*** – On Sunday, April 23 Saanich is hosting the annual Cycling Festival which encourages families to get out and explore Saanich by bike. The family friendly route features Celebration Stations spread throughout the District so all families have easy access to the core route. A passport booklet will be handed out at the first station visited and participants can collect stamps at each station they visit for a chance to win prize baskets at the main celebration site. The Municipal Hall has a wide variety of free activities planned from 11:00am – 3:00 pm including: stage entertainment, cycling activities, information displays, Canada 150 themed games and this year there will be over 20 organizations participating in the event. A Canada 150 themed kids ride will start at 1:00 pm.

### **G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre**

Late March and early April saw Pearkes host the 28th annual Playmaker's Hockey Tournament. This international tournament consistently gets teams from Japan, California, Alberta and mainland British Columbia. It is the largest Old-Timers hockey tournament in Western Canada, with over 40 teams participating each year. The tournament is divided into age divisions of 55+, 60+, 65+, 70+, 75+ and 80+ for both male and female players, although they have yet to see a full female team participating. The tournament hosts a couple of social events during the week and the building is always buzzing as old friends are re-united for this annual event.

Spring break camps were busy at Colquitz Middle School and Pearkes with offerings of an Ice Camp with daily skating lessons, Red Cross Babysitter's Course, Piano and Singing Camp, Rock Band Camp and a general "Fun Sport" Camp. Registration was solid although not all camps filled but the number offered represents an increase over previous years at Spring Break.

For the month of April, Pearkes Fitness programs are offering a number of new, trial drop in type classes to capitalize on a number of trends in the fitness world. New classes for Pearkes during this trial period from April to mid-May include Aero Dance and Core, Sprint-ervals,

Tabata, HIIT (high intensity interval training) and a "lunch crunch" class for the working crowd. These options can be accessed with an access pass or a single admission drop in fee.

Upcoming Events include:

April 21 – Kickboxing Competition

May 7 – Toy Show

May 13 – Dodgeball Tournament

May 20 – Gymnastic Competition

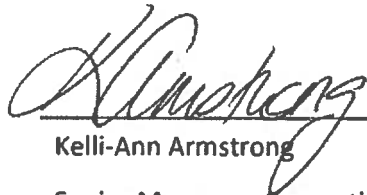
May 26-28 – Saanich Firefighter's Benefit Association Car Show

### **Saanich Commonwealth Place**

April's highlight was hosting the Canadian National World Swim Trials at SCP. Island swimmers took 6 of 32 spots on the Canadian Team, headed for the World Aquatic Championships that will be held in July in Budapest. Gold medalist, Penny Oleksiak, competed in the meet, and thrilled the desk staff by purchasing goggles at the SCP Pro-shop.

As the world remembers the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Vimy Ridge, Toronto is preparing to host the 2017 Invictus Games in Toronto on September. SCP had the honor to host the aquatic portion of a training camp for participating veterans.

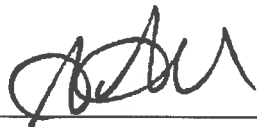
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## The Corporation of the District of Saanich

# Report

**To:** Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee  
Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee

**From:** Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager - Recreation

**Date:** 3/16/2017

**Subject:** March 2017 Monthly Report

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks, Trails and Recreation Committee receive this report as information.

### PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an overview of the previous month's Recreation Divisions activities.

### DISCUSSION

#### Cedar Hill Recreation Centre

The first issue of the Junior Tennis Times, a regional newsletter for competitive junior tennis players, was produced in February by Dean Gillis, Racquets and Sports Programmer at Cedar Hill Recreation Centre (see attached). This a co-operative effort with Oak Bay Recreation, who will produce the next issue.

#### Gordon Head Recreation Centre

The boiler project reached near completion with commissioning of the new boilers occurring on March 10<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to strong energy savings in the future. Building envelope remediation is now complete.

The steam room renovation continues to move forward slowly. The tender documents were issued the week of March 17<sup>th</sup>. Issues with cement cure time may delay completion to late June. Customers have been patient during this very long closure time.

New weight room strength equipment has been delivered and customers are getting used to the changes. As some of the equipment was 30 yrs + old, new designs have challenged some users. .

## Community Services

The Older Adults Strategy – Draft 1 report will be circulated to the public feedback on March 20, and requested deadline for feedback is April 7.



Upside Teen Centre at Saanich Commonwealth Place was proud to host a partnership program fun day for transgender youth and their families called the Trans Family Event. The organizers were extremely pleased with the turnout with over 80 participants attending throughout the 1-5pm drop-in time! Offered in partnership and collaboration with the Youth Empowerment Society, Victoria Foundation, Outlet (a youth drop-in for LGBTQ2+ youth), UVic Pride and the Gender Spectacular Drop-In, the group offered food, arts and crafts, board games, an “up-cycling” workshop and a huge clothing exchange! Families were also able to access resource materials. Many connections were made for the families and youth who attended and it was a powerful example of community coming together to support and cherish the young people in their lives.

Upside Teen Centre was also pleased to host Pro Girls Day at Saanich Commonwealth Place on Feb. 24, 2016, for 50 participants, ages 10-14 years. A comment from a participant: “It was the best day I have had in a while!”

The Flipside Youth Activity Centre at G.R. Pearkes received a BC Family Day grant and hosted a free Flipside Family Day Drop-in on Monday, Feb 13 for families with older children and their relatives. 54 people were in attendance with 13 families represented.

Some meaningful relationships are nurtured between Saanich Youth Services and other youth-serving agencies. Drop-in participants from The Flipside Youth Activity Centre were recently invited by the Victoria Native Friendship Centre to view a film screening illustrating the HIV/AIDS concern among the Aboriginal population. They were also welcomed to an evening Digilab workshop presented by the GVPL Centennial Branch.

Marketing students at Spectrum Secondary acted as advisors and provided helpful input regarding our Active Living Guide Teen pages through an interactive engagement session.



The new outdoor table tennis table at the Back Door Teen Centre at Gordon Head even had use during the snow fall... 😊

## **G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre**

February sees the second set of skate lessons begin for 2017. This session is full with approximately 20 families on the waitlist. Ice activities in general have been busy this month with consistently full Duffer Hockey drop in sessions. One challenge this program is experiencing around the region is not enough goalies to meet demand.

After a very good regular season, the playoffs did not go as well for the Saanich Braves Jr. B Hockey Team. Their 2016/17 season is now complete after an upset loss to the Kerry Park Islanders in the first round of the playoffs. However, their improvement this year should mean greater optimism for next season.

Pickleball has continued to be very popular at Pearkes. There are 6 drop in sessions per week, which average 35-45 players per session. Furthermore, Pearkes is offering court rental opportunities to those that wish to play exclusively with a group of friends or similar level players... Lastly, Pearkes is working closing with the newly formed Victoria Regional Pickleball Association to host several clinics in April and a tournament in early June.

February was busy in terms of shows and large events at Pearkes. We hosted the Kid's Mega Sale in early February, the Victoria Boat Show and the Victoria Early Spring Home Show. March 10-12 the facility hosted the Creative Sewing Show and Expo; this popular event was well attended.

Upcoming events include:

March 17-19 – LANtasy Gaming Expo

March 21 – 55+ Lifestyle Show in connection with Active Aging Month

March 25 & 26 - Victoria Spring Women's Show

March 27 - April 1 – Playmaker's Hockey Tournament with teams featuring ages up to 80+ years old.

## **Saanich Commonwealth Place**

A successful open house for the Kiddie Capers 10 month pre-school program, as well as the registration day for the 2017-2018 school year was held last month.

Pickleball is now running 6 mornings per week, in programming 22 hours per week of space with each session being full.

The pool was also busy with a variety of meets such as the Saanich Waterpolo Annual Valentine's Tournament with 350 athletes from Canada and the US attending. There was also a large Elementary School swim meet with 350 participants in attendance, with the Swim BC AAA Championships (600 athletes) March 2 -5.

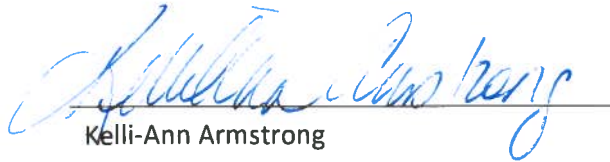
## Miscellaneous Items

Mark your calendars for the upcoming annual Saanich Cycling Festival.

<http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/news-events/events-list/saanich-community-events/saanich-cycling-festival.html>

*Parks and Recreation: Having Impact, Making a Difference* – The next page is a document that the Department shared with Council during our 2017 budget presentation. We thought you would enjoy reading it.

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***Victoria, where Champions are made!***



## **SportHost Victoria Members Newsletter**

**February 1, 2017**

The Victoria Region was featured as a sport destination on national television during last week's **Canadian Junior Curling Championships held in Esquimalt's Archie Browning Centre.**

Local and visiting cycling enthusiasts are registering for Island Cup Series races that are featured during the upcoming **Bear Mountain Bike Festival** that includes tackling three stages of **Bear Mountain Resort** trails including the new "Canada Cup Trail" and the "Flow Trail".

Both Camosun College and the University of Victoria are preparing to host national championships next month. Camosun is hosting the **Canadian College National Women's Volleyball Championships at PISE** and UVIC is hosting the **Canadian University Women's Basketball Championships** at their **CARSA Centre.**

Looking Forward...

### **February**

- \* Feb 3-5 – **Valentines Water-polo Invitational – Saanich commonwealth Place Pool**
- \* Feb 4 – **Canada vs Argentina America's Cup Rugby Championships – Westhills Stadium**
- \* Feb 4-5 – **Canada West Women's Rugby Sevens Series - UVIC**
- \* Feb 10-12 – **Pacific Northwest Junior Squash Championships- Cedar Hill Rec Centre**
- \* Feb 10-13 – **BC Youth Field Lacrosse Championships – UVIC Fields**
- \* Feb 11 – **Canada vs Chile Americas Cup Rugby Championships – Westhills Stadium**
- \* Feb 16-20 – **Canadian Women's Golf Team's Development Camp – Bear Mountain**
- \* Feb 21- Mar 7 – **National Mountain Bike Team's Training Camp – Bear Mountain**

### **March**

- \* Mar 4 – **Bear Mountain Canada Cup of Cycling – Bear Mountain Resort**
- \* Mar 4-5 – **Bear Mountain Bike Festival – Bear Mountain Resort**
- \* Mar 6-10 – **Friar's Briar Canadian Clergy Curling Championships – Vic Curling Club**
- \* Mar 8-11 – **Canadian College Women's Volleyball Championships – Camosun/ PISE**
- \* Mar 9-12 – **John White Memorial Atom Hockey Tournament**



- \* Mar 9-12 – Canadian University Sevens Rugby Championships – Westhills Stadium
- \* Mar 9-14 – Canadian Women's Golf Team's Development Camp – Bear Mountain
- \* Mar 10-12 – Sting International Diving Meet - Saanich Commonwealth Place
- \* Mar 10-17 – Canadian University Women's Basketball Championships- UVIC CARSA Centre
- \* Mar 17-19 – Victoria Atom A Spring Hockey Classic
- \* Mar 23-26 – Hotel Grand Pacific Open Chess Tournament
- \* Mar 24-26 – Victoria Playmakers Hockey Tournament – Pearkes Arena

### **April**

- \* Apr 1-2 – Canadian National Quidditch Championships – University of Victoria
- \* Apr 1 – Vancouver Island U21 Soccer League Cup Finals – Royal Athletic Park
- \* Apr 2 – Vancouver Island Soccer League Finals, Grover Masters & Jackson Cups
- \* Apr 6-9 – Canadian Swimming Trials – Saanich Commonwealth Place Pool
- \* Apr 7-9 – Bill Drew Memorial SoccerFest – Topaz Park
- \* Apr 12-17 – Canadian Women's Golf Team's Development Camp – Bear Mountain
- \* Apr 14-15 – UVICNIKE High School Girls Spring Soccer Classic- Centennial Stadium
- \* Apr 16-18 – Saanich Fusion Youth Soccer Jamboree – Gordon Head Park
- \* Apr 22-24 – Pacific Coast Swimming Wave Makers Invitational – Saanich Commonwealth Pool
- \* Apr 23 – Times Colonist 10 K
- \* Apr 28-30 – Brentwood College 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Rowing Regatta

### **May**

- \* May 1 – UCI Points Cycling Canada Cup – Bear Mountain
- \* May 1-2 – Victoria Open Table Tennis Championships – Cedar Hill Rec Centre
- \* May 1-12 – Garden City Gymnastics Meet
- \* May 7-8 – Davy Conn Memorial Baseball Tournament – Lambrick Park
- \* May 8-9– Dogwood Track & Field Meet
- \* May 16– Stars on Ice - SOFMC
- \* May 19-21 – Victoria Highland Games – Topaz Park

\* May 20-22 – **Swiftsure International Yacht Race**

\* May 22 – **Subaru West Coast Triathlon**

## **June**

\* Jun 1-4 – **Bayview Place DC Payments Open Golf Tournament – Uplands Golf Club**

\* Jun 3-5 – **Vancouver Island Long Course Swimming Championships – Saanich CP Pool**

\* Jun 5 – **Victoria Goddess Run – Westhills Stadium**

\* Jun 3-5 – **Robert Cameron Cycling Series- Criterion around the Legislature Buildings**

\* Jun 10-18 – **ITF Encore FX Victoria International Tennis Championships**

\* Jun 11 – **Subaru Victoria Ironman 70.3 – Elk Lake**

\* Jun 18 – **Victoria International Track Classic**

\* Jun 25 – **Vancouver Island Senior Table Tennis Championships – Cedar Hill Rec Centre**

## **July**

\* Jul 1-2 – **Extera Victoria Triathlon – Durance Lake**

\* Jul 7-9 – **Victoria Int'l Youth Sevens Rugby - UVIC**

\* Jul xx – **BC Ball Hockey Championships – Westhill's Arena**

\* Jul 22-29 – **BC Little League Baseball Championships – Beacon Hill Park**

\* Jul 29-31 – **BEARTRAX Free Ride – Bear Mountain**

## **Notes**

### **2016 Year in Review**

The impact of "sport" in our community continues to contribute beyond the fundamental benefit of producing healthier people. When elevated to organized local, national or international competition, it serves as a major social initiative that contributes significantly to the region's economic development.

Sport tourism drives business into the Greater Victoria region, accounting for an annual average of \$120 million in direct spending dollars in our communities. Sport tourism is a healthy, clean sector of the economy that offers employment for industry professionals and also creates jobs and training for youth in a growing specialized market.

Sport related visitors spend millions of dollars on accommodations, rental vehicles, fuel, restaurant meals, eco-tourism, equipment, rental equipment, facility rental fees, catering supplies, clothing, and audio-visual/communication services.

During 2016, sport and recreation infrastructure investment in the Capital Region has provided substantial economic stimulation. Rugby Canada broke ground on the building of the \$7.8 million National Training

Centre in partnership with the Government of Canada and the City of Langford. The Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence (PISE) opened its \$1.2 million track facilities. The City of Langford proudly opened its new YMCA bringing its investment in sport and recreation facilities to more than \$30 million.

Ecoasis, the owners of Bear Mountain invested a significant amount towards golf course improvements along with committing significant funds to bring the PGA Champions Golf Tour to the course. They broke ground for the development of a premier tennis complex with eight clay courts, the Bear Mountain Bike Park and the launched The Hub, home of the Canadian National Mountain Bike Team.

Based on the addition of the University of Victoria's state of the art \$77 million Centre for Athletics, Recreation and Special Abilities (CARSA), UVIC Athletics are in a strong position to bid to host national championships. They have bid and won the right to host the upcoming USports Women's National Basketball Championships.

All of this infrastructure investment means big business in Greater Victoria. The region is now home to eight National Sport Centres of Excellence and the \$120 million annually generated revenue is as a result of hosting more than 100 major regional, provincial, national, and international sport related events annually.

During 2016 the region hosted 14 International, 15 National, and 17 Provincial Championships.

**SportHost Victoria** is a regional sport tourism partnership supported by its community members.

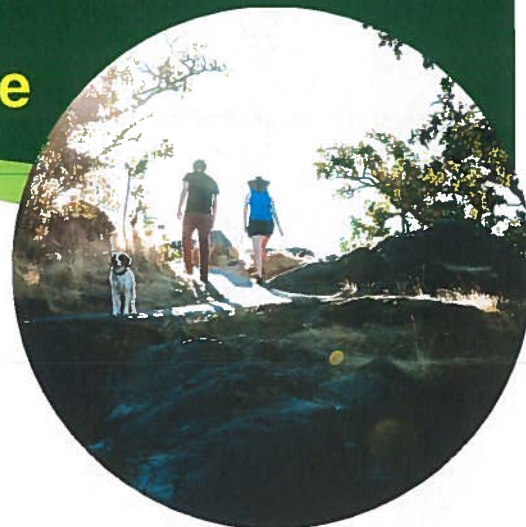
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# Parks and Recreation

## Having Impact, Making a Difference



### RECREATION (224.35 FTE)

- Over 1,766,000 unique online visitors to Parks & Recreation program and services information
- 358,000 pool visits/year (almost 1000 pool visits/day)
- 39,000 L.I.F.E.\*\* uses
- Over 1.5 million drop-in and program visitors
- 95,000 program hours offered in 2016 – 66 programs every day.



**46%**  
Cost Recovery



Residents pay  
**\$0.37**  
per capita/day

That's less than  
**15 min** of  
Victoria Parking

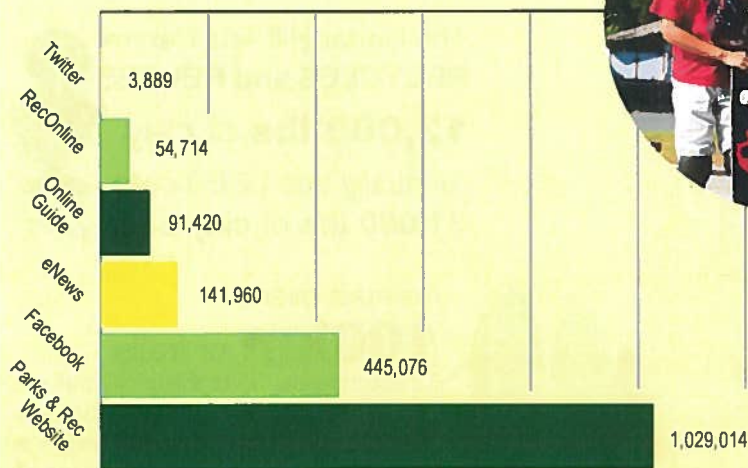
### PARKS (77.48 FTE)

- 207 km of boulevards + 175 ha of parkland per arborist
- 73 displays/staff team (includes over 450 cul de sacs)
- Respond to over 3000 calls for service (8 calls per day)
- Over 400,000 visitors to Mount Douglas alone.
- Maintain over 735 horticulture displays including 475 cul de sacs (about 73 displays to be maintained by each team of 2 horticulture staff).

THANK YOU so very much!! To you and Jumpstart! I am so grateful for the financial support. My son is so passionate about hockey and it pleases me that he can continue to play.

THANK YOU, – SHAUNEEN C.

### ONLINE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT



Saanich allocated  
**\$58,000**

support **492** children  
in recreation services  
throughout Greater Victoria.\*



The Saanich L.I.F.E.\*\*  
program kept over  
**3,500 people**  
moving to better health in 2016!

Saanich's internal  
KidsFUNd program  
creatively raised

kidsFUNd

**\$4,477.84** funding **37** children  
into programs with Saanich Recreation!

\* Supported by the Canadian Tire Charities Jumpstart Program.

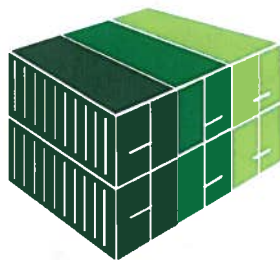
\*\* (Leisure Involvement For Everyone)



**Over  
70,000**  
people attended  
Community Events

Regular inspection  
of playgrounds

**1000 hrs**  
spent keeping kids safe!



Volunteers  
removed over  
**15,000**  
**yards<sup>3</sup>**  
of invasive materials

825 ha of  
parkland and  
**1,035km**  
of boulevards in Saanich

**207km**  
per arborist plus 175 ha of parkland



 **400,000** people  
through Mt Doug Park each year

Thank you so very much!! My girls couldn't do ballet if it wasn't for this program and my oldest was quite disappointed that she might not be able to participate this year. Cheers for all your work!

- LAURA

**DOG TAGS**

**2,938 sold**

(\$72,925 revenue)

~10 minutes per transactions

(about 500 hrs in dog tag sales over 2 months)

at Gordon Head Recreation Centre alone.



The Cedar Hill Arts Centre  
**RECYCLES and REUSES**

**13,000 lbs** of clay

annually and USES over

**31,000 lbs** of clay each year!



**7,317**

player numbers by home sports clubs

**26,000**

youth visits to  
Youth Centres

**2,270**

summer playground  
registrants



maintain over

**100km** of trails

62 sportsfields, 35 tennis/pickleball courts,  
21 sports courts, 21 public washrooms,  
37 beach accesses, over 100 bridge and  
stair structures and over 500 pieces of  
park furniture.

over 1100 trees planted on public land.



# Victoria Junior Tennis Times

## In this Issue:

- BC Provincial Tournament Structure
- Tournaments—March & April
- Feature Player
- Feature Coach



## Did you know?

### Where does love come from?

The term "love" is used to represent a score of zero in tennis, but how did this originate? One theory is based on the French term "l'oeuf" meaning egg as in a zero. Another thought is that it originates from the Dutch expression "iets voor lof doen," which loosely translates to saying "there is no stake in the game." There are many possible theories, what is yours?

### They don't make things like they used to!

The original tennis balls were made of leather and stuffed with wool or hair. Today, tennis balls are usually of bright colors such as green or neon yellow, so that they clearly visible. The balls also have a felt-like finish. Up until 1986, Wimbledon was using white balls but has since changed the rules after the advent of colour television. Nowadays around 42,000 balls may be used in a single Wimbledon tournament!

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# **BC Provincial Competitive Structure Event Pathway**

## **3 Star: Competition Series Events (U12 – U18)**

These series of events are oriented towards more competitive and experienced players looking to enter the ranks of the top 30 in BC.

- Scoring format: These events will use standard scoring, best of three sets.
- Players are only guaranteed one match, however consolation rounds may be offered.
- If draws are limited, priority is given to the player in their own age groups based on the Rogers National Rankings at time of entry deadline.
- Playing up eligibility: Players ranked within the top 5 in their primary age category are eligible to play up 1 age category.
- For a draws of 32 up to 4 wild cards may be issued, for draws of 16 up to 2 wild cards may be issued.

## **2 Star: Development Series Events (U12 – U18)**

This series of events is designed for players wishing to compete beyond the Rogers Rookie Tour and Future Stars Tour. Players can now attain national ranking points in a tournament format.

- Players are guaranteed 2 match play opportunities with modified scoring if necessary.
- Players must be ranked 13 or lower in their own age group.
- Playing up: players must be ranked 11 or higher in their primary age category in order to play up an age category.

## **Future Stars Tour (U9/U10)**

The aim of the Future Stars Tour is to create competitive opportunities for the more advanced U9/U10 junior tennis player while encouraging participation. The Future Stars Tour is for:

- More experienced players who have competed in at least three to five U8/U10 Rogers Rookie Tour Events.
- All matches will be best of three short sets up to 4 games, no-ad scoring, tie breaker up to 5 at 4 games all. In the event of third set, a match tie breaker up to 5 will be played.

## **Rogers Rookie Tour Events (U8 – U18)**

A national program designed to bridge the gap between entry-level tennis and the provincial competitive junior circuit.

- All events in the Rogers Rookie Tour will be non-elimination tournaments.
- Each player is guaranteed a minimum of three matches.







**Feature Tennis Player: Galina Kosoric**

I became interested in playing tennis when my Dad took me out to the local tennis court and gave me a racket. Ever since then I've been playing.

**Hobbies and activities:**

I enjoy drawing, playing soccer and all forms of exercise!

**Favourite food:**

Honestly, I'm not very picky. I'll pretty much eat anything but I would have to say my favourite thing to eat is a tasty red apple.

**Music you like:**

I really like rock music. I recently went to a Hedley concert in Victoria and I'm going to the Marianas Trench concert that is coming up soon.

**Strangest/weirdest experience on the tennis court:**

The strangest experience I've had would be when I was in the middle of a rally and I slipped and fell on to my back. I felt like a turtle! I got up, continued the rally but noticed that I had scraped my knee. Despite the blood and pain, I managed to pull through and win the game. It was a very weird situation.

**Favorite tennis player:**

One of my favorite tennis players is Novak Djokovic. Novak was the number one tennis player in the world but I also like him because he is very inspiring to me.

**Favorite place to play tennis in Victoria:**

My favorite place in Victoria to play tennis is Copley Park. I love going to play tennis there because I can walk there from my house.

**Future goals:**

My goals for the future are to, by the end of this year, work hard enough to get into the Cedar Hill Tennis Academy. This will take a lot of practice, hard work and focus. I also, when I'm older, want to create a rule where women and men can play against each other in all tournaments—even the Grand Slams such as the Australian Open and the US Open. For these goals it will take more than a lot of effort and I'm willing to put in all of it.



**Feature Tennis Coach: Craig Wilkinson**

**Common mistake that junior players make:**

Junior players when developing their skills and match play, should be focusing more on consistency during points and constructing the point rather than trying to finish it after two strokes. A good way to develop this skill set is to assist young athletes in recognizing when to be aggressive and take charge of a point and when to be defensive and patient.

**Interesting thing that happened to you on court:**

While in Dubai, I was coaching a lesson when a familiar face walked across the parking lot of the resort to watch. I asked my client if she knew how special her lesson was but she was oblivious to what I was talking about. I told her that Roger Federer (No.1 tennis player in the world) was the man sitting on the steps watching. Roger was attending a commercial shoot and we assisted by being filmed. It was an awesome moment, we finished the lesson and then I went to introduce her to Roger. It was an amazing three days spent with a legend I adore as a player and coach.

**Things you enjoy besides tennis:**

Besides tennis my greatest passions would have to be playing golf, cooking and traveling.

**Where you would go on vacation:**

Sri Lanka, where we got married 2010. What a beautiful island and beautiful people.

**Favourite moment in your tennis career:**

In Dubai I was asked to organize a kids clinic for the ATP men's tennis tournament. As a result I got to play an exhibition match against Pat Rafter, No.1 player in the world at that time.

**For best tournament results players could:**

Players could really focus on more match play before tournaments by getting used to pressure associated with points under pressure. Important points are won in intense environments, practice putting yourself in those situations. Get out there and have more match practice to be prepared for match play environments!



## MARCH

1 MAR - 05 MAR

[Cedar Hill Doubles Challenge](#)

CEDAR HILL RECREATION CENTRE

05 MAR - 11 MAR

[TBC 2-STAR Tour – March 5 & 11, 2017 – G12](#)

TOWN & COUNTRY TENNIS CLUB/UBC TENNIS CENTRE

10 MAR - 12 MAR

[Kamloops Junior Indoor](#)

KAMLOOPS TENNIS CENTRE

11 MAR - 12 MAR

[TBC 2-STAR Tour – March 11 & 12, 2017 – B12](#)

UBC TENNIS CENTRE

13 MAR - 19 MAR

[2nd Annual Surrey Tennis Centre Spring](#)

[Championships – Junior 3-Star](#)

SURREY TENNIS CENTRE

18 MAR - 19 MAR

[TBC 2-STAR Tour – March 18 & 19, 2017 – B14](#)

UBC TENNIS CENTRE

18 MAR - 18 MAR

[Whistler Future Stars – March 18, 2017](#)

WHISTLER RACQUET CLUB

18 MAR - 18 MAR

[North Vancouver Rookie Tour](#)

20 MAR - 26 MAR

[2nd Annual Surrey Tennis Centre Spring Championships – Junior 2-Star](#)

SURREY TENNIS CENTRE

24 MAR - 26 MAR

[Oak Bay Junior Spring Break](#)

OAK BAY RECREATION CENTRE

24 MAR - 26 MAR

[Whistler Tennis Academy Spring 3KO #1 – G12](#)

WHISTLER RACQUET CLUB

31 MAR - 02 APR

[Whistler Tennis Academy Spring 3KO #2 – B12](#)

WHISTLER RACQUET CLUB

## APRIL

02 APR - 02 APR

[GTA Future Stars – April 2, 2017](#)

PEOPLE'S COURT

02 APR - 02 APR

[Langley Rookie Tour](#)

02 APR - 02 APR

[NSWC Future Stars – April 2, 2017](#)

NORTH SHORE WINTER CLUB

07 APR - 09 APR

[Whistler Tennis Academy Spring 3KO #3 – B14](#)

WHISTLER RACQUET CLUB

08 APR - 08 APR

[NVTC Future Stars – April 8, 2017](#)

NORTH VANCOUVER TENNIS CENTRE

08 APR - 08 APR

[North Vancouver Rookie Tour](#)

09 APR - 09 APR

[Jericho Future Stars – April 9, 2017](#)

JERICO TENNIS CLUB

16 APR - 16 APR

[HCC Future Stars – April 16, 2017](#)

HOLLYBURN COUNTRY CLUB

20 APR - 23 APR

[Abbotsford Spring Champs #1 – U12](#)

GREAT WEST FITNESS & RACQUET CLUB

22 APR - 22 APR

[Cedar Hill Future Stars – April 22, 2017](#)

CEDAR HILL RECREATION CENTRE

22 APR - 23 APR

[Whistler Future Stars – April 22/23, 2017](#)

WHISTLER RACQUET CLUB

28 APR - 30 APR

[Whistler Tennis Academy Spring 3KO #4 – G14](#)

WHISTLER RACQUET CLUB

29 APR - 29 APR

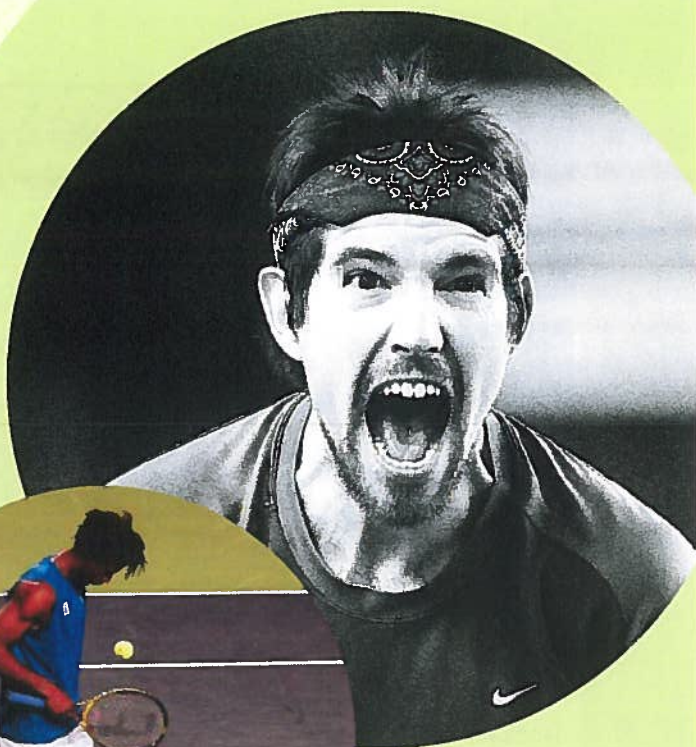
[Victoria Rookie Tour](#)

OAK BAY RECREATION CENTRE

29 APR - 29 APR

[RCC Future Stars – April 29, 2017](#)

RICHMOND COUNTRY CLUB



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