

**AGENDA**  
**HEALTHY SAANICH ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
Saanich Municipal Hall, Committee Room #2  
Wednesday June 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

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1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** (attachment)
  - May 23, 2018
  
2. **RECREATION MARKET ANALYSIS** (attachment)
  - Market Analysis FAQ
  - Facilitated discussion Senior Manager of Recreation
  
3. **WORKING GROUP UPDATE**
  - Embrace Saanich - Monthly Update
  - United Nations World Refugee Day Youth Theatre Play – Update
  - DRAFT Working Group Paragraph for Healthy Saanich Page
  
4. **DIVISION UPDATE – RECREATION** (attachment)
  - Presentation from Senior Manager of Recreation
  
5. **PRIDE UPDATE** (attachment)
  - Memo from the Clerk

\* Adjournment \*  
Next Meeting: September 26, 2018

Please advise Jeff Keays the committee secretary at [jeff.keays@saanich.ca](mailto:jeff.keays@saanich.ca)  
or 250-475-1775 local 3430 if you are unable to attend.

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



## 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:** 12/20/2017

**Subject:** June 2018 Monthly Report

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### RECOMMENDATION

That the Parks, Trails and Recreation and Healthy Saanich Advisory Committees receive this report as information.

### PURPOSE

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

### DISCUSSION

#### **Cedar Hill Recreation Campus**

Creative Pathways is an afterschool programme funded by a BCRPA grant. Each Monday throughout the 2017/2018 school year, Cedar Hill instructors met students at Doncaster Elementary School and walked with them through Cedar Hill Park to the Arts Centre where they participated in a variety of art activities. In a recent survey, here is what one of the parents had to say:

First off, thank you for envisioning and making the Creative Pathways program happen. The benefits of this program to students and working parents of are so numerous and I am deeply appreciative that my family is able to access this excellent program. Here are some of the programs strengths in my view:

- The program is extremely well organized and has been 100% reliable throughout the school year, which is a blessing for working families.
- The programming for students has been thoughtfully constructed and provides a great mix of fresh air and visual arts activity. My child loves the diversity in themes, styles and art methods explored throughout the year.
- The art educators and administrative support staff are fantastic!
- The program really goes the extra mile for families in meeting the students at Doncaster and walking them as a group to Cedar Hill Recreation Centre. This aspect of the program is so helpful and I think really innovative/unique. I also feel it shows a huge effort to provide inclusive community programming (meaning all students can access

programming at our community centres not just the children with parents who can drive them).

- I like that students from across grades and programs at Doncaster (which has both French and English streams and many classes per grade) have the opportunity to interact and build friendships.
- I like that my child feels comfortable at /and is building attachment to Cedar Hill Recreation Centre. I really value that my child feels at home in our neighbourhood community facilities.

I really hope you're successful in receiving a grant in order to provide the program again next year. I would most definitely have my son participate again next year.

Cedar Hill Golf Club received a \$500,000 endowment in 2017 from Bill Leutwyler, a former club member and supporter of junior golf. Mr. Leutwyler's wish was for the Club to be stewards of the money and the Head Pro to administer the program. The program has doubled in size in 2018 (girls participation has tripled!) and is now the largest junior program in the region. There are 48 kids in the 8 – 17 age group playing 3 times per week, hundreds of students involved in the schools program from both elementary and middle schools and over 30 kids aged 4-7 yrs in the SNAG (Start New at Golf) program. There are currently 7 juniors in the Leutwyler program who started in SNAG and one 8 year old who shows incredible promise. The program teaches golf skills, fitness and life skills such as honesty, sportsmanship and emotional regulation. The pros actively promote parent/family participation culminating in a parent/child 9 hole tournament and BBQ in August.

### **Community Services**

Our Recreation Volunteer Program was pleased to support the re-introduction of Shadow Instructors in Aquatics at GHRC. With immense effort and investment from Joy Marlinga, Programmer I, five enthusiastic students from the Water Safety Instruction course are now active volunteers, developing their job readiness skills and increasing their employability within the organization and more broadly, within the aquatics industry. Says Joy, "Since they had not completed grade 10 (a requirement of employment) I couldn't hire them right away. I didn't want to lose out on their talent, so we were able to begin building that relationship with them through their willingness to volunteer."

Music in the Park is starting July 3rd. We are expecting great turnout to this year's Tuesday evening concert series. They run from July 3 to Aug 21.

The Muslim Girls group has had a busy month with a Mother/Daughter skate on Mothers' Day with 26 taking to the ice. For many this was their first experience on skates, so we had some lessons to get them comfortable. May 16th marked the beginning of Ramadan; with the break from physical activity, the girls had a late evening Mexican cooking class on May 27th. They are looking forward to their next activity: Archery!

June 20th is World Refugee Day. Saanich will host a Youth Theatre performance called **In Our Footsteps** at Cedar Hill Recreation Centre at 10am. The youth have worked with the UVIC

Applied Theatre program to create this mixed media story telling of each youth's journey. Open to all community to attend.

### **Gordon Head Recreation Centre**

Gordon Head Recreation Centre hosted our third swim for 2-Spirit, Trans and Non-Binary identifying people on May 21<sup>st</sup>. The swim was attended by 38 people with a mix of families, adults and youth in attendance. Staff involved enjoyed the opportunity to meet new members of the community and welcome them to our centre.

Exciting times in the Gordon Head weight room...we have tentative delivery dates for 4 new pieces of equipment.

Three new staff from Gordon Head Recreation Centre attended a free, non-paid training session for older adults at the Victoria Silver Threads building. Island Health led us through 5 hours of active and non-active stations to educate us further on the T.I.M.E. program. This program is only offered at GHRC, West Shore and soon Silver Threads. It was a great opportunity for new staff to get to know each other and learn about working with older adult recovering from stroke or living with Parkinson or MS.

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

During the summer months our Fieldhouse shifts from being the busy tradeshow and event centre. However, we still find ways to use the space. In mid-June we hosted Eid Prayers, celebrating the month of Ramadan ending as well as a Pickle-ball Tournament which brought in 140 participants from across the Island and Western Canada. Spectrum school is hosting its annual Dry Grad here at Pearkes in mid-June.

Ice was removed from the Gold Arena on April 27<sup>th</sup> and the dry floor season is in full gear. This also gives staff time to complete some maintenance (ie: installing new puck board and painting of dressing rooms). A new air handling unit is also being installed for the arena dressing rooms, which will be in service by June 15.

An ammonia leak "table top exercise" for NAOSH (North America Occupational Safety and Health) was held in early May.

We have switched up our summer fitness class schedule to accommodate our patrons, who still want to get in their workout without taking too much time out of their summer evenings. Plus, new registered programs have been programmed for the fall, to increase variety and clientele to our fitness centre

This fall we will offer a new drop in adult program - "Bring your ball and play". This is an unstructured drop in time in our field house. Grab a group of your friends, head down and use our space. Saanich access pass or drop in fee required.

### **Saanich Commonwealth Place**

This month the weight room will see 7 new pieces of equipment. This is long awaited for by customers who fill the gym every day. We continue to see record numbers of attendance in the building. This week we regularly saw over 1300 residents visit programs and drop in at SCP.

Kiddy Kapers preschool graduate 41 students on June 19<sup>th</sup>. These spots are already filled up with a waitlist for fall 2019. This is a testimony to the strong staff team leading our preschool programs.

SCP will no longer be home to Kids Klub afterschool care due to changes within Kids Klub. Staff are working on ways they can fill this time slot with programs and rentals to make up the lost revenue and service.

Camosun College awarded SCP the co-op employer of the year award on June 19<sup>th</sup>. This was in recognition of the many practicum placement SCP supports annually.

On June 20<sup>th</sup> the family swim was sponsored by Fortis BC allowing for free access to the pool for 200 patrons. This is part of Fortis BC efforts to be out and share energy reduction information.

Prepared by:



Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager - Recreation



LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

# Memo

To: Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee

File: 1420-30

From: Jeff Keays, Committee Clerk

Date: June 21, 2018

Subject: SAANICH PARTICIPATION IN 2018 VICTORIA PRIDE PARADE

The Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee will be supporting an entry into the annual Victoria Pride Parade. The District's entry will include our Saanich Pride banner and the distribution of Saanich Pride stickers.

The total costs associated to the entry are as follows:

Item	Cost
Victoria Pride Entry Fee	\$225.00
Saanich Pride Stickers	*\$901.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1126.60</b>

\*2017 price (actual not available at time of writing)

The parade begins at the corner of Pandora and Government and will end in MacDonald Park located in James Bay at the corner of Oswego and Simcoe. The Clerk will provide advisory committee members with the marshalling information as soon as it is available.

Additionally, per the minutes of the June 19, 2017 Council meeting, the Pride Flag will be flown for the duration of Pride Week, July 1-8, 2018.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff G. Keays".

Jeff Keays  
Committee Clerk, Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee

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