

AGENDA
Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee
Prospect Lake Soccer Fieldhouse
Thursday June 22, 2017, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

- 1. CULTURAL CONNECTIONS**
 - Presentation by Community Services Staff
- 2. WALKING TOUR OF LYNDSLEY TRAIL**
 - Rain or shine
- 3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES** (attachment)
 - May 25, 2017
- 4. DIVISION UPDATE, PARKS** (attachment)
 - Update from the Senior Manager, Parks
- 5. DIVISION UPDATE, RECREATION** (attachment)
 - Update from the Senior Manager, Recreation

* Adjournment *

****Next Meeting: September 28, 2017****

Please advise Elizabeth at 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 at Goward House, Arbutus Road
May 25, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Chair: Dean Murdock

Members: Pamela Carroll; Stefanie Yao, Tom Hatcher, Graham Hill, Chris Spicer, Dex Owen (Student Liaison), Ted Austin, Dave Marecek, Tom Hatcher, Daryl Dagneault, Anne Whiteaker, SD 61 Trustee

Staff: Suzanne Samborski, Director of Parks and Recreation; Kelli-Ann Armstrong, Senior Manager, Recreation Services; Eva Riccius, Senior Manager Parks; Gary Darrah, Manager of Park Planning and Design; Sandra Pearson, Manager of Community Services; Stacy McGhee, Program Manager, Strategic Facilities Planning; Natalie Dechaine, Manager of Community Development and Business Systems; Julie Wallace, Programmer II Recreation; Elizabeth van den Hengel, Committee Clerk

MINUTES

MOVED by S. Yao and Seconded by P. Carroll "That the minutes of the Parks, Trails and Recreation Advisory Committee meeting February 23, 2017 be adopted."

CARRIED

HARO WOODS PLANNING PROCESS

The Manager of Parks Planning and Design lead a walk though Haro Woods. Staff plan to present the draft management Plan to the Haro Woods Advisory Group in July 2017. Highlights of the discussion are noted:

- Council requested a strategic view of the vision and requests the community had for Haro Woods.
- A mix of responses for ideas was recorded.
- A management plan will help with expense allocation.

STRATEGIC FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

The Strategic Facilities Program Manager presented the Committee with the developing Facilities Master Plan and the highlights are noted below:

- The District of Saanich is developing a 20 year Facilities Master Plan to ensure that our municipal buildings will continue to meet the changing needs of the community for years to come.
- An on-line survey is available on the Saanich website and numerous pop-up public engagement opportunities will be available.

- The Facilities Master Plan will be a strategy that will help ensure that municipal buildings will continue to meet the evolving community's needs.
- The Facilities Master Plan will provide a comprehensive view of municipal facilities to help make prudent decisions about where and when to invest.
- The following three objectives are being developed:
 - Ensuring delivery of services
 - Undertaking facility work for maintenance, renovations and new construction affordability and sustainability.
 - Quantify and rank priorities with a view to reducing risk and maximizing benefits.
- Significant facilities have been analysed through the following lenses:
 - Facility capacity: Do the building have an adequate amount of space to operate out for the next twenty years?
 - Building condition: How much maintenance will Saanich buildings require over the next twenty years?
 - Risk to services: Will our front-line, emergency service delivering facilities adequately perform under stress?
- Two rounds of public engagements will be held prior to the development of the final draft document.

Committee discussion occurred and the highlights are noted:

- Exploring public-private partnerships to offset some of the expenses should be considered.
- The Facilities Master Plan document will not address the associated costs.
- The public engagements are being held to help the public understand the processes and challenges facing the maintenance of the municipal buildings.

OLDER ADULT STRATEGY

The Manager of Community Planning and the Programmer II Recreation presented the Committee with an update on the Older Adult Strategy. The following comments were noted:

- Public participation took place over 10 months, with 2,284 persons participating.
- The Older Adult Strategy website (www.olderadultstrategy.weebly.com) hosted an online summary of each public engagement.
- The Community Forum held in November 2016 had community members, community agencies and staff to review and contribute to emerging themes.
- Through the public engagement process it became clear that older adults wish to be treated with respect, valued for their past, present and future contributions and maintain their health and well-being for as long as possible.
- The majority of OAS participants did not wish to be identified as "senior".
- The vision and guiding principles to guide Saanich interactions with older adults has been created, "Saanich: Where all older adults thrive on social connections, healthy lifestyles and continuous learning."
- Strategic priorities that have been identified are:
 - Programming continuum
 - Age friendly spaces
 - Collaboration
 - Enhanced Communication

L.I.F.E.UPDATE REPORT

The Senior Manager of Recreation, provided an update to the Committee on this successful Saanich Recreation program. A suggestion was made to have point of sale donation boxes at Saanich facilities to further collect funds for this much needed program.

VICTORIA WATERWAYS LOOP

The Senior Manager of Community Development and Business Systems, provided an update to the Committee on the proposed Victoria Waterways Loop. The "Loop" proposal would be a multijurisdictional amenity for paddlers. Numerous issues associated with the estuary, paddlers and dogs still need to be resolved before this project can proceed..

DIVISION UPDATE, PARKS

The Senior Manager of Parks, provided a Division update to the Committee. A Committee member requested that Parks consider installation of toddler sized picnic tables at appropriate sites.

DIVISION UPDATE, RECREATION

The Senior Manager, Recreation Services, provided the Committee with the Recreation update. It was noted that the marketing Specialist has secured \$238,000 in media sponsorship from Bell Media. \$195,000 of these funds will be allocated to promoting festivals and youth programs.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2017.

Chair

I hereby certify these minutes are accurate.

Committee Secretary

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

REPORT TO: Parks, Trails & Recreation Committee

DATE: June 22, 2017

FROM: Gary Darrah, Senior Manager, Parks (Acting)

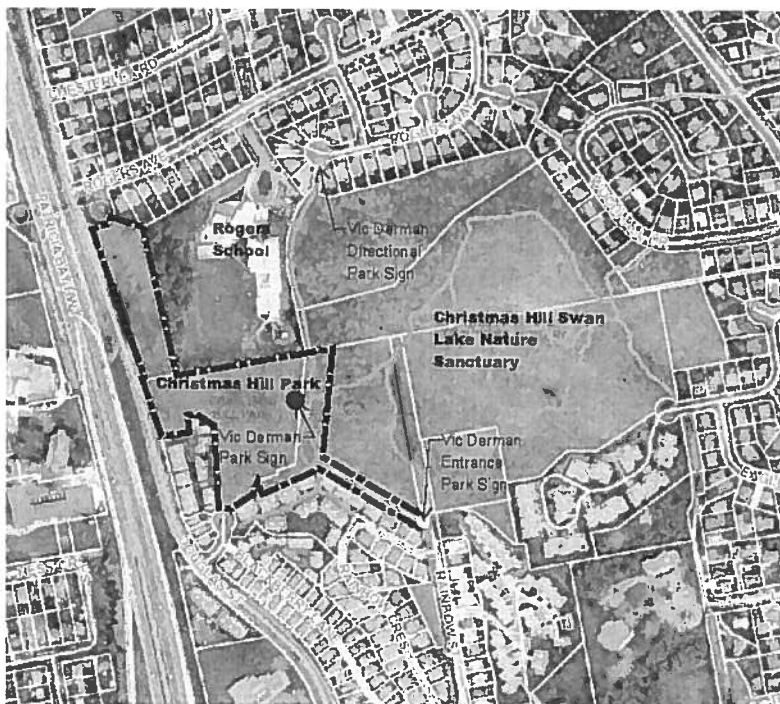
SUBJECT: Parks Division Update – June, 2017

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

Vic Derman Park Dedication:

On May 10th Council had an In Camera meeting to review the 4 proposals for suitable locations to dedicate a park posthumously to the late Councilor Vic Derman.

While typically names for new parks or requests to change names of existing parks would be considered by PTR, Council has the final authority to name or rename a park.



They chose a proposal put forward by the North Quadra Community Association: Christmas Hill Park. This is a natural, undeveloped 3.29 ha, Municipal park adjacent to the Christmas Hill portion of the Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary and contains Garry oaks trees and associated ecosystems. Consistent with Council's Park naming policy, they have made the decision to name the Christmas Hill municipal park after a historically significant individual: Vic Derman. There will be a dedication ceremony held the

morning of **Saturday, July 15th** (Canada's Parks Day). Details about the dedication ceremony are still being planned but members of PTR will receive an invitation closer to the date.

Maintenance – EI-2 – Spring is here and our crews are out mowing parks and sports fields. The grass is now growing faster than we can mow it and all crews are out doing their best. Baseball parks are in full swing and our maintenance crews are busy keeping the ball fields in the best and safest possible conditions. We have completed our soccer field rehabilitation after the soccer season has worn the grass off the fields. We are

removing a couple of the fences around our soccer fields now that the grass has mostly established which will allow passive use for the community but no scheduled team play. The parks mechanics shop continues to be busy supporting all Parks Sections. Our weekend refuse/washroom worker has started and has definitely help bring our service levels back to a more manageable level. The roadside mowing program is in full swing and we are approximately half way done. Our irrigation crews are working full out to keep systems running and repair breaks and controller issues. Park use permits are increasing as well as the support needed to ensure all goes well.

Construction – EI-3-3 – Construction Section is currently working on 3 major projects:

1. Sierra Park Playground and partial asphalt trails replacement – new asphalt pathways were installed, new irrigation for trees has been installed all new playground equipment with exception of one (spinner) has been installed, Engineered Wood Fiber for play surface installed, trees are expected to be planted this week. Playground will be open this weekend. Installation of the one remaining piece of equipment is expected next week which will involve closing off a section of the playground for 2-3 days.
2. Gloria Beach access – a new asphalt access ramp including new water control/drainage measures, new railing and signage was completed at the beginning of June.
3. A gravel access ramp for pedestrians off Lindsay Street onto the new section of the Colquitz River Trail has been constructed. This includes a boulder retaining wall and bench pad. New bench is expected to be installed in June.
4. Replacement of Browning Park pedestrian bridge has been completed. Next is Blenkinsop Greenway bike and pedestrian bridge. Expected to be completed in the next two weeks. Temporary closure of the Greenway is required. Signs are posted.

Following projects will be commencing in the second part of June:

1. McMinn Park Renovation will be continuing throughout the Summer and Fall – park will be closed for the entire duration of the project
2. Hampton Park tennis courts asphalt surface replacement – asphalt is expected to be installed at the beginning of July and new acrylic surface sometime in August.
3. Copley West gravel trail realignment and widening – work is expected to be finished before the Summer School vacation.

Horticulture – EI-2 – Horticulture staff are still busy with fast growing turf. We are also planting annual displays throughout the District and will be receiving our hanging baskets for facilities shortly.

Calls for service to neighbourhood traffic circles continue to come in and we are responding as soon as possible while still maintaining parks, streetscapes and facilities. We expect to be planting Borden/McKenzie intersection and Galloping Goose Trail @ Ravine Way before month end as well.

Urban Forestry – EI-1-3 – A strong late May wind storm caused significant tree damage throughout coastal areas in Saanich. This storm caused a large spike in 'Requests for Service' from residents, which has carried over into June. We've temporarily suspended our park pruning program and stump grinding to prioritize attending to the wind damage calls. It has already created a substantial backlog of work with only 3 crews to deal with all the tree calls in Saanich.

Natural Areas – EI-1-5 – Staff continue to support Pulling Together volunteers in many of our parks as they work tirelessly to remove invasive species. The Galloping Goose/Carey site and Sierra Park will have the trees planted in the next week. A crew is currently installing the cedar split rail fence along the newly paved section of the Galloping Goose Trail connector. Boulevard tree watering trucks have been going full tilt for over a month now as the season starts to dry up. The restoration site watering/weeding began in the second week of May and will continue throughout the hot spring/summer months. The Poison hemlock treatment program continues and the Knotweed program will begin in early July. The Garlic mustard treatment program has wrapped up but will be monitored for a couple of weeks. Parks trail vegetation clearing has wrapped on the beach access sites and the crew is now busy with the veg pruning in Parks trails.

Projects, Planning and Design

McKenzie Interchange – The ministry and contractors continue moving forward with construction which appears to be on schedule. During the week of June 12 the new Galloping Goose elevated crossing over McKenzie was installed. The temporary pedestrian bridge over highway 1 was also recently installed. A date for the ministry to present the berm design to council has not been confirmed.

Haro Woods Management Plan – Staff plans to present the draft Management Plan to the Haro Woods Advisory Group in the next month. Final public and committee reviews are anticipated in the early fall. 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 – McMin Park – Construction drawings are complete and work is scheduled to begin during the week of June 19. Construction zones in the park will be closed for the duration, and perimeter trails will remain open. 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>

Cedar Hill Park Visioning and Planning Project – Our first public engagement event, an 'Ideas Fair' was held on Thursday, June 8/17. 119 people attended the event and parks has already received 116 responses to the survey.

The boards from that event, as well as a link to an online survey, are posted to the website and will remain online until August 9 at: <http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/parks-recreation-culture/parks/projects-in-saanich-parks/active-projects/cedar-hill-park.html>

Minor Pathway Projects – Three parks will see minor pathway upgrades to improve pedestrian flow through the park. Hampton Park will see an extension of the asphalt pathway from the north side of the artificial turf field through to Seaton Street. Ambassador Park will have a pathway added from the Ambassador Avenue parking lot around the lower softball diamond to the clubhouse. Glanford Park will add a pathway from the soccer field to the Agnes Street Allotment Gardens as per the original concept plan for the park.

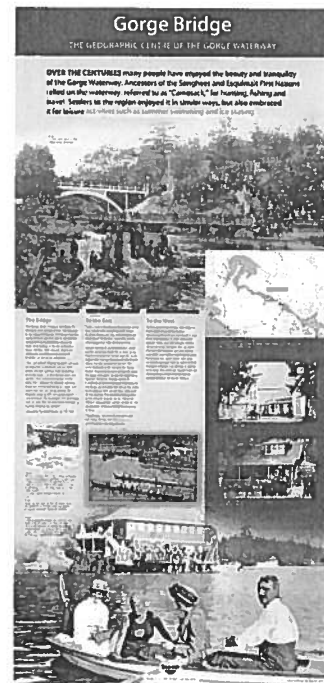
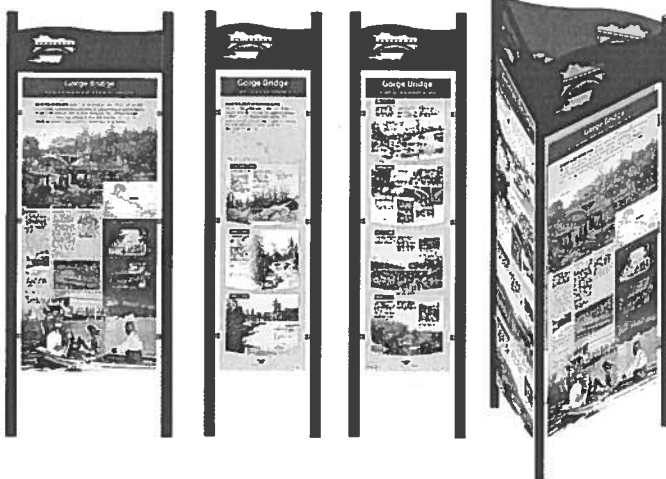
Mt. Douglas Park Access Plan – Status on recommendations in progress from the Mt Douglas Park Access:

1. Create effective signs to alert drivers about speed limits, pedestrians and cyclists on Churchill Drive to be installed in the coming weeks.
2. Explore improving existing undeveloped park access points around the park (eg. Woodcrest Place). Woodcrest Place access work to be completed this summer.
3. Formalize undesignated spaces in Beach parking area and include disability parking stalls within the current footprint. Scheduled for fall after the busy summer season.
4. Review R/W Agreements with Park neighbours to obtain access. Currently looking into the Seaview Suites R/W and parking area.
5. Complete Churchill Drive entrance improvements. Still ongoing work to do with the gate and related elements with Friends of Mt Douglas Park before finalizing construction plan.
6. Consider Summit parking/amenities improvements. Concept plan shared with Friends of Mt Douglas Park and awaiting their comments.

Gloria Beach Access - The improvements to the Gloria Beach Access are 90% complete. Signs and minor landscape clean-up still remain, but the access is now paved and a new handrail to assist with pedestrian safety has been installed.

Gorge Bridge Interpretive Sign – Parks staff and community members have been busy working on a three-sided Interpretive Sign about the history of the Gorge Bridge. The plan is to have the sign kiosk installed along Tillicum Road at the entrance to Gorge Park in early August.

Gorge Bridge Interpretive Sign - Mock Up



Panel 1

Copley Park Football Field Renovation – The work is expected to start in early July. Neighbours have been notified of the construction activity.

Bow Park Pond Interpretive Sign – Parks staff and community members are working on an illustrated Interpretive Sign about the flora and fauna that live around this man-made pond in Bow Park.



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: 6/15/2017

Subject: June 2017 Monthly Report

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

Special Events

Tolmie Park Community Celebration

Saanich Parks & Recreation in partnership with the Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association will be hosting a Community Celebration on Saturday, June 17th from 12:00 noon to 2:00 pm at Tolmie Park. Tolmie Park has recently gone through extensive upgrades and the community event will highlight many of the park improvements along with a cake cutting ceremony. Activities planned include: face painting, an inflatable obstacle course, Canada 150 activities, disc golf and pickleball demonstrations and a local food truck.

Cedar Hill Campus

The Arts Centre at Cedar Hill recently led a lantern workshop with Grade 3 students at Torquay Elementary School. The lanterns celebrate Canada150 and will be on display at Moon Festival in September. Three clients from the Garth Homer Centre also participated in the workshop.

In May, the Arts Centre hosted "Springboards to Careers in the Arts". Fifteen (15) middle school students from across SD61 participated in hands-on visual arts and ceramics activities, spoke with Arts Centre staff about careers in the arts, arts-related education after high school, and met with Main Gallery exhibiting professional artist Christine Reimer, who spoke with them about her

pathway through education and practice as a visual artist. The students were very engaged and the artist really enjoyed sharing her story with them.

On Sunday, June 11th two new records for green fee play were set at the Cedar Hill Golf Course... The first was 200 green fee players in a single day, and the second was a new daily revenue record of \$8,553.50 (without a tournament). This beats the previous record from May 23rd, 2016 of \$7,557.15. Welcomed good news following the worst winter in 50 years.

Community Services



In partnership with School District 61, Youth Services co-hosted a School Leadership Conference at Mt. Doug Park on June 2nd. The event saw over 100 youth from high schools and middle schools work together to celebrate citizenship and inspire one another towards taking part in their own community's wellbeing. The focus was on re-connecting with nature and how youth can participate as stewards for their own parks and green spaces. A result of the event was a commitment from local youth to engage in a School-Park Stewardship Initiative, which will see elementary, middle and secondary schools matched with their local Saanich Park acting as stewards and involved in future park decisions. The conference and Stewardship Initiative is a great example of working collaboratively with community (SD61 schools/students, Saanich Parks Pulling Together volunteers) which supports strategic direction from the Youth Development Strategy (YDS).

Upside Teen Centre's kitchen was upgraded this spring to include an oven and exhaust fan! This is an exciting addition for the programs and services in this space and resulted from the YDS. Youth on Friday nights are excited about baking for their peers, and one of our user groups created a new lunch hour program where young adults with disabilities make lunch together. It is a wonderful asset for the community and an added resource for many groups.

IPAL (Inter-generational Physical Activity Leadership)

This year's IPAL program has wrapped up with Torquay grade 5 students teaching chair aerobics classes at Luther Court in May. IPAL trains seniors and high school mentors, who in turn the grade 5 student leaders how to lead the games on the playground with their peers. This school year we ran two tri-ad partnership programs: (1) seniors group from St. Joseph's Community/Spectrum High School/Marigold Elementary and (2) Luther Court - Lambrick Park High School – Torquay Elementary.

Financial Assistance: The Saanich LIFE program (Leisure Involvement For Everyone) continues to support individuals and families living on a low income. The addition of the Regional access pass has provided another option for those to recreate. The Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charity program continues to assist hundreds of children living in a low income home to be physical engaged in ongoing activities, with year-to-date support sitting at over \$30,000 of funding. At this pace, it is anticipated that we will once again, surpass the previous year of funding allocated to support children in recreation. KidsFUNd, our internal funding source to assist those demonstrating financial need, will celebrate 6 years of operation supporting over 100 children since its inception. The annual KidsFUNd celebration day happens on July 9th supported by the Saanich Fire Charitable Foundation and Thrifty Foods Quadra/McKenzie held at the annual Strawberry Festival.

G.R. Pearkes Recreation Centre

The Burnside Gorge Community Association Out of School Care Program is moving from Tillicum Elementary School to Pearkes for September 2017 as a result of the school's need for additional portables on site. This program provides affordable afterschool care for up to 20 children in the Tillicum neighbourhood. Their re-location will also allow for greater connections to options for physical activity in the Fieldhouse and on the ice through the winter months.

Pearkes is hosting the inaugural Pickleball tournament of the newly formed Victoria Regional Pickleball Association on June 16-18th. This group has formed to support the development of the sport through advocacy and planning for increased and improved playing surfaces, facilities and other opportunities. This tournament hosts a range of skill levels, age levels and partner classifications.

Pearkes is also hosting the Spectrum Community School Dry Grad Celebrations from 11:00 pm on June 27 to 5:00 am on June 28th. The overnight festivities include games and activities such as dodgeball, inflatable obstacle courses, a variety of food options, caricatures, movies, etc. This is a great connection to Spectrum as many students are involved in programs at Pearkes from skating lessons, hockey and the Backdoor Teen Centre.

The Green Rink at Pearkes is currently a "dry floor," without ice and hosting Saanich Lacrosse Association and the Victoria Minor Ball Hockey Association. The ice goes back in on July 4th.

Gordon Head Recreation Centre

The steam room reconstruction is now well underway and completion is set for July 3rd. The river pool motor has reached end of life, so it will require a replacement – there is a 4 week wait on the motor, so it will be installed just prior to shutdown. The replacement pump will be upgraded to a variable motor, which will reduce the hydro “spike” when the motor is energized, and should result in overall hydro reduction. The annual maintenance shutdown will start June 19th and we re-open July 4th.

Accessibility upgrades will be completed during shutdown as well. We will be installing a new bed, as well as extending the WHISPA track to the hot tub. This is part of the Federal accessibility grant received in 2016.

Annually the Lifesaving Society presents lifeguards with opportunities to test their skills in fair and challenging environments. Lifeguard competitions provide the opportunity for lifeguards to learn new skills, and the public with the opportunity to watch the skills needed to be a lifeguard. On July 8th, Gordon Head Recreation will be hosting the opening competition of the 2017 season. Eight teams from around British Columbia will compete in four events.

Saanich Commonwealth Place

SCP piloted a very well attended, “Seriously Fun Outdoor Military Style Fitness” Class for the very first time. Participants enjoyed a variety of competitive team building cardio games, as well as drills using kettle-bells, sandbags, tires and battle ropes.



The SCP 10 month pre-school program, which has over 70 families participating, has wrapped up for the year, celebrating their year-end concert with a Canada 150 theme.

Celebrating diversity of ages, cultures and abilities, including special needs, the REACH Performing Company, who practice weekly at SCP, were highlighted on the CTV news.
(Link below)

<http://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=1143731&binId=1.1180928&playlistPageNum=1>

They recently performed at the Oak Bay Tea Party and will next perform at Sidney Days on June 30.

Swim to Survive Day BC was held at SCP on May 28th. This is a free event to teach youth aged 7 to 18 the necessary skills to survive an unexpected fall into a body of water. The program is offered by the Lifeguard Outreach Society, based in Kamloops. Five to ten core members travel across Canada to teach community oriented survival swimming.



Also on the pool side of the facility, SCP again hosted a number of meets in the pool including The VIR Swim Championships (June 2, 3, 4) with 300 athletes participating and the Oak Bay Orcas Swim meet (June 10 & 11) also with 300 swimmers.

Upcoming summer events:

Diving Junior Development Nationals – July 7, 8, 9

Sidney Piranhas Sprint Challenge – July 22 & 23

Midsummer Madness meet- August 5 & 6

Mad Moto Triathlon- August 13

Submitted by



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Approved by



Suzanne Samborski

Director, Parks and Recreation

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Youth Development Strategy Report Year One - 2016



The first year of implementation of the Youth Development Strategy (YDS) was a great start to this five year plan for Saanich Parks and Recreation. Over the course of the year, we made progress in all six of the strategic priorities identified within the YDS.



Increase Participation



New programs and services are offered for beginners and marginalized groups of youth in our communities.

Highlights from 2016

- **FREE Weightroom Orientations for teens**
- New co-created LGBTQ2+ parent education/support group and youth dinner club at SCP
- New affordable programs at the Recreation Centres (e.g. late night teen swim at SCP, cooking program at GHRC, pop up art gallery in conjunction with CHRC)
- New streamlined procedures to increase access for youth to the Leisure Involvement for Everyone (LIFE) program

Collaboration



We have enhanced relationships with our community partners, most notably School Districts 61 & 63.

Highlights from 2016

- **200+ youth engaged through new introductory programs offered at schools as a result of enhanced partnerships with our School Districts**
- One day career explorations for Gr. 8's in collaboration with School District 61
- Hosted a cross departmental youth think tank which brought together numerous Saanich departments including: Legislative Services, Emergency Management, and Planning

Risk and Outdoor Play



Youth in our community continue to express a desire and a need for more youth friendly elements in our parks system.

Highlights from 2016

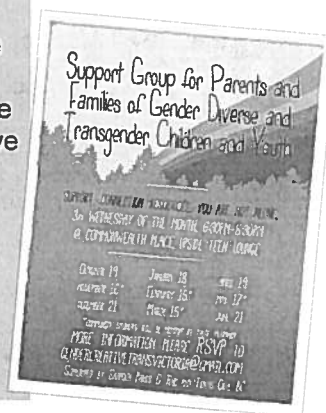
- **Parks adopts new youth engagement practice in their park planning process (e.g. Tolmie Park, McMinn Park)**
- Saanich Parks & Recreation officially endorses the ParticipAction Position Statement on Outdoor Active Play
- Successfully piloted a new low cost outdoor focused adventure program for youth 11-14 at Copley Park. This program was the first to adopt our new risk benefit assessment process
- Began work with Arbutus Middle School towards a new School-Park Stewardship Program



"CAN YOU TELL MY PARENTS I'M O-K?"

This is a common question we hear from the youth we work with who identify as queer and/ or trans. Lack of family support puts youth at incredible risk. In response to this growing need, and the youths' requests, we have partnered with TransCareBC to offer a monthly family support group. This recent school year, we have seen about 20 families attend these meetings every month supporting their youth and creating a community of support for one another.

A. GODDARD Youth Programmer
Upside Teen Centre (SCP)





Social Wellbeing



Youth Services plays a much needed preventative role in the overarching goal of improving the health and wellbeing of youth.

Highlights from 2016

- **150+ students reached by new wellness programs**
- New peer anxiety program with Lambrick Park Secondary School
- 'Girls on Fire' career planning program at Shoreline Middle School
- Hosted showing of *Screenagers* for families with youth to help them navigate the digital landscape
- New noon hour support program for girls at Royal Oak Middle School



Youth Spaces



The three teen centres (Flipside @ Pearkes, Upside @ SCP, Backdoor @ GHRC) continue to provide a much needed service, acting as a resource hub and a safe accessible space for youth to gather, stay connected, and be informed. Ongoing programming reflects the needs of each community and their success has remained strong throughout 2016.

With new supports we were able to devote more time to community development and an increase in collaboration with neighbourhood partners.

Highlights from 2016

- **As a result of funding for new Youth Leader II positions we saw an increase in participation through additional program offerings, as well as improved community connections**
- Enhanced community partnership between Saanich Neighbourhood Place and the Flipside Teen Centre
- Began outreach to the Cedar Hill neighbourhood
- New stove and venting approved for Upside Teen Centre at SCP
- Further investment in the Youth Program Quality Initiative in our teen centres

Communication



Is our message getting through? We continue to assess the complexities of communicating with youth as we engage youth in discussing what methods of communication work best.

Highlight from 2016

- **Four engagements with youth towards developing our Youth Communication Advisory Team**



Looking Ahead To 2017

Year 2 of our YDS will provide opportunity to enhance our existing initiatives while developing new relationships and community partnerships to strengthen our service to youth in Saanich.