

2016 FACT SHEET

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY SERVICES



The Community
Services net 2016
budget is
\$1,047,800

WHAT IS COMMUNITY SERVICES?

Saanich Community Services supports access to Saanich recreation facilities and the creation of local initiatives that provide opportunities for citizens to lead a healthy lifestyle and to be engaged in their community. The goal is to maximize resources in the community by working alongside schools, social serving agencies, health care providers, special interest groups and neighbourhood committees to create quality recreation programs and to decrease the barriers many families and individuals face in accessing recreation services.

DID YOU KNOW WE PROVIDE?

Municipal & Community Special Events:

In partnership with the local community a variety of municipal and community special events are delivered which serve to establish social participation and neighbourhood recognition. With an estimated attendance of over 35,000 citizens per year, events range in size and scope from Strawberry Festival and the Deck the Hall to summer music in the park.

Net cost **\$180,900**

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Community Development: Partnerships, Volunteering & Planning:

Development of partnerships through collaboration on local, regional and provincial coalitions and committees with areas such as Healthy Eating, Community Kitchens, Mind-Exercise-Nutrition-Do It and Cultural Diversity. Community consultation processes are also jointly conducted with Recreation Administration, leading to the development of strategies such as the Youth Development Strategy (2016-2020) and starting an Older Adults Parks and Recreation Strategy in 2016. Community Services oversees the Volunteer program for the Recreation Division with 150 active volunteers and 5,400 hours contributed.

Net cost **\$142,900**

Inclusion for Low Income Citizens:

The Leisure Involvement for Everyone (L.I.F.E) program enables low income families and individuals to access 52 free drop-ins to recreation facilities plus numerous discount opportunities for program registrations. Approximately 1,950 Saanich citizens are supported per year resulting in 37,000 drop in visits and 1,950 in program registration. Free or low cost programs and sponsorship or grant opportunities for children and families are also developed and delivered. Additionally, Community Services administers over \$40,000 in Canadian Tire JUMPSTART funding serving 378 children and youth, and Kids FUNd funding as well.

Net cost **\$41,800**

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Youth Services & Three Teen Centres:

Teen Centres in Pearkes, Commonwealth Place and Gordon Head offer a safe, drop-in environment and are visited over 10,000 times per year. Youth programs and events promote positive youth contributions to their communities, provide opportunities for learning and promote youth engagement and leadership skills and active lifestyles in teens. In action, Youth Internship and the Saanich Youth Council this year focuses on year 1 implementation of the new Youth Development Strategy.

Revenues	\$33,800
Expenditures	\$366,700
Net Cost	\$332,900

Social Programs/Accessibility Services for People with Disabilities:

Programs and services that support healthy living choices for those facing multiple barriers to participation in traditional recreation programs and facilities are provided in partnership with local agencies such as the Island Health Authority (IHA), the InterCultural Association of Victoria (ICA), Saanich Silver Threads, Goward House Society and the Cordova Bay 55 Plus Association.

Net cost	\$141,400
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Children's Outdoor Physical Activities:

With new awareness of the increased levels of stress and anxiety affecting children and youth, and the knowledge that access to outdoor play is essential for healthy child development, park and outdoor recreation programs are offered during the summer promoting play and physical activity. These low cost or free programs provide opportunities for over 2,600 children per year to be physically active and to connect with nature.

Revenues	\$137,200
Expenditures	\$345,100
Net Cost	\$207,900

