

How our fitness team is working hard for you!

You may notice some upgraded or newer versions of cardio equipment in all of our Saanich Recreation Centres.

Cardio pieces see more wear and tear than any other pieces in our weight rooms. The highest mileage on the Gordon Head Centres treadmills was approximately 15,000 over a four year period. We can assure you that nothing has been replaced without a clear need. This is a big undertaking for fitness and purchasing but we are passionate about health and fitness!

Here is how we make sure tax dollars are spent wisely.

- We listen to customer requests
- We go out to other facilities to demo equipment
- We talk to patrons at the sites that we visit to ask them what they like or do not like about a certain piece
- We are mindful of different shapes, sizes, abilities and needs
- We talk to suppliers on what is new in the industry
- We look at fads vs trends
- We look at what is most used in our spaces
- We look at ease of use for all populations

The municipality has a robust procurement policy. All purchases go through a competitive and open purchasing process. As a municipality we are required to purchase items from vendors submitting bids to this process. The selection of equipment is based on pricing, warranties and service history.

Once the bidding is closed we sit as a committee with purchasing and rate proposals based on:

- Specs and compliance
- Warranty
- References and past experience
- Parts and availability
- Delivery
- Price
- Trade in value
- Corporate sustainability practices & energy efficiency

As a municipal government we have several policies that prevent staff from being influenced by vendors.

Administrative policy:

Code of ethics

14. Acceptance of Gifts

No personal/individual gifts shall be received by municipal staff from citizens or firms that do business with the Municipality. No gifts of liquor shall be received by municipal staff. Any gifts received shall be of a nature to be shared on municipal premises.

## 15. Solicitation

A municipal employee shall not receive or solicit a subscription, gratuity or fee for or in connection with any service or presumed service performed as a municipal employee (except with the knowledge and approval of Council).

Keep in mind that some of the models have had some changes, if you require assistance ask a weight room attendant and they would be happy to assist you. Remember when you fall in love with that one car and you need a new one the 2005 model is not the same as the 2017 model. Companies make changes to upgrade and improve.

We hope that you have found this to be helpful. If you have any questions please feel free to contact any Fitness Programmer in Saanich.

Yours in Fitness,  
Saanich Fitness Committee

