

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT RECREATION, CULTURE AND AIRPARK SERVICES COMMISSION OPEN MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, July 16, 2019

6:30 pm

District of Hope Council Chambers
345 Wallace Street, Hope, BC

Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission Open Meeting of July 16, 2019 be approved;

AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the Agenda be received for information.

3. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

3.1 **Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission Open Meeting - 04 16 2019**

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MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission Open Meeting of April 16, 2019 be adopted.

3.2 **Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission Special Minute - 05 17 2019**

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MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission Special Minute of May 17, 2019 be adopted.

3.3 **Community Better Challenge Results**

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- Memo from Staff regarding the Community Better Challenge Results
- Letter from ParticipACTION dated June 2019

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission direct staff to work in collaboration with other community partners and participate in the Community Better Challenge in 2020.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Terry Fox Run Complimentary Admission

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- Memo from Staff regarding Terry Fox Run 2019

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission approve complimentary admission to the Dan Sharrers Aquatic Centre to participants of the Terry Fox Run at the conclusion of the event on Sunday, September 15, 2019;

AND THAT the swimming pool open one hour early to accommodate participants at the conclusion of the run.

4.2 Community Facility Use Grant

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- Memo from Staff regarding Community Facility Use Grant
- RCAS Donation Policy and Procedure

5. STAFF AND STANDING REPORTS

5.1 Summer Programming Highlights

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- Memo from Staff regarding Summer Programming
- Summer Program Guide (*distributed separately*)

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 Correspondence

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- Letter from Customer dated July 9, 2019

7. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the meeting be closed to the public, except for Senior Staff, for the purpose of receiving and adopting Closed Meeting Minutes convened in accordance to Section 90 of the *Community Charter* and to consider matters pursuant to:

- Section 90(1)(e) of the *Community Charter* - the acquisition, disposition, or expropriation of land or improvements; and
- Section 90(1)(k) of the *Community Charter* - negotiations and related

discussions respecting the proposed provision of a regional district service that are at their preliminary stages, and that, in the view of the Regional District, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district if they were held in public.

8. **RECONVENE OPEN MEETING**
9. **REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS**
10. **RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING**
11. **NEXT MEETING**

REMINDER regarding the date of the next meeting of the Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission on September 17, 2019 at 6:30p.m.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION

THAT the Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission Open Meeting of July 16, 2019 be adjourned.

**FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT
RECREATION, CULTURE & AIRPARK SERVICES COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, April 16, 2019
6:30 pm
District of Hope Council Chambers
345 Wallace Street, Hope, BC

Present:

Terry Raymond, Chair, Electoral Area A
Dennis Adamson, Vice Chair, Electoral Area B
Peter Robb, Director, District of Hope
Shanon Fischer, Member at Large, District of Hope
Peter Adamo, Member at Large, Electoral Area B
Dianne Davies, Member at Large, Electoral Area B
Hilary Kennedy, Member at Large, District of Hope

Staff Present:

Jody Castle, Manager of Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services
Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services
Jaime Reilly, Manager of Corporate Administration
Mike Freimark, Assistant Manager of Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ADDENDA AND LATE ITEMS

KENNEDY/ADAMO

THAT the Agenda, Addenda and Late Items for the Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission Open Meeting of April 16, 2019 be approved;

AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence and other information set to the Agenda be received for information.

CARRIED

3. MINUTES/MATTERS ARISING

**3.1 Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission Open Meeting - 03
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ROBB/FISCHER

THAT the Minutes of the Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission Open Meeting of March 5, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Geothermal Upgrade - A Tour of South Cariboo Recreation Centre

Jody Castle, Manager of Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services provided a PowerPoint presentation to the commission highlighting the following:

- Review of the site visit to South Cariboo Recreation Centre
- Success and challenges of the South Cariboo Recreation Geothermal project
- Direct Digital Control System importance

4.2 Canada Day 2019

Jody Castle, Manager of Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services provided a high level overview of the plans for 2019 Canada Day events.

5. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING

ADAMSON/KENNEDY

THAT the meeting be closed to the public, except for Senior Staff, for the purpose of receiving and adopting Closed Meeting Minutes convened in accordance to Section 90 of the *Community Charter* and to consider matters pursuant to:

- Section 90(1)(b) of the *Community Charter* - personal information about an identifiable individual who is being considered for a Regional District award or honour, or who has offered to provide a gift to the Regional District on condition of anonymity; and
- Section 90(1)(e) of the *Community Charter* - the acquisition, disposition, or expropriation of land or improvements; and
- Section 90(1)(k) of the *Community Charter* - negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a regional district service that are at their preliminary stages, and and that, in the view of the Regional District, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the regional district if they were held in public.

CARRIED

6. RECONVENE OPEN MEETING

The open meeting of the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission was reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

7. REPORTS BY COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioners Fischer and Robb complemented the success of the South Coast Women's Hockey Championships hosted at the Hope arena complex.

8. RISE AND REPORT OUT OF CLOSED MEETING

None.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission has been scheduled for May 14, 2019 at the District of Hope Council Chambers.

10. ADJOURNMENT

DAVIES/ADAMO

THAT the Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission Open Meeting of April 16, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED

The Open meeting of the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

MINUTES CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Terry Raymond, Chair

Corporate Officer/Deputy

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

RECREATION, CULTURE & AIRPARK SERVICES

SPECIAL MINUTE

by special vote pursuant to B.C. Reg. 41/91
as amended by B.C. Reg. 17/98

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

THAT the Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission recommend to the Fraser Valley Regional District Board that it consider giving three readings and adoption to the *Fraser Valley Regional District Hope and District Recreation Centre Fees and Other Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1529, 2019*.

CARRIED

I, Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer declare as follows:

1. The Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission has informed me that giving three readings and adoption to *Fraser Valley Regional District Hope and District Recreation Centre Fees and Other Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 1529, 2019* to be urgent and that calling a regular or special meeting to conduct the voting is impractical.
2. I have made all reasonable attempts to communicate the matter to be voted on, by telephone, email or in person, to each Commissioner entitled to vote and have recorded each Commissioner's vote.
3. I have informed the Chair of the results of the voting.

Dated: May 17, 2019



Jennifer Kinneman
Acting Chief Administrative Officer

I, Terry Raymond, Chair, declare that the vote has passed.

Dated: May 17, 2019



Director Terry Raymond
Chair
Recreation, Culture & Airpark
Services Commissioner

Recording of Votes

Director Terry Raymond, Electoral Area A	Yes
Director Dennis Adamson, Electoral Area B	Yes
Mayor Peter Robb, District of Hope	Yes
Hilary Kennedy Member at Large, District of Hope	Yes
Commissioner Dianne Davies, Member at Large, Electoral Area B	Yes
Commissioner Shanon Fischer, Member at Large, District of Hope	Yes
Commissioner Peter Adamo, Member at Large, Electoral Area B	Yes

Total votes possible	7
Total number of votes recorded	7
Total votes required to carry resolution	4
Total votes recorded in affirmative	7
Opposed	--

CORPORATE REPORT

To: CAO for the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission Date: 2019-07-16

From: Jody Castle, Manager of Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services File No:

Subject: Community Better Challenge Results

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission direct staff to work in collaboration with other community partners and participate in the Community Better Challenge in 2020.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

BACKGROUND

The Community Better Challenge is presented by the Government of Canada through ParticipACTION. The challenge started in 2019 by calling on all Canadians to get active and incorporate physical activity where they work, live and play. In March 2019, the RCAS Commission endorsed the Community Better Challenge, encouraging the community to register online and track activity throughout two weeks in June. Staff was part of a committee that included RCAS and Fraser Health that developed tracking tools and encouraged the public to participate and track physical activity from May 31 – June 15, 2019. The tracked minutes were entered online, and the winner of the contest had the opportunity to win a grand prize of \$150,000 for their community.

DISCUSSION

The community began to track activities on May 31, and Hope was soon seen near the top of the online leaderboard. The leaderboard was promoted frequently on social media, and the Hope Standard also ran several articles regarding the success of the challenge. At the end of the two weeks, Hope

remained near the top of the leaderboard and the District of Hope received a letter indicating that there would be an opportunity to submit a bid detailing why Hope should be named Canada's Most Active Community. Fraser Health, the District of Hope and RCAS collaborated to submit a bid within one week of the closing of the event. Approximately ten other communities were invited to submit bids. Enderby, BC was named Canada's Most Active Community for 2019 and will be awarded a prize of \$150,000 to be used towards recreation in their community.

COST

Approximately 20 hours of staff time over a 3 month period (event planning, tracking, marketing) were utilized to fulfil this commitment.

CONCLUSION

Although Hope was not named Canada's Most Active Community in 2019, Hope was a top 30 finalist in the top 2% of all communities competing across Canada. The community logged over 3 million minutes of physical activity, and 16 different organizations reported minutes. PartiP ACTION has indicated that this event will occur once again in 2020, including a grant program to host activities within the community. Staff is recommending that RCAS participate in the Community Better Challenge committee in 2020 to encourage all community members to be more active.

COMMENTS BY:

Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services: Reviewed and supported.

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services: No further financial comment.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer: Reviewed and supported.



Dear Hope,

The first-ever ParticipACTION Community Better Challenge was a huge success. More than 265-million minutes were tracked across Canada during the duration of the challenge and we have communities such as yourself to thank for making this happen.

In the end there can only be one winner, and earlier today we announced that Enderby, BC was crowned Canada's Most Active Community, with Headingley, MB, Gamètì, NT, Marathon, ON, Amqui, QC and Harvey, NB winning their respective regions. See our [press release](#) or read our [blog](#) and find out more about Canada's Most Active Community and the country's regional winners.

As a top 30 finalist, you should be proud of your efforts. Your community was in the **top 2%** of all competing communities across Canada, which is an amazing accomplishment. We hope that encourages you to come back next year and take the Challenge once again. To learn more about your community please see your impact report on the following page.

This fall, we will be announcing details on the 2020 Community Better Challenge and will once again launch a grant program in early 2020 where we will be allocating a minimum of \$200,000 for communities and organizations to host events during the 2020 Challenge.

At this time, we welcome all feedback (good & bad) on how we can make the Challenge more successful in future years to come. Feel free to contact Ken Zolotar at kzolotar@participaction.com

Again, thank you for your participation and congratulations on getting your community active!

ParticipACTION

Community Impact Report

Hope

Your community tracked over **3 Million minutes of physical activity**

Your community submitted over **1,400 events and activities**

People participated over **40,000 times** in events and activities

Organizations that worked with to get your community active included:

- 1st Hope Scouting
- At Rivers Edge Kennel
- Fraser Valley Regional District - Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services
- Hope Association for Community Living
- Hope BC
- Hope Golf & Country Club
- Hope Health Unit
- Hope line dancers
- Hope Minor Soccer
- Hope Preschool & Daycare Centre
- Kawkawa Camp & Retreat
- Pacific Top Team Hope
- Read Right Society
- School District 78
- Shxw'owhamel First Nation
- Silver Creek Elementary

CORPORATE REPORT

To: CAO for the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission Date: 2019-07-16

From: Mike Freimark, Assistant Manager, Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services

Subject: Terry Fox Run Complimentary Admission

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission approve complimentary admission to the Dan Sharrers Aquatic Centre to participants of the Terry Fox Run at the conclusion of the event on Sunday, September 15, 2019;

AND THAT the swimming pool open one hour early to accommodate participants at the conclusion of the run.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

BACKGROUND

Each year, RCAS hosts the Terry Fox Run for the District of Hope and surrounding areas. The Terry Fox Run is free and open to everyone in the community regardless of age, athletic ability or socio-economic standing. RCAS offers 3 routes including a 5k, 10k, or a family 3k. Families are able to walk or run the 3k or 5k route. There is no entry fee, however, participants are encouraged to register and raise funds online that will be donated to the Terry Fox Foundation. Donations are accepted online, and cash and cheques can be donated on the day of the race. The Terry Fox Foundation raises money for cancer research in Canada, and to date over \$700 million dollars has been raised through the foundation. In 2018, 26 community members participated in the Terry Fox Run in Hope and raised a total of \$2,876.50.

DISCUSSION

The run has traditionally started and finished at Memorial Park. In an attempt to be more visible to the community and to promote the recreation centre, the start and finish line will take place in front of the recreation centre in 2019. The route will take participants past Memorial Park as well as several view points and points of interest. Staff will provide guidance along the route, and assistance to promote fundraising efforts. At the conclusion of the event, staff are recommending that the pool open one hour early and that all participants receive complimentary admission to enjoy the pool, hot tub and sauna after their run. Snacks and water will also be provided.

COST

Staffing costs for early pool opening: \$50

Complimentary Admission for Participants (based on 2018 run attendance): \$130

COMMENTS BY:

Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services:

Reviewed and supported.

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services:

Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer:

Reviewed and supported.

CORPORATE REPORT

To: CAO for the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission Date: 2019-07-16

From: Jody Castle, Manager of Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services File No:

Subject: Community Facility Use Grant

INTENT

This report is intended to advise the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission of information pertaining to its Community Facility Use Grant. Staff is not looking for a recommendation and has forwarded this information should members want more clarification to discuss the item further.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

BACKGROUND

Each year, the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission (RCAS) receives requests for free space rentals and facility passes from volunteer organizations and non-profits hoping to reduce costs for events and/or meetings. In an attempt to fairly distribute requests and reduce the amount of time to receive an approval, RCAS established a Donation Policy and procedure in 2017 allowing staff to facilitate approvals directly based on a list of criteria. Lost revenue for the facilities is compensated from the RCAS Commission's Community Facility Use Grant.

As per the Policy, one prioritized request per organization is considered per year, including up to \$2000 in requests per school district. The organization must apply in writing, and they must be a volunteer or non-profit group to qualify to partake in the Grant. Any request valued at over \$1000 must be brought forward to the RCAS Commission for approval. In 2019, a value of \$8,000 is budgeted for Community Facility Use Grants which can be used to cover the cost of space rental for a community organization. Facility pass donations are tracked separately and not included in the Community Facility Use Grant funding.

DISCUSSION

In 2019, a total of \$5,789.00 in grant funding has been issued from the Community Facility Use Grant to compensate for the various community organizations and groups use of the facilities. In the first half of the year, just over 70% of the allocated funds have been awarded for 2019.

The table below summarizes the approved funding under the Grant for 2019. There is a remaining \$2,211 in the Community Facility Use Grant Fund.

EVENT DATE	ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	ITEM	VALUE	GRANT FUNDS REMAINING
					\$8,000.00
March 1, 2019	Hope SAR	First Aid	Airpark Building	\$101.50	\$7,898.50
May 9, 2019	Hope Secondary	Leadership Conference	Conference Centre/Kitchen	\$373.50	\$7,525.00
May 2, 2019	Hope Secondary	Career Fair	Arena Dry Floor	\$285.50	\$7,239.50
March 29-31	south coast women's hockey league	Tournament - beer garden	Conference Centre and Mezzanine	\$484.00	\$6,755.50
March 13-18	Hope Adult Hockey League	St Patrick's Day Tournament	Green Ice	\$535.00	\$6,220.50
April 11, 2019	Director of Area B	Volunteer Dinner	Conference Centre/Kitchen	\$373.50	\$5,847.00
June 8-9	RiverMonsters Swim Club	Swim Meet	DSAC 2 days plus Conference Centre/Kitchen	\$2,756.00	\$3,091.00
May 8, 2019	Friends of Hope Library	Fundraiser	Conference Centre	\$129.50	\$2,961.50
March 8, 2019	Hope & District Skating Club	Ice Show	Arena Ice	\$444.00	\$2,517.50
January 8, 2019	Hope and District Search and Rescue	Training	Conference Centre	\$123.33	\$2,394.17
February 7, 2019	Hope and Area Transition Society	International Womens Day	Conference Centre	\$154.17	\$2,240.00
April 24, 2019	Hope and Area Response Team	HART meeting	Mezzanine	\$28.93	\$2,211.07

Total Grants Approved for 2019

\$5,788.93

In addition to facility requests, RCAS receives several requests for donation of prizes for community organizations. The table below summarizes the prizes donated to the community in 2019, with a total donated value of \$865.25.

ORGANIZATION	ACTIVITY	ITEM	VALUE
Coquihalla Elementary	Coquihalla Elementary School PAC	Family 10 Pass	\$78.00
Hope & District Arts Council	Hope & District Arts Council	Family 10 Pass	\$78.00
Hope Secondary School	HSS Grad Fundraiser	Family 10 Pass	\$77.50
Hope Secondary School	HSS Carnival	Student 10 pass	\$33.25
RCAS	Move for Health Day	1 month pass	\$50.75
RCAS	Move for Health Day	1 month pass	\$50.75
RCAS	Move for Health Day	Women's Vorgee Swim Cap	\$8.00
RCAS	Move for Health Day	Women's Vorgee Swim Cap	\$8.00
RCAS	Move for Health Day	Adult Swim Cap	\$7.00
RCAS	Move for Health Day	Adult Swim Cap	\$7.00
RCAS	Move for Health Day	Adult Swim Cap	\$7.00
RCAS	AC Pool Celebration Day	3 - AC Pool Family Drop In Passes	\$22.50
RCAS	Canada Day - singer am	10 family pass	\$78.00
RCAS	Canada Day - singer pm	10 family pass	\$78.00
Royal Westminster Cadets	Royal Westminster Cadets	Family 10 Pass	\$78.00
Seabird Island Preschool	Seabird Supported Child Development	7 Family Drop In Passes	\$63.00
Silver Creek Elementary	Math Competition	Youth 10 Pass	\$31.50
Silver Creek Elementary	Lego Expo	Youth 10 Pass	\$31.50
Sunshine Valley Volunteer Fire Department	Silent Auction/Music Bingo Night	Family 10 Pass	\$77.50

COST

2019 Community Facility Use Grant Funds Available (709 budget) : \$8,000

Total Dollars Awarded: \$5,789

Remaining Grant Funds Available: \$2,211

In the first half of the year, 72% of available grant funding has been awarded. Requests received later in the year may be denied due to lack of available funds.

CONCLUSION

The Community Facility Use Grant is available for non-profit organizations throughout the community. The Grant allows organizations to produce events or activities at a reduced cost. In 2019, a total of twelve funding requests under the Grant have been awarded to various organizations, and funds remain available for additional requests in 2019.

COMMENTS BY:

Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services:

Reviewed and supported.

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services:

Reviewed and supported.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer:

Reviewed and supported.

FRASER VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services

DONATION POLICY

Date Issued: February 26, 2017

Date Amended: March 5, 2019

PURPOSE

The Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission (RCASC), in an effort to manage requests for donation of recreation admission passes, facility and equipment rentals and advertising space, the following policy has been created.

POLICY

The Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission recognizes the efforts undertaken by volunteer service organizations and various non-profit groups and is dedicated to assisting wherever financially viable. Each year, and on an ongoing basis, numerous requests for facilities and/or services are received.

The Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Donation Policy and Procedure was developed to assist the Commission's efforts to fulfill as many community requests as possible while remaining accountable to area residents and taxpayers.

GUIDELINES

- a) One request (ie 10 pass) per organization will be prioritized per annum, subsequent requests will be considered on a case by case basis
- b) Individual facility pass requests (one time use) will not be considered except in special circumstances
- c) School requests will be considered on a case by case basis, not to exceed total value of \$2000 per school district
- d) All requests for donation must be made in writing, and approved by management
- e) Equipment/space donated is based on availability and is at the discretion of staff. Due to prior bookings and RCAS organizational requirements, requests identifying specific dates may not be accommodated
- f) Meeting space donation requests must be accompanied by a Meeting Space Application Form and must also meet the requirements of the Meeting Room Use Policy
- g) No monetary contributions will be made
- h) Requests valued at over \$1000 or new user group requests will be brought forward to the Recreation, Culture and Airpark Services Commission for consideration

PROCEDURE

A written request for donation can be dropped off or emailed to the Recreation Centre a minimum of two weeks prior to required donation date.

Donation requests should include the following information:

- Formal request letter on the non-profit organization's official letterhead
- Reason for request
- Donation request type (meeting space, passes, advertising, etc.)
- Fundraising event date (if applicable)
- Contact Information including:
 - Name of Organization
 - Contact Person
 - Address
 - Phone Number
 - Email Address

Donation requests can be submitted to:

Manager, Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services
1005-6 Avenue
Hope, BC
V0X 1L4
leisure@fvrd.ca

amendments:

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housekeeping (title change)

(b) Individual facility pass requests (one time use) will not be considered except in special circumstances

CORPORATE REPORT

To: CAO for the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission Date: 2019-07-16
From: Natalie Lewis, Services Clerk File No:
Subject: Summer Programming Highlights

INTENT

This report is intended to advise the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission of information pertaining to 2019 summer programming. Staff is not looking for a recommendation and has forwarded this information should members want more clarification to discuss the item further.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Provide Responsive & Effective Public Services

2019 Summer Programming

- **Canada Day**
Canada Day celebrations in Hope on Monday, July 1st continued to build on the success of previous years. Attendance for the overall day was successful thanks to the support of the community. The Lions Club of Hope supported both morning and evening events by selling food and raising money for local charity programs, and the Rotary Club operated a beverage garden with funds raised going towards student scholarships.
- **Summer Day Camp**
The first week of Summer Day Camp has been well attended. Camp runs from 8:30-5pm each day of the summer with different theme each week including games, crafts and a field trip. The first week the day camp went to Wildplay Element Park in Maple Ridge.
- **Fitness Classes**
The number of fitness classes is once again reduced over the summer months due to lack of attendance, as well as the availability of instructors. Summer classes offered include yoga, strength circuit, fitness express, spin cycle and both deep water and shallow water aqua fit.
- **Kickboxing with Martial Arts**
Kickboxing is a new program that has been using the arena floor since the ice was removed in May. Registration numbers for June included 16 adults, 6 teens and 11 children. Kickboxing will continue on the dry floor until the ice goes back in, with classes continuing in the Fall in the Conference Centre.

- **Gymnastics Camp**
Gymnastics Camp is being offered by a contract instructor for the month of July. Registration numbers have been lower than anticipated (approximately 5 per week).
- **Lifeguard Training**
Training to become a lifeguard is being offered over the Summer and Fall. Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross are offered in July, followed by Standard First Aid in August and National Lifeguard will be offered in the Fall.
- **Almer Carlson Pool**
Almer Carlson Pool opened for the season on June 29. A summer celebration was held which offered free admission, community BBQ, draw prizes and more. Many local community members attended opening day and enjoyed the BBQ. The first set of swimming lessons has been well attended.

COMMENTS BY:

Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services:	Reviewed and supported.
Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services:	No further financial comment.
Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer:	Reviewed and supported.

July 9, 2019

Jody Castle and Terry Raymond,

I am writing you this letter to bring to your attention a safety concern I have with the recreation facility in Hope. On June 29th, 2019, my family and I were using the public swimming pool. As we have many times before, I locked my keys, phone and wallet in a locker in the men's changeroom. When I returned from swimming, my locker had been opened and cash from my wallet emptied. My phone, wallet and keys were still there, but \$355 missing from the wallet. The locker door was opened and the latch still in the locked position. Immediately, I informed the front staff and the maintenance person on staff verified that the locker does in fact lock and appeared confused as to how someone opened the locker as there was no damage to it indicating that it was opened with force. I filed a police report, but as we all know, the cash is gone and never likely to return. What is concerning though, is that there is no security footage to help identify any possible suspects. When officer Tyler Rodney showed up at the recreation centre, they hit a dead end because the facility has not a single video camera. This is hard to believe, baffling! I am dumbfounded that in 2019, a public facility like the recreation centre would not have any security cameras. Not even one at the entrance to see who comes and leaves the facility.

I am concerned for the safety of my family, belongings and the safety of others while visiting the facility. What would happen if a child were to be abducted, if a bike got stolen, a person assaulted, the front cashier robbed or attacked? The only response that could be given is similar to the one we got, a shrug of the shoulders and "we don't really know because we don't have any security cameras". I find this is absolutely unacceptable.

I am not suggesting that cameras be installed in the change rooms, but a camera at the entrance of the building, or at the entrance of the changerooms could answer a lot of questions. Who went in the change room? How many people where in and out of the facility in the time we were at the pool? Because at this time, we have no answers and as far as we know, it could have been anyone visiting the pool, any one of the staffs, or even Santa Clause. We can not prove anyone did or did not take our money.

Facilities in Chilliwack like the Cheam Leisure Centre, Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre and the Abbotsford Recreation Centre all have security cameras. What excludes your facility from taking some safety measures to ensure the security of your guests? At this moment, there is little risk for anyone to rob a locker or assault anyone.

I understand that there are signs up in the changerooms that indicate any items that are lost or stolen are not of the responsibility of the facility. That being said, I did my part to ensure security of my belongings, by paying for a locker and am disappointed that the Recreation Centre has not done theirs ensure our safety. What could I do differently next time I visit? Have the lifeguard also hold my wife's purse while patrolling the pool?

So I write this letter to ask you not if, but WHEN, security cameras will be installed at the Hope Recreation Centre.

I will be expecting a response be sent to me with how you and the board will follow up with my concern.

I can be reached by email [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I will be following this up with Jody to ensure this is addressed.

Thank you for your time.

[REDACTED]