

CORPORATE REPORT

To: CAO for the Recreation, Culture & Airpark Services Commission

Date: 2019-05-17

From: Mike Freimark, Assistant Manager

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Subject: Hope and District Recreation Centre Fees and Other Charges Amendment Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Recreation, Culture & 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.

STRATEGIC AREA(S) OF FOCUS

Support Healthy & Sustainable Community

BACKGROUND

The Hope and Area Recreation Centre is funded through a variety of methods including tax requisition, room and building rentals, general admission, and fees for programming. The rates and fees for the Recreation Centre are regularly reviewed by staff to ensure that cost recovery is appropriate and sufficient and that fees are attributed to new programs.

Staff have determined that the fees for some of the regular aquatics programs are not comparable to other recreation centres of similar size or proximity. An increase for the FoodSafe course is also recommended as the private instructor rate has increased since the last time the course was offered.

The remaining fees included in this amendment are for new programs that will be offered for the first time in Summer 2019. Individual registration fees for new programs are determined through a standardized formula: private instructor cost plus 30% for administration and room rental, divided by the expected minimum participants.

DISCUSSION

Staff have recently conducted a review of similar size and structured facilities that offer similar programs (see document attached). As a result of this review staff is recommending that the following increases be made to aquatic programs effective September 1, 2019:

- Red Cross Preschool Swim Lessons increase from \$30.00 to \$45.00
- Private Swim Lessons increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per lesson

- Ten (10) private lesson package be discounted to include ten lessons for the price of 8 (\$16.00 per lesson)
- Semi-Private Swim Lessons increase from \$12.00 to \$15.00 per person per lesson

Rate Adjusted Programs	Previous Rate	New Rate
8 – Red Cross Preschool Swim Lessons (30 mins per lesson)	\$30.00	\$45.00
Private Swim Lesson – 30 mins	\$15.00	\$20.00
Private Swim Lesson – 10 lesson package	\$120.00	\$160.00
Semi-Private Swim Lesson – 30 mins	\$12.00 <i>per person</i>	\$15.00 <i>per person</i>
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New programs for summer include Extreme Teen Night, Gymnastics Day Camps, Stay Safe, Intro to Rock Climbing (1 hour), and Intro to Kayaking and Kickboxing.

New Programs	
Extreme Teen Night	\$20.00
Gymnastics Camp - Day Rate	\$35.00
Gymnastics Camp – Half Day - Week Rate	\$80.00
Gymnastics Camp – Full Day - Week Rate	\$150.00
KickBoxing (youth, teen, and adult)	\$104.00
Intro to Rock Climbing (1 hr)	\$10.00
Intro to Kayaking	\$60.00
Stay Safe (youth 9-15 years)	\$30.00
Stay Safe Manual	\$10.00

CONCLUSION

Staff are recommending that the rates and fees bylaw be amended as listed above. The increase in swim lessons will be advertised in the summer program guide, however, the changes will not be effective until September 1, 2019 to allow effective communication with patrons. The previous rates for swim lessons will be applicable for the summer season.

COMMENTS BY:

Stacey Barker, Director of Regional Services

Reviewed and supported.

Mike Veenbaas, Director of Financial Services

Not available for comment.

Jennifer Kinneman, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Reviewed and supported.