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TO: Chair and Members
Comox Valley Sports Centre Commission

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RE: Recreation Services – Operational and Strategic Updates

Purpose

To provide the Comox Valley Sports Centre Commission with an update and information on current initiatives and recreation projects in process by the Comox Valley Regional District Recreation Services. This report will be supported with a presentation to the Commission and an opportunity for questions.

Recommendation from the Chief Administrative Officer:

This report is for information only.

Executive Summary

The current work plan focuses on the yearly facility maintenance shutdown program and the commissions Strategic Goals and, in particular, at this time partnerships and other items related to COVID 19.

Highlights include:

- Supports Strategic Goal 1- Asset Management Outcome –Advancing the lifecycle work plan within recreation services in process:
 - Sports centre pool basin study to continue due to aging and past history of maintenance ;
 - Arena 2 Condenser replacement to meet further emergency ammonia regulatory requirements. This upgrade is also providing a consistent ice surface, increasing energy efficiency and further decreasing arena 2 operating costs.
 - Replacement of security and phone systems at both the sports and aquatic centres to improve safety measures for patrons/staff.
 - Lots of minor upgrades to both facilities.

- Supports Strategic Goal 3 – Partnership outcome –Building on relationships/developing partnerships that support and enhance the delivery of recreation services to all citizens in the Comox Valley:
 - Supporting the COVID 19 Action Team with recreation staff.
 - Providing leadership for collaboration on provincial and regional initiatives related to COVID 19 such as phased return levels.
 - Working with existing/new youth sport user groups to provide a path of return for their programs and usage.
 - Supporting community requests for COVID 19 response as they come forward.
 - Programming plans underway for various re-opening scenarios related to COVID 19 in conjunction with BCRPA.

- Lacrosse provincials update.
- Supports Strategic Goal 4 – Accessibility to recreation services outcome – Ensuring opportunities to participate regardless of income:
 - Providing free or affordable activities and supporting/promoting activities which are accessible to anyone. Together as a community, we can forge a healthier and more sustainable way of life.
 - Active Comox Valley – working on partnerships for low cost programs.
 - Considering regional reach-out programs during the COVID 19 Crisis.
 - Low Income All Access Recreation Pass is in development. Phase 1 almost ready for launch
 - Plan to review affordability for non-profit youth groups that use our facilities for programs.
 - Consideration of different delivery models to provide more access to our facilities.

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