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Commissioners
Comox Valley Sports Centre Commission

Dear Commissioners:

Re: Low Income Regional Recreation All Access Pass Program

As the Chair of the Comox Valley Sports Commission (CVSC), I am writing to request your consideration of advancing an important initiative concerning recreation services within the Comox Valley.

Recreation is critically important to the residents of the Comox Valley. In the same way that we benefit from amazing natural recreation, we are also served by exemplary local government recreation services.

Goal 4 of the recently adopted Comox Valley Sports Centre Commission Strategic Plan is focused on accessibility to our recreational services and provides that we ensure access to recreation services for all citizens regardless of income level. Recognizing the challenges faced by lower income families in accessing our programs, I see strategies and initiatives to increase the affordability of our recreation programs as a significant priority.

The community has also expressed the desire for a regional recreation pass through which participants could access municipal and regional facilities for one fee. This need is being driven by the interconnected nature of our communities and our residents' desire for convenient service options.

Considering these two issues, I am proposing that we support staff in working with their municipal counterparts toward a low income regional all access pass program to meet our strategic goal of accessibility to recreational services with a focus on lower income families.

I respectfully request the commission's consideration of the following:

“THAT staff be directed to work with the Comox Valley Regional District's member municipalities to develop options for a low income regional recreation all access pass in the Comox Valley.”

Respectfully,

J. Ketler
Jesse Ketler
Chair