

REPORT TO SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMISSION

MEETING OF Thursday, May 15, 2025

SUBJECT SD64 and CRD Special Joint Meeting

ISSUE SUMMARY

For the LCC to meet with SD64 Trustees to discuss shared priorities and responsibilities on SSI.

BACKGROUND

The Capital Regional District (CRD) through its Salt Spring Island (SSI) Parks and Recreation Service has had a long-standing relationship with the Gulf Island School District 64 (SD64) to provide community recreation and education services to residents of SSI.

With the SSI Parks and Recreation Service now delegated to the SSI Local Community Commission (LCC) the following motion was carried by the LCC on August 15, 2024:

That the LCC, through the Chair, invites the Trustees and staff of School District 64 to a special joint meeting for the purpose of connecting in a public meeting and to discuss our shared priorities and responsibilities.

To assist in the facilitation of the meeting staff have prepared this report as a reference to existing CRD and SD64 leases, joint use agreements, construction management and operating licenses including:

- Kanaka Skate Park Joint Use Agreement (Appendix A)
- SD64 and CRD Joint Use Agreement (Appendix B)
- Salt Spring Island Multi Space Lease (Appendix C)
- Hydrofield Design, Construction Management & Operating License (Appendix D)
- 163 Drake Road, Phoenix Elementary Lease (Appendix E)

Providing free or low-cost access to recreation facilities during school hours increases recreation opportunities for youth while removing cost barriers. Providing free or low-cost access to school facilities outside of school hours allows for a reduction in registration and facility booking costs for program registrants and not for community groups.

IMPLICATIONS

Financial Implications

Recreation facilities have reduced use during daytime hours with peak use taking place after school hours. School facilities are typically only operated during school hours leaving the facility vacant during peak afterschool times, including evenings, weekends, spring break and summer.

Joint-use agreements are common between recreation departments and their local school district. The main purpose of the agreement is to share indoor and outdoor spaces like gymnasiums, athletic fields and playgrounds with the goal of providing free or low-cost access to community amenities with a goal to keep costs down and communities healthy.

CONCLUSION

The SSI parks and recreation department has had a long-standing relationship with SD64 to provide community recreation and education services to residents of SSI. In recent years the relationship has expanded from a joint use agreement to include fully operating former SD64 facilities and upgrading SD64 infrastructure such as playing fields for community use.

RECOMMENDATION

There is no recommendation, this report is for information only.

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ATTACHMENT(S)

Appendix A - Kanaka Skate Park Joint Use Agreement
Appendix B - SD64 and CRD Joint Use Agreement
Appendix C - Salt Spring Island Multi Space Lease
Appendix D - Hydofield Design, Construction Management & Operating License
Appendix E - 163 Drake Road, Phoenix Elementary Lease