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**REPORT TO THE CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT BOARD  
MEETING OF WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2024**

**SUBJECT**    **Nils Jensen Memorial Bursary 2024**

**ISSUE SUMMARY**

To announce the student selected from Sooke School District 62 to receive the 2024 Nils Jensen Memorial Bursary.

**BACKGROUND**

Nils was a Councillor for 15 years on the Oak Bay Municipal Council before becoming the Mayor of Oak Bay in 2011, a position he held until 2018. Nils also served the broader community by acting as the Chair of the CRD Board and as Chair of the Regional Water Supply Commission for 12 years during which time he helped preserve water security for the region. In April 2022 the family of Nils Jensen established a bursary fund in his memory. This bursary will be awarded to the following School Districts (SD): Greater Victoria SD #61; Sooke SD #62; Saanich SD #63; and Southern Gulf Islands SD #64 on a rotating basis.

These are the criteria for awarding the Nils Jensen Memorial Bursary:

- The bursary will be awarded annually, on a rotating basis, to a graduating Grade 12 student from one of the School Districts of Sooke, Greater Victoria, Saanich, or Gulf Islands, to assist the student in pursuing post-secondary education.
- The bursary is to be awarded on the basis of financial need and an interest in environmental protection or water security.
- The participating secondary school principals will recommend which student is to receive the award.
- The bursary is to be in the amount of \$2,500 per annum.

The 2024 recipient, as chosen by the selection committee from Sooke School District 62 is Makayla Graham.

**RECOMMENDATION**

There is no recommendation. This report is for information only.

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