



List of Revisions

Below is a summary of the changes to fees and charges for recreation services and facilities, starting September 1, 2026. The changes have been considered and recommended by the respective service's commission and summarized as follows.

Saanich Peninsula Recreation Service (Panorama Recreation Centre): The primary consideration in the review of recreation fees and charges is to balance fiscal responsibility, equitable access to recreation services and the marketplace. Historically, the Peninsula Recreation Commission has determined that a ratio of 50% funding by users and 50% funding by requisition is the goal to meet and maintain. The ratio of user pay to tax requisition was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and is gradually returning to the goal ratio (2021- 37.1%, 2022- 43.5%, 2023- 46.5%, 2024- 74.5%, and 2025 50.3%).

Although attendance and revenues have generally recovered to pre-pandemic levels, wages, operating costs and inflation impact the cost to operate facilities and to deliver programs and services. Staff have considered expected revenues, increasing costs, recreation fees across the region and previous rate increases and are recommending a 2 to 9% increase to most fees.

The recommended increase accounts for increases in wage, operating cost, inflation, and maintenance of a 50% user pay ratio, while supporting community health and wellness.

Proposed changes to fees and charges include:

1. *Increase to single admission, per visit and timed passes.*

- A review of regional admissions and pass fees was completed. Panorama Recreation's admission rates are competitive in the region. The proposed 5% to 10% increase to most single admission, per visit and timed pass fees ensures more effective cost recovery without changing Panorama Recreation's current position as third highest in the region.

2. *Increase to child/youth 12-month pass.*

- The current child/youth 12-month pass rate remains substantially below the regional average of \$214.33 for comparable passes. The proposed 15% increase, from \$112.40 to \$129.25 per year, represents a step toward aligning Panorama Recreation's rate with regional benchmarks. This adjustment also advances fulfillment of the Peninsula Recreation Fees and Charges Policy, which recommends that child and youth fees be established at 55% of the equivalent adult rate.

3. *Increase to facility rental rates.*

- Proposed rate adjustments of 3% to 7% for most youth and adult facility rentals are recommended to address rising operating costs and to maintain alignment with rental fees across Greater Victoria. In instances where Panorama's fees were notably lower than comparable regional rates, targeted increases of more than 7% have been applied. Given the continued high demand for facility rentals across all program areas, these increases are market-tolerable.
- For commercial rentals, proposed increases of 9% support closer alignment with the Peninsula Recreation Fees and Charges Policy, which directs that commercial rates be set at 200% of the comparable adult rate.

4. *Increase to supplemental staff rates.*

- The proposed 3.3% increase to most supplemental staff rates is to align the fees with wage increases outlined in the Collective Agreement.

5. *Fee type changes*

- Facility rental fee categories have been updated to more accurately reflect intended use and to support efficiencies associated with the implementation of online facility bookings. The previous

“Youth” category has been renamed Youth Non-Profit to clarify that the reduced rate is intended specifically for non-profit, youth-focused organizations, such as minor sports associations and youth groups.

- In addition, the term “adult” has been removed from most facility rental fee names. This rate category will serve as the standard base rate for all user groups that do not fall under the Commercial or Youth Non-Profit categories.
- Birthday party bookings are no longer classified as commercial rentals and will now be charged the applicable base (formerly adult) rental rate.

6. *Fees streamlined or removed.*

- To support the implementation of online facility bookings and enhance efficiencies for recurring rentals, several room rental categories have been streamlined. Previously, each individual room carried separate youth, adult and commercial rates. Under the revised structure, rooms are now grouped and priced according to room size and type, specifically: small room, classroom, large/multipurpose room and dance/fitness studio. The average rate for rooms within each grouping has been applied as the new standard fee for that category, simplifying the fee structure and improving user clarity.

SEAPARC: The primary consideration in the review of SEAPARC recreation fees and charges is to find a balance between fiscal accountability, access to recreation services, and the marketplace.

Wages, operating costs, and inflation impact the cost to operate facilities and deliver programs and services. Membership pass sale revenue increased through 2025, however this increase in revenue was offset by a decrease in drop-in admission revenue. Staff have considered the balance of expected revenues and escalating costs, recreation fees across the region, and previous rate increases and are recommending an average increase of 3% to fees.

Proposed changes to fees and charges include:

1. *Increase to single admission, per visit and timed passes.*

- Following a regional review of comparable rates, fee increases of 1–7% are being proposed. Consistent with feedback from both the public and staff, these rates have been rounded to the nearest \$0.25.

2. *Increase to ice / dryfloor rental rates.*

- Although demand for SEAPARC’s ice and dryfloor spaces is high, current rental rates remain lower than those of comparable regional facilities. Proposed increases of 1–11% aim to narrow this gap. The “early morning” rate, which SEAPARC uniquely offers, has been increased at a higher percentage to begin aligning it with the youth non-prime rate. In future years, increases may need to surpass typical inflation levels as part of long-term planning for a new arena facility.

3. *Increase to supplemental staff rates.*

- The proposed 4% increase aligns with wage increases from the collective agreement. Increase in golf fees.

4. *Addition of daily/tournament rate for Stan Jones field.*

- The proposed rate establishes a daily/tournament rate to assist staff with bookings as a per game rate is difficult to ascertain with tournament use.

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation: As part of the annual review of fees and charges, the Salt Spring Local Community Commission conducts an analysis of, including but not limited to, social and economic conditions, market averages of like facilities and desired recovery rates/financial targets to establish base rates for admission and rental fees and applies formulas to allow for subsidies for local non-profit organizations and different age groups.

Proposed changes to fees and charges include:

1. *General rate increase.*
 - A 3.0% to 5.0% increase to most admission and rental rates is proposed for 2026/2027.
2. *Recreation centre admissions.*
 - A 3.0% to 4.0% for all admissions and timed passes with exception of aquatics fitness passes which are increasing by 0.2% to 0.8% as part of a multi-year strategy to align these rates with the other adult admission rates.
3. *Facility and pool rental rates.*
 - A 3.0% to 3.5% increase to facility, room and pool rental rates.
4. *Outdoor field and park facility rental rates*
 - Outdoor soccer, baseball and park rental fees increasing by 3.0% to 5.0%.
5. *New specific changes*
 - Tennis and pickle ball court bookings transitioning from a flat rate \$5 per booking to an hourly rate to align with outdoor field booking rates.

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Each year, the fees and charges for parks and recreation services are evaluated to determine if new charges are required and if existing fees need to be adjusted. Comparing fees to other jurisdictions and looking at social and financial factors, the recommendation is that fees should be increased.

The proposed new fees and charges continue to be reasonable and affordable for most residents and visitors and are generally lower than other Greater Victoria jurisdictions. The proposed new fee structure improves cost recovery for commercial uses while maintaining affordability for community organizations. The introduction of seasonal and annual rates also improves administrative efficiency.

Juan De Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation:

- 2026-27 fees and charges see a significant modernization of the fees with increase to the permit rate of 25% and the introduction of commercial rates.

Port Renfrew Community Recreation Centre:

- Complete revision to the centre rental fees introducing hourly and daily fees, for both non-profit and commercial usages.