

List of Revisions

Below is a summary of the changes to fees and charges for recreation services and facilities, starting September 1, 2025. The changes have been considered and recommended by the respective service's commission, and summarized as follows.

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 (2020-31.3%, 2021-37.1%, 2022- 43.5%, 2023, 46.5%and 2024 47.5%).

Although attendance and revenues have nearly 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 5% increase to most fees.

The proposed increases establish Panorama Recreation rates in line with the regional average and align with or work towards better alignment with subsidy levels outlined in the Peninsula Recreation Fees and Charges Policy.

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 2 to 3.5% increase to most single admission, per visit and timed pass fees would not change Panorama Recreation's current position as third highest in the region.

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

- The child/youth 12-month pass rate is well below the regional average for this pass, which ranges from \$175 to \$420 annually. The proposed 15% increase from \$97.75 to \$112.40 per year will work towards alignment with the Fees & Charges Policy, which indicates child and youth rates be set at 55% of the comparable adult rate.

3. *Increase to facility rental rates.*

- Proposed rate increases of 2 to 5% for most youth and adult facility rentals are due to increasing staffing and maintenance costs and alignment with rental fees across Greater Victoria. Due to the continued high demand for facility rentals across all areas, the market can tolerate the increase. The higher 7% increase to commercial rental fees seeks closer alignment to the Fees & Charges Policy, which indicates commercial rates to be set at 200% of the comparable adult rate.

4. *Increase to supplemental staff rates.*

- The proposed 2.4% increase to most supplemental staff rates is to align the fees with overall staffing cost related to the workers performing these duties.

5. *Fees added.*

- The skating weekend special family rate has been added to the Fees & Charges Bylaw to ensure it is reviewed and increased in alignment with other fees in the bylaw. Centennial Park picnic shelter and fieldhouse fees have been added as Panorama Recreation now operates these facilities. Increases have been applied to these fees from those previously set by the District of

Central Saanich to better align them with other fees in the bylaw, and to account for the costs associated with operating these facilities. Advertising fees for arena boards, wall boards and digital screens have been added to the bylaw to ensure consistency and transparency in how these fees are applied.

6. *Fees removed.*

- Pottery single admission and per visit fees have been removed from the bylaw. Pottery studio demand has grown significantly and sessions now require registration.

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. As expected, membership pass sales and admission revenue, a significant source of revenue, have somewhat plateaued through 2024-2025 and are expected to continue with this trend. 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. Keeping in the mind the escalating costs that households are managing, monthly and annual pass options have remained relatively unchanged..

Proposed changes to fees and charges include:

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

The proposed increases establish SEAPARC Recreation rates in line with the regional average while recognizing the value included in the timed passes.

- Child and youth single admission rates increase 4%, student, adult and senior rates increase 4-5% and all timed passes increase 0-1%.

2. *Adjustment to facility and arena rental rates.*

- Ice and dry floor, pool and room rental fees – 3-9% increase.
- Stan Jones Field fees – 5-8% increase.
- Regional averages and cash rounding considerations are factored into the proposed skate shop fee increases.

3. *Increase in golf fees.*

Given increased costs of materials, fuel and staff, an increase of 1-5% is proposed for most of the existing golf course green fees for the 2026 golf season.

Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation: As part of the annual review of fees and charges, the Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission conducts an analysis of, including but not limited to, market averages of like facilities and 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..

The main changes are:

1. *General rate increase.*

A 3-5% change in the admissions and rental rates is proposed for 2025/2026.

2. *New specific changes.*

- The addition of punch and timed passes now available at SIMS.
- The addition of free access to support workers.
- The addition of a \$5.00 daily court rental for pickleball and tennis.
- The addition of an hourly playing field rental fee for adults and youth.

Juan De Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation: has no fee changes.

Port Renfrew Community Recreation Centre: has no fee changes.