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REPORT TO PENINSULA RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING OF THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021

SUBJECT **2021/2022 Fees and Charges – Panorama Recreation Services**

ISSUE SUMMARY

To provide the Peninsula Recreation Commission with recommendations for the 2021/2022 fees and charges.

BACKGROUND

Each year, all Capital Regional District (CRD) recreation centres are required to review and analyze their fees and charges and recommend any changes for approval by the CRD Board. Existing fees and charges are compared to other recreation centres in the area and the lower mainland. As well, other data and background information is gathered to determine social and economic conditions in the community.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact Panorama Recreation operations. Staff have considered this, as well as the impact on the community when reviewing the fees and charges. Staff are recommending no changes to admissions and pass fees and have limited changes to other fees with the goal of supporting community health and wellness. In addition, keeping fees static may assist in bringing back community members who haven't yet returned, or have been using other options for recreation, particularly fitness and weights. Monthly and annual (timed passes) are included in the fees and charges but will continue to be on hold until operations resume without capacity limits. The Employee Wellness program will also be placed on hold, pending a review from staff once normal operations resume. The proposed changes are listed below:

- *Adjustment to Junior B ice rental rates:* The current fees and charges list the Junior B practice rate at \$127/hr and games at \$128/hr. The proposal is to combine these fees at \$128/hr for ease of reference and use.
- *Outdoor tennis court rental rate extended to inclusive multisport court:* The Jumpstart inclusive multisport courts are expected to open this fall. Staff propose to extend the current rate of \$6 per hour used at the existing outdoor tennis courts to the new courts.
- *New rate for Greenglade Fitness/Dance Studio:* The Greenglade fitness/dance studio (Room #4) is currently rented out at the standard Greenglade classroom rate. The space is double the size of the other Greenglade classrooms, so the current structure doesn't reflect a fair rental rate. Staff are proposing an increase to align more closely with the Fitness Studio at Panorama Recreation Centre.

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative 1

That the Peninsula Recreation Commission recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the proposed fees and charges be approved for inclusion in the 2021/2022 Fees and Charges Bylaw for Panorama Recreation Services.

Alternative 2

That the proposed fees and charges, as amended, be approved for inclusion in the 2021/2022 Fees and Charges Bylaw for Panorama Recreation Services.

IMPLICATIONS

Social Implications

Maintaining current admission rates and pass rates without increase will continue to make recreation accessible to our community members and encourage them in a healthy lifestyle.

Economic Implications

The user fees collected by Panorama Recreation are used to reduce the tax requisition and for the delivery of recreation services. Recreation fees and charges continue to be reasonable and affordable for the majority of residents and visitors to this area. Given the current financial impact of the pandemic, and increase in admission and passes, may be prohibitive to families in the post-pandemic recovery. A new preschool program and a return of regular operations should generate sufficient revenue to meet budget targets for 2021/2022.

CONCLUSION

Each year the fees and charges for recreation services are re-evaluated to determine if new charges are required and if existing fees need to be adjusted. Comparing fees to other recreation centres and looking at social and economic factors, the recommendation is that most fees should remain unchanged.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Peninsula Recreation Commission recommend to the Capital Regional District Board:

That the proposed fees and charges be approved for inclusion in the 2021/2022 Fees and Charges Bylaw for Panorama Recreation Services.

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ATTACHMENT

Appendix A: Options for 2021/2022 Fee Changes