

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**  
**DISTRICT 69 RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012**  
**2:00 PM**

*(Oceanside Place, Multipurpose Room)*

**A G E N D A**

**PAGES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Welcome and Introduction of Commission Members.

Orientation Binder Review.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Nominations and Election of Chair.

Nominations and Election of Deputy Chair.

**DELEGATIONS**

*Motion to receive delegation.*

*Motion to receive late delegation.*

**MINUTES**

4-7 Minutes of the regular District 69 Recreation Commission meeting held November 17, 2011.

*Motion to approve Minutes.*

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE**

8 **M. Procter**, Re: Enjoyed Term As Commissioner.

9 **T. Osborne, RDN, to Town of Qualicum Beach**, Re: Proposed Field House – Qualicum Beach Community Park.

- 10            **K. Doerksen, Oceanside Tourism Association, Re: Thank You Grant Support.**
- 11            **C. Van Herwaarden, Oceanside Minor Hockey Association, Re: Thank You November Bantam/Midget Hockey Tournament Support.**
- 12            **B. Hannam, School District 69 (Qualicum), Re: Appointment of Trustee Representatives.**
- 13            **C. Burger, City of Parksville, Re: Proclamation Youth Week.**

*Motion to receive Communications/Correspondence.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**REPORTS**

- 14-15            Oceanside Place November 2011.
- 16-17            Oceanside Place December 2011.
- 18-19            Oceanside Place January 2012.
- 20-23            Northern Community Recreation Services and Ravensong Aquatic Centre November 2011.
- 24-27            Northern Community Recreation Services and Ravensong Aquatic Centre December 2011.
- 28-31            Northern Community Recreation Services January 2012.
- 32-33            Ravensong Aquatic Centre January 2012.
- 34-40            Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects November 2011.
- 41-48            Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects December 2011 to January 2012.

*Motion to receive Reports.*

Commission Appointments District 69 Fees and Charges Sub-Committee (*Three members required*).

Commission Appointments District 69 Grant-In-Aid Sub-Committee (*Three members required*).

- 49-82            BCRPA Symposium (*Two members*).

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**COMMISSIONER ROUND TABLE**

**COMMISSION INFORMATION (Separate enclosure on blue paper)**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn.*

**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, March 8, 2012, 2:00pm  
Oceanside Place Multipurpose Room 1

Disbursement: G. Wiebe, R. Nosworthy, R. Leontowich, P. Morrison, R. Milligan, B. Veenhof, C. Mason,  
T. Osborne, D. Palidwor, D. Banman, J. Marcellus, S. Pearson, M. Chestnut

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT 69 RECREATION COMMISSION REGULAR  
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011  
AT OCEANSIDE PLACE  
2:00PM**

**Attendance:** Reg Nosworthy, Electoral Area 'F', Deputy Chair  
Dave Bartram, Director, RDN Board  
Michael Procter, Electoral Area 'H'  
Jack Wilson, Councillor, Town of Qualicum Beach  
Eve Flynn, School District #69  
Teresa Patterson, Councillor, City of Parksville

**Staff:** Tom Osborne, General Manager of Recreation and Parks  
Dean Banman, Manager of Recreation Services

**Regrets:** Frank Van Eynde, Electoral Area 'E', Chair

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Nosworthy called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

**MINUTES**

MOVED Commissioner Procter, SECONDED Commissioner Wilson, that the Minutes of the District 69 Recreation Commission meeting held October 20, 2011, be approved.

CARRIED

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Mr. Osborne briefly reviewed the District 69 Recreation Commission Terms of Reference and the role of the RDN Board Select Committee with regard to the appointment of new Commissioners.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**BC Senior Games Joint Application**

Mr. Banman reported a meeting was recently held with Town of Qualicum Beach staff to discuss their invitation to be a joint applicant in hosting a future BC Senior Games event. It was requested that the Recreation and Parks Department provide primary support for the event application through the recreation services function. Mr. Banman stated the next possible date available to host a BC Senior Games event would not be until the year 2015.

Commissioner Flynn requested staff review why the previous event applications failed, stating she believed the failure was in part due to the lack of a track facility, which is still true today.

Commissioner Wilson stated he felt it was an opportunity for the local communities to work together to enhance the local sport facilities, to promote the area and as a means to increase tourism to Oceanside.

MOVED Commissioner Bartram, SECONDED Commissioner Wilson, that the request from the Town of Qualicum Beach to be a joint applicant in hosting a BC Senior Games event be put in abeyance until the new appointments to the District 69 Recreation Commission and the new municipal councils of the Town of Qualicum Beach and the City of Parksville are in place.

CARRIED

MOVED Commissioner Bartram, SECONDED Commissioner Wilson, that staff be directed to prepare a report with regard to the financial implications, including staff resources and the capital costs required to host the BC Senior Games and to explore the possible financial assistance to host the event from the two municipalities of Parksville and Qualicum Beach and the Provincial and Federal governments.

CARRIED

## REPORTS

### **Oceanside Place**

Mr. Banman provided a brief summary of the Oceanside Place October report, highlighting the following items:

- A Pepsi sponsored teen skate is scheduled to be held November 19. The sponsorship includes free admission, free product, glow sticks and pizza.
- The Dad and Kid Skate sessions held on Tuesday night have been well attended.
- Work has begun on the Winter Wonderland decorations. Most of the ice booking time during the event has been secured already.

### **Northern Community Recreation Services and Ravensong Aquatic Centre**

Mr. Banman summarized the Northern Community Recreation Services and Ravensong Aquatic Centre October report, highlighting the following items:

- A Pepsi sponsored Dive-In Movie Night event for teens will be held November 25 at the aquatic centre.
- Aquatic staff have been working through the commissioning of the building. The equipment is up and running however, staff still are learning the new systems and working through some deficiencies.
- The Adult and Children Swim Fitness programs have been very successful.

Mr. Osborne announced Mr. Porteous, Superintendent of Arenas and Southern Recreation Services and Ms. Newsted, Senior Secretary, would both be retiring early in 2012.

### **Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects**

Mr. Osborne briefly reviewed the Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails project for October, noting the following items:

- Staff will meet with Fairwind's representatives to discuss a memorial bench program. A review of the memorial bench program throughout the District will also take place.
- Staff are finishing up the work on the new Kopernick Trail, which links Errington Elementary School to Middlegate Road.
- Board approval has been received to apply for three grants, the Cedar Skatepark, the Meadowood Way project and the Henry Morgan Community Park project from the

Provincial Recreation Community Grant program. The grant deadline is December 28, 2011.

- Approximately one hundred residents attended the Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan Open House held October 22.
- Staff will be working with the City of Parksville on a trail proposal to link Parksville Community Park with Rath Trevor Provincial Park.

### **Year to Date – Financial Statements**

Mr. Banman briefly reviewed the Financial Statements as of September 30, 2011, for the three functions, Ravensong Aquatic Centre, Northern Community Recreation and Oceanside Place Arena.

MOVED Commissioner Bartram, SECONDED Commissioner Flynn, that the Reports be received.

CARRIED

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Bartram reported during a recent meeting with recreation staff and Lighthouse Recreation Commission representative Ms. Biro, two items came to light: one, an issue with the Class registration on-line approval system for credit card transactions in Electoral Area 'H'. He stated the problem has been occurring for quite some time and requested staff investigate to find a solution to the problem.

The second issue was regarding the distance rural residents, who would like to volunteer with the Recreation Department, must drive and the time involved for them to get a criminal record check processed at the RCMP office in Parkville. To help alleviate the problem, Commissioner Bartram stated he will raise the issue at the Community Justice Committee meeting to be held on November 22, requesting an arrangement be made where the RCMP could arrange a time they could visit outlying communities to collect the paperwork required as part of the criminal record check process.

### **COMMISSIONER ROUNDTABLE**

Commissioner Bartram thanked the Commission and staff for his term as representative for the Regional Board.

Commissioner Patterson reported the City of Parksville is considering the possible development of an *Off Leash* dog area in the Community Park. One location being considered is the former hover craft site. She also noted the continuing problems with ATV use and the construction of man made BMX jumps by the public in the community park.

Commissioner Wilson stated he had found the District 69 Recreation staff very capable and had also enjoyed his time as a Commissioner for the last nine years.

Commissioner Flynn stated, as there possibly will be new trustees as of the municipal election on Saturday, she would also like to thank staff for her term as Recreation Commissioner.

Commissioner Flynn reported the facility review portion, of the Community Dialogue, is now complete. She stated it was unfortunate the phase one strike had precluded District teachers from meeting with administrators to provide their input in the discussions.

Commissioner Nosworthy also thanked everyone and stated he enjoyed working with all and that he had found it inspiring to participate with a team such as the Commission who keeps their eye on the pulse of the Community.

Commissioner Nosworthy stated the Kopernick Trail is the very first trail constructed in Electoral Area 'F' and it is fantastic.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED Commissioner Bartram, that the meeting be adjourned at 3:11pm.

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Frank Van Eynde, Chair

MICHAEL C. PROCTER  
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Regional District of Nanaimo  
6300 Hammond Bay Road  
Nanaimo, B.C., V9T6N2

December 13, 2011

Attn: Maureen Pearse  
Sr. Mgr. of Corporate Administration

Dear Maureen,

Re: District 69 Recreation Commission  
Regional District of Nanaimo Board of Variance  
Regional District of Nanaimo Electoral Area "H"  
Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee

My terms on each of the above three positions expire on December 31, 2011. I have just been nominated as the incoming District Governor for Rotary District 5020 which includes the Rotary clubs on Vancouver Island and Northwest Washington State, 88 clubs in total. While I do not become the District Governor until 2014 the workload leading up to the position is enormous and commences in January, 2012.

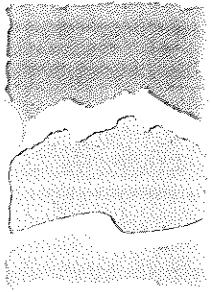
With this in mind I regret that I will not be seeking reappointment to the above three positions. I have enjoyed my involvement with the volunteers and the R.D.N. staff for the past few years very much and will miss that association. I thank the R.D.N. for entrusting me with the appointments.

Sincerely,

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Michael Procter





REGIONAL  
DISTRICT  
OF NANAIMO

December 15, 2011

Town of Qualicum Beach  
#201 - 660 Primrose Street  
Qualicum Beach, BC  
V9K 1S7

Attention: Luke Sales, Deputy Director of Planning

Dear Mr. Sales:

**Re: Proposed Field House – Qualicum Beach Community Park**

It is my understanding the Town of Qualicum Beach is looking to source provincial grant funding to assist with the construction of a proposed field house at Qualicum Beach Community Park.

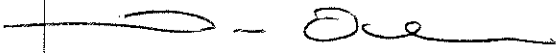
Qualicum Beach Community Park is one of three sites which is heavily used by the Oceanside sporting community. Currently none of the field complexes in the area have a field house and the Qualicum Beach Community Park has inadequate change room and washroom facilities for residents and visiting teams.

As the agency that oversee all the field bookings for the Town of Qualicum Beach, City of Parksville, School District No. 69 and the Regional District, staff have received many requests for improvements to the areas fields, including the addition of change room facilities.

It is also the desire of the District to host larger regional and provincial scale events and the addition of a field house will help to make this goal viable.

The field house project being proposed is a quality candidate for provincial funding and I look forward to its implementation once the necessary funds are secured.

Sincerely,



Tom Osborne  
General Manager of Recreation and Parks Services

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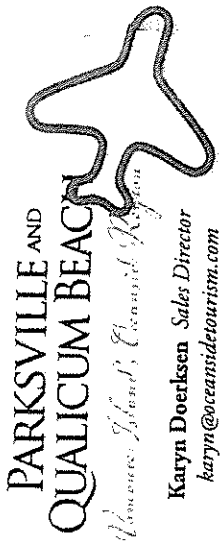
cc: C. Mason, Chief Administrative Officer  
D. Banman, Manager of Recreation Services  
District 69 Recreation Commission

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RDN Website: [www.rdn.bc.ca](http://www.rdn.bc.ca)



**PARKSVILLE AND QUALICUM BEACH**  
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OCEANSIDE TOURISM ASSOCIATION

RDN REC & PARKS	
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Dear Frank,

On behalf of Oceanside Tourism, I would like to thank the District for Recreation Commission for picking my grant application. I look forward to implementing Parksville & Qualicum Beach Sport Tourism and sourcing the events kit locally. Kind regards, ~~Karyn~~

OCEANSIDE TOURISM ASSOCIATION

[www.VisitParksvilleQualicumBeach.com](http://www.VisitParksvilleQualicumBeach.com)



# Oceanside Minor Hockey



**OCEANSIDE PLACE, PARKSVILLE**

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Collection

January 15, 2011

Dear Bantam/Midget Tournament Sponsor,

Please accept this belated thank you letter for your generous support of this past November's Bantam/Midget hockey tournament. Due to the generosity of sponsors like you, our three-day event was very successful and everyone had a lot of fun.

For our sixteen-team hockey tournament, there were visiting hockey teams from Vancouver, Victoria, Chilliwack, Coquitlam, West Vancouver, Comox, and Cowichan to compete against our six Oceanside teams. Over two hundred fifty hockey players, ages thirteen to seventeen years old, were involved in some excellent hockey games with a couple of Oceanside teams in the exciting finals.

The raffle table was a popular event and we raised several hundred dollars that will be used to support further activities for our Bantam and Midget minor hockey players.

Once again, thank you for your kind donation. Please see the separate receipt that is included with this email. We hope that you were happy with this advertising opportunity and that we will be able to count on your generosity at a future date.

Yours truly,

Cathy Van Herwaarden  
Tournament Director  
Oceanside Minor Hockey Association  
Parksville, BC  
[omhatourneys@gmail.com](mailto:omhatourneys@gmail.com)



SCHOOL DISTRICT 69 (QUALICUM)

RDN REC & PARKS	
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JAN 23 2012	

January 10, 2012

Mr. Frank Van Eynde, Chair  
District 69 Recreation Commission  
PO Box 1119  
Parksville, BC V9P 2H2

Dear Chair Eynde:

I wish to advise you that, further to School District No. 69 (Qualicum) Board Bylaw No. 4: *Appointment of Trustee Representatives*, Trustee Ross Milligan will be the Board's representative to the District 69 Recreation Commission for 2012.

Trustee Milligan can be contacted via e-mail at [rmilligan@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:rmilligan@sd69.bc.ca) or telephone at 250-248-4241 (msg).

Also, Trustee Eve Flynn has been appointed as the Board's alternate representative. Trustee Flynn can be contacted via e-mail at [eflynn@sd69.bc.ca](mailto:eflynn@sd69.bc.ca) or telephone at 250-240-2845.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Bernice Hannam  
Secretary Treasurer

File: 0250-20



City of Parksville  
Office of the Mayor

JAN 23 2012		
Parks		
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Director		

January 23, 2012

RDN - Recreation and Parks  
830 Island Highway West  
Parksville BC V9P 2X4

Attention: Judith Koeleman, Recreation Programmer

Dear Ms. Koeleman:

**Proclamation - "Youth Week" May 1 - 7 2012  
File No: 0630-01**

The City acknowledges receipt of your correspondence received January 20, 2012 regarding the request to proclaim May 1 - 7, 2012 as "Youth Week" in our municipality.

I hereby proclaim May 1 - 7, 2012 as "Youth Week" in the City of Parksville.

We wish you much success with this important campaign to increase promotion of youth activities sponsored by all segments of the community and encourage a greater understanding and acceptance of youth.

Yours very truly,

CHRIS BURGER  
Mayor

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cc: Council Members  
Communications Officer

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**TO:** Dean Banman  
Manager of Recreation Services

**DATE:** December 6, 2011

**FROM:** Dan Porteous  
Superintendent of Arenas and Southern Recreation Services

**FILE:**

**SUBJECT:** District 69 Recreation Commission – November 2011 Report Oceanside Place

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***Programs/Events/Ice Rentals:***

- Registration for the second set of lessons went very well. There were a total of 88 registered for the second set of Pond Rascals Learn to Skate Lessons and 13 for Hockey Rascals.
- Power Skating with Heath Dennison was expanded to accommodate the large numbers on the waitlist. There were 38 registrants for the second set of lessons, compared to 30 in September.
- Pro-D Hockey Camps were offered for the first time this fall. Working with the staff from the Young Guns Hockey camps, registration was encouraging with 15 for the ½ day camp on November 14 and 24 for the full day camp on November 25.
- Wed, Nov 2 – the Everyone Welcome was sponsored by Skate Coastal Community Credit Union, providing free admission and was very well attended. There were over 90 skaters that day compared to 19 the week before. This also seemed to be a catalyst to get more people out to the Wednesday sessions as attendance has been much better since the event. CCCR also set up a booth providing information on its services and giving away a Junior GIC worth \$100.00.
- Sat, Nov 19 – the “Teen Glow in the Dark Skate” was sponsored by Pepsi, providing free admissions and skate rentals as well as free juice and water. The sponsorship was confirmed four days before the event, so the Youth Programmer worked with the Arena Programmer to use the youth advisors and social media to spread the word, which worked well as there were 148 youth in attendance.
- Sun, Nov 20 – Parksville Lions Club and Save On Foods Free Family skates continue to be well attended with 214 skaters in attendance.
- Youth attendance has grown substantially since the beginning of this month. The free skate sessions have encouraged youth participate and they are returning to the regular skate sessions once they find out how much they enjoy it.
- Tournaments included:
  - Thu-Sun, Nov 10-13 – Minor Hockey held a Bantam and Midget tournament. There were 8 teams in each age group for a total of 16 teams participating. Teams were from Victoria, Cowichan, Holleyburn, Coquitlam, Saanich, Chilliwack, Peninsula, Comox and Oceanside.
- Program revenue far exceeded expectations this fall. Budget projections were \$9,000 and currently fall programs have exceeded \$17,000 in revenue.
- There were 580 hours totaling \$47,700 booked for November 2011. This is up 25 hours (4.5%) from 2010. Revenue is up by \$1,704.00 or 3.7%.

***Facility Operations:***

- Regular facility maintenance continues throughout the facility.

**Staffing:**

- Interviews to fill vacant PPT and Casual Arena Maintenance Worker positions will be set up in early December.

**Facility Admissions:**

<b>Current Month Comparison</b>		
<b>November</b>		
<b>Skate Sessions</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Tot	93	84
Child	637	776
Student	193	403
Adult	473	520
Senior	848	766
Golden	29	27
Family	878	804
<b>Totals</b>	<b>3151</b>	<b>3380</b>

<b>Year-to-Date Comparison</b>		
<b>November</b>		
<b>Skate Sessions</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Tot	402	419
Child	3896	3963
Student	1094	907
Adult	2936	2953
Senior	4696	5006
Golden	78	176
Family	3700	3828
<b>Totals</b>	<b>16808</b>	<b>17252</b>

**Recommendation:**

That the Oceanside Place update report for November 2011 be received.

*Original copy signed by D. Porteous*

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 Report Writer

*Original copy signed by D. Banman*

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 Manager Concurrence

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**TO:** Dean Banman  
Manager of Recreation Services **DATE:** January 10, 2012

**FROM:** Dan Porteous **FILE:**  
Superintendent of Arenas and Southern Recreation Services

**SUBJECT:** District 69 Recreation Commission – December 2011 Report Oceanside Place

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***Programs/Events/Ice Rentals:***

- Fall programs wound down in December and registration for Winter programs has begun. Planning for the Spring/Summer seasons is underway.
- Wed, Dec 14-Mon, Dec 26 – Winter Wonderland was, once again, well received by the community. Approximately 4,625 people skated on the festive themed ice. Schools bookings were full this year with Schools calling back immediately afterwards to book for next year. Tim Horton's and the Parkville Lions Club sponsored free skate sessions on Dec 17/18 with 422 people attending. Christmas Eve was by far the biggest public skate day with 469 skating over a 5 hour period.
- Tournaments included:
  - Tue-Thu, Dec 27-29 – Minor Hockey held a Female tournament. There were 15 teams participating in Atom, Peewee and Midget divisions. Teams were from Victoria, Cowichan, Juan de Fuca, Nanaimo, Sooke, Chilliwack, Kerry Park, Port Alberni, Port McNeill and Oceanside.
- There were 502 hours at \$43,171.99 booked for December 2011. This is up 25 hours (5%) from 2010. Revenue is up by \$3,409.00 or 8%.

***Facility Operations:***

- Regular facility maintenance continued throughout the facility.
- Maintenance staff played a key role in assisting with the facility decorating for the festive season including the Lobby, The Pond and Winter Wonderland. The additional festive lights hung from the ceiling of The Pond were very well received by staff and the public.
- Maintenance and other facility staff responded at a cardiac arrest on Victor Kraatz arena that required staff to use the facility's AED unit. This was successful with the victim expected to make a full recovery.

***Staffing:***

- Two casual Maintenance Workers were hired and began orientation and training through the latter part of December.



**Facility Admissions:**

<b>Current Month Comparison</b>		
<b>December</b>		
<b>Skate Sessions</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Tot	113	96
Child	1182	1071
Student	422	313
Adult	855	655
Senior	551	573
Golden	0	12
Family	1682	1835
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4805</b>	<b>4565</b>

<b>Year-to-Date Comparison</b>		
<b>December</b>		
<b>Skate Sessions</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Tot	472	515
Child	4995	5034
Student	1454	1220
Adult	3732	3618
Senior	5247	5579
Golden	70	188
Family	5637	5663
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21607</b>	<b>21817</b>

Reduced numbers were due to a quieter start to the month of December compared to last year.

**Recommendation:**

That the Oceanside Place update report for December 2011 be received.

*Original copy signed by D. Porteous*

Report Writer

*Original copy signed by D. Banman*

Manager Concurrence

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**TO:** Dean Banman  
Manager of Recreation Services

**DATE:** February 6, 2012

**FROM:** Dan Porteous  
Superintendent of Arenas and Southern Recreation Services

**FILE:**

**SUBJECT:** District 69 Recreation Commission – January 2012 Report Oceanside Place

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***Programs/Events/Ice Rentals:***

- Sat, Jan 22 – the “Winter Carnival on Ice” was well attended with over 100 people.
- Pond Rascals lesson numbers are slightly lower than January 2011. There are 14 fewer registrations, 75 compared to 89 in 2011.
- Private lessons continue to be popular with 3 different sets taking place in January.
- Power Skating lessons with Heath Dennison are again full for both January classes and the February lessons are filling fast.
- Tournaments included:
  - Tue-Thu, Jan 10-11 – the Parksville Panters hosted their annual January Junket hockey tournament. There were 10 teams with players aged 65-75+ years and, in addition to the three local teams, seven teams travelled here from Nanaimo, Chemainus, Victoria, Vancouver and Sechelt.
  - Sat-Sun, Jan 21- 22 – OMHA postponed their annual Minor Hockey Jamboree due to a lack of available volunteer help.
- Overall revenues and registrations for Winter is up by 31% at this time (188 in 2012 compared to 144 in 201) and 67% in revenues (\$10,402 in 2012 and \$6,230 in 2011) due, in part, to new initiatives such as the Heath Dennison Power Skating classes and the Young Guns Pro-D Day Hockey Camp.
- Ice rentals were down by 24 hours or 4% in 2012 with total ice bookings of 584 hours compared to 2011. Revenues were down by \$2078 or 3% at a total of \$49,862.

***Facility Operations:***

- Regular facility maintenance continued throughout the facility.

***Staffing:***

- Effective January 16, Mike Chestnut started a new position as Superintendent of Aquatic Services and Sandra Pearson started a new position as Superintendent of Recreation Program Services. John Marcellus, currently Chief Facilities Operator, accepted the position of Superintendent of Arena Services, which formally takes place on February 6, 2012. Dan Porteous is filling the position until John replaces him, and then Dan will work with and support both John and Sandra through the transition phase until his retirement.

**Facility Admissions:**

<b>Current Month Comparison</b>		
<b>January</b>		
<b>Skate Sessions</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Tot	106	81
Child	700	599
Student	118	181
Adult	525	533
Senior	714	828
Golden	36	24
Family	750	985
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2949</b>	<b>3231</b>

<b>Year-to-Date Comparison</b>		
<b>January</b>		
<b>Skate Sessions</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
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Overall the year has started out with an increase compared to 2011. Staff will continue to monitor the stats throughout the year observing trends or significant changes that may need to be explained and addressed.

**Recommendation:**

That the Oceanside Place update report for January 2012 be received.

*Original copy signed by D. Porteous*

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 Report Writer

*Original copy signed by D. Banman*

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 Manager Concurrence

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**TO:** Dean Banman  
Manager of Recreation Services **DATE:** December 2, 2011

**FROM:** Sandra Pearson **FILE:**  
Superintendent of Aquatics & Northern Recreation Services

**SUBJECT:** Update for District 69 Recreation Commission –November 2011  
Northern Community Recreation Services and Ravensong Aquatic Centre

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**Ravensong Aquatic Centre:**

***Facility Operations:***

- Site meeting held with key contractors regarding outstanding deficiencies.
- Infrared Sauna was closed for 5 days as it required a refit. The re-configuration of controls, protective racks and heat panels will hopefully alleviate the problems that have created considerable inconvenience for patrons.

***Programs for Ravensong Aquatic Centre:***

The following special events and programs were held at the Aquatic Centre in Nov 2011:

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| ➤ Nov 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Childcare Emergency First Aid  |
| ➤ Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> | Imagination Family Swim        |
| ➤ Nov 17 <sup>th</sup> | Seniors First Aid              |
| ➤ Nov 25 <sup>th</sup> | Dive in Movie Teen night       |
| ➤ Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> | Ravensong Breakers Swim-a-thon |
- Two special events were held; Imagination Family Swim with 30 participants and the Teen Dive in Movie Theater with 120 participants. The Teen night was jointly sponsored by Pepsi and Pizza Hut.
  - Two first aid courses for the public ran with a total of 16 participants.
  - All aquatic staff were retrained in CPR/AED. This is an annual training event.
  - During the Saturday swimming lessons on November 26<sup>th</sup> we had a power failure that resulted in cancelling the swimming lessons from 10:00am-12:00pm.
  - The Breakers held a successful swim-a-thon and we accommodated their request to drop the pool temperature by 1 degree.

- Fall 2011 (Sept to the end of Dec) revenue: \$48,433 registration: 809
- Fall 2009 revenue: \$34,744 registration: 614

<b>RAC Year-to-Date Comparison</b>		
<b>Nov-11</b>		
Swim Sessions	2010	2011
Tot		2688
Child		5791
Student		4172
Adult		23080
Senior		28741
Family		14257
Golden		5045
<b>Totals</b>	<b>34366</b>	<b>83774</b>

<b>RAC Current Month Comparison</b>		
<b>Nov-11</b>		
Swim Sessions	2010	2011
Tot		233
Child		430
Student		410
Adult		2431
Senior		2887
Family		1140
Golden		531
		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8062</b>

Average 2011 Monthly: 7616

## **Northern Community Recreation Services:**

### **Inclusion:**

- One request for an Inclusion Worker for swimming lesson support. One meeting with a parent to go through Anaphylaxis procedure.

### **Preschool Programs:**

- Programs ending, instructor payments being processed.

### **Childrens' programs:**

- Programs are in progress for Fall.
- There are no holiday camps provided by RDN this Christmas, due to low numbers in previous years, lower elementary school enrollments, as well as many community providers of daycare and camp opportunities.

### **Youth programs:**

- **Babysitters In Training:** 14 registrants; very good

### **Adult programs:**

- **Gentle Fit (2<sup>nd</sup> Fall session):** 10 registrants; good, consistent numbers
- **Minds in Motion (2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Session):** 18 registrants; very good
- **Monday Real Fitness (2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Session):** 12 registrants; lower than 1<sup>st</sup> session of 20.
- **Wednesday Real Fitness (2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Session):** 15 registrants; lower than 1<sup>st</sup> session of 17.
- **Restorative/Yin Yoga Mix (2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Session):** 8 registrants; up slightly from 1<sup>st</sup> session.
- **Yoga Lunch (2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Session):** 8 registrants; down by 4 from 1<sup>st</sup> session.
- **Zumba in Nanoose (2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Session):** Cancelled with 10 registered (too few).
- **Zumba at Springwood (2<sup>nd</sup> Fall Session):** 38 registrants. Very good.

#### Area H programs:

- **Hatha Yoga with Fiona** class has 5 registrants, and a number of drop-ins and runs until Dec 13. She will continue this class in the new year, starting in January.
- **Hatha Yoga with Brandi:** Class has ended, with the 6 registrants and some drop-ins. Participants and Brandi have requested another class to bridge the gap between the fall and January classes. Programmer has set up another class that will run from Dec 1-15, then January 5-19.
- **Children's programs:** Bowser's Got Talent 7 registrants (good).

#### Promotions:

- Preparing for Winter Campaign materials: "Register Now for January Programs".
- Advertising spots are now being sold for the Spring/Summer 2012 issue of the Active Living Guide. Booking deadline is January 6.
- Nov 17 Met with Coastal Colour Printing regarding Adobe Illustrator techniques for preparing rack cards
- Nov 17 Met with Oceanside Tourism Association regarding 2012 advertising
- Nov 17 Met with PQB News regarding 2012 advertising

#### **Community Development:**

- The RDN Performance Recognition reception was held on November 17. Over 60 people attended the reception as 31 athletes were recognized for their gold medal performances in 2011. The next reception is scheduled for May 2012.
- The next deadline for Recreation Grants is Friday, January 27, 2012.
- Nov 3 - Met with Programmers and WaterSmart staff to discuss programming and promotions in rural Electoral Areas A and H.
- Nov 9 - Met with Executive Director at Parksville Community Conference Centre to discuss rental rates.
- Nov 10 - Met with Town of Qualicum Beach staff to discuss field booking procedures and to formalize an agreement between the RDN and Town.
- Nov 15 - Met with Executive Director of SOS to draft out Memo of Cooperation for facility space usage for the Thrifty Foods Young Chefs program.
- Nov 25 - Met with Operations Manager at School District 69 to discuss summer 2012 bookings.

#### **Area H:**

- Set up a meeting on November 8 with Dave Bartram, Patty Biro, and Michael Proctor to review statistics/outcomes from four years of service, as well as plan ahead requesting their feedback and ideas.
- Attending planning meeting on Nov 17, and attended Lighthouse Country Moonlight Festival on November 19. Programmer ran the Children's Crafts with a youth volunteer. Event was well-attended, much fun with 30-40 children participated, fireworks, and finishing with a dance at the Legion. Programmer assisted Bowser School Parent Advisory committee to get supplies and tree for the event.
- Meeting with local athlete and community member regarding setting up outrigger paddling programs for her to teach.

- Met with Deep Bay Yacht Club 2011 Commodore regarding a partnership on camps this summer, and/or possibly bringing the Express Camp out for a day.

**Youth Recreation Strategic Plan:**

- Nov 1 & 2 Ballenas Secondary School Gr. 9 Health Fair (172 participants) Programmer had booth with Instructor Raven Pruden (Non-Contact Boxing Skills Program at BSS/KSS) to share the importance of fitness, wellbeing and being active. Raven has seen an increase in participants in his program. Other presenting organizations were impressed with the format of the RDN booth which youth found to be friendly and engaging.
- Nov 19, 25 Assisted in promoting youth events held at Oceanside Place – Teen Glow In the Dark Skate and Ravensong’s Teen Dive in Movie theatre/swim. Using social media, youth advisors, and Free admissions (sponsored by Pepsi), both venues saw increased numbers (140-150 in attendance) and had successful events, hosted by a team of great employees.
- Applied for a Girls Only grant for a Boxing Skills program through Promotions Plus/BRCpra and received \$1000 to be used at Ballenas Secondary School in 2012 and/or with First Nations group.
- Nov 7 BLT meeting
- Nov 3 YouthLink meeting
- Nov 10 Attended DPAC All Candidates forum for school trustee candidates

**Staffing:**

- Three casual Lifeguard/Instructors were hired (Lauren Nikirk, Stephanie Walker, Nolyn Heuser).

**Other:**

- Recreation Programmers responsibilities have been reviewed and reorganized which supports the Youth Recreation Strategic Plan initiative for implementation in April 2012.
- Recreation team met with Parks staff to provide input into the Moorecroft Park Regional Park long term plan.

**Recommendation:**

That the Northern Recreation Services and Ravensong Aquatic Centre update report for November 2011 be received.

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Report Writer

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Manager Concurrence

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**TO:** Dean Banman  
Manager of Recreation Services **DATE:** January 30, 2012

**FROM:** Sandra Pearson **FILE:**  
Superintendent of Aquatics & Northern Recreation Services

**SUBJECT:** Update for District 69 Recreation Commission – December 2011  
Northern Community Recreation Services and Ravensong Aquatic Centre

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**Ravensong Aquatic Centre:**

***Facility Operations:***

- The Infrared Sauna was closed for four days while the controls and ceramic panels were re-fit. It has been operating well since the re-fit.

***Programs for Ravensong Aquatic Centre:***

The following special events and programs were held at the Aquatic Centre in Dec 2011:

- Dec 12 Home school lessons finished up
  - Dec 9 Island Swim challenge complete
  - Dec 15 Last lesson set of the year complete
  - Dec 21 Santa Swim
  - Dec 17-31 Christmas Schedule
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- Home school lessons finished up an eight lesson session, which was very well received, parents asked for more lessons to be added, which will be accommodated in March. 22 participants and \$1,487.20 in revenue. This was a decrease from our Fall 2009 session.
  - The Island Swim Challenge finished up on Dec 16<sup>th</sup>. Thirty eight participants swam the equivalent circumference of Gabriola Island (the isle of the arts). Prizes for participants included a donation of a one night stay at Page's Resort on Gabriola Island.
  - The Santa Swim was a big hit with the patrons, 115 children and adults came to visit Santa



- The Everyone Welcome Swims throughout the school holidays were steady with 60-80 participants however, during the week of Dec 27-Dec 31 the swims were very busy with 130-150 people enjoying the facility.
- Fall aquatic programs finished up Dec 18<sup>th</sup>. Attendance for 2011 were up from past years:
  - Fall 2008 \$37,421 revenue 643 participants
  - Fall 2009 \$34,823 revenue 615 participants
  - Fall 2010 only open 2 weeks
  - Fall 2011 \$48,064 revenue 817 participants

Although we finished the year with a very busy last quarter overall our aquatic programs were about average for 2011:

- 2008 \$142,576 revenue 2616 participants
- 2009 \$139,920 revenue 2618 participants
- 2011 \$140,489 revenue 2415 participants

Overall the year was busy and there were many successes and challenges.

Successes for 2011:

1. All permanent positions were filled for most of the year.
2. Training schedules were created and helpful with new staff.
3. New Senior's programs that included swim and first aid lessons.
4. New children's summer swim camps were successful.
5. A new special event for Teens: Dive in Movie Night.

Challenges for 2011:

1. Little room to expand dry programming such as leadership courses and birthday parties.
2. More Aquafit instructors are still needed.

RAC Year-to-Date Comparison Dec-11		
Swim Sessions	2010	2011
Tot		2971
Child		6277
Student		4501
Adult		25312
Senior		31469
Family		15397
Golden		5466
<b>Totals</b>	<b>39040</b>	<b>91393</b>

Average 2011 Monthly: 7616

RAC Current Month Comparison Dec-11		
Swim Sessions	2010	2011
Tot	147	283
Child	582	486
Student	232	329
Adult	1151	2232
Senior	1138	2728
Family	1238	1140
Golden	186	421
		0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4674</b>	<b>7619</b>

Note: Re-opened Dec 13, 2010 (half month)

## **Northern Community Recreation Services:**

**Inclusion:** nothing to report for December

### **Preschool Programs:**

- Programs wrapping up for Fall

### **Childrens' programs:**

- Programs wrapping up for Fall.
- Due to new focus on community development (from Youth Recreation Strategic Plan), the children's programs did not include holiday Polar Express camps for children or youth. Instead, the Programmer contacted and compiled a list of all community-based holiday camp offerings and made this list available for reception staff to refer the public to these, for their own review, screening and registration. There were no complaints or concerns received by the public as a result of the RDN not offering holiday camps. The same is planned for the two-week Spring Break holiday period.

### **Adult programs:**

- Fall programs ending
- All Programmers focusing on developing programs for Spring and Summer including meetings with new instructors.

### **Area H programs:**

- **Hatha Yoga:** Both of Brandy and Fiona's classes ended well.
- **Children's programs:** Programmer added a new program - **Bowser Christmas BREAK out!** (which was funded largely through donations from the 20120 Moonlight Madness Committee). The one day camp was full with 20 registrants and 5 on the waitlist, and only \$5 registration fee! Children were very energetic, but the two leaders kept the children busy with activities and many quality crafts were completed due to the generous supply budget (due to donations from 2010 Moonlight Madness).

### **Promotions:**

- Advertising spots are now being sold for the Spring/Summer 2012 issue of the Active Living Guide. Booking deadline is January 6.
- Coordinating and preparing promotional material for Winter Registration marketing campaign ("Sign up now for Winter Programs"). Return on colouring contest was low at 4 at time of report. Return on promotional postcards was 8 (40 given away).
- Renewed the Oceanside Tourism Association Contract. No membership dues are now collected. Advertising is handled separately. Paid for Business directory and website directory listings.
- Renewed Beach Radio Contract – No additions, 5% increase.
- Renewed PQB News weekly ad at current 2011 rate.

## ***Community Development:***

- The Financial Assistance Program supported 180 households in 2011 (previous average is about 100 households/year).
  - 97 new (first time requesting FAP) households (previous average was about 40)
  - Over \$21,000 in financial assistance was dispersed this year (previous average is \$11,000)
  - Approximately 70% of subsidies are used to access drop-in swim and skate sessions
- The next deadline for Recreation Grants is Friday, January 27, 2012.

- **Area H:** Worked with Community Parks Planner on letters of support for Henry Morgan Community Park, from community groups and individuals.
- **Youth Recreation Strategic Plan:**
  - **Dec 1** Presented the first year implementation report of the YRSP to Youth Link with two YRSP committee members present. This powerpoint presentation showed strategies, outcomes, photos and qualitative and quantitative measurements, and budget expenses on the first year of implementation.
  - **Dec 30** Met with the Executive Director of SOS regarding use of their facility for the Thrifty Foods Young Chef program.
  - The strategic initiative of realigning the Recreation Programmers portfolios has been completed, to assign full time responsibilities to Youth Services. The programmers and management have worked together to review areas of responsibility, best fit for part-time and full-time programmer positions as well as skill sets and interests. The changes will be implemented April 1, 2012.
- Dec 6 Met with Charlene Forest, Milner Gardens, regarding program ideas.
- Dec 1 Youth Link meeting
- Dec 5 BLT meeting

**Recommendation:**

That the Northern Recreation Services and Ravensong Aquatic Centre update report for December 2011 be received.

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Report Writer

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Manager Concurrence

**TO:** Dean Banman  
Manager of Recreation Services

**DATE:** February 3, 2012

**FROM:** Sandra Pearson  
Superintendent of Recreation Program Services

**FILE:**

**SUBJECT:** Update for District 69 Recreation Commission – January 2012  
Northern Community Recreation Services

**Northern Community Recreation Services:**

**Inclusion:**

- Staff are working on creating an inclusion philosophy, application form and process for Summer 2012.
- 4 inclusion clients registered in Winter 2012: Support provided for 1 skate lesson, 1 swim lesson, 1 private swim lesson.

**Preschool Programs:**

- Winter program start up – Preschool dollars and numbers increased from 2011.

<b>Winter Programs - Preschool - 2007-2012</b>					
YEAR	Number of Programs	Sections	Sections Cancelled	Number of Participants (total)	Revenue
2007	4	7	4	47	\$1,445.00
2008	7	10	3	76	\$2,892.00
2009	2	4	0	55	\$1,765.00
2010	8	12	4	117	\$4,107.00
2011	5	8	3	54	\$1,954.66
2012	7	10	3	73	\$2,339.59

**Childrens' programs:**

- **Home alone:** 12 registrants (full)
- **Zumbatomic:** classes full - 10 registrants (4-7yrs) and 5 registrants (8-12yrs). Instructor is unable to offer any further RDN classes due to other time commitments. Programmer is currently trying to recruit another instructor.

### Youth programs:

- **Babysitters** 9 registrants, good
- **'Girls only' Boxing skills**, with 12-23 youth and two counselors are working in collaboration with SD69, Boxing skills club, Associated Family & Community Support Services Youth outreach and the RDN. This as a 5 week program that targets inactive girls and introduces fitness and self-defense techniques. Vulnerable youth are also taught life skills of street awareness, threat assessment and the buddy system.
- **Boxing skills Ballenas Secondary School (Tuesdays)** host a steady 5-6 youth. Although the numbers are less this year, the program has introduced the volunteer instructor to the school and staff.
- **Boxing skills Kwalikum Secondary School (Thursdays)** has been discontinued because of no interest. Programmer is currently in talks with the First Nations Program and applying for a Grant to expand program and address specific needs of youth that are 'at risk.' The principal has extended an invitation to the Boxing volunteer instructor to come to a gym class. This is a positive sign of community development and building trusting relationships with SD69, Boxing club and RDN.

### Adult programs:

- **Real Fit (Mondays):** 9 registrants – *cancelled WES*
- **Real Fit (Wednesdays):** 16 registrants – average WES
- **Gentle Fit:** 17 registrants – high – last season had 10 (maximum we've had registered is 13) OP
- **Floor Hockey 19 yrs+:** 13 registrants – full (usual) PES
- **Floor Hockey 40yrs+:** 10 registered – low, minimum. WES Gave it 2 extra weeks to get to minimum. Dropped the age down to 20 to allow for more men to join. The instructor registered himself (paid) to make the 10. In discussion about offering again in the spring.
- **Minds in Motion:** 15 registrants – Lower than the past two sessions (24 and 18) OP
- **Yoga Lunch:** 9 registrants – lower than previous season (12), 8 is the minimum. New contractor agreement with Hot N Cool Yoga studio for instruction. OP
- **Zumba (Springwood):** 40 registrants – Full (usual)
- **Zumba (Nanoose):** 4 Registered – **Cancelled**
- **Nia: Cancelled** in the fall as the instructor was no longer available
- Programmers created an Adult Recreation Survey (through Survey Monkey). Very good return rate so far. Results presented in February.

### Area H programs:

- **Children's programs:** Cancelled afterschool program (Girls and Boys Just Want to Have Fun) and numbers are low for Saturday program to start the first week of February. Advertising and promotions have gone in all the usual places, and Financial Assistance flyers have been given out at the school.
- **Hatha Yoga:** All Yoga programs running – All classes also receiving regular drop-in attendees as well. Will reassess periodically, to see how drop-in affects registration. Offering drop-in at this time allows for the many families (mainly retirees) who are taking vacations of 2-4 weeks to still attend Yoga.

**Promotions:**

- Winter Registration marketing campaign results:

	Winter 2011	Winter 2012	Note
Increase # of Winter Registrations by Dec 31	516	<b>611</b>	Up 95
Increase \$ Winter Registration by Dec 31	\$22,341.42	<b>\$31,560.45</b>	Up \$9,219.03

- The spring/summer Active Living Guide is in production. It will be released in early March with unaddressed ad mail delivery to 13,000 homes by March 9.

**Community Development:**

- Jan 9 WOW bus visit
- Jan 17 Met with Sport Ball instructor but program will not fit with RDN this year
- Jan 24 Healthy Beginnings visit
- Staff met with School District 69 operations staff to look at RDN’s use of school district facilities for summer 2012 programs, outlying custodial expectations and costs.
- Superintendent working with Parks department and School District 69 to include SD personnel in community consultation for Moorecroft Regional Park.
- The winter deadline for the District 69 Recreation Grants Program has now passed (January 27) with a total of 21 applications received. The Recreation Grant Committee will meet at the end of February or early March to make recommendations for the Commission’s consideration. The next deadline for Recreation Grants is Friday, April 27, 2012.
- Programmer providing communication/ support for community inquiries regarding: VIHA Baby and Me Program, Adult Badminton, Nanoose Parent and Tot program, VIHA Diabetes support group.
- **Area H:** Attended the Lighthouse Country Pancake breakfast January 8<sup>th</sup> with RDN Watersmart. Met with various community members during the event and discussed future programming ideas.
- **Youth Recreation Strategic Plan:**
  - Programmer has nominated 7 youth for Parksville Glassies- Youth of the Year
  - Preparations for Youth Week 2012 have begun with community partners (Island Cycle, Oceanside Arts Council)
  - Programmer working with School District 69 to explore possibility of Work Experience placements with RDN Recreation and Parks department.
  - Youth advisor meeting discussed current recreation in District 69, reviewing communication system, and discussing what is “Youth Week” in May 2012. Youth watched Youtube video of youth hosting events on [bcyouthweek.com](http://bcyouthweek.com) site. Youth advisors in planning stage of a ping pong tournament and youth jam session for Youth Week 2012. Commitment and collaboration with RDN facility, programmer, and food sponsors are underway. This supports the YRSP goal of “build a new youth recreation Network of community partners and youth to support implementing the YRSP and work together on youth recreation projects and issues.
  - Jan 3 Attended PAC meetings with PASS and KSS

- Jan 6 Had booth at KSS Health Fair had over 131 students attend. Programmer shared recreation opportunities (Teen skates and swims) as well as pond and reduce rates that are available with the RDN.
- Jan 9 Attended PAC meeting at QBMS
- Jan 10 Attended PAC meeting at BSS
- Jan 5 Community Partners Meeting at Pharmasave, meets 4x/year
- Jan 5 Youth Link, Programmer invited to attend cultural sharing with Qualicum First Nations
- Jan 9 BLT meeting
- Jan 12 Literacy Now
- Jan 12 District 69 Sports Association – Discussed high demand for adult use; spring adult leagues will have schedule limitations as there are not enough adult-sized facilities to meet the demand. The Sports Association is proposing changes to the Springwood #2 dug-out to ensure adequate protection for spectators and access to the field.
- Jan 30 Cycling Coalition Meeting

**Staffing:**

- Programmers and Superintendent attended Emergency First Aid training on January 23.
- Transition of the Superintendents’ position occurred officially on January 16, with some overlapping responsibilities until transition complete.

**Recommendation:**

That the Northern Recreation report for January 2012 be received.

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Report Writer

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Manager Concurrence

## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** Dean Banman  
Manager of Recreation Services

**DATE:** February 8, 2012

**FROM:** Mike Chestnut  
Superintendent of Aquatics Services

**FILE:**

**SUBJECT:** Update for District 69 Recreation Commission – January 2012  
Ravensong Aquatic Centre

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### Ravensong Aquatic Centre:

#### *Programs for Ravensong Aquatic Centre:*

#### Significant Issues and/or Programs:

The following special events and programs were held at the Aquatic Centre in January 2012:

- Jan 9 After school swim lessons started
  - Jan 6 School Swim lessons started
  - Jan 16 Island Swim Challenge
  - Jan 15 Winnie the Pooh family swim
  - Jan 23 Emergency First Aid for Program staff
  - Jan 24 Occupational First Aid for Parks and Management staff
  - Jan 28 Emergency First Aid for public
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- January 1<sup>st</sup> we had a very successful Polar Bear Swim with over 160 participants and 200 spectators. In 2011 we had 100 participants.
  - The Afterschool lessons started the first week in January with the number of registrants up however total program revenues were down slightly due to the cancellation of the Water Safety instructor course.
  - Four schools from District 69 started their grade three school swim lessons. The teachers' job action has created some programing challenges that we have managed to overcome.
  - One Leadership course started in January; Lifesaving Camp with 4 youth from the Oceanside area.
  - Once again the Island swim challenge started in January. This season's challenge is to swim around Galiano Island.
  - We hosted a very successful special event swim with 60 participants.
  - Two successful first aid courses were run for the RDN Rec and Parks staff with 16 staff trained.



First session of after school winter lessons:

	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Revenue	\$13,813	\$21,605	\$19,505
Registrants	260	344	354
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Birthday parties	2	6	2
	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Rentals Saturday 5-6pm and Sunday 5-6pm	5	11	3

RAC Year-to-Date Comparison Jan-12		
Swim Sessions	2011	2012
Tot	373	296
Child	577	443
Student	378	402
Adult	2790	2781
Senior	3114	3298
Family	1769	1418
Golden	357	472
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9358</b>	<b>9110</b>

RAC Current Month Comparison Jan-12		
Swim Sessions	2011	2012
Tot	373	296
Child	577	443
Student	378	402
Adult	2790	2781
Senior	3114	3298
Family	1769	1418
Golden	357	472
	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>9358</b>	<b>9110</b>

**Facility Operations:**

- Main pool tank experienced a temporary failure in the automated chlorine delivery system between January 15th and 20. Staff maintained the pool by manually adding chlorine to the system until the repair on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Recommendation:**

That the Ravensong Aquatic Centre update report for January 2012 be received.

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Manager Concurrence

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**TO:** Tom Osborne  
General Manager of Recreation and Parks

**DATE:** December 8, 2011

**FROM:** Dave Palidwor  
Manager of Parks Services

**FILE:**

**SUBJECT:** Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects

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For the month of November 2011 staff has been involved with the following projects and issues:

### **Electoral Area Community Parks**

#### *Area A*

Staff completed the development of toilet facilities, including a concrete surround and a garbage can at Pylades Road, under permit from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI).

At Nelson Road staff removed large woody debris from boat ramp.

At the Morden Colliery Trail staff inspected the corridor for hazard trees and cleared the trail of branches.

The Regional Board has requested that Parks staff prepare an application to the British Columbia's Community Recreation Program for the construction of the Cedar Skate and Bike Park in Electoral Area 'A' and that the project commence upon confirmation of approved funding from the Community Recreation Program

Staff engaged design consultants Van der Zalm and Associates to provide concept refinement and construction drawing services for the Cedar Skate and Bike Park. The resulting construction documents will be used to support the Regional District's efforts to pursue grant funding to complement the \$139,000 of RDN community park funds that have been set aside for park construction and the \$46,590 in donations collected by the Cedar Skate Park Association.

Staff engaged EBA Consultants to provide a detailed geotechnical engineering report for the proposed site of the Cedar Skate and Bike Park on Cedar Secondary School property. This site data was required as base information for the skate and bike park construction drawings and the results were positive.

#### *Area B*

Staff continued to research development options with contractors for irrigation pond work at the Rollo McKay park. Vandalism repair work was also carried out, and new signage was installed in the park.

A cleanup was conducted at Huxley Community Park. Parks and Water Services staff met on site to assess the suitability of a water well for Ministry of Environment groundwater monitoring. Staff also conducted GPS surveying to map site amenities.

Split rail fencing was constructed at Joyce Lockwood Community Park and additional stair reconstruction work was ordered, with completion expected in December.

Staff monitored mowing and garbage collection contracts.

***Area C - East Wellington/Pleasant Valley***

At Meadow Drive Community Park staff performed a general inspection of the trees and playground equipment.

At Thelma Griffiths Park staff cleaned up leaf debris and performed a general inspection of the trees and playground.

***Area C - Extension***

At Extension Miners Community Park staff cleared leaf and branch debris from the trail and benches.

***Area E***

A memorial bench was installed at Brickyard Community Park. Trail improvements have also been conducted in November, and will be completed in December.

New signage was installed at Prawn Road Community Park.

Illegal dumping activity was dealt with at Jack Bagley Community Park.

***Area F***

Staff received notice from the Corcan Rd – Meadowood Way Residents Association that the permitted Hallowe'en fireworks and community BBQ event at Meadowood Way CP went off very well with about 200 in attendance. The Association aims to make this an annual event at the community park.

Trail construction work under a MOTI permit has been substantially completed in the Kopernick/Middlegate area. This included clearing, grading, surfacing and compaction, and the placement of concrete vehicle barriers. Entry points were specifically laid out to accommodate horses while restricting ATV's. Signage work is still to come this winter. Feedback from trail users has been very positive.

Staff moved forward with the necessary research work to support a Building Permit application for Errington Farmer's Market Community Park. A wooden entrance sign was removed for refinishing.

At Harris Crescent Community Park staff cleaned garbage from the park and removed debris from creek.

Staff performed trail and hazard tree assessment at the Malcolm property.

The Regional Board has requested that Parks staff prepare an application to the British Columbia's Community Recreation Program for the first phase construction of the Meadowood Community Park in Electoral Area 'F' and that the project commence upon confirmation of approved funding from the Community Recreation Program.

Staff engaged design consultants Macdonald Gray to provide concept drawings for Meadowood Community Park. The resulting drawings will be used to support the Regional District's efforts to pursue \$42,500 in provincial grant funding to complement the \$17,500 of RDN community park funds that have been set aside for park construction and the \$5,000 in donations collected by the Corcan-Meadowood Residents Association. If successful in obtaining the grant, the funds will go towards the first phase park construction that will include a playground and sport court.

### ***Area G***

Staff monitored garbage collection and toilet service contracts.

At Boulton Community Park staff brush-cut overgrown shrubs and performed a garbage clean up. Staff also coordinated with School District 69 for the removal of an adjacent bus shelter.

Staff performed extensive clearing of overgrown brush along the property line and the trail at Lee Road Community Park.

At Barclay Bridge staff removed snow and cleared the bridge surface of debris.

At Dashwood Community Park and the Women's Institute Hall staff worked with an electrical contractor to complete the installation of three emergency exit signs.

At Admiral Tryon Boulevard beach access staff coordinated with bylaw enforcement for the installation of a 'no dumping' sign following incidents of yard waste being illegally dumped in the park.

Staff visited Miller Road Community Park to examine conditions at the eroding bank and to discuss currently planned-for remediation in 2012.

Staff continued to correspond with a developer regarding an upcoming rezoning/subdivision application which may include park land dedication.

### ***Area H***

Planning and operations staff met to discuss conceptual park design plans for Henry Morgan Community Park with design consultant.

At Dunsmuir (Centennial) Community Park staff repaired a damaged toilet enclosure, repainted the structure to cover up graffiti, cleaned up garbage, and repaired the tennis court net.

Staff performed a stair assessment to plan for repair of storm damage at a public beach access on Shoreline Drive.

Staff conducted a drainage assessment for trail and culvert work anticipated for the winter.

The Regional Board has requested that Parks staff prepare an application to the British Columbia's Community Recreation Program for the first phase construction of the Henry Morgan Community Park in Electoral Area 'H' and that the project commence upon confirmation of approved funding from the Community Recreation Program.

Staff engaged design consultants Gemella Designs to provide concept refinement and construction drawing services for Henry Morgan Community Park. The resulting construction documents will be used to support the Regional District's efforts to pursue grant funding to complement the \$75,000 of RDN community park funds that have been set aside for park construction. This work included meeting with the adjacent land owner and MOTI to discuss servicing, timing and potential access easements and Hydro to discuss moving the existing power poles.

Parks staff attended a site meeting with the Area Director, Planning staff, property owners and their builder to discuss the property owners' Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure application to

purchase an undeveloped portion public road located at the end of Jamieson Rd. Parks staff provided comments related to the importance of maintaining public access to the water.

### ***Other***

Work programs and schedules for mowing contracts covering fifteen community parks were monitored with the relevant contractors. These run from May to the end of the year.

Staff participated in a ½ day fall restraint training course, and also attended a department staff meeting to discuss work programs/projects and teamwork.

Numerous park inspection visits and maintenance projects were conducted throughout the district including garbage removal, new sign layouts and installations, and sign maintenance, and numerous information requests were received from the public.

## **Regional Parks and Trails**

### ***Beachcomber Regional Park***

Staff updated various signs including directional signage, no mooring signage and a parking hours sign.

### ***Coats Marsh Regional Park***

Staff received the final Stage I report regarding the Structural and Environmental Assessment of the wetland from Madrone Environmental Services. Next steps involve obtaining a survey of the area of interest to help inform the most appropriate flood mitigation measure.

Park staff continued to monitor beaver debris, pond leveler and water level of the marsh.

### ***Descanso Bay Regional Park***

Regular park inspections were undertaken. Staff Arborist assessed the orchard for pruning needs that will take place in the next couple of months.

### ***Englishman River Regional Park***

Liaison work with hatchery caretaker regarding fish returns and egg take activities for the hatchery.

Staff representative attended Englishman River Watershed Recovery Plan Steering Committee meeting where Giles Wendling, presented results from an aquifer study, which revealed an interesting potential deep aquifer under the Park.

Staff representative followed up with the BC Conservation Foundation regarding the condition of their large woody debris installations following the late month high waters and all appear in order so far.

Staff carried out routine inspections of Englishman River Regional Park and Top Bridge Park. Staff responded to maintenance issues identified by the Volunteer Park Warden including garbage issues, ATV trespass, vandalism, graffiti and potential hazardous trees. Damage from illegal ATV use is a significant and expensive problem and staff will continue to harden access points.

Park staff cut and removed two trees that came down on the main access road and Coho Trail from wind storms.

Park staff conducted several inspections to ensure public safety due to frequent fall wind storms.

### ***Lighthouse Country Regional Trail***

Staff reviewed outstanding works with bridge contractor.

Park staff conducted several inspections to ensure public safety due to frequent fall wind storms.

Staff installed trail signs and spread straw over exposed soil areas to prevent erosion and the potential of sedimentation.

### ***Little Qualicum River Estuary Regional Conservation Area***

Staff reviewed the draft 99-year lease and covenant with Ducks Unlimited and forwarded to lawyer for final review.

Staff representative met with the Mid-Island Guardians of the Estuaries to discuss progress on the Canada goose mitigation plan and plans for 2012.

Staff reviewed grant proposal from the BC Conservation Foundation to the Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation regarding the addition of large woody debris structures at the Little Qualicum and Englishman River estuaries, including the LQRERCA spit.

Assisted the Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers in the planned removal of invasive plants in January.

### ***Little Qualicum River Regional Park***

Staff will be starting a management plan public engagement process for Little Qualicum River in the New Year. In preparation for this project, Parks Staff have been coordinating with RDN GIS mapping staff to produce maps for public consultation and communication. A draft stakeholder list has also been prepared. An advisory committee for the project will be determined in December.

Due to strict timelines, RDN Park staff have also been involved in conceptual design work for the adjacent Meadowood Way Community Park, which is included in the Provincial Community Recreation Grant funding.

### ***Moorecroft Regional Park***

Staff continue to work with O2 Planning + Design on the Moorecroft Regional Park Management Plan. A summary of the information received at the first open house in October is available on the RDN website. Several direct inquiries from the public regarding dogs in the park have been responded to. The management plan will need to provide clear direction on the leashing of dogs and where appropriate "leash-optional" areas may be.

Additional input was sought by students from the Tourism and Recreation Program at VIU and by the RDN's Recreation Staff to help provide a better understanding for how youth envision the future Moorecroft and what facilities will be required to effectively run programs in the park.

A meeting is scheduled with the Woodlot Operator to the south of Moorecroft to discuss possible opportunities for trail connections and the potential for dogs off-leash on this property. A better understanding of the operator's plans for the woodlot and potential impacts on the park will also be covered.

Staff also met with surveyors from JE Anderson & Associates at the park prior to the surveying the conservation covenant boundary, which will be permanently registered with the Land Title Office.

Staff worked with Zero Waste Coordinator to get residential recycling in place for the park caretaker.

Staff met with neighbouring Strata Board members regarding formalization of a western park access through the Strata site to Moorecroft park. Follow up work is planned for early 2012.

Staff carried out the following works at Moorecroft Regional Park:

- Garbage cleanup.
- Graffiti removal from buildings and signs
- Trails cleared of debris from wind storm
- Installed anti-slip mesh on stairs and decks
- Removed concrete blocks from around buildings to reduce tripping hazards
- Installed additional dog on leash signs
- Winterized the buildings and fire hydrants
- Removed unsafe playground structures
- Installed No shellfish harvesting signs along the beach
- Monitored beaver activity at Skipsey Lake
- Produced a map of water facility locations and flow for Water Services Department

#### ***Mount Benson Regional Park***

Park staff removed temporary Cougar in Area signs. Park staff also removed trees crossing the access road.

#### ***Benson Creek Falls Regional Park***

Park staff conducted several inspections to ensure public safety due to frequent fall wind storms.

#### ***Nanaimo River Regional Park***

Park staff conducted inspections to ensure public safety and removed garbage from site. Staff also extinguished a small fire in the conservation area of the park.

#### ***Parksville Qualicum Links***

Staff received results of Oceanside Cycling Coalition's workshop and user survey and circulated to all staff. Broad use of the Parksville Qualicum Links was noted and demand for signage along the route.

#### ***Parksville Rath Trevor Links***

Staff assisted City of Parksville staff with the preparation of a grant application for partial funding of the proposed trail and bridge linkage.

#### ***Top Bridge Regional Trail***

Parks staff produced a trail map sign to be installed on Resort Way by parks operations staff.

Park staff installed 8 new trail signs along resort way from Rath Trevor to the trailhead on industrial way.

#### ***Trans Canada Trail***

Staff representative assisted BC TCT representative with request to appear before the RDN Board as a delegation in New Year. TCT provided notice that they have officially recognized the Haslam to Nanaimo River route.

#### ***Witchcraft Lake Regional Trail***

Provided Ministry of Natural Resource Operations staff with required information to begin the consultation process to formalize RDN trail management.

*Other*

*New Kiosk Design*

Staff received the final Engineer-stamped drawings for the new 2-post kiosk from Timbersmith Contracting. The new kiosk replaces the existing 4 and 2-posts kiosks and will typically be installed with signage on both sides.

*New Website*

The new RDN website is up and the Parks webpage requires updating and clarification in some areas. Parks staff have compiled a list of proposed edits and will work with the webmaster to make the changes in December.

*Regional Park DCC Bylaw*

A proposed bylaw to implement a Development Cost Charge program for Regional Parks received second reading by the Regional Board. This project has been in the works for the past five years. In the spring of 2012 staff will be meeting with the development community to review and discuss the proposed bylaw before consideration for third reading by the Regional Board later in 2012.

*Partnerships*

- Met with representative of Nanaimo Mountain Biking Club to discuss potential partnerships in trail development in area west of Nanaimo.
- Worked with the VIU Tourism and Recreation students on their trail survey project.
- Assisted VIU Tourism student with special project on trails.
- Assisted forestry research contractor with work on Quaking Aspens.
- Continued to assist the Mount Arrowsmith Biosphere Foundation folks with minor mapping tasks.

**Recommendations**

That the Parks Update Report for November 2011 be received as information.

*Original signed by D. Palidwor*

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Manager of Parks Services

*Original Signed by T. Osborne*

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General Manager Concurrence



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**TO:** Tom Osborne  
General Manager of Recreation and Parks

**DATE:** February 7, 2012

**FROM:** Dave Palidwor  
Acting Manager of Parks Services

**FILE:**

**SUBJECT: Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects**

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For the months of December 2011 and January 2012 staff has been involved with the following projects and issues:

**Electoral Area Community Parks**

***Area A***

Cedar Skate/Bike Park - Staff worked with the design consultants to complete the detailed drawings as part of a grant application the Provincial Community Recreation Program. The application package included a detailed application form, design drawings, project cost estimates, budget information, letters of support from the community as well as supporting planning documents showing how the project fits into the larger planning context of the Electoral Area and Region. The Province has indicated that the announcement of successful projects will occur after March 2012, at which time further direction regarding the completion of the workings drawings and tender packages will be pursued.

Portable washroom facilities were installed at Pylades Road and contracted collection and servicing is now underway.

Staff participated in the Cedar Main Street Charette hosted by the RDN Planning Department on January 25th – 27th. Parks Staff provided feedback on the community's ideas of how parks, open space and trail connections could become an integral part of the Main Street experience.

At Nelson Road staff removed storm debris from the boat launch ramp, cleared the stairs to the beach and conducted a site clean-up.

***Area B***

Staff met on site with a development contractor to discuss options for irrigation pond improvements at Rollo McClay.

The Rollo McClay concession building roof and downpipes were repaired following a vandalism incident.

At Joyce Lockwood Community Park stair reconstruction work was completed, including new handrails, pickets, and upright supports.

The Gabriola Recreation Society user agreement is nearing completion for execution to include services at Huxley Park in addition to Rollo McClay Community Park. Staff also worked with GRS recreation programmer on introducing bike polo to Gabriola.

Staff responded to a variety of queries from Mudge Island residents and MoTI about a new launch site and following up on the rearrangement of some water accesses.

### ***East Wellington/Pleasant Valley***

Staff conducted maintenance work at Meadow Drive Community Park.

### ***Extension***

Staff investigated a resident's concern over a potential tree disease issue in Extension Miners Park affecting their fruit trees. Staff also responded to a drainage concern expressed by an adjacent property owner. This resulted in a follow up meeting with MOTI staff to discuss the impact of water draining from the road onto adjacent lands.

### ***Area E***

At Brickyard Community Park trail improvement work is now completed.

A damaged willow tree was removed from the trail access at Park Place Community Park.

Staff followed up with a builder to see the planting of five new trees along a section of the Schooner Ridge Path. The trees are for the replacement of biomass lost during unauthorized pruning on park land by the developer during house construction.

At Nanoose Road Community Park staff cleaned up debris from a recent wind storm event and conducted a hazard tree inspection.

Staff installed expanded metal deck surfacing to the long flight of beach access stairs off the end of Ainsley Place for improved safety.

### ***Area F***

Staff worked with ACES representatives to plan upcoming official opening for the ACT 1 trail, trail signage requirements and with information about Area F parks for inclusion in the PQ News.

Meadowood Community Park -Staff worked with the design consultants to complete the detailed drawings for a children's play area and sport court as part of a grant application the Provincial Community Recreation Program. The application package included a detailed application form, design drawings, project cost estimates, budget information, letters of support from the community as well as supporting planning documents showing how the project fits into the larger planning context of the Electoral Area and Region. The Province has indicated that the announcement of successful projects will occur after March 2012.

Park planning staff collaborated on the terms of reference for the design of Meadowood Community Park in conjunction with the management plan process for the Little Qualicum River Regional Park. This process will be launched in Spring 2012.

### **Area G**

In response to feedback received at the Public Information Meeting held on December 14th, Parks Staff met with the applicant, RDN Planning Staff and a representative from The Nature Trust to explore potential parkland dedication alternatives for the 711/713 Mariner Way subdivision application (in San Pareil).

Staff monitored garbage collection and toilet service contracts.

At Barclay Bridge staff removed snow and cleared the bridge surface of debris.

Following a storm event staff conducted a park clean-up at Hawthorne Rise Community Park, and at Lee Road Community Park staff inspected the trail and checked for hazard trees.

### **Area H**

Staff provided Park development recommendations for a proposed trail development through the existing Community Park land corridor between Leon Rd. and Marshall Rd. in the Dunsmuir residential area. These proposed improvements to existing park land may become part of a rezoning proposal on an adjacent parcel.

Staff removed a hazard tree at McColl Road Community Park following a resident inquiry.

At Rose Park staff cleaned the bridge deck and cleared debris from the trail.

Staff posted "Thin Ice" signage at Illusion Lake Community Park.

At Thompson Clarke Trail staff attended to a drainage issue resulting from a fallen tree.

Staff met to discuss development plans at Henry Morgan Community Park.

At Hunts Creek Bridge staff removed snow, ice and leaf debris from the deck.

Due to a vandalism incident a lock was replaced on a garbage can at Sunnybeach Road Park.

Henry Morgan Park - Staff worked with the design consultants to complete the detailed drawings as part of a grant application the Provincial Community Recreation Program. The application package included a detailed application form, design drawings, project cost estimates, budget information, letters of support from the community as well as supporting planning documents showing how the project fits into the larger planning context of the Electoral Area and Region. The Province has indicated that the announcement of successful projects will occur after March 2012, at which time further direction regarding the completion of the workings drawings and tender packages will be pursued. Staff also met with an adjacent land owner to Henry Morgan Community Park to present a preliminary park concept plan and to discuss future park access and parking opportunities.

### ***Other Community Park Projects***

Work programs and schedules for mowing contracts covering fifteen community parks were monitored with the relevant contractors. These run from May to the end of the year.

Parks staff assisted with Oceanside Place's Winter Wonderland display.

Three staff members participated in a one day Occupational First Aid course, renewing their required certificates.

### **Regional Parks and Trails**

#### ***Beachcomber Regional Park***

Discussed an opportunity for interpretive signage with local resident to tell the story of Beachcomber subdivision pioneers initiating the park in the 1970s.

#### ***Coats Marsh Regional Park***

Staff met with the consultants to discuss the Stage 1 report regarding the flood mitigation approach for Coats Marsh and adjacent residential lot and to discuss the Stage 2 requirements. The consultants have requested a quote from a surveyor to survey the land prior to deciding on the appropriate measure. The survey will take place following permission from the neighbour to survey a portion of his property.

Park staff continued to monitor beaver debris, pond leveler and water level of the marsh.

#### ***Descanso Bay Regional Park***

Park Staff pruned fruit trees in the orchard.

#### ***Englishman River Regional Park***

Liaised with Park caretaker regarding potential 2012 development works at park and ATV incursions as well as at City of Parksville's Top Bridge Mountain Bike Park.

Staff carried out routine inspections of Englishman River Regional Park and Top Bridge Park. Staff responded to maintenance issues identified by the Volunteer Park Warden including; garbage issues, ATV trespass, vandalism, graffiti and suspect hazardous trees.

Park staff cut and removed several trees that came down on the main access road and trails.

Park staff installed temporary river level warning signs throughout the park to notify the public about the potential for flash flooding events.

Park staff worked with a contractor creating ATV barriers on the Allsbrook Road side of the Englishman River.

Park staff installed expanded metal surfacing on two bridges to enhance safety.

Final report received from VIU on their fall channel monitoring work carried out for DFO (third field season) as regards water quality and benthic invertebrates. DFO now in a position to see a paper written on the research, which is showing that a large side channel development such as was created at Englishman River Regional Park can add significantly to the natural watershed Coho salmon production.

### ***Horne Lake Regional Park***

Park Staff reviewed Engineering drawings for future water and power system improvements and is preparing to tender works in the near future.

Worked with RDN Utilities regarding creation of an emergency response plan for the new HLRP water system.

Park Operator's year-end report received and discussed with the Operator. Obtained detailed occupancy statistics for 2009-2011. Monitoring of campgrounds by RCMP on busy weekends in 2011 noted and applauded.

Worked with Park Operator and staff on a review of the crowded Twin Pines sites, as well as a number of campground practices, e.g., generator run time, dogs off leash. Confirmed that the site count at HLRP is in keeping with current park zoning.

Liaised with Bat Project coordinator regarding re-establishment of monitoring unit where Qualicum River flows into Horne Lake.

### ***Lighthouse Country Regional Trail***

Park staff installed new signage and removed old signage along the trail. Staff also repaired the trail after high water events eroded portions of the trail.

Final inspection for works carried out at the Ridgewil Bridge by fabricator and primary contractor.

### ***Little Qualicum River Estuary Regional Conservation Area***

Concluded work with Ducks Unlimited and lawyers on a 99-yr lease and revised s.219 covenant for the Conservation Area.

Organized project orientation meeting with the Qualicum Beach Streamkeepers with regards to their assistance with invasive species removal.

Addressed request from BC Conservation Foundation to undertake a preliminary test of the side channel area as part of their overall proposal to bring large woody debris to the Little Qualicum and Englishman estuaries. The large proposal awaits funding news expected in the spring. Reviewed the preliminary test proposal with DUC, consulting biologist and other agencies.

Worked with DUC and the Mid-Island Guardians of the Estuary on their multi-year plan to address Canada Geese at the estuaries and see restoration of native grass fields.

### ***Little Qualicum River Regional Park***

Staff drafted a Terms of Reference for the Little Qualicum River Regional Park Management Plan for Board approval in January. Staff continued to coordinate with RDN Mapping Staff to produce maps for public consultation and have been collecting background information on the river and watershed.

### ***Moorecroft Regional Park***

Staff and Consultants met with the Advisory Committee to review the preliminary concept plans, vision and management goals prepared for Moorecroft RP. Feedback will be incorporated prior to the

February 11/12 Open House. The concept plans, a second survey and draft vision, goals and objectives will be posted on the website prior to the Open House. Staff is also exploring the opportunity for wireless internet at Moorecroft as part of the consultation process.

Staff provided the Moorecrofters group with copies of the draft management scenarios in order for them to discuss as a group prior to the Open House.

Conducted site visit with neighbouring Strata Board members to examine the feasibility of establishing a statutory right of way in favour of the RDN for the purpose of public trail. The trail would provide an official access to the west side of Moorecroft. Worked with RDN Mapping to GPS potential route.

Parks staff met with GreenMax, the Woodlot Operator to the south of Moorecroft, to discuss possible opportunities for trail connections and the potential for dogs off-leash on this property. The operator is currently working to build a trail network in the woodlot and expects that it will connect directly to the south trail that leads into the regional park. He was accepting of dogs and horses on trails within the woodlot area and has also begun to develop a small parking area for dog walkers and other trail users. GreenMax has a strong sustainability ethic and is active in education and hands-on learning initiatives in Port Alberni. There is the potential to work together if a similar out-door classroom component develops in Moorecroft or on the Woodlot property.

Staff corresponded with biology VIU students looking to conduct a volunteer research project in the park. Options were discussed internally and with the Caretaker, however the students pursued their project with the City of Nanaimo instead.

Clarified legal status of shellfish harvesting with DFO for future signage.

Staff carried out the following works at Moorecroft Regional Park:

- Garbage cleanup.
- A post was installed for mounting thin ice warning sign at Skipsey Lake
- Graffiti has been removed from buildings and signs.
- Cleared trails of branches from wind events.
- Rotten disc golf pads and markers were removed.
- Roofs were demossed and tarps were installed on Mrs. Moore's cabin and the Directors cabin.
- Installed more dogs on leash signs.
- Water services redirected water line to caretakers house.
- Monitoring beaver activity at Skipsey Lake.
- Removed broken picnic table from Vesper point.
- Potholes in the parking lot were repaired with help from RDN Water Services.
- Secured a vandalized cabin by placing plywood of the broken glass window and fixing the lock on the door.
- Inventoried fire extinguishers, smoke detectors oil tanks for repair and removal.
- Cougar in area signs installed and removed after risk level dropped.
- Repaired furnace at Kennedy Hall in preparation for the next Open House.

### ***Morden Colliery Trail***

Liaised with Friends of the Morden Mine Society regarding regional trail plans staff make a presentation at their February Board meeting.

Liaised with local equestrians regarding potential funding programs through Horse Council BC, and provided update on plan to conclude an agreement with BC Parks for the continuation of the Trail through Hemer and in this way, formal inclusion of horses in that provincial park.

Staff repaired the fence and bench at the end of the due to bank erosion from high water events. The fence and bench were moved away from the Nanaimo River bank edge for safety. Staff installed expanded metal surfacing on the two Thatcher Creek bridges for traction. Staff also removed two fallen trees across the trail from a recent wind event.

Park staff cleared debris and garbage from Hemer Park to Cedar Road.

***Mount Benson Regional Park***

Park staff installed ATV bylaw signs. Staff also installed expanded metal surfacing on the Witchcraft boardwalk to enhance safety.

***Benson Creek Falls Regional Park***

Park staff conducted several inspections to ensure public safety due to frequent fall wind storms. Staff installed expanded metal on the four bridges in the park to enhance safety.

***Nanaimo River Regional Park***

Staff is monitoring stream bank erosion on the Nanaimo River. Plans to install a fence to deter the public from getting too close to the eroding bank will be constructed in February.

Staff installed expanded metal surfacing on stairs for traction purposes.

***Parksville Qualicum Links***

Organized cycling working group meeting to present park dedication and subdivision process with focus on the new developments in Area G adjacent to Parksville.

***Parksville Rath Trevor Links***

Preliminary discussions have taken place with the City of Parksville and other potential partners to scope out the potential trail routing and new bridge locations.

***Trans Canada Trail***

Briefed new Vancouver Island TCT/Trails BC representatives on RDN regional trail plans and responded to a community proposal for TCT routing and funding applications.

Advised Island Timberlands of RDN Board resolution to advance with preliminary studies in support of a Nanaimo River crossing as part of the TCT, and desire to meet to review specifics.

***Other***

***New Website***

Staff continue to correspond with the webmaster to edit components of the parks website content.

***Fire Control***

Staff examined opportunities for Errington Fire Base staff to practice cutting, burning and fuel abatement work on Crown lands and in RDN parks.

***Partnerships***

Staff worked with The Nature Trust and Recreation Programmer on Brant Festival promotion and planning. Provided maps and information on places to take a dog while the Oceanside beaches are closed to dogs during the Brant migration

**Recommendation**

That the Parks Update Report for December 2011 and January 2012 be received as information.

*Original signed by D. Palidwor*

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Acting Manager of Parks Services

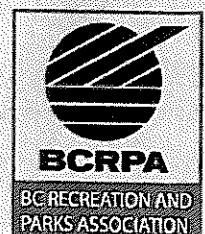
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## A Message from the Premier

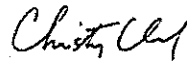


As Premier of the Province of British Columbia, I am very pleased to welcome everyone to the 2012 British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association's Annual Symposium.

I understand that this three-day event will bring together leaders from a variety of sectors to discuss the development of recreational programs and active lifestyles in the province. This is a great opportunity to share your experiences and identify potential policy directions when it comes to improving the health of British Columbians and the vitality of our communities.

I wish you all the best for an interesting and thought-provoking symposium, and I look forward to hearing more about your deliberations.

Sincerely,



Christy Clark, Premier

## Greetings from Mayor Dean Fortin



THE CITY OF VICTORIA  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR



On behalf of the citizens of Victoria, it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the Annual Symposium for the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA).

Your theme this year - "Esprit de Corps: in pursuit of our common purpose" - is what binds communities together, especially in the areas of healthy living, activity and community pride. The initiatives stemming from the BCRPA Annual Symposium help inspire and encourage communities in this process.

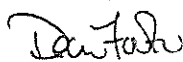
Like many communities and neighbourhoods across the country, Victoria is striving to re-vitalize parks and re-imagine recreation opportunities that will serve our residents for generations to come. We recently added a new youth focused bike course to

the Cecelia Ravine Park, breathed new life into an inner city park, and have just set aside waterfront green space for a new park within our downtown - all with community input and ideas. There is no doubt, parks and green space is vital to the health and sustainability of urban communities.

I wish you all the best in your deliberations. I am confident this year's Symposium will be another success.

For those of you visiting the City of Victoria for the first time, I encourage you to explore our beautiful city and meet some of the people that make Victoria such a great place to call home.

Sincerely,



Dean Fortin, Mayor

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## Invitation from the Symposium Chair



Our Symposium theme "Esprit de Corps" envisions our coming together to recreate the spirit of the 2011 National Recreation Summit. The programme builds on the discussions from the Summit without losing sight of the practical information delegates want to take away from the conference, both to reenergize as well as to improve and expand the services they offer in their community. We are rounding up our traditional format of keynote addresses and educational sessions with plenary panels followed by an opportunity to continue the dialogue in Q & A sessions. So, this year there's more to choose from with two and a half brimming Symposium days, lots of educational opportunities, networking and social events. Looking forward to seeing you in our provincial capital as it prepares to celebrate its 150th anniversary!



Suzanne Allard Strutt  
Symposium Chair  
Chief Executive Officer  
BC Recreation and Parks Association

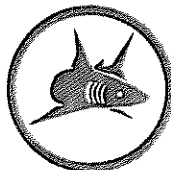
## Thank you

Thank you to the Symposium Program Advisory Committee for sharing their expertise in developing the educational program:

Suzanne Strutt, Chair	Julie MacDougall
Renee Chadwick	Lori Mullin
Lorna Curtis	Lesley Visser
Sandy Ferrin	Joan Wharf Higgins
Lorri Gibbard	Cheryl Wiebe
Julie Halfnights	Stephanie Zuke
Doug Henderson	Sharon Meredith
Ken Krieger	Heather McLeod Williams (consultant)

And a sincere thank you to the many dynamic volunteers who help make Symposium a successful event!

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Early Bird Registrations

This year we have two early bird opportunities to help you save \$\$\$\$ so register early! Friday, March 9th is the first deadline for Early Bird rates and Monday, April 9th is the second. The sooner you register, the more you'll save. Don't delay, register today!

Register on-line today at [www.bcrpa.bc.ca](http://www.bcrpa.bc.ca). New this year, registrations can be purchased on-line on behalf of others in your organization.

Registration check-in at the Victoria Conference Centre starts at 8 am on Wednesday, May 9.

Full Symposium registration includes all refreshment breaks, three lunches, a banquet on the Thursday evening including an invitation to all delegates to join the President's Reception, a networking reception with the exhibitors and a complimentary breakfast on Friday morning. Two keynotes and more than 40 educational concurrent sessions are also included.

Daily registration does not include evening meals, tradeshow networking reception or the Thursday President's reception and banquet. Daily registrants must purchase these meals separately.

### Symposium 2012 Delegate Fees

Registration Category	Before March 9	Before April 9	After April 9
Member	\$429	\$514	\$599
Non-Member	\$558	\$642	\$726
Daily Member	\$250	\$280	\$310
Daily Non-Member	\$325	\$365	\$410
Student Member	\$257	\$257	\$257
Student Member Daily	\$150	\$150	\$150

### Pre-Symposium Fees

	BCRPA Members	Non-Members
<b>Parks Planners Regional Meeting</b> Monday, May 7 & Tuesday, May 8	\$110	\$140
<b>HIGH FIVE®</b> Tuesday, May 8	\$95	\$110

### Guest Meal Tickets

Event	Fee
Wednesday Tradeshow Lunch	\$30
Wednesday Tradeshow Networking Reception	\$45
Thursday Lunch	\$40
Thursday Banquet	\$75
Friday Breakfast	\$25
Friday Lunch	\$40

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

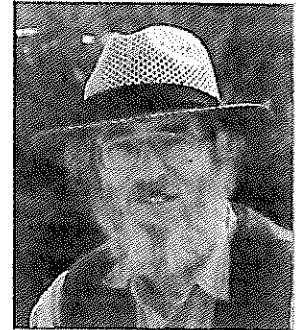
### Dr. Trevor Hancock

**Confronting Canada's Public Health Challenges:  
The Role of Recreation and Parks**

**Wednesday, May 9th | 8:15 am**

Canada faces not one but several major public health challenges. Perhaps first among them, at least in the public's mind, is the 'epidemic' of obesity, which is linked with physical inactivity and over-eating. Physical inactivity is also linked to a number of other chronic diseases, including cancer, arthritis and depression. Indeed, mental health problems constitute a second major public health problem, affecting one in five Canadians during their lifetime. Arguably the most profound public health challenge we face is the decline in ecosystem health, which threatens the sustainability of our society and thus our health. Trevor will address how Canada's recreation and parks sector can help to confront these and other public health challenges.

Dr. Trevor Hancock is a public health physician and health promotion consultant and currently a Professor and Senior Scholar at the new School of Public Health and Social Policy at the University of Victoria. Over the past 30 years, Trevor has worked with local communities, municipal, provincial and national governments, health care organizations, NGOs and the World Health Organization to improve health and reduce inequalities in health. He is one of the founders of the now global Healthy Cities and Communities movement, a co-founder of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, a board member of the Child and Nature Alliance, and a member of the Advisory Council of the new Arts Health Network Canada.



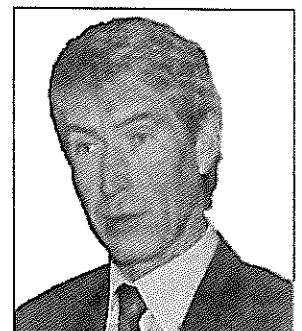
### Graham Clyne

**Re-imagining Recreation: A Vital and Integrated  
Partner in Tomorrow's Public Policy**

**Friday, May 11th | 10:30 am**

As access to public resources becomes increasingly competitive, how can we best "position" recreation and community services as a vital - and not discretionary - part of the larger efforts to support successful children and families? Certainly there are pressing public policy issues like health spending, obesity, inactivity and children's mental health that offer great opportunities to promote the benefits of recreation, but how the sector links itself to these challenges and works with the many partners who share an interest and a role, will be absolutely critical to our success. While administrative competency and facility management have their place, it is only a profound shift in our approach and a return to the principles and practices that originally made recreation a "public good" that will allow us to re-imagine and reposition recreation as a critical part of Canada's public policy future.

Graham Clyne has worked for more than 20 years in the public and non-profit sectors in a number of capacities including time spent as a funder, community developer, researcher, evaluator and senior volunteer. He was the founder of the Prevention Divided Project and the Canadian Institute of Economic Evaluation and has spoken to and worked with a wide range of organizations across North America on strategic planning, board governance and organizational effectiveness. Graham has led numerous research, evaluation and public policy studies, is an author and passionate speaker on issues affecting children and youth, and is a past winner of the Peter Drucker award for Innovation in Canada's Non-Profit Sector. He is currently the Executive Director of the Peel Children and Youth Initiative.





## Senior Staff Forum: Thursday, May 10th | 8:00-10:00am | by invitation only

This session is by invitation only to full Symposium delegates who are senior administrators of their department. Invitation to be issued once registration is processed. Seating is limited.

## Plenary Presentations

**Wednesday, May 9th | 9:45am**

**The National Recreation Agenda:  
A Beginning, Not an End**  
Brian Johnston

What good can a National Recreation Agenda do? If we had one, what should be on that agenda? And, how could you use it? Last October, 200 leaders from our field across the country gathered in Lake Louise for a "once in a lifetime" event with the goal of creating a national agenda for the recreation sector for the next ten years. Brian will review the draft agenda, discuss the next steps in the process of vetting and endorsing it, and challenge participants to begin to use some of the materials that are coming out of this process.

**Thursday, May 10th | 2:00pm**

**Nature & Health Panel Discussion and Q&A**  
Matt Herman, Doug Paterson, Eva Riccius

### THE NATURE CONNECTION

Matt Herman

Children benefit greatly in their health and positive development as a result of being well-connected to nature. Increasingly, this connection is recognized by health and education systems worldwide. Whether it is in the backcountry, regional parks or local green space, nature experiences provide abundant opportunity for physical activity, environmental learning and social interaction in clean air and natural light. The nature connection plays a key role in reducing obesity and being overweight, and the risks of developing the most common chronic

diseases that presently plague our society. As well, child emotional health and such common issues as attention deficit hyperactivity disorder can be improved by a vibrant connection to nature.

### NATURE AND HEALTH: THE ROLE OF DESIGN

Doug Paterson

Both nature and the garden, as models for city-making, have given shape to our cities over time along with transportation. Through plans and images, see a summary of these forces as they've influenced Rome in the 1500s through to the garden city movements of the early 1900's, the new towns of the mid-1900's in North America, classic modernist moves of the 1960's and 70's, and the current emergence of landscape urbanism as a driving force in city-making throughout the world. Such a survey is intended to suggest where we have failed but, more importantly, where we need to go in the making of a nature-healthy, citizen-healthy world; in the making of a place-bound civic imagination.

### TRANSLATING EVIDENCE INTO ACTION

Eva Riccius

Most people would agree that spending time in nature makes us happier and healthier, and therefore, we look to the outdoors and nature to bring balance to our lives. Empirical research is growing in support of the human health and well-being benefits of time spent in nature. A summary of science-based evidence will be presented in support of three key Healthy by Nature principles: spending time in nature improves human health; human health depends on healthy ecosystems; and parks and protected areas contribute to vibrant, healthy communities.

## Plenary Presentations continued ...

Friday, May 11th | 12:00 noon

**Building Community Panel Discussion and Q&A**  
Paula Carr, Jim Diers, Joan Wharf Higgins

### **Community: Where Strangers Become Neighbours** | Paula Carr

Paula will share stories of neighbourhood and workplace approaches in the Renfrew Collingwood neighbourhood of Vancouver, one of the most culturally diverse neighbourhoods in BC. The stories tap into the imagination and describe approaches covering different generations, cultures, issues and neighbourhood-based initiatives. Practical strategies and capacity building approaches will be identified that will encourage and activate the diverse and strong leadership capabilities in communities.

### **Reinventing Agencies to Support Community Re-Creation** | Jim Diers

Parks and recreation departments, like other government and non-profit agencies, are inadvertently contributing to the breakdown of the very communities that they are seeking to help. Jim will describe the paradigm shifts that agencies must make in order to help build strong and inclusive communities. Recent case studies will illustrate what is possible when agencies look beyond their own functions, priorities and services to focus on whole places, grassroots initiatives and community capacity.

### **Canadian Idol? The Xercise Factor and Community Building** | Joan Wharf Higgins

Although it can be simple in its movements, the decision to engage in physical activity is complex. What at first glance seems an entirely personal choice is, upon deeper reflection, one that may not be an individual choice at all. Indeed, an individual's health choices are influenced by their health chances and circumstances, thus it takes a village (community) to facilitate physical activity and health among neighbours.



Bastion Square

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**Monday, May 7 to Tuesday, May 8**

Off-site location .....Regional Parks Planners Pre-Symposium Meeting  
 2-day registration only  
 BCRPA Members: \$110 | Non-members: \$140  
[Click here for a detailed agenda](#)

**Tuesday, May 8**

9 AM – 5 PM .....HIGH FIVE® Principles of Healthy Childhood Development  
 BCRPA Members: \$95 | Non-members: \$105  
 AFTERNOON.....Golf Tournament (Registration coming soon)

**Wednesday, May 9 to Friday, May 11 | INFORMATION FAIR | Foyer**

**Wednesday, May 9**

8 AM – 5:15 PM .....Registration/AM Coffee  
 7:45 – 8:05 AM .....First Timers Orientation  
 8:15 – 9:30 AM .....Official Opening and Keynote (Trevor Hancock)  
 9:45 – 11:00 AM .....Plenary Presentation and Q & A (Brian Johnston)

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM .....Educational Sessions (A)

- ☑ Public Health .....A1 – **Brain Health and Vitality for Your Future** | Gary Anaka
- ☑ Nature and Environment .....A2 – **LITE-Literacy in the Environment** | Frances Warner and Vi Hughes
- ☑ Nature and Environment .....A3 – **Keeping Everyone Happy: Approaches to Sports Field Allocation and Management** | Andrew Giles, Jeff Brehaut and Hugh Norris
- ☑ Building Community .....A4 – **A New Vision for Community Engagement** | Vince Gowmon
- ☑ Public Health .....A5 – **Making Work/Life Balance Work** | Denis Harrigan

12:30 – 2 PM.....Tradeshow Opening and Lunch with Exhibitors  
 1 – 2 PM.....Speed Networking with Past Presidents (sign up at registration desk by 11am)

2 – 3:15 PM.....Educational Sessions (B)

- ☑ Public Health .....B1 – **Brain Wellness: Secrets for Longevity** | Gary Anaka
- ☑ Social Innovation.....B2 – **Public Recreation: Revenue Generation or Public Good?**  
 Brian Johnston and Kate Friars
- ☑ Social Innovation.....B3 – **Improving Access & Inclusion for Vulnerable Populations**  
 Janet Rerecich and Cindy Crapper
- ☑ Building Community.....B4 – **Managing Inbox Overload** | Allison Markin
- ☑ Building Community.....B5 – **Communication and Awareness Skills for Community Engagement**  
 Vince Gowmon
- ☑ Nature and Environment .....B6 – **Parks Design: Building Heritage** | Doug DeMarzo

3:15 – 3:45 PM .....Coffee Break with the Exhibitors



## AT-A-GLANCE

- 3:45 – 5 PM.....Educational Sessions (C)
- ☑ Social Innovation.....**C1 – Trends and Implications for Local Programming**  
Janet Rerecich, LJ Bartle and Christine Macer
  - ☑ Building Community.....**C2 – Facebook Marketing 101** | Allison Markin
  - ☑ Social Innovation.....**C3 – Community Centered Design** | Darryl Condon
  - ☑ Nature and Environment.....**C4 – Urban Forestry Strategy** | Cory Manton
  - ☑ Social Innovation.....**C5 – Strengthening Sport and Recreation Connections** | Robert Battauer
  - ☑ Building Community.....**C6 – Hot Topic: Let’s Get Serious About Seniors** | Julie Halfnights
- 5:15 – 8 PM.....Tradeshow Networking Reception
- 8 PM – late .....Dinner on your own/Social Options (sign up at registration desk)

- 8 AM – 5 PM .....Registration/AM Coffee
- Breakfast on your own
- 8 – 10:00 AM.....Senior Staff Forum (by invitation only)
- 8:30 AM – 5 PM .....Poster Presentations
- 8:30 AM – 9:45 AM.....Educational Sessions (D)
- ☑ Social Innovation.....**D1 – Collaborating for High Quality After School Programs** | Graham Clyne
  - ☑ Nature and Environment.....**D2 – Invasive Plant Management Strategies** | Cory Manton and Rachelle McElroy
  - ☑ Nature and Environment.....**D3 – Planning a Carbon Neutral Event** | Mark Boysen
  - ☑ Building Community.....**D4 – Dialogue Circles: Building Inter-Community Relations** | Baldwin Wong
  - ☑ Public Health.....**D5 – Art, Health & Seniors: A Project Incubation Model**  
Margaret Naylor, Claire Robson, Liza Tam and jil p. weaving
- 9:45 AM – 10:15 AM.....Nutrition break
- 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM.....Educational Sessions (E)
- ☑ Social Innovation.....**E1 – Community Planning and How Local Governments Make Decisions**  
Allison Habkirk
  - ☑ Social Innovation.....**E2 – Educating & Integrating Physical Literacy in the Recreation Environment**  
Eric Sinker
  - ☑ Public Health.....**E3 – Upcycling Green Waste: Making Art from Invasive Plants** | Sharon Kallis,  
Todd Devries, Greg Ferguson and jil p. weaving
  - ☑ Public Health.....**E4 – Age Friendly Recreation: Applying What We Learned from the Age-Friendly  
Communities Initiative** | Elaine Gallagher
  - ☑ Nature and Environment.....**E5 – Cycling Infrastructure for Active Communities**  
Daniel Casey and Mitchell Jacobsen
  - ☑ Social Innovation.....**E6 – Generating Revenue Through Sponsorship: Determining What You Have  
to Sell and Its Value** | Brent Barootes

**Thursday, May 10 continued**

- 11:40 AM – 12:15 PM .....BCRPA Annual General Meeting
- 12:30 – 2 PM.....Delegate Lunch
- 2 – 3:15 PM.....Nature & Health Plenary Panel Discussion and Q & A  
Matt Herman, Doug Paterson, Eva Riccius
- 3:15 PM – 4:30 PM .....Educational Sessions (F)
  - Nature and Environment .....F1 – **Design of Outdoor Play Spaces: The City as Playground** | Doug Paterson
  - Social Innovation.....F2 – **Pleasurable Projects: How to Manage Key Projects Effectively and Efficiently** | Bob Prenovost
  - Public Health .....F3 – **Calming the Storm: Nurturing Interventions for Children with Challenging Behaviours** | Vanessa Lapointe
  - Social Innovation.....F4 – **Sport Council: Is It the Right Thing for Your Community?** | Tom Walker
  - Social Innovation.....F5 – **Reframing Your Organization: Leading Change** | Lara Lauzon
  - Nature and Environment .....F6 – **Healthy by Nature: Translating Evidence into Action** | Eva Riccius
- 4:30 – 6 PM.....Regional Meetings
- 7 – 7:30 PM.....President's Reception (all delegates)
- 7:30 PM – midnight .....Banquet/Awards/Karaoke/DJ Dance

**Friday, May 11**

- 8 AM – 1:30 PM .....Registration/AM Coffee
- 8 – 9 AM.....Delegate Breakfast
- 9 AM – 10:15 AM .....Educational Sessions (G)
  - Public Health .....G1 – **Enhancing the Food Environment in Public Recreation Settings: Results of the Healthy Food and Beverage Sales Initiative in BC** | PJ Naylor
  - Nature and Environment .....G2 – **Engaging Community to Create a Better Built Environment** | Jim Diers
  - Building Community.....G3 – **Intercultural Neighbourhood Development: A Process of Being, Belonging and Becoming** | Paula Carr
  - Public Health .....G4 – **Arts Health Network Canada-BC: Arts-Based Programs & Health**  
Nancy Cooley
  - Public Health .....G5 – **Recreation Matters for Mental Health** | Susan Hutchinson
- 10:15 – 10:30 AM .....Nutrition Break
- 10:30 – 11:45 AM. ....Keynote (Graham Clyne)
- Noon – 1:15 PM.....Building Community Plenary Panel Discussion and Q & A  
Paula Carr, Jim Diers, Joan Wharf Higgins
- 1:30 – 3 PM.....Delegate Lunch/Closing Ceremony

## Pre-Symposium Sessions

### Monday, May 7 & Tuesday, May 8, 2012

#### Regional Parks Planners Meeting

The BCRPA is partnering with regional districts to host this annual meeting, taking place during the two days immediately preceding the BCRPA Symposium. Day one will take place in Victoria and consist of two presentations, field tours and an evening dinner with a showcase of parks and trail communication practices. Day two will be spent in the Cowichan Valley and feature one presentation and four field trips.

BCRPA Members \$110 | Non-members \$140  
(2 day registration only)

#### LOCATIONS:

##### DAY 1 — MAY 7:

Capital Regional District Office  
6th Floor Boardroom  
625 Fisgard Street, Victoria

##### DAY 2 — MAY 8:

Cowichan Valley Regional District  
Kerry Park Recreation Centre  
1035 Shawnigan Mill Bay Rd, Mill Bay

[Click here for more information](#)

### Tuesday, May 8, 2012

#### HIGH FIVE® Principles of Healthy Childhood Development 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

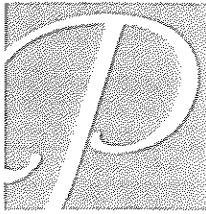
HIGH FIVE® is Canada's only comprehensive quality standard for organizations providing recreation and sport to children ages 6-12. Research shows the five principles of a caring adult, friends, play, mastery and participation, are essential for children. HIGH FIVE® training teaches leaders, instructors and coaches how to integrate these five principles into program design and delivery.

BCRPA Members \$95 | Non-members \$105

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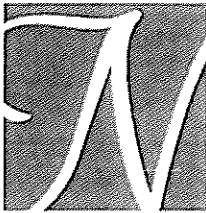
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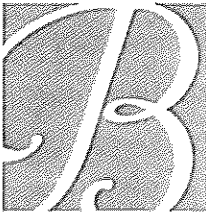
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Addressing Canada's Public Health crisis through health, wellness and working together



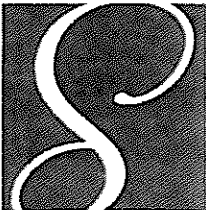
*N*ATURE AND ENVIRONMENT:

Environmental issues and design for recreation, parks and open spaces



*B*UILDING COMMUNITY:

Utilizing leisure, sustainability and civic engagement for community building



*S*Ocial INNOVATION AND PUBLIC SECTOR:

Intersectoral work, examining our core, partnering, recreation and sport and after school hours

## EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Wednesday, May 9 | 11:15 AM - 12:30 PM



### Public Health

**A1** | Brain Health and Vitality for Your Future | Gary Anaka

Are you living and working in a multi-tasking environment? Is your brain under a constant state of heightened stress? In a world of increasing knowledge and technology, you will have to use your brain more than ever. Can you expand your thinking capacities and maintain your critical memories? The answer is definitely, YES! Discover what efficient healthy brains need to make your job and life easier and 15 powerful, working strategies to boost your brain power on the job.



### Nature and Environment

**A2** | LITE-Literacy in the Environment | Frances Warner and Vi Hughes

Take a look at your community through the eyes of a young child. How does literacy develop through natural play? Explore how play spaces can support this by incorporating foundational reading opportunities into the design of parks and recreation facilities. You will leave with concrete ideas on how this literacy concept could be implemented in your community.



### Nature and Environment

**A3** | Keeping Everyone Happy – Approaches to Sports Field Allocation and Management | Andrew Giles, Jeff Brehaut and Hugh Norris

Looking for that perfect model for sports field allocation that keeps everyone happy all the time? While there may not be a single “right” approach that works in every community, there are lots of good ideas out there. Explore successful approaches to sports field allocation and management issues including: who gets what, non-traditional uses, user fees, user group investment in facilities, and involvement of user groups in decision making. Share your experiences and pick up ideas for your sports field management toolbox.



### Building Community

**A4** | A New Vision for Community Engagement | Vince Gowmon

Community engagement requires a cultural shift away from doing for others, to doing with them. It requires us to be good “travelers”, going beyond the confines of our own world, “My World”, to actively engage others in “Their World”, and co-create a new shared landscape, “Our World”.



### Public Health

**A5** | Making Work/Life Balance Work | Denis Harrigan

Many recreation professionals promote work/life balance in their organization but may struggle with it in their personal lives. Juggling competing demands of work, home and family can interfere with peak performance and negatively impact the quality of life away from the workplace. Developing a plan to achieve balance can help produce stronger leaders and more fulfilled and satisfied people.

Wednesday, May 9 | 2 PM - 3:15 PM



## Public Health

### B1 | Brain Wellness: Secrets for Longevity | Gary Anaka

Are you experiencing brain fatigue? Too many senior moments? Is your brain aging too quickly? The only therapy is prevention. What is your brain maintenance program? Gain the practical secrets of brain longevity to give you workable strategies for life long brain health and vitality. Learn how to prevent cognitive decline as you age. Find out how to grow new brain cells. Find out how to keep plasticity alive in your brain. Find out how to use it before you lose it. You are responsible.



## Social Innovation

### B2 | Public Recreation: Revenue Generation or Public Good?

Brian Johnston and Kate Friars

Recreation professionals are oftentimes called upon to justify their programs and facilities especially when tax increases are under consideration to meet shrinking revenues and increased costs. Some pundits consider that some recreational pursuits are frivolous and that recreation programs are non-essential services. In this scenario, recreation professionals need to be well versed in the economic benefits of parks and recreation, to operate facilities and programs on a cost-recovery basis and to find new ways of generating revenues. Another scenario contests this notion and cautions against limiting the focus on the economic impact and instead address the social and personal benefits. It contends that public recreation is a public good and access should not be restricted to that portion of the population who can pay. Community development and outreach have historically been part of the mandate of public recreation and we need to meet the needs of disadvantaged populations not from user fees, but from tax dollars.

These competing notions will be played out in a provocative and interactive format, challenging the audience to consider the pros and cons of each approach.



## Social Innovation

### B3 | Improving Access & Inclusion for Vulnerable Populations

Janet Rerecich and Cindy Crapper

Our frontline leaders are constantly challenged to work more inclusively with children from vulnerable or marginalized populations. Recreation professionals from across the province provided input into the development of an online training program targeted to frontline leaders to assist them in working more effectively with vulnerable populations. Learn about the online training program and explore the vulnerable populations identified, how the specific vulnerabilities manifest as observable behaviours, examples of best practices and unique strategies for leaders to address barriers to full and positive recreation.

## EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Wednesday, May 9 | 2 PM - 3:15 PM



*Building Community*  
**B4** | *Managing Inbox Overload* | Allison Markin

The amount of content we see on a daily basis can be overwhelming, with emails, Facebook messages, Tweets and texts constantly landing in our inboxes. Learn how to manage the influx of information, choose tools to take care of the content you wish to share, and recognize that the "Age of Information" can be managed effectively to create inbox harmony and "in real life" balance.



*Building Community*  
**B5** | *Communication and Awareness Skills for Community Engagement*  
Vince Gowmon

Community engagement requires giving the public a voice to be a co-creator in their future recreation plans. To do this, we must look at our ideas of what a productive conversation looks like, how we can best draw out the ideas of others, and find a place to stand together.



*Nature and Environment*  
**B6** | *Parks Design: Building Heritage* | Doug DeMarzo

Whether you live in a city or a small town, it's likely your community includes a building or area that is considered of historical value. What can you do to preserve these places? Learn about the processes for selecting and managing heritage landscapes, and review the set of principles and guidelines important to heritage management in park spaces outlined in the *Standards and Guidelines for the Conservation of Historic Places in Canada*. Discussions will include techniques to manage heritage resources in a living landscape with competing interests from the community in the context of developing Statements of Significance, Heritage Impact Studies, and ensuring the process is understood from an operational standpoint.

Wednesday, May 9 | 3:45 PM - 5 PM



*Social Innovation*

**C1 | Trends and Implications for Local Programming**

Janet Rerecich, LJ Bartle and Christine Macer

There are a number of trends in recreation that affect programming at a local level. This panel of professionals will share their expertise and experiences in a variety of areas such as mental health, after school hours and shared-use agreements.



*Building Community*

**C2 | Facebook Marketing 101** | Allison Markin

A Facebook page for business is the best tool to build engagement with your community. Tips and tricks to get people to "like" your page, to customize your page, and to keep it separate from your personal profile will be presented. Also learn about Facebook advertising and how to use it to target potential customers. Laptops are optional for this practical session.



*Social Innovation*

**C3 | Community Centered Design** | Darryl Condon

Community recreation facilities provide a unique opportunity to encourage social sustainability and community capacity. Explore the critical role that the design of community recreation facilities can play in supporting the social needs of communities through the careful consideration of informal and programmatic spaces both inside and outside of buildings.



*Nature and Environment*

**C4 | Urban Forestry Strategy** | Cory Manton

The Urban Forest Strategy (UFS) provides a long-term plan for achieving a sustainable urban forest in Saanich. Developed in 2010 through consultation with internal and external stakeholders, the UFS has a goal to "Protect and Enhance the Urban Forest." Learn more about the Strategies laid out in the UFS and about the Canopy Cover Analysis completed in 2011.



*Social Innovation*

**C5 | Strengthening Sport and Recreation Connections** | Robert Battauer

Sport and recreation are part of the same continuum of helping stimulate and sustain healthy active living in our communities. The new BC Sport Agency is stressing Canadian Sport for Life (CS4L) and physical literacy as the philosophy and principles by which sport will help provide opportunities for all citizens in BC to participate in healthy activities through stronger strategic partnerships with recreation, education and health. See how sport and recreation can, and are, strengthening their connections through examples of the Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence's effort to partner with recreation in the CRD to help meet common community development objectives.



## EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Wednesday, May 9 | 3:45 PM - 5 PM



*Building Community*  
**C6** | **Hot Topic: Let's Get Serious About Seniors** | Julie Halfnights

How will we alter our practices to meet the emerging needs of the older population? Bring your best ideas and thorniest challenges to this set of facilitated small group discussions about pricing for seniors admissions and programs, segmentation of the seniors age group, ability and need vs age, the need for wellness centres vs seniors centres, integration vs segregation, and other suggested issues.

Thursday, May 10 | 8:30 - 9:45 AM



*Social Innovation*  
**D1** | **Collaborating for High Quality After School Programs** | Graham Clyne

As the interest in After School programs continues to grow across Canada there are new and evolving opportunities to work with different partners who share an interest in the 'outcomes' these programs make possible. National research shows a wide variety of approaches to After School programs with, however, some common challenges and overlapping themes. In this environment, what are the skills and attitudes that good collaborators bring to the development of new and innovative partnerships and how can we best position recreational activities as a key part of the After School platform? Graham will share some insights into After School development across Canada and outline some useful strategies for those who want to participate as key partners and leaders in their own communities.



*Nature and Environment*  
**D2** | **Invasive Plant Management Strategies** | Cory Manton and Rachelle McElroy

The spread of invasive species has become a major concern for residents, ecologists, naturalists and land and water managers across BC. Saanich's Invasive Species Management Strategy (2012) works to prevent new invasive species from becoming established and control those of major concern for human health and the health of natural ecosystems. Through the "Pulling Together Volunteer Program" Saanich is also working to provide volunteer opportunities and partnerships to protect and restore natural areas. Learn more about Saanich's efforts as well as the regional approach through the Capital Region Invasive Species Partnership (CRISP) which has become a subcommittee of Coastal Invasive Plant Committee (CIPC).

## EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Thursday, May 10 | 8:30 - 9:45 AM



### *Nature and Environment* **D3** | *Planning a Carbon Neutral Event* | Mark Boysen

Interested in making a conference or other event you are organizing carbon neutral? Learn how to determine the emissions your event creates and what options there are for making your event carbon neutral. Find out about easy-to-use carbon calculators and how they can help lead you to low-carbon event planning. Discussions will also include the purchasing of carbon offsets and how to make a decision that is best for your organization.



### *Building Community* **D4** | *Dialogue Circles: Building Inter-Community Relations* | Baldwin Wong

The Vancouver Dialogues Project aims to strengthen relations between the city's Aboriginal and newcomer communities. Between 2010-11, more than 2,000 people participated in the project's five initiatives: dialogue circles, community survey, cultural exchange visits, youth & elders program, and a neighbourhood legacy project. Learn more about the project, including the screening of a short video, and about the various points of connection between communities.



### *Public Health* **D5** | *Art, Health & Seniors: A Project Incubation Model* Margaret Naylor, Claire Robson, Liza Tam and Jill P. Weaving

The Arts, Health and Seniors Project explores how involvement in the arts can improve the health and wellbeing of vulnerable seniors. The project aims to facilitate senior's creative contributions to their communities and at the same time improve the participants' health and strengthen their sense of well-being. Come and hear about research tested benefits for seniors who participate in the arts, how to access resource materials that convey the importance of supporting seniors participation in the arts, and upcoming opportunities that will soon be available to help you start a program in your community. Project information is available at <http://vancouver.ca/parks/arts/artshealthseniors.htm>.

## EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Thursday, May 10 | 10:15 - 11:30 AM



Social Innovation

### E1 | Community Planning & How Local Governments Make Decisions

Allison Habkirk

How do planners think, what do they do, and what tools do they use? Get an overview of the role of the planner and the various plans and bylaws they work with (Regional Growth Strategies, OCP's, zoning bylaws and permits), and examine the current convergence of interests in building healthy communities in the planning, recreation and health professions in BC today.



Social Innovation

### E2 | Educating and Integrating Physical Literacy in the Recreation Environment | Eric Sinker

Physical literacy is the cornerstone of life-long participation in physical activity and sport. Municipal recreation departments are ideally positioned to play a pivotal role in educating communities on the importance of physical literacy and in integrating the key elements into all recreation programs offered. This interactive session will highlight best practises and engage participants in a discussion on strategies around implementing physical literacy into recreation programming.



Public Health

### E3 | Upcycling Green Waste: Making Art from Invasive Plants

Sharon Kallis, Todd Devries, Greg Ferguson and Jill P. Weaving

Pesky weeds have found another purpose in exciting art projects. Learn more about on-going projects working with English Ivy, Yellow Flag Iris and other invasive species, and to try your hand at some of the techniques the artists have developed while working with ecologists from the Stanley Park Ecology Society. There will be information about resource materials that convey the success of bringing artists into projects dealing with environmental issues, and ideas will be shared on programming that is transferable to your community. Project information is available at <http://vancouver.ca/parks/arts/urbanweaver.htm>



Public Health

### E4 | Age-Friendly Recreation: Applying What We Learned from the Age-Friendly Communities Initiative | Elaine Gallagher

The Age-Friendly BC initiative's purpose was to enhance the activity and independence of seniors living throughout British Columbia and thus improve their overall health and quality of life. The project team worked with the Ministry of Health and over 30 local communities in BC to build capacity, and assist and enable the communities to assess their assets and needs and implement age-friendly initiatives. A number of important lessons learned will be of value to those who are undertaking community development activities.

EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Thursday, May 10 | 10:15 - 11:30 AM



Nature and Environment

**E5 | Cycling Infrastructure for Active Communities** | Daniel Casey and Mitchell Jacobsen

Public interest in cycling has grown substantially throughout Canada. Much of this is in direct response to quality of life and environmentally based public expectations that are now part of the planning process. Highlights include the community health benefits of cycling infrastructure; an overview of Transportation Assoc. of Canada (TAC) Bikeway Traffic Control Guidelines including the recent update of the Guidelines; and examples of successful cycling infrastructure in communities.



Social Innovation

**E6 | Generating Revenue Through Sponsorship: Determining What You Have to Sell and Its Value** | Brent Barootes

Sponsorship success can be enhanced significantly through better understanding of property assessment and responsible valuation. This session will look at the age old question of "What do I have to sell and what is it worth?" Participants will learn how to determine what sponsors are really looking for (no it is not another logo on your website) and how this requires real market valuation to measure ROI. Participants will walk away with tools and knowledge on how to determine these assets within their own organization and how to value those assets in real market terms.

Thursday, May 10 | 3:15 - 4:30 PM



Nature and Environment

**F1 | Design of Outdoor Play Spaces: The City as Playground** | Doug Paterson

"If the city doesn't work for children, then it doesn't work!" Numerous ideas and images from around the world will illustrate this assertion during an initial 30-minute presentation on the city as it should be seen through the eyes of a child. Participants will then discuss how these ideas can be furthered; can be brought to bear on city-making; and how the unique role of parks and recreation professionals can lead the way in promoting the child at all levels of city decision-making.



Social Innovation

**F2 | Pleasurable Projects: How to Manage Key Projects Effectively and Efficiently** | Bob Prenovost

Deliver key projects on time and on budget! Discover six key factors that can positively impact your project's success as you learn more about the Project Management Framework and discuss Project Success Factors. Whether you are optimizing your strategic plan, looking into better ways to collaborate or thinking about starting up a new project or program, there will be plenty of practical learning for you in this session.

## EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Thursday, May 10 | 3:15 - 4:30 PM



### Public Health

#### F3 | **Calming the Storm: Nurturing Interventions for Children with Challenging Behaviours** | Vanessa Lapointe

Children take on the activities of each day with different experiences shaping their mindset. For some children, these experiences can set them up for difficulty in navigating their daily routine and environment. Since behaviour is the primary mode of communication for children of all ages, this difficulty typically translates to behavioral challenges. This session will detail key triggers for behaviourally challenging children, the diagnoses these children often receive (e.g. ADHD, ODD, and Conduct Disorder), and the feelings underneath these diagnoses that must be understood in order to guide a child. Learn how these various triggers, diagnoses, and feelings impact a child's ability to cope with daily routines and environments, and explore key strategies and nurturing approaches that can be used to help calm the storm.



### Social Innovation

#### F4 | **Sport Council: Is It the Right Thing for Your Community?** | Tom Walker

Formalized and regular meetings with local sport organization representatives is a slowly-emerging trend across Canada. Yet there are significant differences in form and function, even in BC. Hear what's worked and what hasn't worked elsewhere, and at what cost. The information presented will help you determine if establishing and maintaining a Sport Council is worthwhile and inspire you to engage with your community more meaningfully!



### Social Innovation

#### F5 | **Reframing Your Organization: Leading Change** | Lara Lauzon

When leading for change, leaders must rely on multiple frames or lenses when difficult decisions and problem-solving processes are required. Learn about Bolman and Deal's (2008) *Four Frame Organizational Model* and how to apply the model to your own organization or department.



### Nature and Environment

#### F6 | **Healthy by Nature: Translating Evidence into Action** | Eva Riccius

Building on the evidence presented in the Nature & Health panel session, you will discuss how to translate that evidence into action. Learn from examples of programs that have successfully integrated Healthy by Nature principles into their programs. You will also explore the needs you have in order to successfully integrate the Healthy by Nature principles into your own programs.

## EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS

Friday, May 11 | 9 - 10:15 AM



### Public Health

**G1** | **Enhancing the Food Environment in Public Recreation Settings: Results of the Healthy Food and Beverage Sales Initiative in BC** | PJ Naylor

Hear about 'real world examples' from recreation professionals who were involved in the process of changing their food environment as you take an in-depth look at the outcome of the BCRPA led and BC Healthy Living Alliance funded Healthy Food and Beverage Sales Initiative. You will get an overview of the initiative and the strategies used to measure the implementation and outcomes of the initiative in many communities and see the results of the evaluation.



### Nature and Environment

**G2** | **Engaging Community to Create a Better Built Environment** | Jim Diers

Explore the relationship between people and place and the ingredients that contribute to great public spaces. You will be exposed to some basic tools for involving the community in planning, designing, building, maintaining and programming the built environment, especially as it relates to parks and recreation. Case studies from around the world will illustrate the potential value of community-driven development.



### Building Community

**G3** | **Intercultural Neighbourhood Development: A Process of Being, Belonging, and Becoming** | Paula Carr

Diverse communities exist everywhere across British Columbia. It is predicted that population growth and diversity trends will continue, in part, as a result of immigration. Developing leadership and community in a diverse environment offers a wealth of rich experiences. This session will help you acknowledge and strengthen your work in intercultural neighbourhood development. Through storytelling, appreciative inquiry, self-reflection, new research, small and large group discussions, you will learn information, strategies, and practices used in community settings to support intercultural relationship building and community development.



### Public Health

**G4** | **Arts Health Network Canada BC: Arts-based Programs & Health**  
Nancy Cooley

Experience and research in other countries indicates that arts-based activities are powerful contributors to individual health and well-being, to community health, and to reducing costs and increasing effectiveness of medical diagnosis and treatment. This interactive session provides an overview of the richness, diversity and power of arts-based programming in promoting individual and community health; recent international findings and considerations for best practices; and resources available through AHNC-BC. You can also explore how AHNC-BC can best support recreation professionals interested in and / or involved in arts programming.

*Friday, May 11* | 9 - 10:15 AM



*Public Health*

**G5** | *Recreation Matters for Mental Health* | Susan Hutchinson

Much of the recent focus of research and media attention has been on the benefits of physically active recreation for addressing problems associated with inactivity, and very little attention has been given to the importance of recreation for mental health and well-being. In addition to exploring why and how recreation matters for good mental health, you will have opportunities to talk with colleagues about ways to incorporate a focus on mental health in your community recreation service settings.

## Presenter Biographies

**GARY ANAKA** | Gary has more than 34 years of teaching experience in the regular classroom and as a learning assistance specialist. He is a study skills expert, a brain gymnastics coach and he has been a Brain-Based Learning facilitator since 1997. Gary received his facilitator's certification from the Jensen Learning Corporation of San Diego, California, a world-leading institute that trains professionals in the new field of Applied Educational Neuroscience. He believes in wellness through education to support healthy living for people of all ages. Gary is the author of two books: *Your Magical Brain: How It Learns Best*, a resource book for teachers and parents, and *Brain Wellness: The Secrets for Longevity*, a practical resource book on how to prevent cognitive decline. The scope of his work can be viewed at [www.braincoach.ca](http://www.braincoach.ca).

**BRENT BAROOTES** | Brent is President, Partnership Group – Sponsorship Specialists™. For over 20 years in the sponsorship industry Brent has worked with municipal governments, parks and recreational organizations, non-profit member associations, educational institutions, many local and national charities and sport organizations as well as corporations to help them build, enhance and sustain successful revenue generating sponsorship programs. Brent leads a team of seasoned professional consultants across the country that provide sponsorship inventory development and valuation audits, strategic sponsorship planning and policy development as well as mentoring and coaching of staff and volunteers to successfully engage in sponsorships.

**LJ BARTLE** | LJ has been the HIGH FIVE® National Manager since May 2007. During that time LJ has been overseeing the implementation of the quality standard across the country. It is being used by hundreds of organizations in a variety of sectors including recreation, sport, education and public health to implement and measure quality programs for children. HIGH FIVE® National is a division of Parks and Recreation Ontario and has Authorized Providers across Canada.

**ROBERT BATTAUER** | Robert is the CEO of the Pacific Institute for Sport Excellence (PISE) and has developed a broad set of executive and leadership skills in the development and management of sport at all levels in Canada. As a former professional athlete, Olympic coach, and senior sports executive as well as through on-going, high-profile work in the media and on major sport system projects, Robert has established a highly experienced record of on-going success and achievement. His engagement with sport has focused on athlete and coach development including an emphasis on developing the structures and systems to develop sport at all levels including strategic partnerships with recreation, education and health.

**Mark Boysen** | Mark leads sustainability initiatives for the Saanich community and municipal operations with a focus on climate change and energy. He has 14 years of environmental management experience, and during his time at Saanich, he has led the development and implementation of the Saanich Climate Action Plan and Adaptation Plan, and has led programs to reduce the community and corporate carbon footprint of the municipality. Mark has a Master's in Environment and Management from Royal Roads University and a B.Sc. in Geography from the University of Victoria.

**Jeff Brehaut** | Jeff is the Community Recreation Coordinator of Sport Services for the City of Victoria. His background is in facility and program administration as well as sport field management. In his current role, Jeff oversees the allocation of ice and field use, drafts and monitors operating, contribution, license and lease agreements for recreation facilities and works with community sport organizations on field use, maintenance and development issues.

**Paula Carr** | Paula has worked in the community sector and with municipal and provincial departments, supporting intercultural leadership for more than 40 years in Ontario, Saskatchewan and British Columbia. Paula was awarded the Alan Thomas Fellowship to explore the developmental processes and approaches the Renfrew-Collingwood neighbourhood in Vancouver took to build an intercultural community and workplaces. She has delivered training, coaching, mentoring and presentations in more than 50 different learning venues throughout Canada and internationally.

**Daniel Casey** | Daniel is a Transportation Planner with Boulevard Transportation Group in Victoria, where his work revolves around active transportation, parking management, and community planning. He's worked with a number of BC communities to identify and prioritize infrastructure upgrades to better accommodate non-vehicular travel modes and to develop program/policy strategies to alter travel mode choice to encourage sustainable modes.

**Graham Clyne** | Graham is the Executive Director of the Peel Children and Youth Initiative and has more than 20 years in the public and non-profit sectors in a number of capacities. He was the founder of the Prevention Divided Project and the Canadian Institute of Economic Evaluation and has spoken to and worked with a wide range of organizations across North America on strategic planning, board governance and organizational effectiveness. Graham has led numerous research, evaluation and public policy studies, is an author and speaker on issues affecting children and youth, and a past winner of the Peter Drucker award for Innovation in Canada's Non-Profit Sector.



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**Cindy Crapper** | Cindy is the Recreation Services Coordinator for the Vancouver Parks Board and has worked extensively with individuals and families living on low income, people with disabilities and the ageing population. She has been involved in a number of community development initiatives in collaboration and partnership with community centres, agencies, ProMOTION Plus, CAAWS and the BCRPA. Cindy is recognized as a leader, an international track & field athlete and a community coach.

**Darryl Condon** | Darryl is Managing Principal of Vancouver based Hughes Condon Marler Architects. He has been responsible for the design of innovative and sustainable community recreation facilities across Canada, including Vancouver's Hillcrest Centre, The West Vancouver Community Centre and the Whistler Public Library. A key component of his work with community facilities is maximizing their potential to support the development of healthy and active communities. He is a registered Architect, a LEED Accredited Professional and a Fellow of the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.

**Nancy Cooley** | Nancy is the founder of Cooley & Associates: Embracing Change Creatively, Inc. and the Director of the first Canadian Forum on Arts and Health (2005). She currently leads the Start-up Team for two new non-profit networks, Arts Health Network Canada and its first provincial chapter, AHNC-BC. Nancy has a background in social sciences and social planning and provides multi-party planning, communication training, facilitation and coaching services to public and private clients.

**Doug DeMarzo** | Doug is the Manager of Parks Planning and Design, City of Victoria. His responsibilities include ensuring heritage landscapes are managed so their significance is retained or revealed and their future remains secure in the City of Victoria. Beacon Hill Park and Ross Bay Cemetery are both municipal heritage sites. He is also currently leading the development of a management plan for Pioneer Square, a former cemetery close to downtown, which may also receive heritage designation.

**Todd Devries** | Todd is a Haida weaver and project artist for the Urban Weaver Project. He brings a second viewpoint to bear on the possibilities of ecologically based arts and culture strategies.

**Jim Diers** | Jim has a passion for getting people engaged with their communities and in the decisions that affect their lives. Since moving to Seattle in 1976, he has put that passion to work for a direct-action neighborhood association, a community development corporation, a community foundation, and the nation's largest health care cooperative. Currently, Jim teaches courses in community organizing and development at the University of Washington and serves on the faculty of

the Asset-Based Community Development Institute. His work in the Department of Neighborhoods was recognized with an Innovations Award from the Kennedy School of Government, a Full Inclusion Award from the American Association on Developmental Disabilities, and the Public Employee of the Year Award from the Municipal League of King County. He is also the author of *Neighbor Power: Building Community the Seattle Way*.

**Greg Ferguson** | Greg is a specialist in invasive species with the Stanley Park Ecology Society. The Society has a long history with the park and has just recently published the first ever "State of the Park" report which identifies invasive species as a major threat to the parks ecology.

**Kate Friars** | Kate is the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture for the City of Victoria. Kate is also a Past President of both the BCRPA and CPRA and has more than 30 years of experience with municipal parks, recreation and culture.

**Dr. Elaine Gallagher** | Elaine is internationally known for her research on falls and injury prevention among older people. A professor in the UVic School of Nursing, she was the Director of UVic's Centre on Aging for three years and holds an adjunct appointment in the gerontology program at SFU. She was named "Researcher of the Year" by the Canadian Association of Nurse Researchers in 2002, and "Outstanding Alumina 2007" by SFU. Elaine is best known for her work on a project titled "STEPS" (Studies of Environments which Promote Safety)—the first published study on the epidemiology of seniors' slips, trips and falls in public places. For the past three years she led a project to support 30 communities in BC to become more senior friendly.

**Andrew Giles** | Andrew is the Parks Construction and Maintenance Manager with Saanich Parks. He guides the construction and maintenance of park infrastructure, including all aspects of sports fields. His background in community development fits well with Saanich's long history of home-field user partnerships.

**Vince Gowmon** | Vince Gowmon CPCC, BBA is the founder of Remembering to Play Events and is a Certified Professional Life Coach trained through one of the world's top accredited coaching programs, The Coaches Training Institute and their Leadership Program. He coaches individuals and leads public and organizational workshops and keynotes on all aspects of wellbeing. For complete information on Vince and his services, visit [www.rememberingtoplay.com](http://www.rememberingtoplay.com)

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**Allison Habkirk** | Allison Habkirk, BA, MA (Planning), MPA, MCIP has 30 years of experience in local government as a professional, elected official, and educator. She is an award winning Registered Planner who has worked as a consultant and trainer to local governments and the Province of BC and served for three terms as Mayor and Councillor for the District of Central Saanich.

**Julie Halfnights** | Julie is the Recreation Complex Facility Manager with the Corporation of Delta, an active Thompson Community Association volunteer board member in Richmond and a 'senior' as determined by some jurisdictions.

**Dr. Trevor Hancock** | Trevor is a public health physician and health promotion consultant and currently a Professor and Senior Scholar at the new School of Public Health and Social Policy at the University of Victoria. Over the past 30 years, he has worked with local communities, municipal, provincial and national governments, health care organizations, NGOs and the World Health Organization to improve health and reduce inequalities in health. He is one of the founders of the now global Healthy Cities and Communities movement, a co-founder of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment, a member of the Board of the Child and Nature Alliance, and a member of the Advisory Council of the new Arts Health Network Canada.

**Denis Harrigan** | Denis Harrigan (M.Ed) is President of D.Harrigan Associates, a company helping organizations and individuals reach peak performance and find balance. He recently retired as District Principal with the Greater Victoria School District #61, and has more than 25 years of experience as an educational leader. He has taught at the college and university level and has presented at provincial and national conferences. His sense of humour and dynamic presentation style consistently earn "excellent" ratings.

**Matt Herman** | Matt is a Director within the Chronic Disease/ Injury Prevention and Built Environment Branch within the British Columbia Ministry of Health where he has worked for the past seven years since leaving the National Health Service in Scotland. Matt is responsible for leading Physical Activity, Injury Prevention, Healthy Built Environments and promoting healthy settings including schools, communities and workplaces. In addition, Matt is a board member of Child and Nature Alliance of Canada.

**Vi Hughes** | Vi has a M.Ed. in Curriculum Studies from SFU and a BA from UBC. She has had a career as a teacher, school principal, and faculty associate at SFU. She is currently a Sessional Instructor in Early Literacy and Reading Instruction in the Department of Language and Literacy at UBC. Vi has published several children's books and articles on literacy and currently is the President of the Children's Writers and Illustrators Society in BC.

**Susan Hutchinson** | Susan is a BC native, having lived in and near Victoria most of her life. Before heading east (and south) for graduate school and work, Susan worked as a recreation therapist in long-term care and rehabilitation. She is currently an associate professor in the School of Health and Human Performance at Dalhousie, University in Halifax, Nova Scotia cross-appointed in the recreation and health promotion program areas. Her research focuses on the importance of recreation and leisure for mental health and well-being, particularly for adults who live with a chronic health condition.

**Mitchell Jacobsen** | Mitchell is a Transportation Engineer with Boulevard Transportation Group in Victoria, with a focus on multi-modal transportation issues and road safety. He was highly involved in developing bicycle-related pavement marking and sign design guidelines for the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC), and conducted research on the safety between vulnerable road users and commercial motor vehicles in urban areas for TAC. He has experience in trail crossing safety reviews, cycle track designs, and bike network plans.

**Brian Johnston** | Brian is the founder of Professional Environmental Recreation Consultants Ltd. and has worked in more than 100 communities in Canada on over 200 consulting projects including strategic planning, policy development and feasibility analysis for proposed facilities. Brian obtained a Bachelor of Physical Education degree from the University of Manitoba and a Master of Science degree in Recreation Management from Loughborough University before working as a consultant with Loughborough Recreation Planning Consultants Ltd. in England. He then returned to Canada to work for the Department of Tourism, Recreation and Cultural Affairs in Manitoba before establishing PERC. Brian has been awarded the BCRPA's Citation for Outstanding Achievement for provincial contributions to the field as well as the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association's Citation for Outstanding Achievement for national contributions to the field.

**Sharon Kallis** | Sharon is the lead artist of both The Ivy Project in Stanley Park, and the Urban Weaver, up-cycling green waste strategy.

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**Dr. Vanessa Lapointe** | Vanessa is a registered psychologist who has been supporting families and children for 13 years. She presently works in private practice and has previous experience in a variety of settings, including the BC Ministry of Children and Family Development and the school system. Her areas of interest include holistic approaches to the assessment of children, supporting and advocating for children in foster care, and promoting the child's right to attachment. Vanessa was part of York University's delivery of an Infant Mental Health Certification program in BC, and is actively involved in the provincial early childhood community.

**Dr. Lara Lauzon** | Lara is an Assistant Professor at the University of Victoria in the School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education. She has worked in community recreation and co-produced/ hosted a syndicated television show "Body Moves." Awards include Teaching Excellence (UVic), Victoria "Y" Women of Distinction, and B.C. ProMOTION Plus Leadership. She is also co-author of *An Invitation to Health, 3rd Canadian Edition* (2012), and *Leadership for Recreation, Parks and Leisure Services* (2011).

**Christine Macer** | Christine is the Supervisor of CommunityLINK and Alternative Programs for the Vancouver School Board. She was also a Community Schools Team Coordinator in Vancouver for six years working collaboratively within a Family of Schools and partner community agencies to support and provide Out of School Time Programming for children and youth. Christine has spent over 15 years coordinating and managing a variety of community-based programs for children and youth with local nonprofit organizations. She holds a Master of Arts in Environmental Education and Communications and a Diploma in Outdoor Recreation Management in addition to a Bachelor of Arts.

**Cory Manton** | Cory is the Manager of Urban Forestry, Horticulture and Natural Areas for the District of Saanich. Over his three years with Saanich they have developed and implemented an Urban Forest Strategy as well as an Invasive Species Strategy. He has a Bachelor of Arts (Economics) from SFU and is an ISA Certified Arborist. Cory has worked for more than 20 years in the Green Industry with over ten years' experience in the private sector with Davey Tree Canada Ltd.

**Allison Markin** | Allison has 15 years of experience in communications, having worked in the worlds of marketing, media relations and writing. She is an early adopter of social media and brings her years of skills in traditional media to the new frontier of online engagement marketing. She teaches social media classes at Okanagan College, and her consulting company, All She Wrote, is the recent winner of the Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association's 2011 award for Social Media Initiative, and a LERN award for marketing.

**Rachelle McElroy** | Rachelle is the Executive Coordinator with the Coastal Invasive Plant Committee, a non-profit society committed to protecting endangered habitats and rare ecosystems from invasive plants on the South Coast, Gulf Islands and Sunshine Coast. Rachelle has more than 10 years of experience working in the area of strategic sustainability in diverse leadership roles in public, private, NGO and universities. She holds a Masters in Strategic Leadership Towards Sustainability from Blekinge Institute of Technology, Sweden and a Bachelor of Science (Environmental) from Royal Roads University.

**Margaret Naylor** | Margaret is the Coordinator of Arts, Health and Seniors Project with the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

**Dr. PJ Naylor** | PJ is an Associate Professor in the School of Exercise Science, Physical and Health Education. Her primary area of research is childhood obesity and chronic disease prevention using a socio-ecological framework and focusing on the settings where children live, learn and play. She has a particular expertise in dissemination, knowledge translation and implementation research. In addition to her work on school physical activity and healthy eating she has targeted municipal recreation facilities, childcare settings and the home. In partnership with the BCRPA and the Childhood Obesity Foundation she initiated a provincial scan of food environments and the development of a toolkit for municipal recreation (MRFEAT). When the BC Healthy Living Alliance funded the Healthy Food and Beverage Services in Municipal Recreation project Dr. Naylor worked with the Social Research Demonstration Corporation to evaluate the initiative.

**Hugh Norris** | Hugh is the Parks Athletic Facility Operations Manager with the City of Surrey. He is responsible for sports field maintenance, field renovation upgrades and user group field allocations to approximately 25,000 registered players contained within 80 separate outdoor sport associations.

**Doug Paterson** | Doug is AP Emeritus in the School of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at UBC and a CLSA Fellow. He has served as a Member of the Vancouver Urban Design Panel and as both a Member and two-term Chair of the Vancouver City Planning Commission. He has been on the editorial advisory boards for Landscape Architecture Magazine, the Journal of Urban and Landscape Planning, and Landscapes/ Paysages. His practice and research have focused on urban and regional open space systems, urban design and the public realm, and the nature of a place-driven, civic imagination. He has lectured extensively on these topics everywhere from Bogota to Bangkok, and Beijing to Pune, India.

## PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

**Bob Prenovost** | Bob, CRM, PMP, LEED AP, is the Founder and Program Director of pm-volunteers.org and a Principal with Propellor Social Enterprise Advisors. He works with organizations and their senior leaders, enabling them to translate business strategy into successful projects and programs. He has worked with public, private and not for profit sector organizations with strategic planning and a broad scope of project and risk management issues. Bob has successfully delivered major projects on time and on budget in the institutional, educational, hospitality and commercial real estate sectors.

**Janet Rerecich** | Janet is the Programs & Initiatives Manager at the BCRPA and the project manager for the Vulnerable Populations tool. She brings a Masters degree in adult education along with 15 years experience in recreation to this project.

**Eva Riccius** | Eva has a long standing interest in park management. She is currently the Manager of Conservation and Land Acquisition for BC Parks and was involved in organizing the Healthy By Nature Forum in Vancouver in September 2011. Prior to joining BC Parks, Eva was elected to the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation from 2002 to 2005 where she had the opportunity to work with park professionals at the municipal level.

**Claire Robson** | Claire is a writer and one of the artists who has been working with seniors over the past six years as a part of the Arts and Health Project

**Eric Sinker** | Eric Sinker is the Sport Participation Coordinator with PacificSport Fraser Valley. He acts as a catalyst to promote the Canadian Sport for Life movement with a keen focus on educating communities on the importance of Physical Literacy. Eric has a wide range of experiences which include roles with the City of Quinte West, Fergie Jenkins Foundation, VANOC and the University of the Fraser Valley. He also holds a Sport Management Honours Degree from Brock University.

**Liza Tam** | Liza is a Seniors Worker at Strathcona Community Centre. She is one of the workers supporting seniors to be a part of the Arts, Health and Seniors Project.

**Tom Walker** | Working with local sport for many years, Tom has encouraged leadership, organizational capacity and horizontal integration among volunteer organizations, municipal recreation, education and health. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Physical Education and a Master's degree in Urban Studies. He is currently a Community Recreation Coordinator for the North Vancouver Recreation Commission, responsible for the Ron Andrews recCentre, Grant Connell Tennis Centre and community sport development.

**Frances Warner** | Frances holds a Masters in Community and Regional Planning from UBC and a B.Ed. from the University of Alberta. Her community planning career has focused on social and economic issues. Prior to planning, Frances taught at the elementary, secondary, and post-secondary levels in Canada, Nigeria and Hong Kong. She is currently a writer and planning consultant in Vernon BC.

**jil p. weaving** | jil is the Coordinator of the Arts, Culture and Environment Department of the Vancouver Board of Parks and Recreation.

**Dr. Joan Wharf Higgins** | Joan is a Canada Research Chair in Health & Society and a Professor in the School of Exercise Science, Physical & Health Education at the University of Victoria. She is a community-based researcher who studies how an individual's life choices are influenced by their life chances and circumstances, and how to make the healthy choice the affordable, accessible, appropriate and appealing choice.

**Baldwin Wong** | Baldwin is the City of Vancouver Multicultural Social Planner. He's been working on issues related to diversity, multiculturalism and immigration since the '80s. In 2001, he helped launch the City's *Newcomer's Guide*, available in five languages. Since 2005, he has been the lead staff supporting the Mayor's Working Group on Immigration, which advises the Mayor and City Council on key issues regarding immigrants and refugees. In 2008, he organized the Metro Vancouver Leaders Summit on Immigrant Employment. Currently, he leads a civic Dialogues project ([www.vancouver.ca/dialoguesproject](http://www.vancouver.ca/dialoguesproject)) which aims to strengthen relations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal/newcomer communities in Vancouver.

## Presenter Legacy Donation

On behalf of the presenters at Symposium, the BCRPA will make a legacy donation to Recreation Integration Victoria (RIV). Through its innovative services and programs, RIV assists individuals to identify and participate in their chosen activities and introduces them to new experiences. RIV works with both individuals and the leisure and recreation community to ensure that welcoming, barrier-free environments exist. RIV believes that every individual can access his or her interests.

Read more about RIV at [www.rivonline.org](http://www.rivonline.org)





## The Extras

**Wednesday May 9 - Friday, May 11, 2012**

### **INFORMATION FAIR**

Want to learn more about BCRPA provincial initiatives? Information on various programs and initiatives from HIGH FIVE® to Everbody Gets to Play™ and Pool Operator Courses to Playground Safety will be available at the Symposium Information Fair. Watch for more details on the BCRPA website and in the Symposium On-Site Guide.

**Tuesday May 8, 2012**

### **GOLF TOURNAMENT | AFTERNOON**

Golf is a game in which you yell "fore," shoot six, and write down five. Straight shooter or not, the BCRPA wants you to join us and your colleagues for a great day on the course and some guaranteed laughs. The Symposium golf tournament is under development, and a more fun time than this would be illegal! Start thinking about participating and about picking your fabulous foursomes! Stay tuned for more details about the great prizes, the amazing course, delectable food and refreshing beverages! Circle Tuesday May 8, 2012 in your daytimer, the day before the official start of Symposium on Wednesday, May 9 and start thinking about spring golfing!

**Wednesday May 9, 2012**

### **FIRST TIMERS' ORIENTATION | 7:45 - 8:05 AM**

Are you new to the sector or the province? Is this your first Symposium? We're looking forward to welcoming you at this fun and casual get-together where we'll make sure you have all the information you need to experience Symposium to the fullest.

### **OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY AND KEYNOTE 8:15 - 9:30 AM**

Kick off Symposium with official welcomes and keynote speaker Dr. Trevor Hancock "Confronting Canada's Public Health Challenges: The Role of Recreation and Parks"

### **PLENARY PRESENTATION AND Q & A 9:45 - 11 AM**

*The National Recreation Agenda: A Beginning, Not an End* | Brian Johnston

### **TRADESHOW OPENING AND LUNCH 12:30 - 2 PM**

Food and fun are the name of the game at the Tradeshow Opening and Lunch. Link-up with friends from across the province and chat with exhibitors to learn about their products and services that can take your programs and facilities to the next level. You won't want to miss this fantastic event! Remember your business cards so that you can enter a draw for the prizes offered by the Tradeshow exhibitors.

## Wednesday May 9 continued

### **SPEED NETWORKING WITH PAST PRESIDENTS 1 - 2 PM**

You've heard of speed-dating to meet people ... well this is speed-dating for students to launch your career! Since most Past Presidents are not familiar with texting, tweeting or Facebook, students are invited to join us for some speed-networking - this is an in-your-face, real time, personal interaction with several BCRPA Past Presidents. We look forward to sharing our experience, knowledge and advice on how to have a successful career in recreation and parks. This session is for students and new practitioners who are seeking answers, direction and guidance from BCRPA Past Presidents regarding some of their areas of interest. Sign up for an appointment at the registration desk by 11:00am, first come, first served.

### **TRADESHOW NETWORKING RECEPTION 5:15 - 8 PM**

Wrap up the Tradeshow with a bang! Take this opportunity to connect with exhibitors once again to learn more about their many great products and services and partake in complimentary nibbles and drinks.

### **AFTER HOURS DINNER/SOCIAL OPTIONS 8 PM - LATE**

Keep the momentum of the day going! Meet up with old acquaintances and get to know new ones with a dinner/social opportunity at a local Victoria establishment. Sign up at the registration desk by 5 p.m. and meet in the main foyer of the Conference Centre at 8:15 p.m.

## Thursday, May 10, 2012

### **POSTER PRESENTATIONS | 8:30 AM - 5 PM**

Visit a variety of poster presentations highlighting current research initiatives and innovative practices/programs relevant to the Parks, Recreation and Culture sector.

### **BCRPA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11:40 AM - 12:15 PM**

Actively participate in the development of our province's parks, recreation and culture sector by attending the Annual General Meeting as the Board of Directors and the BCRPA CEO review the many activities the BCRPA has been engaging in during the past year. Ensure your vote is registered on resolutions that affect your Association.

### **DELEGATE LUNCH | 12:30 - 2 PM**

Network with delegates over a nutritional lunch.

### **NATURE & HEALTH PLENARY PANEL PRESENTATION AND Q & A | 2 - 3:15 PM**

Matt Herman, Doug Paterson, Eva Riccius



## THE EXTRAS

### Thursday, May 10 continued

#### REGIONAL MEETINGS | 4:30 – 6 PM

Gather with other delegates from your region of the province to exchange ideas, share best practices and discuss regional issues. Sessions will be facilitated by the Regional Liaisons.

#### PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION | 7 – 7:30 PM

Start the evening festivities early at the President's Reception, being held prior to the banquet in the lovely Crystal Gardens. All Symposium full delegates are invited to attend.

#### BANQUET/DANCE | 7:30 PM – MIDNIGHT

Enjoy an evening of multicultural glitz and glamour at the "Bombay Nights" banquet and dance! As the night unfolds the DJ will put you in the mood to dance the night away and have fun singing Karaoke style to your favourite tunes.

#### AWARDS CEREMONY

The evening agenda at the banquet will include the Awards Ceremony to recognize the 2012 BCRPA Annual Provincial Award Recipients. Join us in recognizing and acknowledging them for their achievement and commitment to the field of parks, recreation, culture and health promotion. Be inspired by the contributions of your fellow members!

### Friday, May 11, 2012

#### DELEGATE BREAKFAST | 8 – 9 AM

Start your day with a complimentary European style breakfast buffet for delegates.

#### KEYNOTE SPEAKER: GRAHAM CLYNE 10:30 – 11:45 AM

Graham Clyne will start the day off with "Re-Imagining Recreation: A Vital and Integrated Partner in Tomorrow's Public Policy".

#### BUILDING COMMUNITY PLENARY PANEL DISCUSSION AND Q&A | NOON – 1:15 PM

Paula Carr, Jim Diers, Joan Wharf Higgins

#### DELEGATES' LUNCH/CLOSING CEREMONY 1:30 – 3 PM



## Accommodations and Travel

While in Victoria, stay at one of the following hotels for discounted BCRPA delegate rates. Please identify yourself as being part of the BCRPA Symposium when making your reservations. Reservations made after the release date will be accepted on a space available basis, at the best available sell rate. Make your reservations now:

### Marriott Victoria Inner Harbour

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Deluxe Room — \$145/night

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Toll Free Reservations: 1-866-306-5451  
ask for the BCRPA SYMPOSIUM group rate

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Deluxe Room \$145 (enter group code: RPARPAA)

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721 Government Street | Victoria, BC V8W 1W5

Fairmont Room — \$140/night

Reservations: 250-384-8111 or toll-free at 1-800-441-1414 (please identify yourself as a BCRPA Symposium delegate when you book your rooms)

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*Rates in effect until April 7, 2012 upon availability*

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740 Burdett Avenue | Victoria, BC V8W 1B2

One Bedroom Suite — \$140/night

Toll free reservations: 1-800-663-5891

Email reservations:

[reservations@chateauvictoria.com](mailto:reservations@chateauvictoria.com)

(Please quote confirmation number 253190 when booking your room)

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777 Douglas Street | Victoria, BC V8W 2B5

Standard Room — \$125/night

Toll free reservations: 1-800-663-7001

On-line reservations: [www.executivehouse.com](http://www.executivehouse.com)  
(use the rate code BCRP when booking on-line)

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**Harbour Air/West Coast Air** | Subject to availability, delegates will receive 20% discount on regular fares for themselves and one guest when travelling together. In order to receive this discounted rate, you must contact the reservations department at 1.800.665.0212 or by e-mail at [reservations@harbourair.com](mailto:reservations@harbourair.com) and quote the promotional **code BCRPA12**. Please provide a copy of your Symposium registration receipt upon check-in. This discount applies to travel between May 7 and 13, 2012 to and from Victoria. All schedule and location information can be accessed at [www.harbourair.com](http://www.harbourair.com) or [www.westcoastair.com](http://www.westcoastair.com)

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**GETTING TO THE VICTORIA CONFERENCE CENTRE**

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[www.victoriaconference.com/city\\_transportation.php](http://www.victoriaconference.com/city_transportation.php)

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- Establishment of recycle centres located throughout the Victoria Conference Centre for paper, glass, cans, and plastics
- Use of FSC certified printed materials
- Online, paperless registration system
- Use of reusable delegate bags
- Recycling name card holders for use at next event (please hand your cards in at the end of your stay)
- Reduced use of paper through posting the session presentations online
- Local organic produce, sustainable seafood and fair trade products are purchased by the hotel whenever possible
- Providing fresh water service at the event using refillable jugs instead of water bottles – please bring your own water bottle to use
- Making the 'healthy choice the easy choice' through the adoption of the Healthy Food and Beverage Sales guidelines in our catering selections

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