

Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
Agenda for Meeting to be held on
Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7pm at FJCC

The goal of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee is to provide advice and recommendations to Council regarding the establishment and implementation of Parks, Recreation and Culture priorities in the Town of Ladysmith.

1. Agenda Approval
2. Minutes
 - a. Minutes of the meeting held September 16, 2020
3. New Business
 - a. Park Naming Request
Attachment:
 - Request Letter
 - Park Naming Policy
 - b. Regional Recreation Overview
Attachment:
 - Regional Recreation Strategy – Summary Report
 - c. PRCAC Orientation Binder
 - d. Meeting format going forward
4. PRC Department Update

**Minutes of the Parks, Recreation & Culture Advisory Committee
Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:00pm**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lesley Lorenz	Emily Weeks
Mike Brocklebank	Brynn Dovey
Ava Smith	Lynda Baker
Councillor Tricia McKay	Geoff Dean

STAFF PRESENT:

Chris Barfoot
Robyn McAdam
Julie Tierney

REGRETS:

Tim Richards	Councillor Duck Paterson
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ELECT CHAIR

T. Richards had put forward his name and was nominated for role of chair. L. Lorenz volunteered for the role of co-chair.

Moved and seconded:

2020-01: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee chair will be Tim Richards and co-chair will be Lesley Lorenz.

Motion carried

AGENDA

Moved and seconded:

2020-02: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee approve the agenda for the meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

MINUTES

Moved and seconded:

2020-03: That Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee approve the minutes of the December, 2019 meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Art Task Group – The Public Art Task Group is seeking two members of the PRCAC to join the group. The Public Art Task Groups purpose is to assist the Town with providing advice and recommendations to Council on specific Public Art projects, including selection processes, acceptance of grants, gifts, donations, bequests and deaccession. Members are appointed for 2 year terms. **L. Baker and L. Lorenz have volunteered to join the Public Art Task Group.**

Regional Sport Tourism Committee Representative – The CVRD requested a representative from the PRCAC sit on the Regional Sport Tourism committee. This volunteer position includes reviewing electronic submissions for grants and meeting with the Regional Sport Tourism Committee twice a year. **E. Weeks has volunteered to be the PRCAC representative.**

UPDATES

Parks, Recreation and Culture

- The pool at the FJCC remains closed. Staff are working on developing a phased approach to reopening the pool, working with Covid protocols and BCRPA guidelines.
- Staff is working with various sports groups on sport reactivation during Covid. This involves working through plans set out by VIA sport in their 'Return to Sport' guidelines. Softball, Football, Baseball and Soccer groups have worked through these guidelines and have or are currently using Town facilities.
- The Fitness Centre at the FJCC has reopened by appointment only. The Fall Activity Guide has been released, with classes ranging from art to fitness available for the public to enjoy. So far the classes have been well received, with patrons happy to be back in the facility.
- The Machine Shop remains closed to tenants and the public with seismic upgrades and foundation work continuing.
- Staff, in partnership with the Cowichan Trails Society, worked with the Ladysmith youth regarding bike trails located behind Brown Drive Park. Town staff and volunteers rebuilt the entire site, with appropriate signage, to create a safe outdoor space. So far these trails have been well received by bike riders of all ages. The CTSS is offering a trail building workshop for in October which will teach youth how to safely build trails and do maintenance on existing trails. This workshop is already full, with plans to possibly add a second date.
- Local service clubs are working together, with the Town, to build an accessible walkway around the Forrest Field turf at Lot 108. This involves adding width to the existing walkway as well as an asphalt lane from the main parking lot to the field. Phase 1 of this project, involving the backside and washroom side of the field, is expected to be completed this week.
- The Ladysmith Golf Club has remained open during Covid and has provided a great opportunity for locals to remain active outside. The Town has worked with the Golf Club to relocate the hole at #5 after receiving concerns from a neighboring home owner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM

Next meeting will be held at 7:00pm, October 21, 2020 at (TBA).

STAFF REPORT TO PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE

Report Prepared By: Chris Barfoot, Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture
Meeting Date: September 16, 2020
File No:
RE: **PARK AND FACILITY NAMING POLICY**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee recommend that Council consider formally naming the park on Russell Road “Rutti Park”.

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to provide information to the committee regarding a proposal from a resident regarding the name of the park on Russell Road.

INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND:

Shelia Andreychuk has applied to have the neighbourhood park on Russell Road officially named “Rutti Park” in honor of the Rutti family. This park sits on a section of a former farm established by Hugo Rutti in 1908. This farm was in the family (5 generations) until sold to the Town of Ladysmith in 2003.

Hugo and Eva had a son named Oiva, who in turn had two sons: Douglas and Herold, they are still residents of Ladysmith and welcome this recognition to their family.

Staff have completed all applicable requirements per the Park and Facility Naming Policy and see no apparent issue with the proposed name of this neighbourhood park.



ATTACHMENT(S):

- Park and Facility Naming Policy;
- Park and Facility Naming Application;
- Letter from S. Andreychuk.

APPLICATION TO NAME PARK, OPEN SPACE, FEATURE/AMENITY OR FACILITY

Applicant (Individual or Group Name): Sherila AndrychukAddress: 801 Russell Rd. LadysmithTelephone: (250) 245-7217 Email: amygirl@telus.net

Location of park, open space, park feature / amenity or facility to be named:

Turn right off Russell on to the end of
Boothdale RdProposed Name: Ruttie

Background information describing the accomplishments and or legitimacy of the name designation:

To name the park Russell Rd Park is most
unfitting.

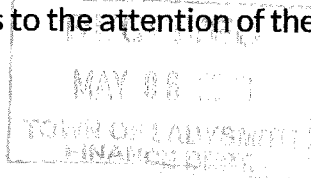
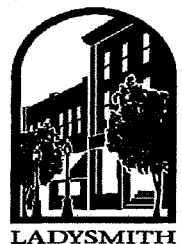
The land that was designated a park, by the
developer belonged to the Butti family
for 100 yrs. Its most fitting it be named after the
The land where the Tom Wickham Park is, family
belonged to the Wickham family

Talking to many people who frequently use
the Park, agree it should be The Butti Pk.

Also we all hope the town will place a
sign like the Tom Wickham Park at the
extension of Boothdale Rd entrance to the Park.

Thank you.

Please include supporting documents, letters of endorsement and petition if applicable and return to the below address to the attention of the Director of Parks, Recreation & Culture.

S. AndrychukMay 6/2020

TOPIC:	Park and Facility Naming Policy
POLICY No:	12-5810-B
APPROVED BY: Council	RESOLUTION No: CS 2020-049
DATE:	February 4, 2020
AMENDED:	

Purpose:

The Town of Ladysmith is committed to providing a fair, consistent and efficient process with respect to naming, renaming or dedication of Town assets such as parks, trails and facilities. The purpose of this policy is to establish a systematic and consistent approach for the official naming or renaming of municipal parks, recreational areas, amenities and facilities within the Town of Ladysmith.

Definition of Terms:

- **Component Feature/Facility** - means all substantial structures or recreational aspects of a park, which includes, but is not limited to, such things as: sport fields, ball diamonds, hard surface courts, playgrounds, tennis courts, pickle ball courts, gardens, washrooms/change rooms/fieldhouses and skateboard park facilities, etc.
- **Commemorative Naming** - naming rights granted to honour outstanding achievement, distinctive service, or significant community contribution. Commemorative naming will not include a financial contribution.
- **Individual and Community Organization Commemorative Naming** - naming rights granted to an individual, group of individuals, family foundation, or a non-profit community organization in recognition of significant philanthropy.
- **Open Space** - includes, but is not limited to, trails, pathway systems, and green spaces under the jurisdiction of the Town of Ladysmith.
- **Parkland** - means all parkland designations including, but not limited to, dedicated parkland, parks, community parks, neighbourhood parks, etc. owned by and/or under the jurisdiction of the Town of Ladysmith.
- **Significant Financial Gifts** - means a monetary donation reflective of the total capital cost or appraised value of the amenity being considered for naming.

Criteria**1. Commemorative Name Designation Associated with Functional Use or Location**

- 1.1. This is based on geographical location, historical or cultural significance, distinctive natural or geological features, and the wishes of the community in which it is located.

- Staff may assign a name based on the adjacent street, functional use, geographic feature, community name or historic significance.
- Chosen names within this designation shall be assigned by staff and may remain unchanged until Council has approved a formal request for name change.

2. Commemorative Name Designation Associated in Honour of Individuals or Groups

- 2.1. This section applies to any request for naming renaming a park/open space, or component feature in honour of individuals or groups. All requests for naming, designating or renaming in honour of individuals or groups shall be submitted in writing to the Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture, and will include a supporting application, explanation and/or justification;
- 2.2. Staff to conduct a historical review prior to referring to Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee or Council
- 2.3. The Director will forward the letter of request and or accompanied application to the PRCAC for recommendation to Council;
- 2.4. The Director will forward the PRCAC recommendation(s) to Council for consideration.
- 2.5. Names for consideration shall be those of distinguished persons, organizations, corporations, foundations or families:
 - where there has been significant contribution to the quality of life or well-being of the citizens of the Town of Ladysmith;
 - where the person/group is perceived as a role model and open to close scrutiny relative to their character, integrity and values;
 - demonstrated excellence, courage or exceptional service to the citizens of the Town of Ladysmith;
 - to memorialize or otherwise recognize substantial gifts and significant donors, individuals designated by donors, or individuals who have made exemplary or meritorious contributions to the Town;
 - where there is a strong historical or cultural connection to the Town and has a major contribution to the historical or cultural preservation of the Town;
 - where there is a strong contribution toward environmental preservation, conservation or enhancement of the Town;
 - where there is a major contribution made to the acquisition, development or conveyance of land or building in question and/or its subsequent development; or
 - where there is a direct relationship or association that exists between the place or former place of residence of the person or group and the facility/park to be named.
- 2.6. Naming in honour of elected or appointed public officials, Town of Ladysmith officials, or staff shall normally occur only after the public service or Town employment has concluded.
- 2.7. Notwithstanding the above, Council, by resolution, may approve a name or name change in honour of individuals or groups when circumstances justify such action. Council may

also remove the original name designation when circumstances justify such action.

3. Commemorative Names of Provincial, National or International Significance

- 3.1. Council may approve a name or name change in honour of individuals or groups who have made an outstanding contribution provincially, nationally, or internationally.
- 3.2. In such instances, and prior to approving the use of any name of individuals or group, staff shall investigate any protocol and/or requirements of any provincial, national or international agency or organization.

4. Names Derived from Significant Financial Contributions

- 4.1. In selected instances where a naming request has been proposed as a result of receiving a unique and extraordinary financial, or other significant contribution, towards the acquisition, creation or redevelopment of a property or park consideration will be given to the sponsorship contribution being provided. The merits and value of each such naming will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. It should not be assumed that a financial contribution guarantees that a park is named after the service club/business/individual/organization.

5. Renaming Existing Parks

- 5.1. Renaming of parks and open spaces carries with it a much greater burden of process compared to initial naming. Tradition and continuity of name and community identification are important community values. Each application must meet the criteria in this policy, but meeting all criteria does not automatically ensure renaming. Critical examination will be conducted to ensure that renaming the park will not diminish the original justification for the name or the prior contributors. Renaming will follow the same procedures as naming a park/open space, or component feature.
- 5.2. Only parks and facilities named for geographic location, outstanding feature or subdivision should be considered for renaming. Parks that have been named by deed restriction shall not be considered for renaming.
- 5.3. Parks and facilities named after individuals shall not be changed unless it is found that because of the individual's character the continued use of their name would not be in the best interest of the community.
- 5.4. Existing names will not be changed without the consideration of:
 - the historical significance of the existing name;
 - the impact on the individual or organization associated with the existing name; and
 - the cost and impact of changing existing signage, rebuilding community recognition and updating records (data bases, maps, promotional materials, etc.).
- 5.5. Only nominations having a direct relevance to the park/open space, or a component feature within the space in question will be considered for renaming.

- 5.6. Renaming of a park/open space, or component feature may occur if:
- the policy criteria are met;
 - a valid justification for renaming the facility is provided;
 - changing the name will not cause undue confusion within the community; and
 - an appropriate level of community support exists.

6. Approval Process

- 6.1. Staff to forward proposal to local neighbourhood association or community group for comments if applicable.
- 6.2. Staff to forward proposal to donor for comment (if land or facility was gifted to the Town).
- 6.3. Staff to conduct historical review prior to recommendation of approval.
- 6.4. Staff to ensure nominee (or legal representative / family if nominee is deceased) is in agreement with naming proposal.
- 6.5. Naming proposal placed on website for 30 calendar days seeking written comments from the public.
- 6.6. Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture to submit report including application, historical background and comments received to the Parks, Recreation and Culture Advisory Committee for recommendation for Council's consideration.

7. Inventory of Names

- 7.1. The Parks, Recreation and Culture Department shall be responsible for maintaining an inventory of names for parks/open spaces, and component features/facilities.
- 7.2. Practices to be avoided include:
- naming a park after a nearby, but not immediately adjacent, school or institution that may lead to confusion regarding their respective locations;
 - use of existing (or similar) names of parks within the Town, to avoid duplication and confusion;
 - names that are meaningful only to a few members of the community;
 - proposed request that a specific builder, developer or real estate company be used in the name; and,
 - chosen names reflect streets not adjacent to park to ensure continuity and minimize conflicts for emergency services.

8. Signage

- 8.1. The Town will be responsible for coordinating the public presentation of signage to acknowledge the naming/renaming designation. Costs associated with naming/renaming of a park/open space or component feature as outlined in this policy will be assumed by the Town of Ladysmith.
- 8.2. The Town will have final approval for the selection and location of any signage, including text and design.

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- 8.4. The Town will have final approval for the selection and location of any signage, including text and design.
- 8.5. The Town will bear the responsibility of ongoing maintenance for the signage.

COWICHAN VALLEY REGIONAL DISTRICT

Regional Recreation Strategic Plan Summary

April 2019

Ways to Provide Your Feedback



Leave a comment on the display panels found at various facilities and events throughout the CVRD.



Participate in the discussion on PlaceSpeak. Access the “Regional Recreation Strategy” topic through the project web page.

CVRD Website (Project Web Page)

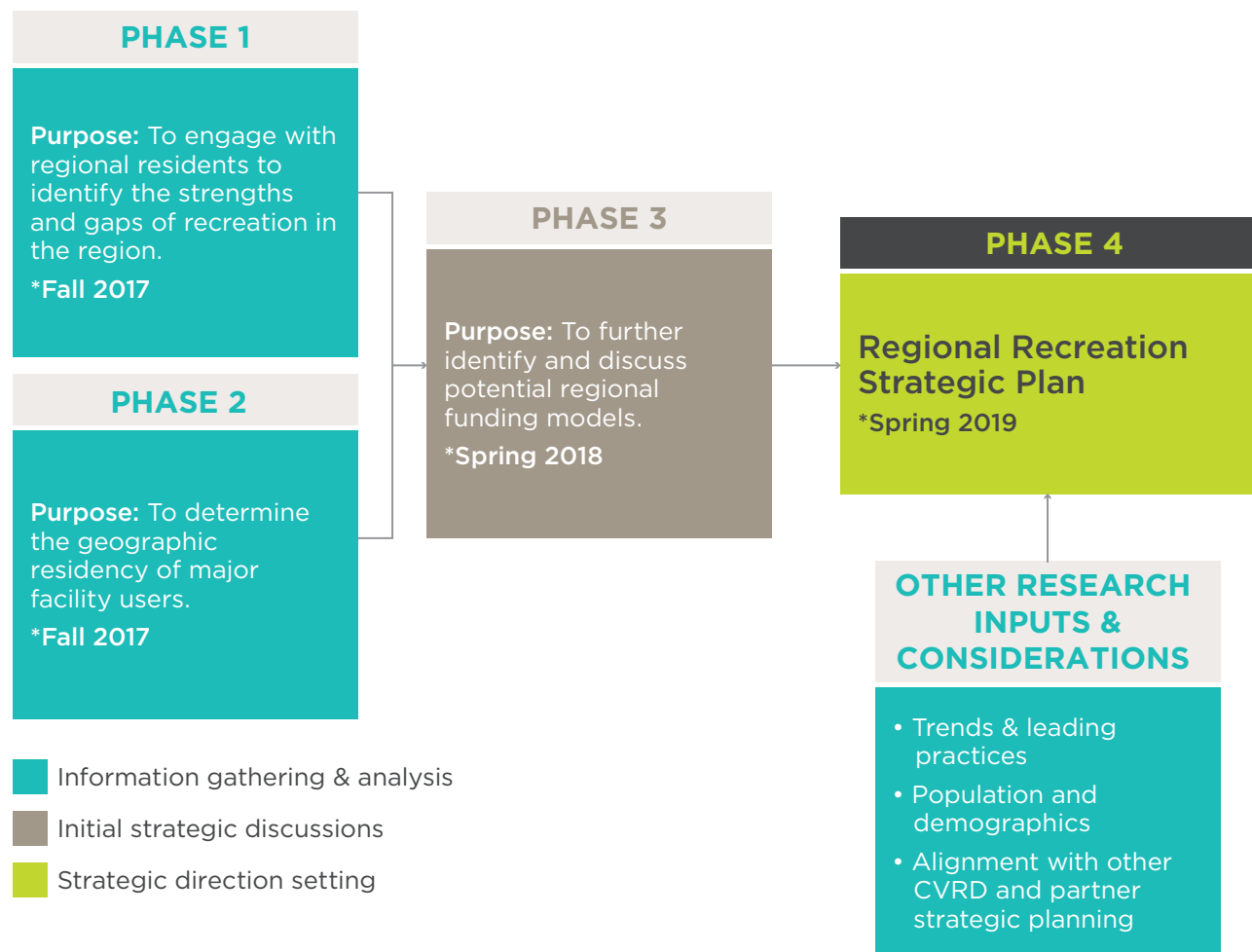
www.cvrld.bc.ca/rec-plan



About the Project



The Cowichan Valley Regional District and its member municipalities (Municipality of North Cowichan, Town of Ladysmith, Town of Lake Cowichan, and the City of Duncan) recognize the importance of indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities to residents. Over the past year the partners have undertaken a regional recreation planning initiative to assess the current state of recreation in the region and strategically plan for the future. The final phase of this planning initiative was to develop a Regional Recreation Strategic Plan that will guide future service delivery and collaborations.



Current Status: A Final Draft of the Regional Recreation Strategic Plan has been developed and is now being shared with the public. The feedback gathered through this review process will be used to finalize the Plan.

Research and Engagement Overview



Engagement with residents and stakeholders was a key aspect of developing the Regional Recreation Strategic Plan. To ensure that a diversity of perspectives and viewpoints were heard, the project team utilized a number of engagement methods to gather feedback throughout Phase 1 of the project.

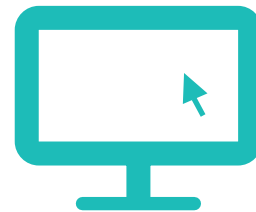
Overview of Engagement Activities



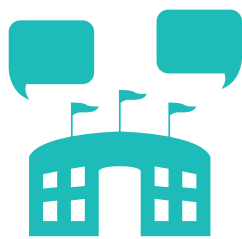
Resident Survey
1,410 responses



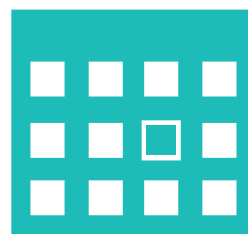
Focus Group Sessions
4 sessions
(~90 participants)



**Online Engagement
through PlaceSpeak**
128 connected
residents



Facility Displays
Residents provided
comments on facility
displays that were
set-up at 10 regional
facilities



Pop-Up Events
Members of the consulting
team visited various locations
in communities throughout
the Cowichan Region (e.g.
community facilities, retail
locations, community
markets).

The engagement findings were also supplemented by other forms of research that included a review of trends, leading practices, and regional population and demographics indicators. Summarized on the following pages are key findings from the research and engagement.

Key Findings Summary



Recreation Activities Preferences

- **Spontaneous / unstructured recreation is important for regional residents.** The majority of activity preferences identified by Resident Survey respondents reflect those that can be done without the need to join a league/team/program.
 - » Favourite Indoor Recreational Activities (Top 5 identified by Resident Survey respondents): walking, theatre performances, arts and crafts, swimming, fitness classes
 - » Favourite Outdoor Activities (Top 5 identified by Resident Survey respondents): hiking/walking, gardening, BBQ/picnic/social gathering, community events, activities at the beach



Barriers to Participation

- **A number of factors prevent some residents from participating in recreation.**
 - » The top five barriers to participation in recreation pursuits identified by Resident Survey respondents were: age/health issues, cost of programs, inconvenient times, location of facilities, and lack of time.
- **Affordable access to recreation is important to regional residents.** The importance of ensuring affordable access to recreation was commonly mentioned during the Focus Group sessions and on the facility display panels set-up in community facilities. Many residents believe that future facility development needs to keep affordability top of mind.
- **Residents believe opportunities exist to improve the promotions and marketing of recreation.** Resident Survey respondents identified “improvements to the marketing and promotions of existing recreational opportunities” as the top way that the CVRD and its member municipalities can improve recreation participation in the region.



The Current State of Recreation Services in the Region

- **Resident satisfaction with recreation opportunities is relatively strong.** 80% of Resident Survey respondents indicated satisfaction with the overall availability of recreation opportunities in the region (37% were “very satisfied” and 43% were “somewhat satisfied”).
- **Residents are using facilities across the region.** Utilization data collected through Phases 1 and 2 indicate that many residents use facilities across the region. The data also suggests that in some instances there is not alignment between funding contributions and facility user’s location of residency.

Key Findings Summary (Continued)



Future Needs, Demands and Opportunities for Recreation

- **Mixed viewpoints exist on the need for new and/or enhanced facilities.** 35% of Resident Survey respondents believe new and/or enhanced facilities are needed in the region while 40% of respondents do not believe new and/or enhanced facilities are needed (20% were unsure).
- **Residents would like to see expanded programming made available.** Findings from the Resident Survey and Focus Group sessions indicated that there is likely a demand for more outdoor education and skill development programming, arts and cultural programming and fitness/wellness opportunities.
- **Support exists for increased levels of regional collaboration.** 66% of Resident Survey respondents indicated support for some level of increased regional collaboration, while 34% do not favour increased collaboration. When asked about specific types of collaboration, the following responses were provided:
 - » 49% of Resident Survey respondents would like to see increased cost sharing to enhance the operations or capacity of existing facilities.
 - » 40% of Resident Survey respondents would like to see increased cost sharing to undertake major capital facility projects.



Recreation Infrastructure Trends and Leading Practices (Provincial and National)

- Shift from stand-alone/single purpose facilities to multi-purpose facilities.
- Increasing user demands for comfort and convenience amenities (e.g. public Wi-Fi, social areas, variety of food options, child care services).
- Integration of indoor and outdoor facilities on the same site to capitalize on operational economies, make optimal use of available land, and share support amenities.
- Importance of physical accessibility and spaces that support inclusion.



Recreation Participation and Activity Trends (Provincial and National)

- Concerning physical activity levels, especially among children and youth cohorts (Only 9% of Canadian kids aged 5 to 17 get the 60 minutes of suggested physical activity they need each day).¹
- Increasing demand for spontaneous / unstructured recreational opportunities while participation in many organized sports has stagnated or declined.
- Shift in older adult recreation preferences from passive to more active and multi-generational pursuits (fitness classes, pickleball, hiking).
- Quality and timing of programming continues to be an important factor in participation.

¹ ParticipACTION Report Card on Physical Activity for Children and Youth

Key Findings Summary (Continued)



Service Delivery Trends (Provincial and National)

- Evolving nature of volunteerism (including: preference for defined roles, personal and professional development as a key motivator).
- Increasing importance of partnerships. This trend is largely driven by increasing capital costs and funding requirements mandated by senior levels of government (examples of common partnerships include those struck between multiple local governments, school boards, community organizations, and the private sector).
- Importance of transparency and engagement in decision making and project planning processes.
- Cross-sectoral collaboration between the recreation, health care and social services sectors.



Population and Demographics (2016 Statistics Canada Census of the Population)

- Population of 83,739.
- Growth of 4.2% from 2011 to 2016 (Provincial average – 5.6%)
- Median age of 49.9 years (Provincial average – 42.3%)
- Age distribution:
 - » 14.7% of residents are ages 0 to 14 (Provincial average – 14.9%)
 - » 61.3% of residents are ages 15 to 64 (Provincial average – 66.9%)
 - » 24.0% of residents are ages 65 years and older (Provincial average – 18.3%)
- Median household income (gross) of \$80,328 (Provincial average – \$88,451).
 - » Disparities between different areas of the Cowichan Region with regards to overall income levels and the proportion of residents that classify as low income.



Vision and Service Delivery Goals



The Regional Recreation Strategic Plan identifies a **Vision** and five **Service Delivery Goals** that will guide future recreation services and investment.

A Vision for Recreation Services in the Cowichan Region:

Through access to diverse, high quality parks, recreation and cultural opportunities, residents of the Cowichan Region live active healthy lives and are part of strong vibrant communities.



Service Delivery Goals for Recreation Services in the Cowichan Region:



SUSTAINABILITY

What does this mean?

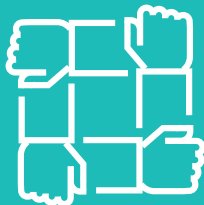
The CVRD and its member municipalities will ensure that parks, recreation and cultural facilities and spaces are planned and managed in such a way that emphasizes long term operational viability and environmental stewardship.



QUALITY

What does this mean?

Parks, recreation and cultural opportunities that are offered or supported by the CVRD and its member municipalities will be delivered in a quality manner that aligns with industry standards and leading practices (including Sport for Life, provincial and national guiding strategies and policies, and local initiatives).



INCLUSIVITY

What does this mean?

The CVRD and its member municipalities will seek to ensure that all residents can enjoy the numerous benefits of participation in parks, recreation and cultural activities and pursuits. The CVRD and its member municipalities will also continue to undertake initiatives aimed at mitigating potential barriers to participation such as age, financial capacity, ethnicity, physical accessibility and social factors.



DIVERSITY

What does this mean?

Opportunities provided by the CVRD and its member municipalities will focus on ensuring a diversity of offerings for a cross-section of age groups, ability levels and interests.



COLLABORATION

What does this mean?

The provision of parks, recreation and cultural opportunities for residents and visitors to the Cowichan region will occur in a collaborative manner that leverages the resources and knowledge of the CVRD, member municipalities, and community organizations. Doing so will help achieve optimal efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery (including the health and education sectors).

Service Delivery Strategies



The following Service Delivery Strategies are identified in the Regional Recreation Strategic Plan and are aimed at optimizing the overall delivery system.

**Provided in the Regional Recreation Strategic Plan document are specific tactics (actions) and success indicators for each Strategy.*

- **Service Delivery Strategy #1:** Ensure that governance structures and guiding documents are reviewed and updated on a regular basis.
- **Service Delivery Strategy #2:** Expand efforts to address financial barriers to participation in recreation.
- **Service Delivery Strategy #3:** Develop an engagement protocol specific to recreation service delivery.
- **Service Delivery Strategy #4:** Increase investment in the marketing and promotions of recreation opportunities with a focus on getting more residents, more active.
- **Service Delivery Strategy #5:** Increase regional collaboration and synergies across all aspects of community services delivery and planning.
- **Service Delivery Strategy #6:** As a region, continue to explore potential solutions to address funding model inequalities and misalignment.
- **Service Delivery Strategy #7:** Over the next five years, further explore specific needs related to arts and culture in the region.



Infrastructure Strategies



Strategic Infrastructure Principles

Regional Recreation Strategic Plan identifies three overarching Strategic Infrastructure Principles that are intended to guide overall capital and operational planning for recreation infrastructure in the region.

Strategic Infrastructure Principle #1: Ensure that existing key recreational facilities and spaces are sustained before contemplating new capital development.

Strategic Infrastructure Principle #2: Major infrastructure projects being contemplated in the region will be explored collaboratively by all regional partners.

Strategic Infrastructure Principle #3: Preference will be given to future facility projects that provide multi-purpose and inclusive spaces that serve a cross-section of residents rather than single use or single interest types of facilities.

Facility and Amenity Strategies

The Regional Recreation Strategic Plan additionally provides Facility and Amenity Strategies specific to a number of key recreation facility and space types. Notable strategies include:

- If major capital investment into indoor aquatics is considered in the Cowichan Region, it is suggested that a new mid-sized aquatics facility to serve the southern part of the region be prioritized over expansion of the Cowichan Aquatics Centre.
- Prioritize quality over quantity in the provision of outdoor sport fields and indoor fitness spaces.
- Increase the provision of natural surface trails in the region.
- Continue to monitor trends for new and emerging activities (e.g. pickleball) and analyze infrastructure needs on a regional basis to determine potential options and approaches.

The Regional Recreation Strategic Plan additionally provides a number of **Planning Tools** to assist with the future analysis and ranking / prioritization of potential projects. These tools should be used on an ongoing basis and as warranted by specific situations and opportunities.





