

**Delegation:** Penny Shantz, President, Parksville Curling Club, re Determining the most beneficial way to ensure the long-term life of the Parksville Curling Rink

**Summary:** The current ownership and leasing arrangement of District 69 Arena does not allow for proper long-term management of this important asset. The sport of curling is large within the community and growing, with the Parksville Curling Club (PCC) adding 20% more capacity this past year. Currently the City of Parksville owns the land within the community park, the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) owns the building and the PCC operates the curling club and looks after all maintenance of both the land and building utilizing five (5) year leases. With 5-year leases the PCC is not able to apply and receive larger grants for maintenance items. This situation also leads to different investment decisions based on short term returns rather than longer term returns. This begs the question is there a better arrangement available to the City of Parksville, the RDN and PCC that considers the District 69 Arena as an asset rather than a liability and is beneficial to all parties

**Action Requested:** That the Regional District of Nanaimo negotiate with the City of Parksville and the Curling Club Executive to determine the most beneficial way to ensure the long-term life of the Parksville Curling Rink.