



**Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association Recreation Services Agreement Renewal  
2023-2025**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Recreation Services Delivery Agreement with Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association (Attachment 1) be renewed for a three-year term (January 1, 2023- December 31, 2025).

**BACKGROUND**

The current Recreation Services Delivery Agreement between the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) and Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association (ACRA) expires December 31, 2022. ACRA oversees the coordination of supplemental recreation programs for residents in Electoral Area F of all ages and interests and assists with community events. The need for supplemental recreation services was first identified in the 2006 District 69 Recreation Services Master Plan and was supported in the Oceanside Recreation Services Master Plan completed in 2018. Based on the Association's satisfactory service to date, a renewal of the Agreement is being recommended for another three-year term (2023-2025) as outlined in Attachment 1.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Recreation Services Delivery Agreement with ACRA is funded within the Northern Recreation Services function. This function serves the City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach and Electoral Areas E, F, G and H. As such these partners collectively fund the annual payment to ACRA for the delivery of supplemental recreation services within EA F.

Both the 2023 Preliminary budget and the Five-Year Financial Plan include annual payments to ACRA as per the terms of the recommended Agreement (Attachment 1).

2023	2024	2025
\$84,040	\$85,301 (1.5% increase)	\$87,007 (2% increase)
No CPI adjustment	Plus CPI adjustment in addition to the 1.5% increase	Plus CPI adjustment in addition to the 2.0% increase

Should the Board not approve the attached Agreement, ACRA would likely no longer be able to provide supplemental recreation services as outlined in 'Schedule A' of the Agreement. Electoral Area F recreation services would be reduced indefinitely until a new service provider was secured or additional recreation services program staff were hired. The annual payment to ACRA identified in the 2023 Preliminary Budget and Five-Year Financial Plan would not be fully expended until a new service provider was secured or additional recreation services program staff were hired.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

Social Wellbeing - Make the Region a safe and vibrant place for all, with a focus on children and families in programs and planning.

### **REVIEWED BY:**

- T. Moore Acting Director, Finance
- D. Banman, Manager, Recreation Services
- T. Osborne, General Manager, Recreation and Parks
- D. Holmes, Chief Administrative Officer

## **ATTACHMENT**

1. Recreation Delivery Services Agreement with Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association (2023-2025)