



**REGIONAL  
DISTRICT  
OF NANAIMO**

**Gabriola Recreation Society Recreation Services Agreement Renewal (2024-2026)**

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Recreation Services Agreement with the Gabriola Recreation Society for a three (3) year term, to commence January 1, 2024, through to December 31, 2026, be approved.

**BACKGROUND**

The Gabriola Recreation Society (GRS) and the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) have worked collaboratively for over twenty years to provide recreation and parks services on Gabriola Island. The Gabriola Recreation Society oversees the planning and implementation of community recreation programming for Gabriola Island. The Society also manages the custodial contract within Rollo McClay Park and provides some onsite support in the management of Huxley Community Park regarding event permitting. As the term of the current Services Agreement is soon to end, staff are seeking direction regarding the renewal of the Agreement. RDN staff and GRS Board are confident of the continued success of this partnership. The 2024-2028 Preliminary Financial Plan includes annual funding to be transferred to the Society.

The current Recreation Services Agreement between the RDN and the GRS will expire December 31, 2023. Based on the Society’s satisfactory service to date as per the terms of the Agreement, staff are seeking to renew the Agreement for another three-year term (2024-2026) with the inclusion of an additional item (Clause 4) added at the request of GRS. Clause 4 acknowledges that the Recreation and Parks Master Plan review currently under way and scheduled to be completed early 2024 may bring to light additional or different recreation services priorities that Gabriola Island residents wish to pursue.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

A total of \$91,866 has been allocated within the 2024 preliminary budget to be transferred to the Gabriola Recreation Society for the purpose of providing recreation and parks services as outlined in the proposed Agreement (Attachment 1). Over the term of the agreement the annual payments will increase in alignment with any increase in the CPI (Victoria) as stated on November 30<sup>th</sup> of the prior year.

<b>2024 Recreation Services</b>	<b>2024 Parks Services</b>	<b>2025 Recreation Services</b>	<b>2025 Parks Services</b>	<b>2026 Recreation Services</b>	<b>2026 Parks Services</b>
\$88,366	\$3,500.00	\$88,366 + CPI	\$3,500 + CPI	2025 payment amount (\$88,366) + CPI	2025 payment amount (\$88,366) + CPI

Should the Board not approve to renew the Agreement, the Gabriola Recreation Society would no longer be able to provide services as outlined in Schedule A nor Schedule B of the Agreement. Gabriola recreation and parks services identified in both schedules would cease until alternatives are considered and implemented upon Board direction. The annual payments to GRS identified in the Five-Year Financial Plan would not be expended and could be considered as a funding source for alternative service providers.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT**

People and Partnerships - Seek opportunities to partner with the provincial and federal governments, other government agencies, and community stakeholder groups in order to advance strategic plan goals and objectives.

### **REVIEWED BY**

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### **ATTACHMENT**

1. Attachment 1 - Gabriola Recreation Services Agreement (2024-2026)