

Delegation: Marg Albert and Ann McVey, Ravensong Action Group, re Community concerns for an upgraded pool, upgraded track, and plan for a future multiplex (Look for and purchase property for the multiplex)

Summary: On September 4, 2018 the RDN Committee of the Whole received three motions meant to move forward for planning for the pool, a rubberized track, and that a centralized land purchase strategy be developed. These three motions were unanimously passed at that COW meeting.

Ravensong Action Group is particularly concerned with the expansion of Ravensong Pool. Overcrowding in the pool and in the change rooms is drastic at times and is leading to tension in the very place that should be free of that. The health benefits alone are huge.

We have presented to the Recreation Commission numerous times and received very positive feedback for what is needed for the pool. Attended the consultant sessions and passed along our needs to them and we finally had hope as of September that we were going to see progress and planning going forward.

We need the Oceanside Services Committee to go forward with preparing the concept plan to advance the addition of a 25 meter tank and expanded change rooms at the Ravensong Aquatic Centre. The ideas for how this can happen, that were brought forward, were mindful of the need to minimize closure of the existing pool. A lengthy closure would be a real problem for our community.

The changes needed now will only be a stop gap measure for a few years as the Oceanside Services Committee moves forward with a Multiplex to serve our growing community.

Action Requested: Our group is very specific about what we are requesting, the planning for pool expansion. We need planning for a 25 meter expansion to the existing Ravensong Pool in Qualicum Beach and we need change rooms upgraded and expanded. We need planning for the pool expansion immediately.