

ATTACHMENT I

OCEANSIDE RECREATION SERVICES KEY HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY 2019 - MARCH 2019

Northern Recreation Program Services - Key Highlights (chronological order)

Drop in after school gym programming at Craig Street Commons and Qualicum Street Commons for children and youth started again after the holiday season and attendance continues to be strong.

One youth leadership course (Babysitter's Certification) was offered in January and had excellence attendance.

The first YouthLink meeting for 2019 occurred in January. Seven members attended from; Town of Qualicum Beach, Ballenas Secondary School, Parksville Child Youth Mental Health (CYMH), Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association (ACRA), Vancouver Island Regional Library, Discovery Substance Use Services and the Career Centre.

Most preschool and children programs began new sessions in January. Registration has been very good overall for all programs. Parent and Tot Gymnastics, Tiny Tot Gymnastics, Kinder Adaptive Gymnastics and Kindergymnastics classes all continue to be popular. Gymnastics for ages 5 to 12 continue to be popular as well.

Two Parks related recreation programs were offered but were canceled due to low registrations. Both were snow related day trips (cross country skiing, snowshoeing).

Adult programming starting in January included; first aid training, strength and stretch, seated fitness, yoga, gentle fit, minds in motion, gentle cardio, introduction to pickleball and drop in pickleball.

Staff attended a number of community meetings and participated in local initiatives such as; Rx for Health, Seniors Round Table, OHWN and MS Society.

An introduction to trail running scheduled for the third week of February was postponed due to snow and rescheduled to April.

Over 90 hours of inclusion support over the two week Spring Break period was provided to three camp participants.

Arena Services - Key Highlights (chronological order)

A partnership with the Sandy Shores Skating Club saw 111 skaters register for CanSkate lessons beginning in January. The skating lessons take place twice a week over the course of nine weeks.

Compared to the same time period in 2018, overall arena programs have increased from being 55% filled to 79% filled.

Drop in hockey for ages 55+ and 70+ at Oceanside Place continues to be two of the more popular drop in programs with each averaging 23 players per session.

Oceanside Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) held a bantam (ages 13 - 15) tournament January 4th - 6th. Teams participating varied from around Vancouver Island. Overall the tournament was a successful event.

The Parksville Panthers Hockey Club held their annual Junket January 8th and 9th. Twelve teams in three age divisions (70+, 65+ and 60+) from around the island participated.

The Ballenas/KSS and Springwood hockey academies started up their 2019 winter season in January. These groups combined book a total of five ice times per week.

An invitation for tenders for "The Oceanside Place Energy Upgrades and Chiller Replacement Project" was issued on January 23rd and a site meeting was held January 29, 2019 at Oceanside Place. Closing date for the bids was February 19, 2019.

A B.C. Family Day free skate was held on February 18th and was provided from 1:00pm - 4:00pm. A total of 240 skaters took part in the event. A grant was obtained from the BC Recreation and Parks Association and CUPE 401 sponsored the event.

The Parksville Lions Club and Save on Foods hosted four free family skates throughout February. February 3rd and 10th were both affected by snowfall and winter conditions but still had 121 and 94 skaters respectively. The four sessions totaled 504 skaters with a high of 147 on February 24th. This continues to be a great partnership with both Save On Foods and the Parksville Lions Club.

The Oceanside Generals regular season concluded on February 22nd. The team earned a spot in the VIJHL Playoffs but lost in the first round to the Victoria Cougars.

Private birthday parties on Oceanside Pond saw a major increase in the month of February. There was a total of five bookings throughout the month of February in comparison to only one in January.

Winter conditions provided higher than normal snow and ice that required attention on a number of days to ensure the parking lot and sidewalks were kept clear. The facility remained open each day and evening with the exception of a power outage which occurred on Saturday, February 23rd. A special disco light skate and games for the Oceanside Recreational Hockey League were canceled due to this outage.

Oceanside Minor Hockey divisions Peewee, Atom, Novice and Initiation hosted four separate tournaments throughout the month of March. These tournaments brought in players and families from all over Vancouver Island and the Mainland. Two tournaments were held during the spring break period. Overall the tournaments were all successful and brought a large group of people into the facility and to the Oceanside community.

Aquatic Services - Key Highlights (chronological order)

Staff continued to work with Rocky Point Engineering on the final design and equipment specifications for the large capital upgrades scheduled from August 3, 2019 to September 8, 2019 at Ravensong. Included in the project is air handler replacements and recommissioning of operating system to improve mechanical efficiencies.

In February grade three students from Springwood Elementary, Errington Elementary and two classes from Arrowview Elementary started swim lessons.

A B.C. Family Day free swim was provided from 10:00am - 2:00pm. A total of 376 swimmers took part in the event. A grant was obtained from the BC Recreation and Parks Association and CUPE 401 sponsored the event.

Through January to March 113 classes of swim instruction were scheduled with just over 620 participants registered.