

## ATTACHMENT I

### OCEANSIDE RECREATION SERVICES

#### KEY HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2018

##### **Northern Recreation Program Services - Key Highlights** (chronological order)

There were three new parent participation preschool programs introduced in October with the addition of two new instructors. Bubbles and Parachutes is a movement-based program at Qualicum Commons. Family Music Time and Parent and Child Yoga are being held at Craig Street Commons. The bulk of other preschool programs are already underway for the fall season with the majority of them having good to excellent participation numbers.

The Parksville Curling Club and Qualicum Beach Curling Club collaborated with the Department to provide introductory curling to local youth. A variety of children's programs began in September including; Claytime Creations for Children, Mini Chefs, Kids in the Kitchen and Canvas Art for Kids.

Two youth leadership courses (Babysitter's Certification, Leaders in Training) were offered and both had good attendance. After School Drop In Gym, Pro D Camps and the Tinker Thinker Club in Bowser all had excellent participation.

The first YouthLink meeting for the new school year occurred in October. Nine people attended from; Society of Organized Services (SOS), Family Resource Society (FRA), RCMP, Parksville Child Youth Mental Health (CYMH), and Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association (ACRA).

A number of Parks related recreation programs occurred in the fall season. A geology tour in Nanoose Bay on October 9 was full with three waitlisted and included stops at Beachcomber Regional Park and Blueback Community Park. A Secrets of Salmon Nature Tour went on the trails around Big Qualicum River Regional Trail with good registration numbers.

The decision to offer a series of local hikes in the fall paid off due in part to warm fall weather. Similar hikes will again be offered in the fall of 2019 in addition to the established line up of spring/summer hikes. The completion of these hikes during the summer has proven to be challenging in recent years due to dry weather and wildfire closures.

A new afterschool gym program requested by the Nanoose Bay Elementary Principal and the school PAC called After School Active was offered in October and November. The program was offered on Fridays after school and averaged 13 participants.

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.

Adult programming offered through the fall included; Chair Yoga, Gentle Fit, Minds in Motion, Gentle Cardio, Yoga, Strength and Stretch, 20-20-20, pottery and drop in pickleball.

The afterschool drop in gym program (Qualicum Commons and Craig Street Commons) saw a total of 491 attendees over the fall season. This is almost 100 more than expected.

December is typically a very quiet month for program offerings with the majority being one day programs. The focus in December shifts to seasonal events and spring program planning including Active Living Guide preparations.

### **Arena Services - Key Highlights** (chronological order)

A four day hockey tournament was hosted by Oceanside Minor Hockey October 18 to 21 with teams (Atom, Pee Wee and Bantam) attending from across Vancouver Island.

Drop-in hockey for ages 55+ and 70+ players continued to have very strong attendance throughout October to December. The weekly sessions offered 2 to 3 times per week average 27 participates per session.

The Drop-in Parent and Child Hockey program averaged 26 participants per session with the ages ranging from 8-12 years. First Ice Steps, Home School Skate Lessons, and youth lessons were all offered on a weekly basis as well.

Oceanside Minor Hockey hosted a midget (ages 16-18) tournament November 10 - 12 with teams participating from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island.

Oceanside Place hosted three ice rentals for groups of international students. Each session had over 30 students attend.

The Ballenas and Kwalikum Secondary schools hockey academies finished their fall season midway through December. Both academies are now in their third season.

The reduction of early evening usage by minor hockey and the figure skating club during the week resulted in adult groups being able to book ice times earlier in the evenings. Bookings as a whole ended earlier in the evenings. Historically the majority of facility usage is done by 11:45pm. This fall the majority of usage was done by 10:00 and 10:30pm.

### **Aquatic Services - Key Highlights** (chronological order)

The first set of fall swim lessons ended the first week of October with set two beginning the week of October 15.

Aquatic and facility staff and patrons participated in The Great British Columbia ShakeOut earthquake drill on October 18, 2018.

Attendance in November continued to see strong numbers for both public sessions and swim lessons. Two school Professional Development Day swims were well attended with a combined 256 patrons enjoying these mid-day swims.

Ravensong hosted the annual Halloween Howl swim which 83 patrons participated in a variety of themed activities and games.

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

Ravensong Aquatic Centre switched focus from swim lessons to public swims and special events in December while maintaining regular adult programming and Aquafit classes.