

## COMMISSION REPORT

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**TO:** CHAIR AND MEMBERS  
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURE COMMISSION

**FROM:** DIRECTOR PARKS, RECREATION &  
CULTURAL SERVICES

**SUBJECT: RECREATION CREDIT AND ADAPTIVE PROGRAMS**

**PURPOSE:** To provide information to commission on recreation credit and adaptive programs.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Commission receive this report for information.
2. **THAT** Ms. N. Wong and Ms. R. Goddyn receive a copy of this report.

**REPORT**

During the Public Comments/Questions segment of the 2017 February 15 Commission meeting at Confederation Community Centre, Ms. N. Wong and Ms. R. Goddyn spoke to Commission regarding adaptive recreation programming and recreation service credit for persons with disabilities. Arising from consideration of the presentation, Commission adopted the following motion:

“THAT staff provide a report regarding the issues presented by Ms. Wong and Ms. Goddyn about the Recreation Credit Program for people with disabilities and provide information about the Adapted Program and fees as compared to other municipalities.”

This report provides Commission with the requested information.

**Recreation Credit**

The Burnaby Recreation Credit Program is a financial assistance program that provides a credit to Burnaby residents in financial need. The credit is represented as a dollar amount in the Parks and Recreation computer system under the name of the applicant patron. This credit is used to register for any Parks and Recreation program or to purchase a punch card or pass for admission to swimming pools, skating, fitness classes, indoor cycling, weight room use, open gyms, etc. There are some exceptions such as golf, private lessons and birthday parties. Credit is valid for one year and clients must reapply each year.

In order to qualify, individuals must live in Burnaby, be a Canadian citizen or a permanent resident and;

- 1) meet the criteria for low income (income is in the range of Stats Canada Low Income Cut off - LICO), or
- 2) receive income assistance through one of the following agencies; Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation (MSD), Ministry of Children and Families (MCF), Community Living BC (CLBC), and the Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP).

The program is promoted through the government agencies; MSD, MCF, CLBC, RAP as well as through the Leisure Guide, Community Centre newsletters, Burnaby Schools, outreach to community groups and organizations such as Burnaby Family Life, Burnaby Neighbourhood House, and MOSAIC, ESL classes and at many community events.

The 2017 recreation credit is \$184 for each eligible individual and in the case of an eligible family, each family member. In 2016, there were 3,228 applications approved for 7,276 individual credits for a total of \$1,319,636 worth of admissions and programs. The recreation credit amount is increased annually for inflation.

Burnaby recreation credit is available to persons with disabilities when they qualify based on financial need, residency and citizenship. Financial assistance related to a disability is a provincial responsibility and is available through the disability assistance program of the Ministry of Social Development & Social Innovation of the Provincial Government.

### **Adaptive Programs**

The City is committed to providing inclusive opportunities for people with various disabilities to get involved in the recreation activities of their choice. The adaptive programs for persons with disabilities include:

Swimming lessons	Fitness activities
Music exploration	Summer camps
Yoga	Social activities
Skating lessons	Art and crafts

Burnaby costs for these programs are competitive or lower to what is offered by other cities in the region. The following chart provides fee comparisons where similar programs are offered and shows Burnaby fees are the lowest. Based on these comparisons, a detailed review of our adaptive fees would likely result in a recommendation for an upward fee adjustment and therefore a reduction of adaptive program fees is not recommended.

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<b>Adaptive Program Fee Comparisons</b>								
	Coquitlam	N.Vancouver	Richmond	Surrey	Vancouver	Whistler	Port Moody	Burnaby
<b>Fitness challenge</b>		\$10.00	\$5.60	\$10.61				\$3.85
<b>Music Exploration</b>				\$10.00				\$6.25
<b>Yoga</b>	\$10.00			\$10.00	\$5.67	\$7.50	\$7.35	\$5.35
<b>Social activities</b>			\$4.00	\$2.50				\$2.25
<b>Cooking &amp; crafts</b>				\$8.67				\$4.35
<b>Teen camps</b>				\$7.50				\$4.40
<b>Weight training</b>			\$6.50		\$5.71			\$5.35

This report is presented in response to Commissions request for information. It is recommended that a copy of the report be forwarded to Ms. Wong and Ms. Goddyn.



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