

**TO:** MAYOR & COUNCILLORS  
**FROM:** PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURE COMMITTEE  
**SUBJECT:** **BCRPA SYMPOSIUM**  
**PURPOSE:** To seek Council authorization of an expenditure of up to \$10,000 to allow for up to five (5) members of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee to attend the 2024 BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) Symposium in Penticton, BC from May 1-2, 2024.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** an expenditure of up to \$10,000 for up to five (5) Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee members to attend the 2024 BCRPA Symposium in Penticton, BC from May 1-2, 2024, be approved.

### **1.0 POLICY SECTION**

This report for funding expenditure approval to support Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee members attendance at the 2024 BC Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA) Symposium aligns with the Corporate Strategic Plan (2022).

### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

The BCRPA is a not-for-profit organization that plays a central role in championing the power of recreation and parks.

Historically, staff and the parks, recreation and culture advisory body take part in the annual BCRPA Symposium which is BCRPA's premier event for the province's recreation and parks sector.

At the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee meeting of February 13, 2024, the General Manager Parks, Recreation and Culture advised of the upcoming Symposium and asked members interested in attending to contact Legislative Services. To date, five (5) members have expressed an interest in taking part in the Symposium.

### **3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION**

The Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee recommends that Council authorize an expenditure of up to \$10,000 for up to five (5) Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee members to attend the 2024 BCRPA Symposium.

### **4.0 COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Not applicable.

**5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Funds are available in the Advisory Body, Boards and Commissions budget.

On behalf of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee,

Councillor Sav Dhaliwal, Chair

Councillor J. Wang, Vice Chair

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