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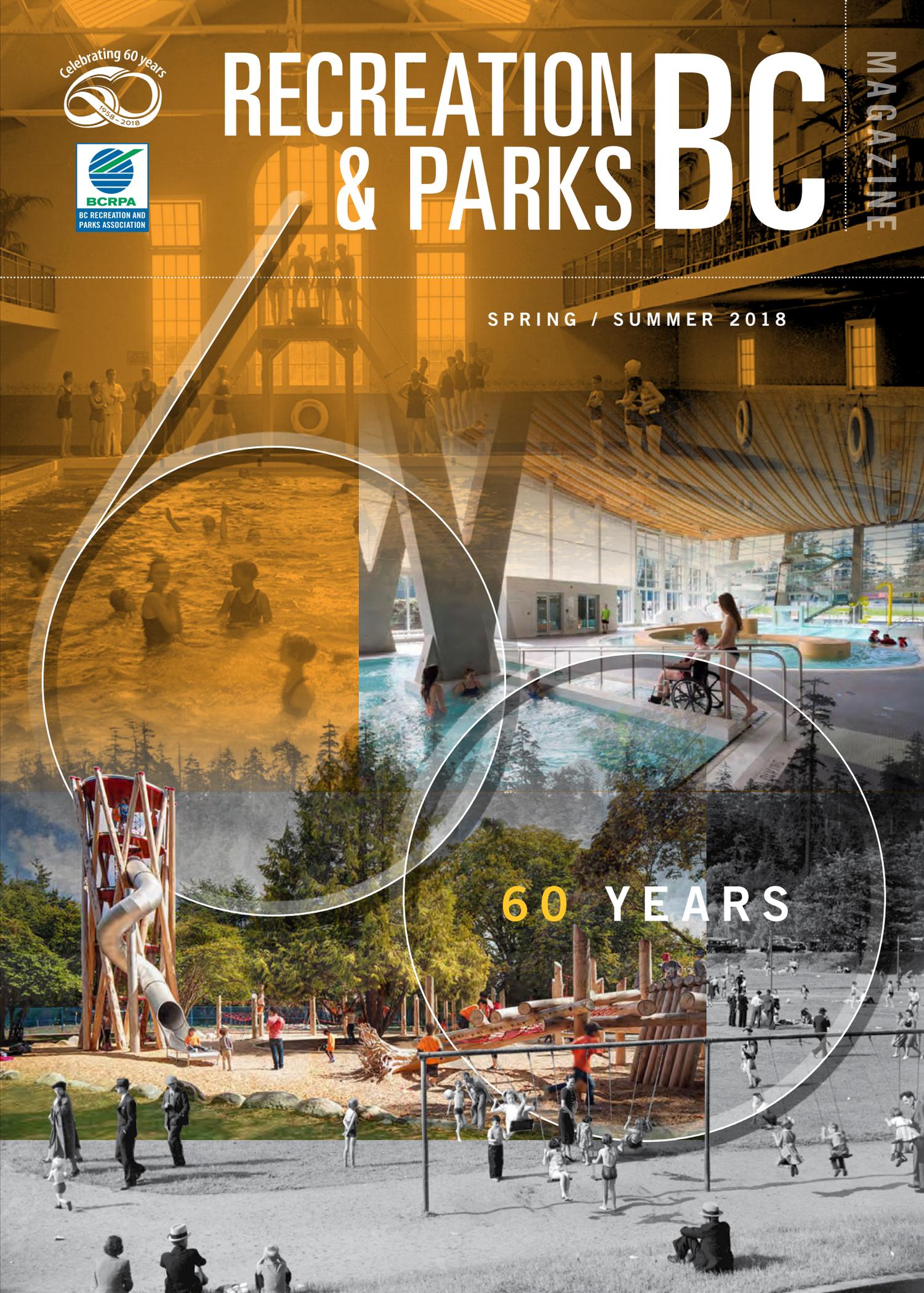
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

JENNIFER WILSON AND REBECCA TUNNAcliffe

BCRPA's sixty year history is a powerful story of contributing to the quality of life in towns and cities across BC. Throughout the years we have fostered community connectedness with and between all ages and abilities, imprinting healthy lifestyles in the young and young at heart, and strengthening families by providing safe places to play and grow together. Recreation has evolved to where it is now - the heart of a community.

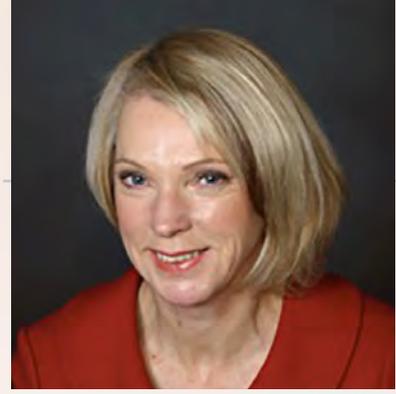
British Columbians report recreation as being the top reason they love their community, and visits to recreation centres as the number one way they stay active (Vital Signs 2016). With 72% of residents having visited a public recreation facility in the past year, and most British Columbians having visited a municipal park.

BCRPA members throughout BC are enriching individuals and their communities through their programs and services.

British Columbia is proud to be renowned as Canada's most active province, and citizens value public recreation and parks as being essential to active, healthy, and connected communities.

As recreation's value and impact has evolved, so too has the experience of recreation. Community recreation began as an ad-hoc collection of activities developed by municipal commissions, volunteer organizations, clubs, churches,

" BCRPA'S SIXTY YEAR HISTORY IS A POWERFUL STORY OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN TOWNS AND CITIES ACROSS BC."



and cultural organizations. In the 1950s, the development of more formal approaches led to the creation of the British Columbia Recreation and Parks Association (BCRPA). The Association professionalized the sector, helped establish formal education, harnessed program funding opportunities, and championed public access to natural urban and rural space. BCRPA has been so influential in the ensuing sixty years that our name is synonymous with recreation, and parks.

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Within this, our 60th anniversary edition of Recreation and Parks, you'll be seeing Recreation's, and BCRPA's, past 60 years through the eyes and experience of those that have spent their lives immersed in it; from the BCRPA's beginnings through to present

day. There is much to be proud of as we look back and ahead at this transformative and essential element of our lives, and we continue our evolutionary path forward with the enthusiasm and dedication that so characterizes who we are as a sector.

JENNIFER WILSON

President, BCRPA
Manager of Recreation & Culture Services,
North Vancouver Recreation & Culture

REBECCA B. TUNNACLIFFE

Chief Executive Officer, BCRPA

SPACES BETWEEN

RE-EXAMINING THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY RECREATION FACILITIES

BUILDINGS SHOULD REFLECT WHO WE ARE. Looking back on 60 years of BCRPA history affords us an opportunity to both reflect back and look forward on the role of recreation in our society. Over this time period the philosophy of recreation has evolved significantly. How well have our buildings reflected this change?

Previous generations defined community recreation predominately by the label of “sport”, or a pursuit that required physical activity, and the buildings designed during this era certainly reflected this attitude. Designed as simple, mostly stand-alone “boxes”, they were focused predominately on the provision of physical infrastructure for a single use sport. The primary goal was getting people in and out of the building as efficiently as possible and providing them with a high-quality sports experience along the way.

Considerations around accessibility and inclusion were either not well understood or weren't highly prioritized. These older buildings placed little value on the provision of natural light, fresh air and views – they were literally, dark boxes.

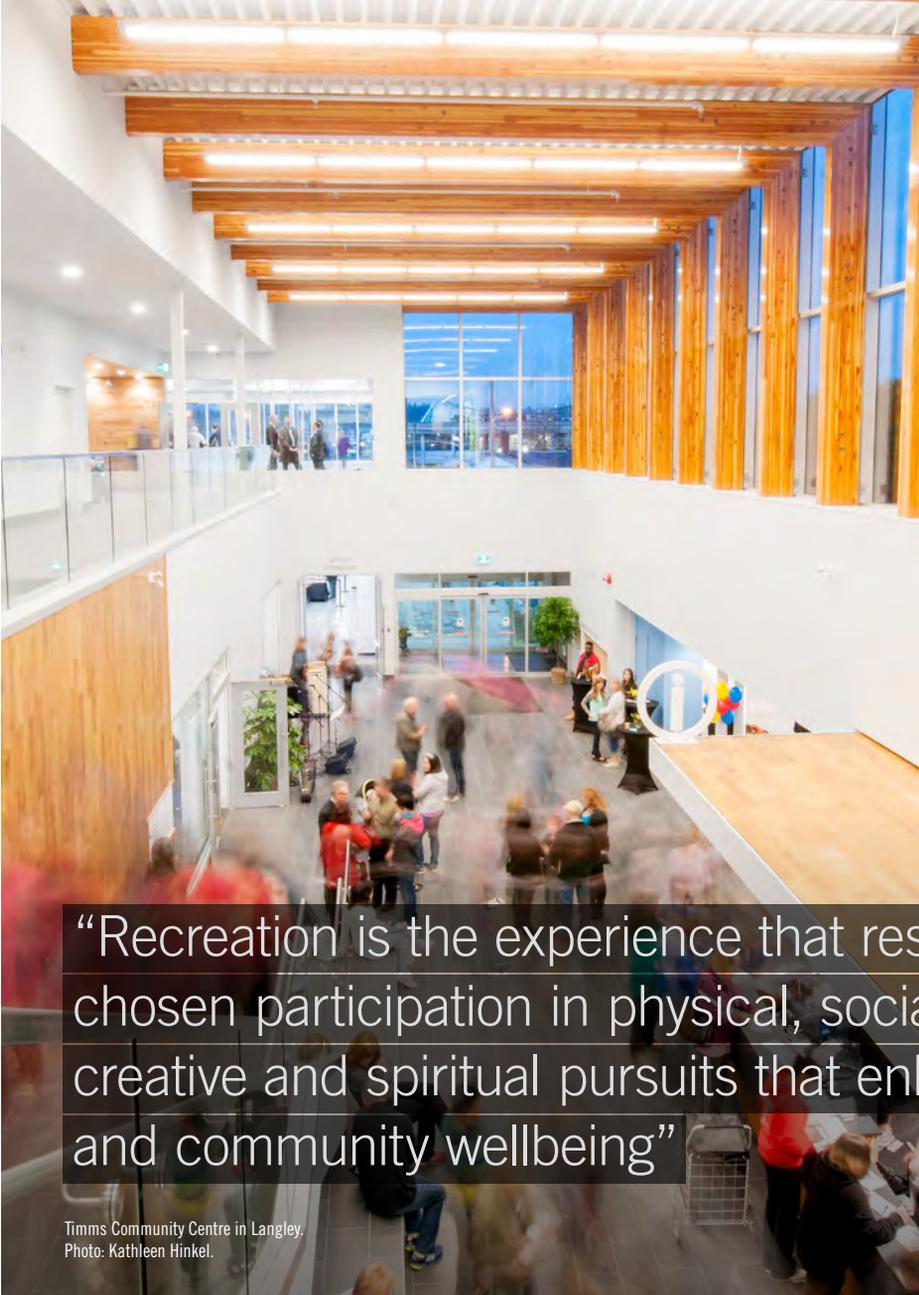
Today we subscribe to a much broader, more holistic view of recreation. The

Framework for Recreation in Canada authored by the CPRA provides the following definition: “Recreation is the experience that results from freely chosen participation in physical, social, intellectual, creative and spiritual pursuits that enhance individual and community wellbeing”.

What does this mean for the future of our recreation facilities? Activity spaces, the “boxes”, continue to evolve as they adapt to changing community preferences, needs and technical requirements. The change needed however, goes far beyond this evolution. A collective shift in how we plan, operate and design our buildings is needed to embrace a holistic approach and to overlay this broader mandate. In particular, we need to acknowledge the social role of recreation and design accordingly. It's not only about participating in physical or cultural activities, but the connections made before, during and after that help build social capacity and resilience. It is the

conversations held with a stranger while watching a game, the coffee shared between neighbours, or the mentorship provided to someone learning a new skill that forms this social capacity. While these encounters certainly also take place within the traditional sports box, they are more likely to take place in the spaces between, spaces that are designed with this social mandate in mind.

Over the last year I've been working with a community in the Kootenays to envision the future of their aging building. In this building, the seniors have taken over one of the main corridors (the “in-between” spaces) for an informal floor-curling bonspiel. Kids sit on benches watching them, and any visitor that previously wasn't aware of floor curling as a sport certainly is now. What started out as a pragmatic solution to a space challenge has turned into an opportunity for intergenerational gathering, recruitment and social engagement.



PAUL FAST

“Recreation is the experience that results from freely chosen participation in physical, social, intellectual, creative and spiritual pursuits that enhance individual and community wellbeing”

Timms Community Centre in Langley.
Photo: Kathleen Hinkel.

"WE NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SOCIAL ROLE OF RECREATION AND DESIGN ACCORDINGLY."

If we really believe that recreation can be more than just physical activity, then we have to start investing in the spaces between the boxes, we have to start recognizing the importance of spaces that embrace connection to nature, accessibility, equity and social connection as their core values. We have to start applying effort, resources and intention to imagining spaces that will support this broader mandate. This is after all, where the magic happens!

PAUL FAST

Principal, HCMA

Paul holds a Bachelor of Arts in Geography and a Masters of Architecture from the University of British Columbia and gained experience abroad in Switzerland and Russia, where he designed an orphanage for a non-profit group. Paul believes that transformative change can happen at any scale, and has lead projects ranging from a children's playhouse to a complex, \$80 M community recreation centre. When not architecting, he can be found chasing wild animals in the remotest regions of British Columbia, or hanging out at the cabin with his wife and three boys.

CONVERSATION

WITH A B.C. PIONEER FITNESS LEADER

AS PART OF OUR 60TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION, the BCRPA sat down with Andre Potvin, a pioneer in the fitness industry, to take a look back on his journey to fitness, the evolution of the fitness industry, and the role the BCRPA has played along the way.

HOW DID YOU GET YOUR START AS A FITNESS LEADER?

My fitness career started in Montreal in 1984. I was a physical education teacher in the private school system from 1983-85. I taught for two years and then realized it just wasn't for me. I decided to try this emerging fitness industry thing so I opened the yellow pages (yes it was a book back then) and looked for the biggest fitness gym advertisements. I figured if they can pay for large ads, then they probably could pay to hire me. So, I visited the first gym and got an interview with the owner. He was very impressed with my resume (I had a Bachelor of Education and half of a Master's degree completed), so I thought I was a shoe-in. But then he asked me if I could teach fitness classes. I said no, and explained that I could still do all these other great things for him. He politely thanked me for applying and sent me on my way.

Forty minutes later, I have another interview with another gym owner. Once again, he was impressed with my resume, and again he asked if I had any fitness class experience. "Oh yes!" I replied; he hired me on the spot. That was the start of my fitness career.

HOW DID IT FEEL TO START WORKING IN THE FITNESS INDUSTRY FOR THE FIRST TIME?

Once I got started I realized I loved everything about the fitness industry; it was an exciting, happy and healthy environment. I quickly became addicted to fitness. I did every conceivable job there was available. I taught high-low impact classes and aquafit; I was an on-floor weight room service instructor (back then there was no such thing as a certified personal trainer). I did membership sales and I was a fitness director. I approached the fitness industry from a beginner's mind. I wanted to learn everything there was to learn

about the industry – diversification was the key. I wanted to be the best fitness leader I could be and a valuable asset to any gym that would hire me.

WHERE DID YOUR CAREER TAKE YOU?

I travelled for two years teaching fitness classes in Montreal, Toronto, Calgary, Vancouver and Australia. I wanted to learn what the industry was like throughout Canada and the world. In 1988, I taught my first train-the-trainer workshop in Sydney, Australia. I loved it and found my calling. I was going to be a "trainer of trainers". So, I settled down in Vancouver in 1989 and started my "train the trainer" career. I started teaching instructor certification courses for a company called The Total Training Centre (TTC), run by an industry visionary called Margaret Hewitt-Zaitlin. She was an inspiring mentor. After four years of teaching for the TTC, I branched out and started my own



ANDRE POTVIN

In 1989, I became a registered Trainer of Fitness Leaders (TFL) with the BCRPA.

school training and certifying fitness professionals, I named it INFOFIT Educators.

WHAT ROLE DID THE BCRPA END UP PLAYING IN YOUR CAREER?

In 1989, I became a registered Trainer of Fitness Leaders (TFL) with the BCRPA. At that time, there was no formal testing system in place for certifying weight room instructors. So, I volunteered to create a committee responsible for developing an Instructor Competency Evaluation (ICE) for weight room instructors. The first ICE's were done in 1992.

In the 90s, gym owners started requiring instructors to be registered with BCRPA with a weight room specialty, so aspiring instructors started filling our programs so they could work in both public and private gyms. Since then, I have trained thousands of weight room instructors all across BC

and will continue to do so for many years to come.

Today, the BCRPA Fitness Program is the main driving force for creating many different registration specialty modules in BC as a way to accommodate a quickly expanding and diversifying fitness industry. Thanks to the BCRPA, I have also been able to fulfill my career mission of enhancing the quality of leadership in the fitness industry, one instructor at a time.

ANDRÉ POTVIN

Founder and President, Infofit

Andre Noel Potvin is a fitness educator and rehabilitation exercise specialist with 28 years of leadership experience and 18 years of specialization in clinical exercise and post-injury rehabilitation. André holds a M.Sc. in cardiac rehabilitation from the University of British Columbia, where he served for 4 years on the teaching faculty of the School of Human Kinetics. Andre is a past recipient of BCRPA Educator of the Year and BCRPA Program Director of the Year.

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THE LIFE AQUATIC

EVOLUTION OF AN INDUSTRY LEADER

THIRTY YEARS AGO, business in the commercial aquatic sector looked a lot different than it does today. Back in 1986, annual catalogue production meant painstakingly compiling a 10-page promotional booklet along with hand-taped photos to promote the five important aquatic products available that year. Today, that catalogue is 130 pages, available online and includes more than 500 products with new ones available each week.



Take it from Doug Perks, President and Owner of DB Perks & Associates Ltd. After 32 years in the commercial aquatics business with a focus on aquatic centres, Doug has seen the evolution of the industry up close and personal. From the introduction of water slides and wave pools, to surfing economic recessions and integrating the internet and online shopping, Doug has seen it all.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE TECH

Doug Perks arrived in BC in 1966, having left Trenton Ontario with a competitive swimming scholarship in hand, bound for Simon Fraser University in British Columbia. One could say aquatics were simply in his blood.

"I remember working at CG Brown Memorial Pool in Burnaby in the 70s

The internet has had other ripple effects on business.

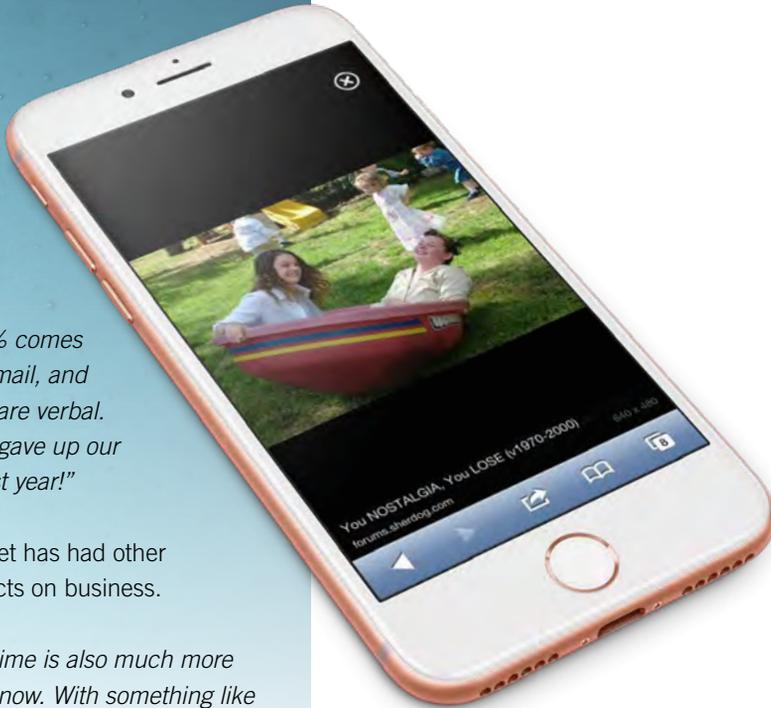
while I was going to university. We offered an aquafit-type class for women who were home with their children called the 'Housewives.' Childcare was provided at the pool while the class was happening. Men were not allowed to participate much less be on the pool deck even if you were an employee. It was a great program, though I'm pretty sure the name wouldn't fly today!"

As a small business person, the decades have thrown all sorts of new, and sometimes not so welcome, challenges Doug's way. The largest influence? Not surprisingly, the internet.

"The internet really changed things. Thirty years ago, 60% of our orders came from fax and the rest by phone.



DOUG PERKS



Today 80% comes through email, and only 20% are verbal. We finally gave up our fax line last year!"

The internet has had other ripple effects on business.

"Delivery time is also much more important now. With something like a diving board, which we don't actually stock, the expectation is, if it's in the catalogue we should have it and be able to deliver it to you in five days or less. We have Amazon to thank for that!"

The online world has even influenced Doug's own office culture.

"The workplace these days is much more of a social environment than it used to be. Employees expect to be able to access their phones, or listen to music while they work. I've really had to calm myself down around this."

WATERSLIDES, WAVE POOLS, LAZY RIVERS, OH MY!

Thirty years ago, it was not uncommon to have the same person run the skating arena in the winter and manage the swimming pool in the summer. The introduction of Leisure and Aquatic Centres in the late 80s and early 90s

signaled a shift in both how facilities were managed and the public's expectation of their aquatic experience.

"Society's expectations have really changed how people use facilities. Pools today are much more sophisticated with much more durable products. They are also, in turn, much more expensive to run. As leisure centres opened with wave pools and water slides, staff also had to be more informed and so did the people purchasing equipment."

Today's aquatic centres have moved even further, looking to provide people a multi-faceted aquatic experience. In larger centres it is not uncommon to have waterfalls, lazy rivers, fountains, sprinklers and even climbing walls as part of what used to be referred to as just 'going to the pool'. Doug believes this is all here to stay.

THE CABBAGE PATCH KID OF AQUATICS

Aquatic products have evolved steadily through the decades, but there are a few trends that left Doug shaking his head. One of these was the Womble (see image above).

"The Womble was a bowl-like fiberglass floating toy about 4 feet in diameter. Kids in the 80s would sit in it and float across the water. We had all the pools ordering them until one day one tipped over, filled with water, sank and sealed itself to the bottom of the pool. That was the end of the Womble. The 2018 version is made out of foam."

CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

Many of the changes Doug has seen have in fact, vastly improved the industry. Today's aquatic facilities are now better managed with greater enforcement of government regulations, improving both environmental and safety standards for everyone involved.

"I have the BCRPA Pool Operators Training to thank in part for that!"

On the technology side, the internet has also decreased the number of maintenance calls his shop receives. "The information on how to do anything is readily available on the internet. Anyone can fix their own hot tub these days, or at least they think they can!"

Pools of today and tomorrow are much more than pools.



In addition to the steady increase in women working in aquatics since the 90s, Doug has seen a huge increase in the variety of accessibility features in pools that allow people of different abilities to enjoy their aquatic experience.

“Generally speaking, society has changed how people use recreation facilities. People today have a much better understanding of the need for recreation facilities to help them stay healthy, and believe that everyone should be able to access pools and be welcome no matter who you are.”

THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Doug Perks sees a bright future for the aquatic supply sector, one that will continue to change as trends and societal needs evolve.

“The pools of the 80s were full of kids. Pools of today and tomorrow are much more than pools. Up until 10 years ago pools were almost always stand-alone features. I think we are going to see the future pool as more and more of a social centre. The pool will be a part of a multi-purpose complex along with pubs, bowling allies and movie theatres.”

Doug also thinks there will be more specialty pools built, like a recent one he heard about created specifically for the autistic community.

“We are also seeing much more cultural sensitivity when it comes to everything from facility to swim suit design.”

Being one of the few sectors that’s often referred to as “almost recession proof,” new products continue to come online each day and communities continue to invest in aquatic facilities as a hub of activity. For Doug, this is always good news, and if asked how he feels about his involvement today having been in the business for over three decades, his response will most often be, “it’s still fun.”

DOUG PERKS

*President and Owner,
DB Perks & Associates, Ltd.*

Doug was born and raised in Toronto, swam competitively for SFU swim club from 1966-1967, and worked as Head Lifeguard in Burnaby at C.G. Brown Indoor Pool and Deer Lake. In 1980, Doug was hired as a salesperson with Stranco Systems and in 1986 he purchased the company of just three employees, changing the name to DB Perks & Associates Ltd. Today the DB Perks Group of Companies, which includes Team Aquatic Supplies, employs over 70 full-time and 60 part-time employees. Over the past 40 years, DB Perks has contributed over \$1 million to a variety of scholarship programs, sponsorships, and individual athletes.

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THE LEGACY OF A RECREATION PIONEER **DON CUNNINGGS**

I RECENTLY HAD THE HONOUR of interviewing one of the pioneers of recreation in British Columbia, Don Cunnings, or in my case Mr. Cunnings. You see, I'm from Coquitlam. In fact Coquitlam Parks & Recreation was where I got my start. Not only is Don an Honorary Life Member and former BCRPA President, but he also worked for the City of Coquitlam from 1955 -1994 and served as Coquitlam's first Director of Parks and Leisure Services. I grew up with Don's children and the community of Coquitlam through school and church activities and events, so when I had the opportunity to interview Don, I was delighted. It was wonderful to hear the history which is so important to him, as well as his philosophy regarding recreation, which turned out to match much of my own. It was truly a pleasure to interview Don. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

WHEN DID YOU GET YOUR START IN RECREATION?

I started in 1955, when the Community Program Branch, Provincial Recreation, was terminated. Recreation Commission's then became the order of the day for municipalities and villages. Anyone that wanted funding from the Province had to have a Recreation Commission. I was then asked by Coquitlam's Reeve (mayor) Christmas to leave teaching and head up the Recreation (Commission).

WHAT ARE SOME OF MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGES THAT YOU HAVE SEEN IN THE FIELD OF RECREATION?

The biggest one would be the shift in leadership from excellence to

eminence; this has been a very profound change. With today's commissions, departments, and councils there is a real focus to, "walk towards clarity." Clarity has always been a corner stone for me.

Leadership is really the capacity to work in combination and in concert with the community and those that didn't understand that didn't get far. Leadership is working collaboratively with the community, but always driven by a true passion.

WHAT ROLE HAVE YOU SEEN THE BCRPA PLAY OVER THE YEARS?

From the get go, the BCRPA breathed life into a blue print that got the attention of politicians and volunteers across the Province at all levels. In

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1958 when Marshall Smith (Director of Community Centres in Vancouver) had this overarching vision of having a Recreation Association in British Columbia. He realized that CAPHER (Canadian Association for Physical Health Education Recreation) - the "R" was the last letter in that acronym - that if we were going to ride on the tail of CAPHER for much longer we were not going to have any influence with government.



ABBY FORTUNE

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That was the real visionary blue print that Mr. Smith brought to a small committee that included Professor Bob Osborne, who then fashioned the bylaws for that “boring/exciting” first conference in 1958 which was all about clauses and legal-ease. At the end of the day, we caught the attention of small commissions and big cities across BC and the Provincial government and the BCRA was formed! Even the Provincial government bought into the concept.

Acceptance was slow and gradual, but through the leadership, people patiently and quietly persisted. We are where we are today thanks to those people who were really the aficionados of parks & recreation.

WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE RECREATION & PARKS GO IN THE FUTURE?

Wow, so much ground to cover! Well, certainly to remain leaders and visionaries in the community, embracing the health part of the equation as people are aging in our society. To age with a quality of life is of cardinal importance. Liveability of a community is so intertwined with what a public recreation and parks department might provide.

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WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO SOMEONE NEW IN THE FIELD?

If you are not approaching the field with passion and enthusiasm, your interest at every turn, what you are trying to promote will be challenged. You need that passion to feed your audience and the atmosphere to accurately move through the difficult times. Passion inspires you to become your best in the field.

WHAT DO YOU VIEW AS YOUR GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN YOUR CAREER?

Moving recreation in the City of Coquitlam and as the President BCRPA from the outermost circle to the inner-most circle. That was a challenge. We were seen initially and regarded as “fun and games” on the outermost circles of the organizations. Then, through hard work, we got to the centre and shared this with other departments and were regarded as a core function. At that point, I regarded my task as being somewhat accomplished. This occurred on both the provincial and municipal level.

WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR FONDEST MEMORIES?

Seeing this “rag tag” recreation group so splintered and disconnected come together and form a province-wide association was one of my fondest memories. I wasn't sure if I would see that happen.

Being recently involved in the BCRPA history project with Ken Winslade was also a highlight. History is so important because an organization that understands the circumstances of its own history is an organization best equipped to influence the circumstances of its future.

WHAT DO RECREATION & PARKS MEAN TO YOU PERSONALLY?

On a personal basis, to have a community park-like atmosphere is important to me. To drive down streets with shade trees and beautiful boulevards and schools that are not just barren playgrounds but have some aesthetic appeal. To me, the more a community thinks about parks and recreation and appears more park-like in its nature, that's a community I want to live in.

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE FOR THE FUTURE OF RECREATION AND PARKS?

To remain relevant, and in that concentric circle, in order to cement our position in the centre. The only way that we will stay there is to talk professionally, look professional, and to be professional, and that requires continuing education and interpersonal skills.

ANY FINAL THOUGHTS?

With recreation and parks it isn't really what you gather but what you scatter. To scatter is wonderful. You can look out and say that in every corner of the community there are services, activities and parks that are combined, which is an all-important aspect of our success.

The field has so much ground to cover, but dreams and visions are transformational. Snowmen don't fall from the sky ready-made, nor do recreation and parks departments. It takes people well equipped for the task, not to mention people abounding in passion. These aspects are essential in today and tomorrow's world.

ABBY FORTUNE,

Director of Parks & Recreation District of Ucluelet
Abby has been in the recreation field for over 35 years. She has been an active member of the BCRPA in a number of different roles, including Board member and Regional Liaison. As Director of Parks & Recreation in a small community, she has had many opportunities to develop Parks & Recreation as an essentially service for the community. Abby lives in beautiful Ucluelet with her family.

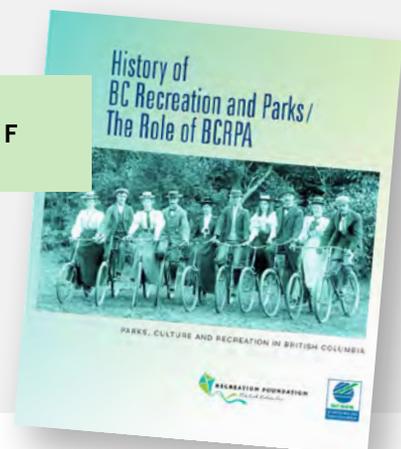


DON CUNNINGS

The BCRPA oral history project celebrates the pivotal role of the BCRPA in the growth and development of recreation in BC. The project was initiated by the Recreation Foundation of British Columbia (RFBC) and highlights key milestones in the sector from interviews, meeting minutes, web documents, archives and even a PhD thesis from 1979.

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AWARD:

AWARD OF MERIT

RECIPIENT:

CATHRYN VOLKERING CARLILE



► (L to R): **Trisha Davison**, BCRPA President Elect; **Cathryn Volkering Carlile**; **Rebecca B Tunnacliffe**, BCRPA CEO at the BCRPA's 2018 Symposium Provincial Awards Ceremony

Cathryn Volkering Carlile was the General Manager of the Community Services Division for the City of Richmond for 16 years. She retired in October 2017 after serving 43 years in local government. Beginning in 1974, Cathy worked in four municipalities - Vancouver, Burnaby, Whitehorse and Richmond. She started her career as a recreation trainee with the Vancouver Park Board and ended up at the top of her field. She led her work life with her values of respecting people, working hard, seizing opportunities, being interested and engaged, letting

others shine, being a leader and having fun front and center.

Cathy was part of leading-edge City-building and the following are two of her very significant accomplishments:

- The Richmond Tall Ships event in 2002 attracted more than 400,000 attendees and then the Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games hosted the world in Vancouver and Richmond. Cathy brought the concept of the speed skating Oval to Richmond and

championed its development as part of the senior leadership team for the City.

- More than 550 affordable homes for needy individuals were developed during Cathy's tenure and a new, much needed men's and women's shelter is about to open. She also championed and facilitated the development of artist affordable living units which are now occupied. A further 500 more affordable homes are planned to come with development.

AWARD:
AWARD OF MERIT

RECIPIENT:
COMMUNITY RECREATIONAL INITIATIVES SOCIETY (CRIS)

Community Recreational Initiatives Society (CRIS), located in Kelowna, is a unique, non-profit and charitable organization that uses adaptive equipment to enable people of all abilities and disabilities to experience the great outdoors, interact with nature, and live healthier lives. Most importantly CRIS creates memories and experiences, while enhancing quality of life.

The goals of the organization are:

- Further integration of people with disabilities through participation
- Promote equitable access to outdoor activities and wilderness areas
- Strengthen awareness of environmental protection and sustainability
- Promote diversity
- The participant goals are:
- Increase self-confidence through improved physical and mental health
- Enhance personal growth and self – empowerment by overcoming perceived barriers
- Build self-esteem and self-respect through increased independence

CRIS works to make sure dreams become reality; that individuals and groups get to engage in outdoor activities that meet their interests. Options include hiking, kayaking, cycling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, rock climbing, caving and backcountry multi-day hiking and camping trips. The program is continually evolving and expanding to offer more accessible opportunities.

▼ (L to R): **Trisha Davison**, BCRPA President Elect; **Dawn Widdifield**, Executive Director of CRIS Adaptive Adventures; and **Rebecca B Tunnacliffe**, BCRPA CEO at the BCRPA's 2018 Symposium Provincial Awards Ceremony





AWARD:
**FACILITY EXCELLENCE FOR
PROJECTS OVER \$1 MILLION DOLLARS**

RECIPIENT:
**CITY OF RICHMOND: CITY CENTRE
COMMUNITY CENTRE**



The City Centre Community Centre is a vibrant two-story facility located within a mixed-use development. The LEED Gold community centre offers modern, multi-purpose spaces for a range of community recreation programs and services that are tailored to residents of all ages and abilities. The community centre also features an art studio, music rooms, social room, community living room and fitness centre. The Centre includes state-of-the-art audiovisual equipment such as integrated touch panels, flat screen televisions, built-in projectors and screens, music recording equipment, and a listen assist and induction loop system. A portable stage, lights and sound system is available for events, youth DJ nights and talent shows, preschool dance performances and more. The adapted fitness equipment in the fitness centre has also been well-utilized and a physical, mental and social benefit for many of these groups.

▼ (L to R): **Trisha Davison**, BCRPA President Elect; **Serena Lusk**, General Manager of Community Services, City of Richmond; and **Rebecca B Tunnacliffe**, BCRPA CEO at the BCRPA's 2018 Symposium Provincial Awards Ceremony



AWARD:

**FACILITY EXCELLENCE FOR
PROJECTS UNDER \$1 MILLION DOLLARS**

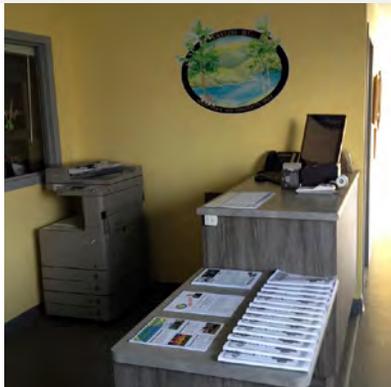
RECIPIENT:

**DISTRICT OF TAYLOR:
COMMUNITY SERVICES HUB**

▼ (L to R): **Trisha Davison**, BCRPA President Elect; **Laura Prosko**, Director of Community Services, Economic Development and Tourism, District of Taylor; and **Rebecca B Tunnacliffe**, BCRPA CEO at the BCRPA's 2018 Symposium Provincial Awards Ceremony



The Community Services Hub was built with inclusivity in mind, with full wheelchair access, including wheelchair accessible doors, counter, conference table, and washroom implements. It also hosts the monthly meetings of the Taylor Access and Inclusion Committee, whose aim is to improve accessibility and inclusivity for the community. By housing the Community Services department in the same building as the Taylor Community Hall, which hosts the majority of community events and activities, the Community Services Hub has offered an innovative solution and workspace for the department that has improved resource management. The enhanced workspace allows the Community Services department room for creativity and innovation to work closely with the community and deliver a higher level of service to all stakeholders. The Community Services Hub provides a clear point-of-contact to community groups and organizations that allows for the creation and building of important relationships as we move the community forward together.



AWARD:

PARKS EXCELLENCE

RECIPIENT:

**CITY OF TRAIL:
COLUMBIA RIVER SKYWALK**



► (L to R): **Rebecca B Tunnacliffe**, BCRPA CEO at the BCRPA's 2018 Symposium Provincial Awards Ceremony; and **Trisha Davison**, Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Trail, and BCRPA President Elect;

The Columbia River Skywalk project specifically addressed issues related to Trail's walkability and connectivity as the West and East communities are separated by the mighty Columbia River. Prior to this project, the only other means to cross the river was via the main traffic bridge's walkway, which was noted as feeling unsafe by pedestrians. The connection to other urban trail systems, the installation of onramps, and the grade and width of the bridge have ensured 100% accessibility to users of all abilities.

The Columbia River Skywalk project is built on a cycling and walking route through the community. It features LED

lighting, viewpoints, park benches, and connects the two sides of the community. A favourite pastime of residents is to do the 2km "bridge to bridge" walking loop through town; this loop has proven to be a highlight for visitors to the area as well. "Making industry beautiful" is a theme that runs through our community. The Columbia River Skywalk project, named by a resident of the community, demonstrates this theme perfectly. The City turned a public utility need into a spectacular walkway.

The Skywalk provides an incredible number of direct benefits to the community and surrounding area.



AWARD:
**PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AWARD FOR
POPULATIONS OVER 15,000**

RECIPIENT:
**CITY OF RICHMOND: POLLINATOR
PASTURE**

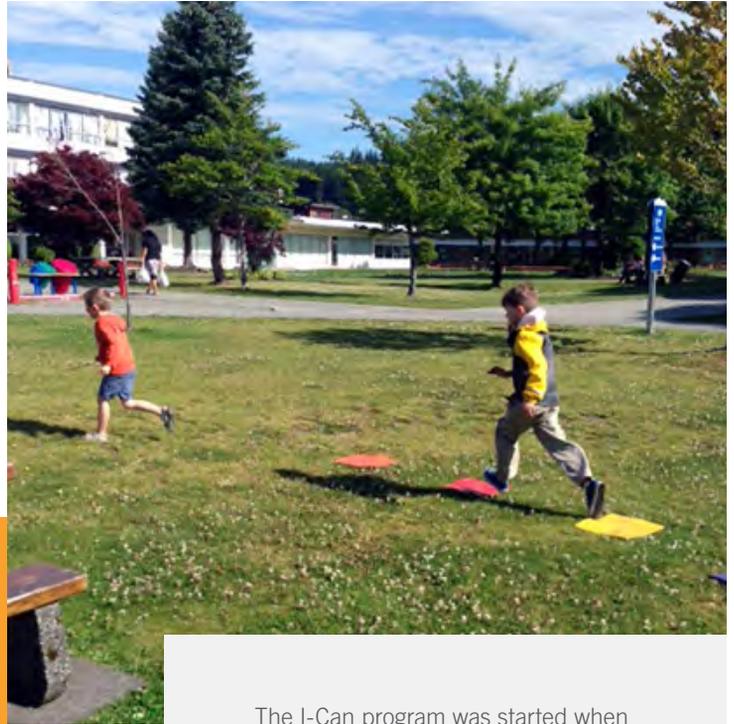


▲ (L to R): **Trisha Davison**, BCRPA President Elect; **Eric Fiss**, Public Art Planner, City of Richmond; and **Rebecca B Tunnacliffe**, BCRPA CEO at the BCRPA's 2018 Symposium Provincial Awards Ceremony

Pollinator Pasture is the artistic creation of a large-scale landscape and community-engaged public art project by the City of Richmond in partnership with Border Free Bees, an ambitious, creative and successful long-term pollinator-focused public art initiative headed by Dr. Cameron Cartiere, Associate Professor at Emily Carr University of Art + Design (ECUAD). The 2.6 acre Pollinator Pasture, itself, is located at the Bridgeport Industrial Park and planted in the pattern of a bee's wings with native and naturalized seed beneficial to a broad range of pollinators. The Pollinator Pasture and supportive free programming raises awareness of the plight of wild pollinators, particularly bees, and empowers communities to actively engage in solutions for habitat loss. The initiative also transforms underutilized urban sites into aesthetically pleasing and scientifically viable pollinator pastures. The Pollinator Pasture exemplifies how harnessing the power of artistic practices can inspire community action, engagement and stewardship of pollinators in British Columbia.

The multi-layered approach to Pollinator Pasture, associated programming and community engagement has reached many hundreds of individuals and community groups (from children to seniors and businesses to non-profits). Community members have been introduced to and entranced by the work of bees and encouraged to take action on an individual level.





AWARD:
**PROGRAM EXCELLENCE AWARD
FOR POPULATIONS UNDER 15,000**

RECIPIENT:
CITY OF KITIMAT: I-CAN PROGRAM

▼ (L to R): **Trisha Davison**, BCRPA President Elect; **Gina Rowlett**, Aquatic Coordinator, District of Kitimat; and **Rebecca B Tunnacliffe**, BCRPA CEO at the BCRPA's 2018 Symposium Provincial Awards Ceremony



The I-Can program was started when a gap in service was identified by a number of parents who have special needs children in the community. A unique partnership was formed between Kitimat Parents for Kids with Disabilities, Kitimat Community Development Centre and the Kitimat Leisure Services Department.

The programs are designed to be inclusive with peers, while offering a unique, physically challenging level of participation that the child can achieve success in while still have fun (based on FLOW theory – finding the appropriate balance of challenge and skill in an activity to make the participant successful).

The program tried to run with a 1:1 child to staff ratio. The benefits of having lower child/staff ratios are to allow the proper adaptations and accommodations to support and guide the child while encouraging independent activities as well.

NATIONAL AWARD OF MERIT

RECIPIENT:
MURRAY KOPP

Each year, the Canadian Parks and Recreation Association award committee selects a member to receive the coveted National Award of Merit. The award recognizes efforts of individuals/ organizations/ community groups/ in each province and territory who have influenced the parks and recreation sector in a national capacity.

The nominee will have had a significant leadership role in an outstanding achievement in the sphere of parks and recreation. Their work is an outstanding contribution that is above the ordinary and done in the spirit of contributing to the public good. This year's recipient was Murray Kopp.

Murray is the Director of Parks Services for the Central Okanagan Regional District who has served as BCRPA President but is best known for his enthusiasm for parks. His contribution to the parks sector at all levels of government and across allied sectors is far reaching, influential and extraordinary. Murray chaired the CPRA Parks Task Force and is the driving force behind Parks for All, and the "connecting to nature" goal of the national Framework for Recreation in Canada.

Murray is one of only 25 Canadians who completed the highly acclaimed Park System Leadership Course.



▲ (L to R): **Trisha Davison**, BCRPA President Elect; **Murray Kopp**, Director of Parks Services, Central Okanagan Regional District; and **Rebecca B Tunnacliffe**, BCRPA CEO



▼ (L to R): **Trisha Davison**, BCRPA President Elect; **Emily Beaudoin**, University of Victoria; **Sandip Gill**, Langara College; **Doug Perks**, President, DB Perks & Associates; **Korine Hawksby**, Langara College; **Rebecca B Tunnacliffe**, BCRPA CEO

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2018 SYMPOSIUM HIGHLIGHTS



SYMPOSIUM 2018 HIGHLIGHTS: (1) Banquet dance off - City of Richmond vs City of Vancouver. (2) Having fun with the fit breaks. (3) Enjoying the Piano lounge - starring Peter Fox. (4) Getting delegates moving. (5) It was a full house! (6) Snapshot presentation on IPAL - Intergenerational Physical Activity Leadership Proposal. (7) BCRPA President, Jennifer Wilson with BCRPA Honorary members. (8) Keynote speaker Brad Marsden involving delegates in his presentation. (9) Celebrating BCRPA's 60th.

BCRPA REGIONAL ROUNDUPS

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*Park Spark –
Bringing Our Parks Alive!*



COQUITLAM

The City of Coquitlam is currently running Park Spark – Bringing Our Parks Alive! The program offers a variety of opportunities for people to lend their expertise or experiences to connect with Coquitlam's parks, such as ongoing park care activities by helping to take care of a park on your own schedule, drop-in volunteer activities such as garden bed planting, park or trail clean up, geocaching, nature walk, and trail marking, group park projects or park amenity additions such as Little Libraries. For further information, please contact Park Spark staff at 604-927-3669 or email parkspark@coquitlam.ca.



Lights at Lafarge Winter Lights Display

Lights at Lafarge Winter Lights Display

– Free pop-up activities and special theme nights, including lakeside caroling, took place that added to the magic of Coquitlam's Lights at Lafarge. Opportunities were created for participants to add their personal touch to Metro Vancouver's largest free festive lights display. Visitors took part in free onsite workshops by creating their own flower lights installed at Town Centre Park. The display included hundreds of thousands of lights, and many of the features were hand-crafted by community members as well as city staff, often using recycled materials such as milk jugs and pop bottles. Activities were run by Coquitlam's Park Spark team – including community volunteers – who were stationed at the Welcome Tent near Town Centre Park Plaza from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays to Sundays.

VANCOUVER ISLAND & SOUTH COAST REGION



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opportunity allowed individuals to purchase a Regional May Pass from one recreation centre that was valid for drop-in fitness activities at 14 other recreation centres in the Victoria (and Sooke) area. The annual Regional May Pass campaign is an effort to provide a wider and more convenient service for people wanting to access recreation in their daily lives.

WEST SHORE PARKS & RECREATION

West Shore Parks & Recreation Afterschool care program, the Afterschool care Trekkers, benefitted from the BCRPA Before and After School Recreation Program Grant for the 2017/2018 school year. The grant enabled West Shore Parks and Recreation to refocus the After School Care Trekkers program into a

GREATER VICTORIA REGION

Greater Victoria once again partnered with recreation centers across the region to offer a \$25 Regional May Pass promotion. This exciting

predominantly outdoor/nature based program. Specialist equipment such as GPS units and tents were purchased. Staff members are enjoying bringing new expertise and experiences to the program, and children are enjoying exploring their local habitats.

Over 100 children from West Shore Parks and Recreation preschool, after school care and camps participated in the Coast Collective Earth Day Children's art show in April. Staff facilitated a combination of collaborative and individual art projects with children ages 5-14 with the theme of "Fantastic Forests," which were then displayed in the Coast Collective Art Gallery.

Indoor cycling remains popular in West Shore, with participation in specialty indoor cycling classes on the rise. Swimming lesson registration as well as drop-in water fit participation continues to grow over last year. Registration for Together In Movement and Exercise (TIME™), a community-based program welcoming people with balance and mobility challenges to exercise, is also growing. This group exercise program is based on a model where health care and community organizations work together to make exercise more accessible, do-able and fun! TIME™ is designed by physiotherapists at Toronto Rehab, and led by fitness instructors in community centres across the country. Providing this program in West Shore communities has provided a safe and effective option for participants to exercise in their community.

With the end winter ice season, the dry floor went in at the end of March. Since this time West Shore Parks and Recreation hosted several large events including the Slegg Lumber Pro Show, Victoria Home and Garden Exhibition Show, and BC Indoor Archery Championships.

COWICHAN VALLEY

The countdown to the BC Summer Games in the Cowichan Valley is on. Venues are currently being upgraded to host events, and the push is on to meet the recruitment goal of 3000+

volunteers to help make Cowichan 2018 BC Summer Games a success.

The Board of the Cowichan Valley Regional District has ended its current effort to tackle the issue of regional recreation funding, acknowledging that the Regional Recreation Select Committee was unable to achieve consensus. That committee will now be dissolved.

TOWN OF LADYSMITH

As a lasting legacy and in recognition of the partnership between the Stz'uminus First Nation and the Town of Ladysmith and Canada 150, the Ladysmith Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture installed a culturally significant artwork at Transfer Beach Park. "The Salish Wind", a traditional Coast Salish canoe, was carved by Stz'uminus elder, Manny Sampson, while the waves on the base were carved by chainsaw artist Dan Richey.

The Town of Ladysmith received almost \$1.8 Million to upgrade the Machine Shop building at the Ladysmith waterfront. This iconic facility, once renovated after Expo '86 with legacy funding from that event, will house a number of heritage, arts, and cultural amenities, with current tenants including the Ladysmith Arts Council, Maritime Society, Railway Historical Society, and others. The building will be a jewel in the Waterfront Development Plan recently approved by Ladysmith Council after extensive community consultations. This project is another step in realizing the joint vision of Stz'uminus First Nation and the Town of Ladysmith for Ladysmith and surrounding area.

The historic Aggie Hall is undergoing significant upgrades to improve capacity and accessibility to the parking lot. In addition, after a thorough stakeholder and public engagement process, a development plan was created for revitalization of the Aggie playground to reintroduce natural

"The Salish Wind", a traditional Coast Salish canoe, was carved by Stz'uminus elder, Manny Sampson



elements to the playscape. This work is to be completed by the fall.

Mid-Isle Soccer hosted the Mini World Cup Soccer 2018 tournament in Ladysmith in May. The Mini World Cup is an annual Vancouver Island soccer tournament for players 7-10 years from all over BC. Each team in the tournament represented a specific country, making the highlight of the weekend the “Parade of Nations” where the athletes showed off their creativity with costumes, flags and team cheers. Forrest Field, Holland Creek ballfields and School District fields in Ladysmith were used to ensure the 1,000 plus players had plenty of places to play. The weather was great, and by all accounts the event was a success!

Ladysmith received an Age-Friendly Grant to be applied to a summer 2018 project which will include community dialogues, development of a scooter map, and infrastructure improvements to support the walkability of the community for people of all ages.

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GOLDEN

The CSRD (area A) is working towards holding a referendum as part of the election process in October, 2018, to seek assent of Area A electors to be annually requisitioned the equivalent of 20% of the annual aggregate operating costs of the four facilities – a total amount at this time estimated to be under \$100,000 per year.

Town of Golden Council provided support to the CSRD to conduct a feasibility study around the

potential for an indoor aquatic centre. Timing of the study is to be determined.

There was a grand opening on June 14th for park upgrades and a new washroom building at Kinsmen Park.

The outdoor pool in Golden is open for the season. The strong interest in private lesson programs has been so great staff can't keep up with all of the inquires! Attendance at Friday evening swims is also seeing record attendance numbers.

We are hosting a lifeguard academy with our local high school. This is a high school PE class that will allow students to be certified in Bronze Cross, Bronze Medallion and National Lifeguard.

A new two kilometer section of Rotary trail recently received a major surfacing upgrade, and it is getting some great community feedback. Stair and hand railing improvements are also being done on a steeper section of the trail.

A volunteer driven youth softball program has been launched and is seeing a great response. This community presently does not have any organized youth ball, so this program is addressing that gap.

Preparations are taking place for larger facility rentals including a 24hr mountain bike race, ST6, a multi-day, multi-town mountain bike stage race, and hosting a larger outdoor concert in our baseball diamonds this July.

Disc Golf Course layout and construction is getting underway in July.

PEACHLAND

Parks and Recreation staff continue to be involved in the recovery from the 2017 freshet and are actively working towards shoreline and

critical infrastructure protection as part of the 2018 freshet.

In partnership with the Sncewips Museum, Peachland Museum, Peachland Visitor Centre and the Canada 150 committee, the District opened the exhibit: Gathering Peachlands' Past. This display was made possible through the B.C – Canada 150: Celebrating BC Communities and their Contributions to Canada grant.

Spring time signature events continue to be strong with the Annual Polar Bear Swim/Run, Heart and Stroke Awareness workshop and Volunteer Breakfast.

The Recreation Department implemented a fob access system in the fitness room which allowed for extended operating hours. This implementation has resulted in a 43% increase in memberships.

OLIVER

Oliver Parks and Recreation is in full swing with parks, playgrounds, splash pads, outdoor pool and recreation programs geared up for summer. Our organization will be participating in the Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility Certification Program for all facilities this summer.

A project continues in partnership with the Os-oyoos Indian Band (OIB) to strengthen relationships, ensure welcoming spaces and assess the current provision of recreation services in Oliver.

Recently our department offered a very successful intro to lacrosse program in partnership with the OIB, putting over 200 elementary school students through the program in 6 weeks.

Our annual “Roots & Fruits Expo,” a celebration of Oliver's agriculture and heritage, will take place August 18,th and will include a parade, free musical entertainment and family activities in the park all day, as well as multiple interactive exhibits with an agriculture or heritage theme.

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The success of the Chamber of Commerce's Trade Expo kicked off the spring dry floor season in style. It set the stage for all the next events to be in top notch gear for the rest of Mackenzie's' spring events. Since that time, Recreation Services has been adjusting programs and services to meet the demand and access challenges from Phase 2 Construction. The first in a series of Recreation Videos were placed on the Mackenzie Recreation Services Facebook page early in May. The next events at the Recreation Centre included the Library's fundraiser, Touch a Truck, Cadets formal awards ceremonies, and Lacrosse Tournaments.

The next set of events came with the GO BY BIKE Week activities. These were hosted all over the community and included Scavenger Hunts, Contests, Celebration and Education tents and wrapped up with a Poker Ride at Little Mack. Northern Health, Mackenzie Schools (District 57)

RCMP, Mackenzie Outdoor Recreation and Trails Association were just some of the volunteers, organizations and local groups supporting this week-long event.

Rolling into June, the season just got busier! In the beginning of June the Annual Rainbow Swim Meet and the Annual fundraising Rotary Duck Drop went off without a hitch. The swim meet had higher than anticipated turn out, which extended the meet and events well into the late afternoon on the first day. The Rotary Duck Drop had an excellent turn out, despite the quick heavy rain shower mid-event. Community Partners, organizations and many volunteers working with District Staff put on these great events on the same weekend.

This year there are a wide variety of summer programs being offered covering everything from being a tourist in your own town, what

MACKENZIE

In April the swimming pool finally opened after the energy efficient boiler upgrades, pump replacements and the Northern Health Operating Inspection. The opening of the pool was greeted with high attendance and support from the residents. It truly is a great recreational asset in our community.



Communities that Care and Municipal Services, are also introducing new Playboxes in three community parks this summer. These Playboxes will be filled with books and outdoor play equipment (balls, scoops, skipping ropes, etc.) for families to enjoy.

animals you can interact with, field trips and even community engagement opportunities. Recreation Services has launched a new Paddleboard Rental Program, an array of Swim Lessons and new Swim Schedules for the summer. There is also an excellent Kids Community Garden Club that will meet all summer long on Wednesdays from 3:00 – 5:00pm.

QUESNEL

The City of Quesnel recently purchased a Paramill- a wheelchair treadmill! The idea was brought forward by the Inclusion & Accessibility Committee to the North Cariboo Joint Planning Committee and then funding was secured towards the purchase. Quesnel Rotary stepped up with a donation as well as a successful IMAGINE Community grant through Northern Health. The balance of the purchase will be

covered by the North Cariboo Recreation & Parks function. The Arts & Recreation Centre will house the Paramill in its weight room. So far, the response to the new piece of equipment is great and is being used by able-bodied and wheelchair users alike.

In Quesnel, we have now completed one full ice season in our new West Fraser Centre Arena. Residents and non-residents alike are enjoying our new facility! Many out-of-towners were overwhelmed at how open and bright the interior of the facility is. The amazing ice is just one of the items our community is proud to have. After this new build we are excited to tweak our amenities over the summer and tackle those small but important improvements. Overall, we have a building our community can be proud of for many years to come!

WILLIAMS LAKE

The newly renovated Sam Ketcham Aquatic Centre held its grand opening in December of 2017. Since opening day many families, children, youth and seniors have enjoyed the new facility and continue to keep our attendance rates high. Sam Ketcham Aquatic Centre upgrades included a new waterslide, leisure pool with lazy river, spray water features and a wide variety of swimming areas for youth and young children. The New Fitness Area has been an area of consistent growth. New fitness classes, functional equipment and a great wall of windows in front of the cardio equipment were also added.

The addition of new and innovative aquatic fitness classes includes the Hydrotherapy Range of Motion Class, and the Lazy River and More Program. These new classes provide more fitness options for community members and with warmer water temperatures more participants are able to increase their functional range of motion. Aqumats were also added to the list of pool equipment to help facilitate Yoga, Core, HIIT, PiYo and Intro Yoga programs.

Recreation Services, in collaboration with Success By Six, Communities that Care and Municipal Services, are also introducing new Playboxes in three community parks this summer. These Playboxes will be filled with books and outdoor play equipment (balls, scoops, skipping ropes, etc.) for families to enjoy. The Playboxes are wrapped with colourful vinyl graphics and secured with combination locks. This program is successful in Abbotsford and we think it will work well here in Williams Lake.

Playboxes will be filled with books and outdoor play equipment

PEACE/NORTHERN ROCKIES



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CITY OF FORT ST JOHN

Storywalk® returns to the Fish Creek Community Forest in the City of Fort St John! Enjoy a classic children's book and the outdoors together. Just follow along, read, and get lost in literature and nature at the same time.

Pound the Park- POUND fitness is the ultimate workout for those who love to rock! At POUNDfit, participants work out with drum sticks to make a beat while completing a combination of cardio and strength developing movements.

What is an Instameet? It's simple really. Our staff at the Visitor Centre pick a location, let you know where it is, and meet you there to post pictures and win prizes! Location will be released through the City of Fort St. John Instagram page @fsjcity on the morning of August 4. Follow us today! Note: you will require a mobile device and the Instagram App for this activity.

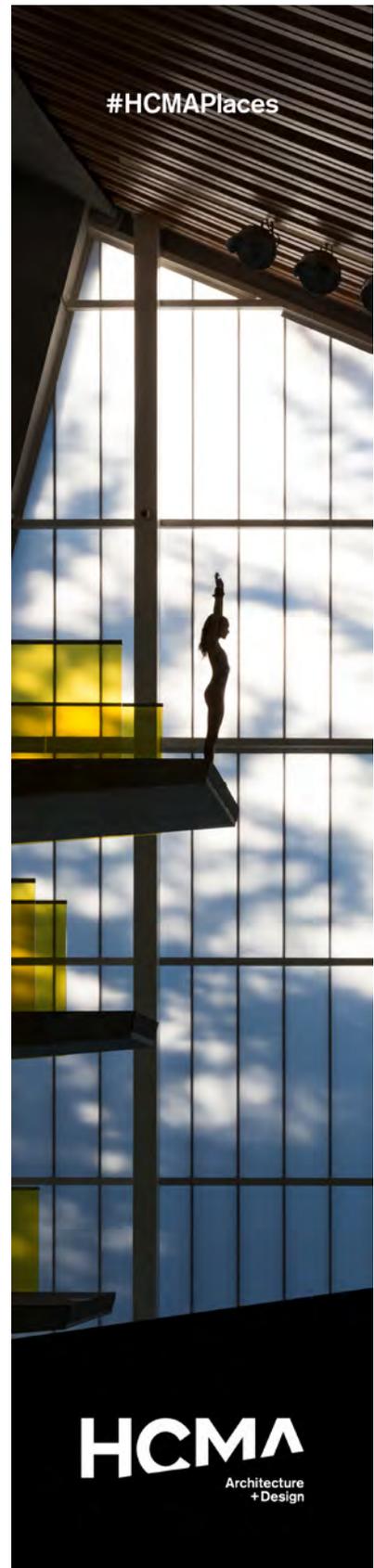
T.G.I.F.S.J Thank goodness it's Friday in Fort St. John! Kick off your weekend with a different free event at 100th/100th every Friday night this summer! Everyone's invited so bring your friends and family out for fun theme nights and our Park Play Pay featuring multiple outdoor games like badminton, giant snakes & ladders, jumbo connect 4, spike ball, bocce and more!

DISTRICT OF TAYLOR

The District of Taylor is proud to have received the BCRPA Facility Excellence Award for Projects Under One Million Dollars for the new Taylor Community Services Hub, opened March of 2017. A small team of staff put great effort into the design, project management, and implementation of creating this fully-accessible, dynamic space to act as a hub for community innovation and customer service. Throughout the first year of operations, staff has continually worked to improve the service delivery from this new facility and think of new ways for it to better serve the residents of Taylor.

Over the course of the year, staff has seen an increase in walk-in traffic as they look to increase services and opportunities available from the Community Services Hub. The Hub boardroom space is used by local community groups, such as the Taylor Access and Inclusion Committee and the Emergency Social Services team, to serve as a meeting space and incubator for ideas and conversation. Through the successes and challenges of opening a new facility, staff has been proud of the great accomplishment in the execution of Mayor and Council's vision for the Community Services Hub and is thrilled that the BCRPA has recognized this endeavor with the Facility Excellence Award.

In other District of Taylor recreation news, our Kids Kamp and Kids Zone Summer Programs will be beginning at the end of June and staff is busy preparing for this exciting time in the summer. Our goal is to keep local children healthy and active all summer long in our recreation-based program that is proud of being an 'anti-bully' program. Camp is selling out quickly and staff is looking forward to a summer of fun.





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VANCOUVER/ LOWER MAINLAND New Staff Positions for the City of Richmond: General Manager, Community Services – **Serena Lusk** / Manager, Museum and Heritage Services – **Marie Fenwick** / Centre Manager, Minoru Centre for Active Living – **Dee Bowley-Cowan** / Aquatics Supervisor – **Aila Morris** / Coordinator, Parks Programs – **Emily Toda** / Park Planner – **Kevin Fraser** / Seniors Coordinator, **Debbie Hertha** **VANCOUVER ISLAND/COAST** **Steve Meikle** has moved from the District of Saanich and is now the Manger of Recreation and Cultural Services at the District of Oak Bay. **Graham Thomson** has recently started with the District of Saanich as Manager of Pearkes Recreation Centre, Graham has come from Alberta. **PEACE/NORTHERN ROCKIES** City Fort St John: **Wally Ferris**, General Manager Community Services has left the City of Fort St John to take on the role as CAO with **Sylvan Lake, AB**. **Charity Nelson** and **David Green** have joined the City of Fort St John as Recreation Programmers. Charity recently graduated from the College of the Rockies' first class of the online Recreation Diploma program and David returns to the City after a short break. **Teriney McGuire** has returned to the North Peace Leisure Pool as Aquatic Supervisor from her second maternity leave. **HUDSON'S HOPE** **Kaitlyn Atkinson** has moved from the Regional District of Nanaimo to the District of Hudson's Hope to take on the role of Recreation and Special Events Coordinator. **Emily Nusse**, former Recreation and Special Events Coordinator has moved to Recreation Sites and Trails BC. **DISTRICT OF CHETWYND** **Steve McLain** has joined the District of Chetwynd as the Manager of Leisure and Facility Services. **Elaine Webb** has moved into her new role as the Recreation Programs Manager. **THOMPSON/OKANGAN** **Vic Loney** is retiring as Lead hand from parks department in Peachland. Vic was with the department for 13 years.

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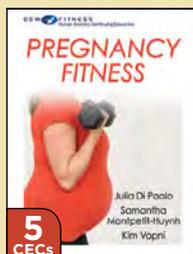
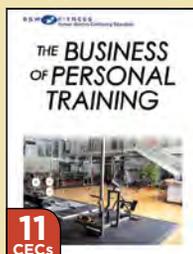
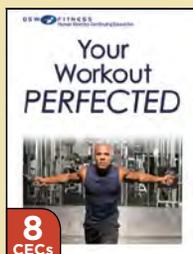
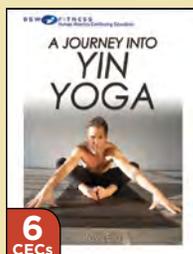
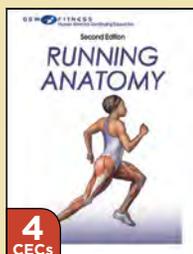
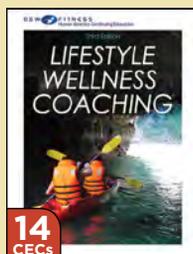
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