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New Regional Recreation Commissions

DUNCAN, BC - Following a successful referendum in 2022 to implement a usage-based funding model for Cowichan's nine regionally significant recreation facilities, the CVRD established a new Commission structure for governance of those facilities.

Four new sub-regional Commissions have now been established:

- Cowichan South Recreation Commission, which will provide governance for the following facilities:
 - Kerry Park Recreation Centre
 - Shawnigan Lake Community Centre
- Cowichan North Recreation Commission, which will provide governance for the following facilities:
 - Fuller Lake Arena
 - Frank Jameson Community Centre
- Cowichan Core Recreation Commission, which will provide governance for the following facilities:
 - Cowichan Community Centre
 - Cowichan Performing Arts Centre
 - Cowichan Aquatic Centre
 - And receiving recommendations from the Cowichan Sportsplex Board
- Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission, which will provide governance for the following facility:
 - Cowichan Lake Sports Arena

On Wednesday, October 11, 2023, the CVRD Board appointed members to each of these Commissions, with a term expiring on December 31, 2026.

Members of the Cowichan South Recreation Commission:

- Kate Segall (Director, Electoral Area A – Mill Bay / Malahat)
- Sierra Acton (Director, Electoral Area B – Shawnigan Lake)
- Mike Wilson (Director, Electoral Area C – Cobble Hill)
- Hilary Abbott (Director, Electoral Area D – Cowichan Bay)
- Rob Douglas (Mayor, Municipality of North Cowichan)
- Brian Harrison (Community Member, Electoral Area A – Mill Bay / Malahat)
- Mark Champ (Community Member, Electoral Area B – Shawnigan Lake)

Members of the Cowichan North Recreation Commission:

- Alison Nicholson (Director, Electoral Area E – Cowichan Station / Sahtlam / Glenora)
- Jesse McClinton (Director, Electoral Area G – Saltair / Gulf Islands)
- Ben Maartman (Director, Electoral Area H – North Oyster / Diamond)
- Duck Paterson (Councillor, Town of Ladysmith)
- Marsh Stevens (Councillor, Town of Ladysmith)
- Chris Istace (Councillor, Municipality of North Cowichan)
- Debra Toporowski (Councillor, Municipality of North Cowichan)

Members of the Cowichan Core Recreation Commission:

- Sierra Action (Director, Electoral Area B – Shawnigan Lake)
- Mike Wilson (Director, Electoral Area C – Cobble Hill)
- Hilary Abbott (Director, Electoral Area D – Cowichan Bay)
- Alison Nicholson (Director, Electoral Area E – Cowichan Station / Sahtlam / Glenora)
- Tom Duncan (Councillor, City of Duncan)
- Bruce Findlay (Councillor, Municipality of North Cowichan)
- Christopher Justice (Councillor, Municipality of North Cowichan)
- Calvin Swustus Jr. (Councillor, Cowichan Tribes)

Members of the Cowichan Lake Recreation Commission:

- Ian Morrison (Director, Electoral Area F – Cowichan Lake South / Skutz Falls)
- Karen Deck (Director, Electoral Area I – Youbou / Meade Creek)
- Kristine Sandhu (Councillor, Town of Lake Cowichan)
- Aaron Frisby (Councillor, Town of Lake Cowichan)
- Tek Manhas (Councillor, Municipality of North Cowichan)
- Mike Caljouw (Councillor, Municipality of North Cowichan)

The new commissions will have orientation meetings in late October 2023, and be in a position to review 2024 facility budgets in November 2023.

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