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City asks Strathcona Regional District for joint review of community recreation services

The City of Campbell River has sent a letter to the board of the Strathcona Regional District requesting the District to participate in a joint review of community recreation services.

The letter outlines City Council's interest in identifying potential opportunities for efficiencies and cost savings related to community recreation facilities and programs in Campbell River.

"Campbell River tax dollars are at a premium, and with the City providing 85 per cent of the funding for the Strathcona Gardens budget, Council has determined it is in the best interest of taxpayers to review the operation of recreation facilities and services provided to the community to look for improvements," says Councillor Andy Adams, the City Council liaison to the Strathcona Gardens Commission.

"There is excellent cooperation between the two recreation functions, and Council believes we should look at every possibility to streamline service delivery to reduce costs," Adams adds.

The Council of the City of Campbell River has adopted a motion that the Strathcona Regional District and City issue a joint proposal to review all options for governance and operation of recreational services.

"We hope the Board and particularly of our partner in Area D will support this review of recreation facilities and programs. We would like City and Strathcona Regional District staff to work together in developing a terms of reference, independent review selection and presentation of the findings to both organizations," Adams concludes.

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