

3.12 Leisure Services

Leisure services are an important component of any community. Opportunities to participate in passive or active leisure activities help to contribute to good health and can enable community members to meet each other in a positive environment. Such activities contribute significantly to the sense of community and quality of life.

In the City of North Vancouver, leisure services are provided predominantly by the City bodies such as the Recreation Commission, City Library, and non-profit community organizations. The focus of this section is to support the ongoing availability of leisure services in the City to all residents and to ensure that unmet leisure needs are addressed.

GOAL

Support and enhance leisure services, including recreation, and community events and festivals as vital aspects of community life.

Objective 1: Provide a range of indoor and outdoor recreational opportunities and leisure programs that meet the needs of all City residents.

Actions

The City will:

1. Work with the Recreation Commission, City Library and the North Shore Neighbourhood House to ensure that the leisure services needs of new residents in Lower Lonsdale are the priority for additional programming and new facilities and spaces.
2. Assess requests for City funding for recreation programming for their access, equity, and flexibility.
3. Encourage further working relationships between Lonsdale Recreation Centre, Silver Harbour Centre, North Shore Neighbourhood House to improve procedures for allocation of space, coordinate programs and services, and assist with administrative tasks.
4. Collaborate with the Recreation Commission in integrating the City's social goals and initiatives with the objectives and programming of the Lonsdale Recreation Centre.

5. Work with the Recreation Commission and the North Shore Neighbourhood House to ensure affordable recreation and social opportunities are available.
6. Support the Recreation Commission and North Shore Neighbourhood House in developing outdoor programs that increase knowledge and use of City parks, open spaces, and trails.
7. Enhance positive recreation opportunities through improvements to City parks, pathways and sidewalks.
8. Ensure that the unmet leisure and recreational needs of City residents, particularly non-users of current services, are a priority in service and program planning of the Recreation Commission, the City Library, and North Shore Neighbourhood House.

Objective 2: Provide a wide range of community and special events that enhance a sense of community.

Actions

The City will:

1. Continue to support community festivals and special events through staff assistance, grants, and donation of other City resources.
2. Improve the awareness of, and participation in, community events and special events held in the City of North Vancouver through partnerships with existing community groups and organizations.
3. Ensure that community events continue to be developed in response to community needs, and in consultation with residents and community groups.
4. Continue to sponsor or support recognition programs for beautiful gardens and neighbourhood blocks, and for neighbourhood, park, street, and stream clean-up.
5. Develop neighbourhood block party kits in partnership with community members.