



**Ladysmith-Chemainus Swim Club Society**  
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## **Delegation Notes for Town of Ladysmith Council – June 16, 2020**

### **Background:**

- LCSC is a Not-for-Profit that has been offering a swim program at FJCC since 1987
- LCSC rents all 4 lanes Mon-Friday from 4-5:30pm to offer a Recreational/Competitive swim program to Ladysmith, Chemainus and area youth
- The club has approximately 40 regular swimmers but this number fluctuates month-month and one season to the next
- In late 2019 Town staff reminded the board that they needed to provide a lifeguard certified coach at each practice
- LCSC was made aware that at in the past LCSC Board approached the Town for a reduction in fees
- An agreement was put into place that reduced pool rental fees
- The agreement details are unclear as the current Board was unable to find a written agreement, contract clause related to this agreement, or terms of reference other than verbal notice that a certified lifeguard was required
- Nov 2019, current LCSC Board enquired to town staff about the need to have a certified lifeguard and the details of the agreement, liability, training, etc
- November 18, 2019 town staff notified LCSC that Ladysmith PRC had worked out a reduced-fee agreement that uses the coach as backup lifeguard, the communication also indicated that this agreement would have to be revisited or made part of the rental agreement, and that beginning September 2020 the club rental fees would be aligned with the current bylaw #1968
  - As part of this email, staff also stated that while there are fees for 1 or 2 pools in the current bylaw they only charge the 2 pool rate as they need to schedule 2 lifeguards to meet pool regulations

### **Concerns:**

- Single pool rental represents a 40% increase in fees BUT we've been told that LPRC does not rent single pool so this would represent a 60% increase in pool rental fees despite only using one pool for the program
- Each swimmer would have to pay approximately \$27-\$60 more each month depending on rental fee charged
  - Some families have more than one swimmer participating
- An increase of 40-60% for pool rental fees would be cost prohibitive the families in the community
  - This increase could drive families out of our community to participate in a competitive swim program in another community or entirely out of competitive swimming
- Swimming is the only sport that does not currently have a youth rate represented in TOL Bylaw #1968

- Ball Diamonds and Fields both have a Youth rate – with some sport fields having no charge for youth sports

**Considerations:**

LCSC is asking that council;

- consider a special pool rental rate for the 2020-2021 season to support LCSC in continuing to provide a competitive and recreational swim program to Ladysmith and area children and;
- consider a youth or not-for profit fee for pool rentals when reviewing or revising Schedule B of Bylaw 1968

**LCSC Session Fees by Season**

	Typical Session 1.5hrs (rate/hour(	Approximate Monthly Amount (based on 22 days)	% increase
2017-2018	\$72.27 (\$48.18)	\$1589.94	
2018-2019	\$73.37 (\$48.91)	\$1614.14	+1.5%
2019-2020	\$75.19 (\$50.13)	\$1654.18	+2.42%
2020-2021 – Proposed (1pool/2pools)	\$124.92	\$2748.24	+40%
	\$183.51	\$4037.22	+60%

**Proposed Monthly Fee Increase Breakdown (Based on 2020-2021 Fees in Bylaw 1968)**

Month(1.5hrs x 22 days)	1 Pool Fee	2 Pools Fee
Proposed Monthly 2020-21 Fees	\$2748.24	\$4037.22
Current Month 2019-2020 Fees	\$1654.18	\$1654.18
Difference	\$1094.06	\$2383.04
Increase to Swimmer/month	\$27.35	\$59.58

**Price Per Lane Comparison**

<b>Community</b>	<b>Price Per 25m Lane Per Hour</b>
Ladysmith – LCSC 2019-2020 Season	\$12.53
Ladysmith – 2020-2021 Season	\$20.82 (1 pool)/\$30.59 (2 pool)
Cowichan Aquatic 2020-2021 Season	\$14.83
Nanaimo – 2020-2021 Season	\$10.35
Port Alberni – 2020-2021 Season	\$13.25
Comox – 2020-2021 Season	\$14.65
Qualicum Beach – 2020-2021 Season	\$15.45
Esquimalt-2020-2021	\$13.75
Saanich	\$15.79
Westshores	\$13.44
<b>MEAN AVERAGE</b>	<b>\$13.77 (using LCSC 2019-2020 rate)</b>

Note: With the exception of Ladysmith, all of these communities have a Youth rate