

Recreation and Culture



Recreation and Culture is responsible for facility maintenance, community events and sports field bookings.

Third Quarter Report, 2018



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Through the months of July, August and September, the Celebration and Activity Grant program supported 33 events with a total of \$7,260 of grant funding. The events included a mixture of community celebrations and block party events totaling 2,450 cumulative guests.

Celebration and Activity Grants



The **Great Garrison Get Together** was a spectacular first time event in the heart of Garrison supported by the Celebration and Activity grant, local businesses and entertainers. The event helped build community spirit and pride to increase neighbourhood safety through closer relationships. Local residents offered their volunteer hours and home cooked food to round out this event.

The **Street Party BBQ on Upper Prairie** was actually held in the backyard of the hosts, who have held this neighbourhood block party for the past seven years. This year, the hosts were pleased to have grant support to add to their already successful annual event. This event brought new and old neighbours of all ages together as kids played while adults shared stories and became better acquainted with their neighbours.



The third annual **Ice Cream Social** was held in Roy Park this quarter. This event grows in popularity each year, as more and more neighbours volunteer. Neighbours helped clean up supplies, walk elderly neighbours home and shared fruit from their backyards. This annual event demonstrates how block parties can enhance neighbourhood safety, as neighbours who met at the 2017 Ice Cream Social came out to share with the City that they are close enough now to house sit for each other during vacations.

Motivated neighbours came together despite rainy weather to the **Edwards Park Community BBQ**. Neighbours enjoyed good food and fun under cover from the weather and encouraged each other to continue using Edwards Park throughout the year to discourage unwanted activity in the park.



Spiderlodge's So Long Summer Garden Party Picnic was hosted by local music school Spiderlodge at Gwynne Vaughan Park for the BC Culture Days weekend. The Culture Days theme for 2018 was "On Beat", so this free concert event featured local musicians, drummers from Stó:lō Nation and percussion based children's crafts. The six musical acts that graciously donated their time for the event showcased musical talent in Chilliwack as a steady flow of spectators stopped by to enjoy the event.

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Canada Day



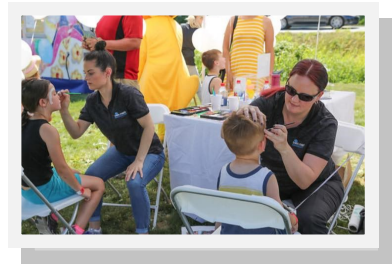
In spite of some wind and rain, the 2018 Canada Day celebrations proved to be a great success and were very well received by the public. As usual, the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at Evergreen Hall kicked off the festivities. New event coordinators, Sequel Events, introduced new event activities such as a beer garden, axe throwing, a mom's lounge and goats from the Chilliwack Fair.

During the day, community groups provided entertainment and activities and offered giveaways to families. In addition, Canada Day celebrations included a variety of food trucks, offering lots of food options for all to choose from. The evening featured a great lineup of musical performances and the evening ended with the always popular fireworks show.

Community Events

Some of the significant community events supported by the City that occurred this quarter included:

- Party in the Park
- Barn Burner BBQ
- Chilliwack Fair
- Sunflower Festival
- Ride to Conquer Cancer
- Chilliwack Downhill Freeride 3
- Terry Fox Run



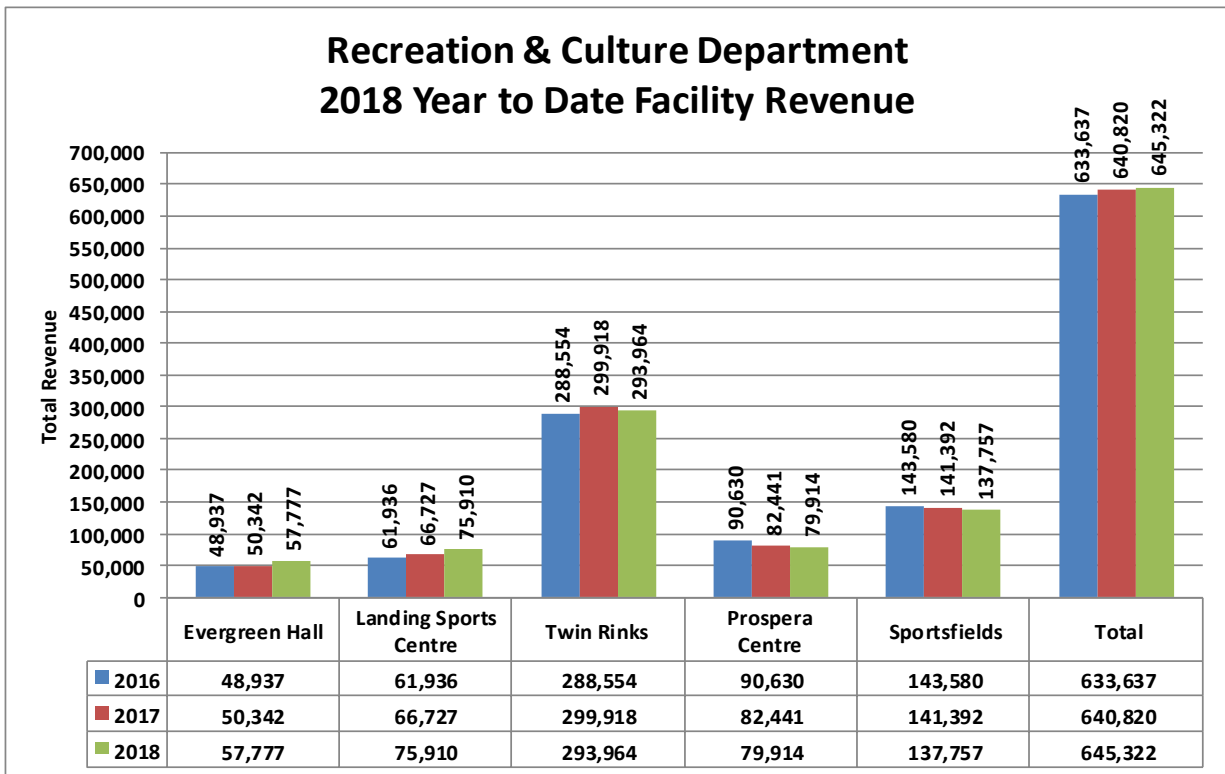
Capital Projects

In the third quarter of 2018, work continued on several projects:

- The majority of the exterior work on the new **Chilliwack Curling & Community Centre** was completed this quarter.
- Formations were set and some concrete was poured for the addition of the third sheet of ice at the newly named **Sardis Sports Complex**.
- The third quarter also included maintenance work at the **Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre**, including painting, re-tiling and the flushing of the pool and tub lines.



Recreation and Culture Facility Revenue Report



Promontory Heights Community School Society



Promontory Heights Elementary Community School Association (PHECSA) enjoyed another wonderful summer of programs and activities. The popular day camp program “Sun n Fun” reached its highest ever enrollment rate since the program’s implementation. The “Sun n Fun” day camps offered a variety of themed weeks that included a special weekly field trip to locations in the Fraser Valley, from Bridal Falls to Fort Langley Historical Site.

“Sun n Fun” expanded its programming this year to accommodate an additional 100 children. The children took part in many different themed activities based around World Cup Soccer, Nature Learning, How to Survive in the Great Outdoors and many other engaging themes.

PHECSA has changed the age range for its popular Tween Night Drop-in Program from grades 5-7 to grades 4-6 over the summer. Parents were supportive of this change to the program, as Tween Night provides a safe place for kids to socialize with their peers in a safe and fun environment. PHECSA had over 50 youth attending regularly since this change.

PHECSA was proud to introduce a week-long Lego and science camp where kids participated in science experiments and built working robots out of Lego. Another popular program was a two-week preschool music camp.

To start the school year, PHECSA hosted a community BBQ to welcome back the teachers and families.

Attendance in total for this quarter was 1,483.



Rosedale Traditional Community School Society

The Society is always proud and excited to offer the Celebrate Summer program. Celebrate Summer is a seven week camp for kids ages 6-11 years of age, Monday-Friday 7am-6pm. Each week activities, games, crafts, cooking projects and field trips are planned tying into a theme. This past summer participants enjoyed field trips to Project Climb, the Vancouver Aquarium, Bridal Falls Waterpark, World of Science, Wildplay Elements and Cultus Lake Adventure Park.

Approximately 1,900 seats were taken averaging 38 participants per day. In addition to Celebrate Summer, the society also offered several mini camps. These camps were available to kids ages 3+. Programs ran Monday-Friday for 1-2 hours per day. This format offered options for families who do not necessarily want or need to have their child attend full day programs.



Chilliwack Central Elementary Community School Society

CCECSS ran half day activity programs throughout the summer including Lego robotics, science, karate, babysitter training, soccer, piano and Home Alone.



This year's CCECSS "Summer Fun" day camps were licensed programs so families were able to receive subsidies. A summer grant allowed for two university students to oversee the program. These staff kept the children engaged with games, sports, crafts, nature walks, community garden maintenance, water fun and fieldtrips. All activities revolved around a new theme each week, including 3 2 1 Action, Crayons & Crafts, Beat the Heat, Once Upon a Time, Candyland, Monster Mania and Welcome to the Jungle. The children also attended local Chilliwack attractions, some of them visiting for the first time. This program provided services to various children with recognized special needs categories that would not necessarily fit into other all-day programs. Funding from the City of Chilliwack helped CCECSS provide nutritious snacks and the program supplies needed to facilitate this program.



Greendale Elementary Community School Society (GECSS)



The four weeks of summer programming were well received. Fraser Valley Rhythmic Gymnastics continued to be popular with preschool aged children up to 10 years, and GECSS added a craft time to the class to allow for two different age groups in the morning. John LeFlock is a local artist that GECSS employed for these programs and the children who participate in his program enjoy his vast expertise.

iLearning Canada continues to deliver with in Video Game Design & LEGO Robotics. Linda McRae is a gifted drama instructor and her many years of

Acting Outright at Greendale over the school year are well received.

On September 7, GECSS started off the school year with a community block party/potluck event with "The Great Gordini" wowing both young and old! Despite the weather, more than 60 people were in attendance.



Facility Attendance During This Quarterly Period Summer Programming:

4 weeks of summer programs with attendance of 60 children from ages 3-12. Rentals - 16
Regular long-term programs Little Kickers & yoga continued over the summer months.

Yarrow Community School Society

For seven weeks this summer, children in the summer program devoted a lot of the day to keeping cool with trips to the local creeks, trails and the river. A local volunteer hand made bamboo fishing poles with the kids, helped them find the best fishing holes and after their successes brought the trout back and cooked them up for the kids to enjoy. The participants in the summer program all took part in the Yarrow Library Summer Reading Club, with weekly visits and extra fun during the special presentations hosted throughout July and August. The Society just ordered the first Tri-Shaw and will be taking elderly community members out to enjoy this beautiful area through the new Cycling Without Age program, supported by the City of Chilliwack. The program is estimated to begin in the spring of 2019. During the summer months a few larger family gatherings rented the facility and enjoyed the air conditioning. The Filipino Basketball League also kept the gym busy on Saturdays.

Yarrow Community School Society completed the licensing process as part of the expansion of its childcare programs. There are now 79 licensed spaces in various programs and each of these spaces is full.

This September, the Society had 40 children playing soccer on the back field every Saturday morning. The free after school Bee Fun! program had 15 kids extracting honey from the hive on their very first day. The Sew Fun! kids sewed a gym bag on the machines and loved getting to use the iron themselves.

The weekdays and evenings were full with pickleball, community choir, Pilates, Boot Camp, Family Place, Core n' Strength, women's volleyball, men's floor hockey and adult yoga. The weekends were busy with the basketball league, church service and many birthday/family parties.

Great Blue Heron Nature Reserve



The GBHNRS was busy with summer camps and community programs in July and August. During those two months there were two week long wildlife art camps, two week long nature and art combination camps, and five community programs. A



week long camp was also run for the Fraser Valley Brain Injury Society. The GBHNRS had tables at Canada Day in Townsend Park and Children's Day at the Harrison Arts Festival.

Free public events this quarter included guided walks to see the herons nesting and a Twilight Nature Walk. Over 6,000 people came through the Interpretive Centre at the GBHNR this quarter.

Two students worked with the Executive Director this summer, primarily helping with conservation efforts such as invasive species removal and planning of monitoring programs for species at risk. Students also helped run summer camps and outreach.

Of note, regarding conservation, a Western Painted Turtle (a species at risk) was spotted laying eggs at the GBHNR and the nest is currently being monitored.

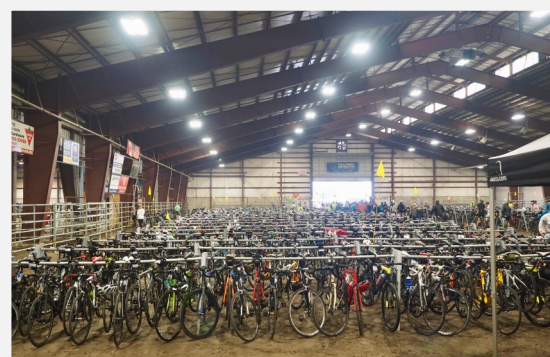
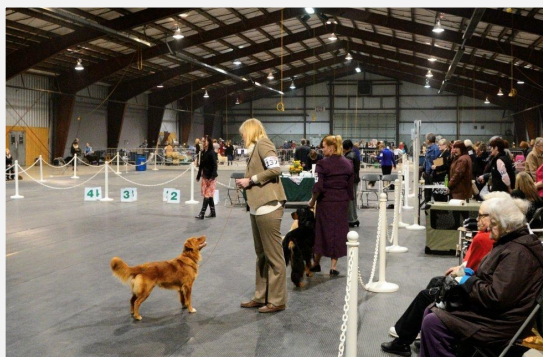
Two part-time education staff were hired in September to deliver homeschool and school programs and to help with creation of new programs. The fall homeschool started on September 25 and is fully booked. One community program and three school programs were delivered in September.



**CHILLIWACK
HERITAGE PARK**
Events Happen Here

Chilliwack Heritage Park

At Chilliwack Heritage Park, the months of July, August and September are always busy. There were a variety of events that attracted a wide range of visitors to our community. While the facility hosted many dog and horse shows, the annual Vintage Motorcycle Show, the Mud Drags and the Chilliwack Fair, there were some new shows, as well. Heritage Park was pleased to welcome the Enlightenment Show, the 4 X 4 Show and the Ride to Conquer Cancer. Overall, thousands of visitors came to the venue to be part of the wide variety of events that the summer had to offer.



Chilliwack & District Seniors' Resources Society

In the third quarter of 2018, Chilliwack & District Seniors' Resources Society's (CDSRS) summer programming saw reduced attendance as many activities are not hosted in July and August. Participation rates were also impacted by high temperatures and wildfire smoke as the public was advised not to overexert themselves in the extreme conditions.

One community education session was hosted in the Slesse Room with a total of 35 participants.

CDSRS's satellite office was moved from another location to the Shamrock Room in Evergreen Hall. The primary use for this office is for the Executive Director and office staff to work, on a rotating basis, without interruption. The secondary purpose is for confidential meetings. The Board of Directors has since hosted several monthly executive meetings and one on one meetings with the Executive Director.

CDSRS supported Chilliwack Connect's Winter Warm Up planning committee by providing storage space for donated clothing items.

CDSRS pickleball has seen a 350% increase in attendance over the same period in 2017. The total number of participants in the third quarter of 2017 was 120 and in 2018 it was 416, bringing the number close to the 2016 levels, before the creation of the Chilliwack Pickleball Club.

In the third quarter of 2018, 726 seniors participated in bus trips which start and end at Evergreen Hall.



Affirmations Workshop



Tai Chi Class

Facility Attendance During This Quarterly Period:

4,264 telephone, walk-in and email enquiries; 35 program visits; 1,555 visits to City of Chilliwack facilities to attend activities (many activities do not take place in July and August) for a total of 5,854.



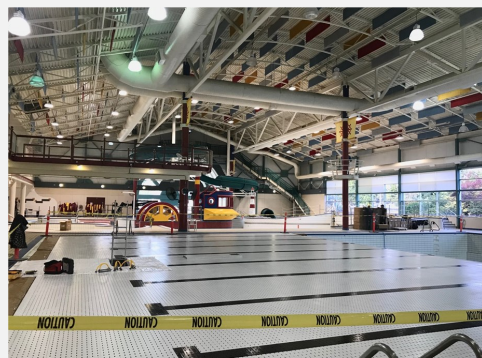
Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre & the Cheam Leisure Centre



During this quarter, Recreation Excellence hired eight new fitness instructors to teach AquaFit, yoga and strength-based classes. A steady amount of patrons continued to visit the facilities over the summer months. A total of 100-175 patrons attended a variety of AquaFit and fitness classes at both the Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre and Cheam Leisure Centre in addition to the many patrons that utilize the weight room and conditioning areas. The third quarter of 2018 saw over 200 children visit the three locations managed by Recreation Excellence and the kids camps. The camps included many outdoor adventures, such as a trip to Chipmunk Caves, Sandy Cove in Harrison BC and the Othello Tunnels.

Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre

Maintenance work and upgrades were completed on the building from mid-August to the beginning of September. During this period the fitness area was closed for one day to clean the fitness equipment, and the change rooms and fitness studio were painted. Hand dryers were updated and some fitness equipment was rearranged. The pool area saw many new upgrades, including new lighting, repairs and paint on the moveable floor, an overhaul on the slide and some paint touch up on all walls. While most of the upgrades and repairs were made outside of the view of the public, many of them were imperative to the successful day to day operations of the centre.



Cheam Leisure Centre

The Cheam Leisure Centre saw the newly installed vertical lift come to life this summer. After approximately a year of planning for the new addition, the installation was completed and the lift was opened for public use at the beginning of September. September also saw the beginning of the facility community programs, including senior soccer, both co-ed and women's volleyball leagues, wheelchair sports and a pilot program for the Chilliwack Huskers.

Rotary Outdoor Pool

Summer at the Rotary Outdoor Pool had full registrations in the Learn to Swim program. This summer, due to the scheduled maintenance at the Chilliwack Landing Leisure Centre, the Rotary Outdoor pool hosted summer camps with a 75% registration rate, and a Bronze Medallion Course which is the first course to take to become a lifeguard. Despite the wildfire smoke during the later summer months, many children from the community enjoyed the warm weather, playing outdoor games, crafts and swimming in the pool.

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July – 31, 303
August – 25,034
September – 27,817
Total – 84,154

Cheam

July – 24,577
August – 17,775
September – 17,184
Total – 59,536





Chilliwack Museum

Administration

In early July, Museum Executive Director Matthew Francis resigned from his position. Former Director Ron Denman was then asked to assume the position on an interim basis by the Board of Directors and will serve until a new director is found.

Projects

Several projects neared completion in the third quarter. Don Luxton and Associates are completing the Chilliwack City Hall - Council Restoration Plan. This plan will be completed in October and will provide the organization with a clear blueprint for proceeding to restore the room as originally intended by architect Thomas Hooper.



Chilliwack Progress Press Photograph: Men Gathered Inside Council Chamber at Chilliwack City Hall (1999.029.065.047)

Chilliwack's Chinatown is an online exhibit sponsored by the Canadian Museum of History and the Chilliwack Museum and Archives. Currently, the text is being translated into French, a requirement of the Federal government. Translations will be completed in October. It is anticipated that the website, which will receive national exposure, will be live by January.

Funding

The annual request for funding assistance from the Cultural Services Branch of the Provincial government was submitted. An operating grant of \$22,500 is expected for our 2019 fiscal year. The Museum's popular Classroom-in-Residence program is expected to be offered in the spring. Funding for the program will come from the Young Canada Works-Building Careers in Heritage program. A coordinator for the program will be hired in November. The organization recently learned that the institution has been upgraded from a short list to funded status for this program. Budgets, including a revised 2018 budget and proposed 2019 budget, have been prepared for the Board.

Education Program

Over the summer the Education and Community Engagement Coordinator and the museum's summer student offered weekly programs for kids and attended a number of community events, including Party in the Park and Cultus Lake Days. In September, promotional materials were sent to schools and bookings for the school season began. The Museum and Archives was also promoted at additional community events such as BC Hop Fest and the Nature Conservancy of BC sponsored event focusing on Semiault Creek held at Robertson Elementary.

Exhibits

Mountaineers: A History of Community Experience in Chilliwack's Mountains, will continue its run into 2019. Soon, research will begin on an exhibit about the development of Five Corners that will be offered in the spring. Planning will also begin for major changes to the Museum's permanent displays. Some of this planning work will begin in 2019.

Total Museum Visitors – 752; Website Visitors – 1,252*;
Archives visitors – 128; Archives phone / email inquiries – 98.

**this number does not include July website visitors*

Chilliwack Cultural Centre

The Society's 2018-19 presentation series of 40 shows was announced in July. The sixth *Fraser Valley Culture & Craft Beer Festival* fundraiser took place on September 15, 2018.

Arts classes for adults were offered in wirework, jewellery making, and enameling. Open studios for clay and glass work continued over the summer months and the Life Drawing Open Studios resumed in September after taking a summer break. Summer Art Camps for Kids ran for six weeks from July 9 to August 17, 2018.

Secondary Characters presented *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* which ran from July 19 to 29. Rock.It.Boy Entertainment presented *Pure Petty* on September 21, 2018.

The Chilliwack Visual Artists Association exhibits in the O'Connor Group Art Gallery included: Grief Work, Hope Work – Erica Grimm, Sheinagh Anderson and Tracie Stewart exhibit ran from June 28 to August 3; Colour Mark – Claire Sarfeld exhibit ran from August 31 to September 17; and Enduring Spirits – Ron Huebner exhibit runs from September 20 to October 27.



Chilliwack Library

"Summertime in Salish", a partnership program between the City of Chilliwack and the Chilliwack Library, was once again a success. It began with a Summer Reading Club kickoff party featuring bouncy castles, face painting, crafts, a magician and more. Every Wednesday throughout July and August featured outdoor story times followed by special guest presenters in Salish Park. Staff were delighted with both the turnout and the chance to help animate Salish Park as one of the City's key amenities in the downtown core.

As with the 2017 events, feedback from parents and caregivers indicate a sincere appreciation for promotion of Salish Park as a safe and secure location for family activities. In addition to helping to nurture and promote literacy activities, the series also helped the library in its goal to become a key partner in the revitalization of the downtown core.

The Chilliwack Library was on site at the Cottonwood Mall on September 29 as part of the Big Brothers Big Sisters 'BeYou' event for youth. Librarians Katie Burns and Chris Koth staffed a table that featured FVRL playground materials. Sphero, ukulele and telescope demonstrations captured the interest of 285 children and families, most of whom were aghast at the Library's offering of 'things' to borrow.





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Sardis Library

In the spirit of promoting lifelong learning and access for all, summer at the Sardis Library was a whirlwind of crafts, music, painting, jewelry making, magic, comedy and various forms of performance art.

Once again, the 2018 Summer Reading Club Medal Ceremony was a resounding success. Mayor Sharon Gaetz and Councillor/Fraser Valley Regional Library Board Chair Chuck Stam presented medals to all the participating readers.



Mini boat building

Yarrow Library

Storytime in the Park has been an annual July event for five years. This year it was generously co-sponsored by Envision Financial. This program provides a wonderful opportunity for participants to enjoy the lovely summer weather, and bring awareness to the library's programs and services. This year's event was the best attended in five years with a count of 145 people. Families played parachute games, got their faces painted, and library staff entertained everyone with a funny "Motion Commotion" puppet show. Envision Financial provided refreshments and popcorn for everyone and the Yarrow library gave out one free book per family.

Yarrow Library hosted several programs that supported this year's Summer Reading Club theme, Motion Commotion. Norden the Magician kicked off the Summer Reading Club programming, musical story times had families wiggling and dancing, a virtual reality event allowed participants to play golf on the moon, slice fruit with Ninja swords, or battle aliens on the planet Tattooine. The Vancouver Zoo visited the library, bringing with them a cockroach, turtle and a snake. The summer months allowed many families to take out FVRL Playground items such as the Uke n Play and Sphero Spark, and many also placed their names on the long waitlist for the telescope. The staff were very busy helping customers fill out reading records, giving out prizes, ordering books and the reader's advisory.

