

NEWS RELEASE

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New youth pass combines recreation fun with access to transit

Summary

In partnership with Island Health and the Regional District of Nanaimo, the City's Parks and Recreation Department has launched a convenient \$99 'Play and Ride Pass' combining drop in activities like swimming, skating, gym sports and weight rooms with access to local public transit.

Aimed at youth between the ages of 12 to 18, the pass is accepted at all City of Nanaimo and Parksville/Qualicum Beach youth drop-in recreation programs between June 29th and September 4th. In addition, the pass also allows youth to use the regional transit system when travelling between Nanaimo and Parksville/Qualicum Beach.

Strategic Link: Improving Nanaimo's community infrastructure and resources to enable residents to support one another in achieving an active and healthy place to live.

Key Points

- The Play & Ride program encourages youth to stay active and healthy throughout the summer.
- At a cost of \$99, the passes went on sale May 15 at Beban Park, Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, Oceanside Place Arena and Ravensong Aquatic Centre.
- Pass is valid for all recreation drop-in programs at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, Nanaimo Ice Centre, Beban Pool, Oliver Woods Community Centre, Oceanside Place Arena and Ravensong Aquatic Centre.
- The pass is non-refundable and non-transferable and a maximum number of 300 passes are available.

Quotes

"Forming valuable partnerships enables us to offer a wide variety of recreational choices throughout the Nanaimo region. We are hopeful that many youth take advantage of this great program and participate in the variety of activities available."

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