

NEWS RELEASE

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Morning fire at Departure Bay Activity Centre

Summary

A fire at the Departure Bay Activity Centre was reported to 911 at approximately 5:30 this morning. Fire crews arrived to heavy smoke and flames but managed to get the fire out. There were no injuries to the public or to firefighters.

The fire is now under investigation, and the building will be assessed to determine the extent of the damage. Participants who attend recreation programs there or use the facility will be contacted and updated on this incident. Where possible, recreation programs will be accommodated elsewhere.

In the meantime, the building will be secured with no access permitted.

Strategic Link: N/A

Key Points

- A fire took place at the Departure Bay Activity Centre on the morning of March 17, 2022.
- A damage assessment is being conducted on the building. In addition, RCMP are conducting an investigation into the cause of the fire.
- Recreation programs scheduled for the building will be accommodated, where possible.

Quotes

"It's unfortunate this well-used community centre succumbed to fire this morning. Be assured that where possible, recreation participants will be accommodated elsewhere."

Leonard Krog
Mayor
City of Nanaimo

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