



Regional District of Central Kootenay
CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Open Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, October 1, 2026
Time: 9:00 am
Location: Creston and District Community Complex - Erickson Room
312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

Directors will have the opportunity to participate in the meeting electronically. Proceedings are open to the public.

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1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

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Meeting Time:

9:00 a.m. PT

Join by Video:

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2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair DeBoon called the meeting to order at [Time] a.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

The agenda for the October 1, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

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The September 3, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATE

**6.1 DELEGATION: CRESTON VALLEY TOURISM SOCIETY 2027/2028
DESTINATION BC CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION**

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Jesse Willicome, from Creston Valley Tourism Society will present a request to the Committee re: 2027/28 Destination BC Co-operative Marketing Partnerships Program to the Committee.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 FOR INFORMATION: PROGRAMMING UPDATE

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The Committee Report dated October 1, 2026 from Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager re: Programming Update, has been received.

8. NEW BUSINESS

**8.1 DISCUSSION ITEM: HIGHEST AND BEST USE OF CRESTON VALLEY
FARMLAND FROM ERICKSON TO USA BORDER**

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Director Jackman requested that this item be added to the agenda.

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 DISCUSSION ITEM: CEMETERY FUNDING

Staff have a verbal follow up re: Cemetery Funding for the Committee.

9.2 GOAT RIVER WATERSHED WATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Reoccurring item added to the agenda.

9.3 ACTION ITEM LIST

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10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at _____ a.m.

11. CLOSED

11.1 Meeting Closed to the Public

RECOMMENDATION:

In the opinion of the Committee - and, in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter – the public interest so requires that persons other than DIRECTORS, ALTERNATE DIRECTORS, DELEGATIONS AND STAFF be excluded from the meeting;

AND FURTHER, in accordance with Section 90 of the Community Charter, the meeting is to be closed on the basis(es) identified in the following Subsections:

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11.2 Recess of Open Meeting

RECOMMENDATION:

The Open meeting be recessed at [Time] in order to conduct the Closed meeting.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for December 3, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

13. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

The Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at [Time].



Regional District of Central Kootenay

CRESTON VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Open Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 3, 2026

9:00 am PT

Creston and District Complex – Erickson Room

312 19 Avenue North, Creston, BC

COMMITTEE MEMBERS' PRESENT

Director A. DeBoon	Town of Creston
Director G. Jackman	Electoral Area A
Director R. Tierney	Electoral Area B
Director K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C

STAFF PRESENT

S. Horn	Chief Administrative Officer
T. Davison	General Manager of Community Services
C. Stanley	Regional Manager – Operations & Asset Management
T. Wayling	Regional Programming Manager/Community Development
P. Marshall-Smith	Sustainability and Resilience Supervisor
N. Hannon	Acting Emergency Program Manager
C. Gainham	Utility Services Manager
R. Baril	Meeting Coordinator

GUESTS

D. Dumas	Creston Town Counselor
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2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair DeBoon called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved and seconded,

And resolved:

The agenda for the September 3, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted with the following:

- inclusion of Item 6.1 Delegate: Creston Old Timer Recreational Hockey Association;
- Item 6.2 Delegate: Kootenay Holds Climbing & Wellness Society;
- Item 7.3 For information: Erickson Water Metering Public Engagement Follow-up
- Item 9.2 For Information: Cemetery Funding Areas A, B, C; and
- removal of Item 6.2 For Information: Creston & District Community Complex Liquor License

before circulation.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The August 6, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATION

6.1 DELEGATE: CRESTON OLD TIMER RECREATIONAL HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Wayne Murphy, of the Seniors Hockey group, differentiated between the Old Timers group that are 35 and older and the Seniors Hockey group that are 55 and older. The Seniors have made two (2) requests to the Creston & District Community Complex staff, that their Monday and Thursday ice time be moved to 10:00 a.m. to accommodate members traveling from the east shore area during the winter months. In addition, some of the members of the Seniors Hockey group are under the 55-age minimum to obtain the number of players that are required to make the practices worthwhile. Additionally, the delegation is requesting improved communication with staff and increased transparency with the ice schedule.

Wayne answered the Committee's questions.

The Committee recommended that the delegation connect with staff directly, and to utilize the time set aside in the current schedule as "Vintage Hockey" as their understanding with staff had been previously; with the intention to improve future scheduling opportunities.

6.2 DELEGATE: KOOTENAY HOLDS CLIMBING AND WELLNESS SOCIETY

Kristina Schrage, Board member of Kootenay Holds Climbing and Wellness Society, made a request to the Committee for permission to collaborate with staff for their application to the Active Communities Grant to ensure that eligibility, governance, budget, risk management and reporting requirements can be properly addressed. The grant is due on September 18, 2026.

The Committee recommended staff follow up with the delegation.

Kristina answered the Committee's questions.

Direction to Staff: That staff would further explore this opportunity with Kootenay Holds Climbing and Wellness Society, look at the implications, cost and cost recovery and make a recommendation to the Board.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 FOR INFORMATION: CRESTON EDUCATION CENTRE LEASE

Staff provided an update on current requests for the Creston Education Centre. The Committee supports staff doing a feasibility study for the Creston Education Centre and options available.

7.2 FOR INFORMATION: CRESTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPLEX LIQUOR LICENSE

Item removed.

7.3 FOR INFORMATION: ERICKSON WATER METERING PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT FOLLOW-UP

Chris Gainham, Utility Services Manager, provided a brief overview re: Erickson water bylaw service and RDCK responsibilities to supply water to each property in Erickson within the limitations of the water system itself to match the expected demand as permitted by the bylaw.

Staff answered the Committee's questions.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 DISCUSSION ITEM: CEMETERY FUNDING

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That item 9.2 For Information: Cemetery Funding Areas A, B and C be moved to be discussed concurrently with the Item 8.1 Discussion Item: Cemetery Funding.

Carried

The Committee discussed the fees and rates table looking at making appropriate changes to reflect the limited use that the Lister Cemetery's utilize water during the 2027 budget season. All options should be examined to determine best path forward. The Committee spoke of appreciation for all cemetery's groups maintaining their facilities at a relatively low cost.

Moved and seconded,
And resolved that is be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to maintain the historical allocations that were provided to the Areas A, B and C cemeteries, and that payment to the cemeteries is issued subject to the appropriate financial information.

Carried

8.2 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON VALLEY FLOOD MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

Nora Hannon, Acting Emergency Program Manager, gave a verbal update of the Creston Valley Flood Management Working Group. Future plans include hiring a consultant to design and maintain the high hazard areas of the diking system in the Creston Valley. The Emergency Management Team is interested in continuing to facilitate, to understand the issues and concerns around managing the diking in the Creston Valley.

Nora answered the Committee's questions.

8.3 DISCUSSION ITEM: CRESTON VALLEY JUNIOR HOCKEY SOCIETY AGREEMENT

Staff gave a brief overview of the negotiations with Creston Valley Junior Hockey Society.

**RECESS/
RECONVENE**

The meeting recessed at 11:09 a.m. and reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

**FREEDOM OF THE
FLOOR**

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

That Counselor Dumas have freedom of the floor.

Carried

9. OLD BUSINESS

9.1 GOAT RIVER WATERSHED WATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN

Staff gave a brief overview of the Goat River Watershed Water Sustainability Plan and the following events coming up:

- September 27, 2026, Goat River Watershed celebration event at Creston & District Community Complex (details at: engage.rdck.ca/projects/goatwatershed)
- September 9, 2026, Goat River Watershed working group workshop
- September 22, 2026, Goat River Watershed Board member workshop
- October 7, 2026, Goat River Watershed working group workshop

The Committee voiced the main objective is transparency for the public during this process.

9.2 FOR INFORMATION: CEMETERY FUNDING AREAS A, B AND C

This item was discussed under 8.1 Discussion Item: Cemetery Funding.

9.3 ACTION ITEM LIST

Item #4 - Economic Action Partnership

- Report will be coming to the October 2026 CVSC meeting of Service S107 Economic Development Area A and Service S108 Economic Development – Creston and Areas B and C.
- Expression of Interest advertisement will be going out in September 2026.

10. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 11:32 a.m.

There were no questions or comments from the public or media.

11. CLOSED

11.1 Meeting Closed to the Public

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

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Carried

11.2 Recess of Open Meeting

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Open meeting be recessed at 11:34 a.m. in order to conduct the Closed meeting.

Carried

12. NEXT MEETING

The next Creston Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for October 1, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

NOTE: That the November 5, 2026 Creston Valley Services Committee meeting has been cancelled due to the 2026 General Local Election.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Moved and seconded,
And resolved:

The Creston Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Carried

Digitally approved by:

Arnold DeBoon, Chair

Destination BC Co-op Marketing Partnership



2027/28 Application – Briefing Note

Creston Valley Services Committee | October 1, 2026

Purpose

To seek the Committee's support for Creston Valley Tourism Society (CVTS) to proceed with its 2027/28 Destination BC Co-operative Marketing Partnerships Program application, with the customary **\$22,000 contribution from RDCK Service 108 identified as pending partner funding.**

CVTS would return to the Valley Services Committee in December for formal consideration of the 2027 Service 108 contribution.

Background

The Town of Creston and RDCK Electoral Areas B and C have supported CVTS's participation in the Destination BC Co-op Marketing Partnership through **Service 108 since 2017**, typically contributing a combined **\$22,000 annually.**

This local investment allows CVTS to leverage additional Destination BC funding and undertake a larger, coordinated destination marketing program for the Creston Valley. In 2026, approximately **\$62,000 was committed to the Co-op marketing project**, representing almost **25% of CVTS's total annual operating budget** and nearly **60% of planned marketing expenditures.**

Tourism & Economic Context

Tourism continues to be a significant contributor to the Creston Valley economy. The Creston Valley visitor economy is estimated to generate approximately **\$25 million in direct visitor spending annually** and support **150+ local businesses** across accommodation, food and beverage, retail, attractions and other visitor-serving sectors.

CVTS estimates that taxable accommodation revenue reached approximately **\$5.93 million in 2025**, an increase of **58% since 2021**, while estimated occupancy increased from **38% in 2021 to 45% in 2025.**

What the Partnership Supports

Destination BC Co-op funding supports a significant portion of CVTS's core consumer-facing destination marketing program, including:

digital & print advertising • visitor guides & maps • website and digital readiness • content & social media • photography & videography • project coordination

In 2025, CVTS's broader marketing activities generated more than **1.5 million advertising impressions**, reached approximately **118,000 website users**, and distributed more than **21,000 visitor guides.**

Changes for 2027/28

- Applications are due **November 1, 2026**.
- Applicants and **local partners must now contribute at least 60%** of total eligible project costs, with **Destination BC contributing up to 40%**.
- The program has returned to a **one-year funding cycle** for 2027/28.
- Partner funding may be identified as pending when the application is submitted, with all funding required to be fully confirmed by **January 31, 2027**.

These changes increase the local funding requirement while also moving the application deadline earlier than in previous years.

Proposed Approach

Given the November 1 application deadline and the timing of the October local government elections, CVTS is **not requesting final approval of the \$22,000 Service 108 contribution at the October 1 meeting**.

Instead, CVTS proposes to:

1. Proceed with the 2027/28 Destination BC Co-op application on behalf of the Creston Valley;
2. Identify the customary \$22,000 Service 108 contribution as pending partner funding at the time of application; and
3. Return to the Valley Services Committee in December 2026 for formal consideration of the 2027 contribution, ahead of Destination BC's January 31 funding-confirmation deadline.

Requested Committee Support

Suggested Motion:

THAT the Creston Valley Services Committee support Creston Valley Tourism Society's application to Destination BC's 2027/28 Co-operative Marketing Partnerships Program, including the participation of the Town of Creston and RDCK Electoral Areas B and C as community partners;

AND FURTHER THAT the Committee support CVTS identifying the customary \$22,000 contribution from Service 108 as pending partner funding, subject to formal consideration and approval through the 2027 Service 108 budget.



Committee Report – For Information

October 1, 2026

Creston & District Programming Update

Author: Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager
File Reference: 0515-20-CVSC
Electoral Area/Municipality: Town of Creston and Electoral Areas A, B & C
Services Impacted S224

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose is to provide an overview of Summer (July and August) 2026 Programming with year-to-date statistics for Creston & District (S224).

2.0 BACKGROUND AND UPDATE

Programming Overview & Financials

Overall, programming budgets are tracking as planned and remain consistent with 2025. The charts below illustrate the total budgeted amounts for each program area (shown in dark shading), alongside the portion of the budget expended to date (shown in lighter shading).

Recreation

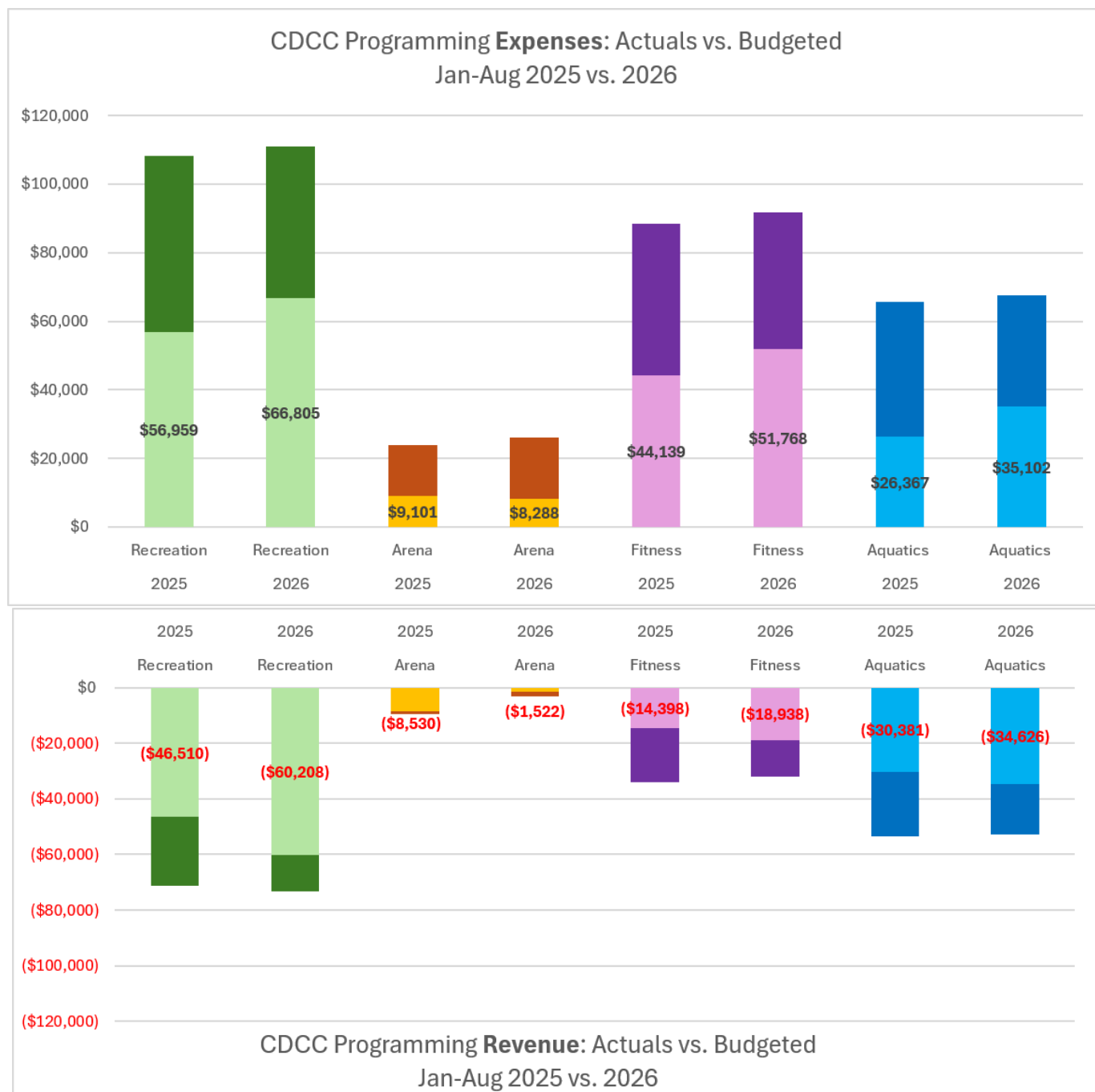
Summer camps continued to see strong participation in 2026, with 288 registrations across 24 camps, representing a 19% increase in participants compared to 2025. The program also attracted 110 unique registrants, a 15% increase over the previous year, demonstrating continued growth in community reach and engagement. Specialized camps for the 9-12 age group performed particularly well, with increased registrations and zero cancellations. Parents provided overwhelmingly positive feedback, with one noting, *"Every day she came back happy, telling us all the 'cool' things she did during the day."* Staff will continue to build on this success by maintaining popular camp offerings while exploring new and specialized program opportunities.

Aquatics

Group swim lesson delivery remained consistent in 2026; however, participation decreased to 56 registrants, down from 68 in 2025. School swim lessons, meanwhile, served 353 students in 2026, an increase of 84 participants over the previous year. While fewer children accessed swim instruction through registered public lessons, school-based programming does provide an important avenue for developing water safety skills within the community. However, these trends highlight the ongoing need to promote the value of swim lessons and water safety education to increase awareness, encourage participation, and foster lifelong confidence in and around the water.

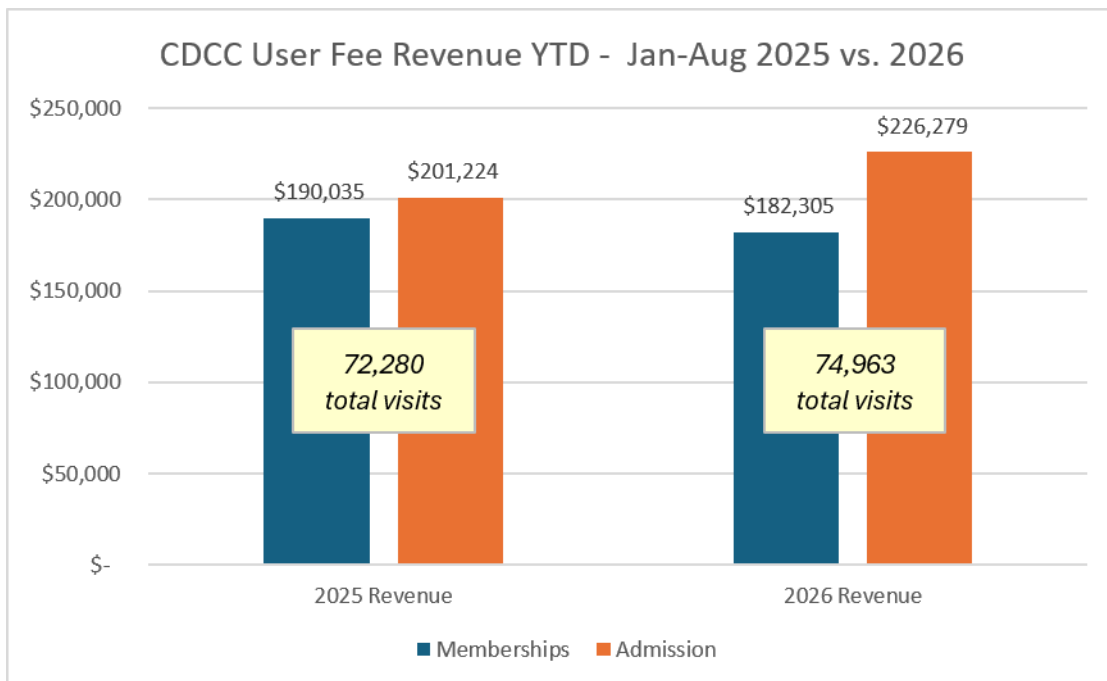
Fitness

Fitness participation continued to trend upward over the summer, supported by increased instructor availability and strong attendance in drop-in programs. Included with admission fitness classes increased from 7.1 to 7.4 participants per class, while Aquafit attendance grew from 15.5 to 18.9 participants per class despite one fewer class being offered than in 2025. Although some specialized registered programs continue to face challenges meeting minimum registration requirements, overall participation remained stable and positive as newer instructors continue to build a regular participant base.



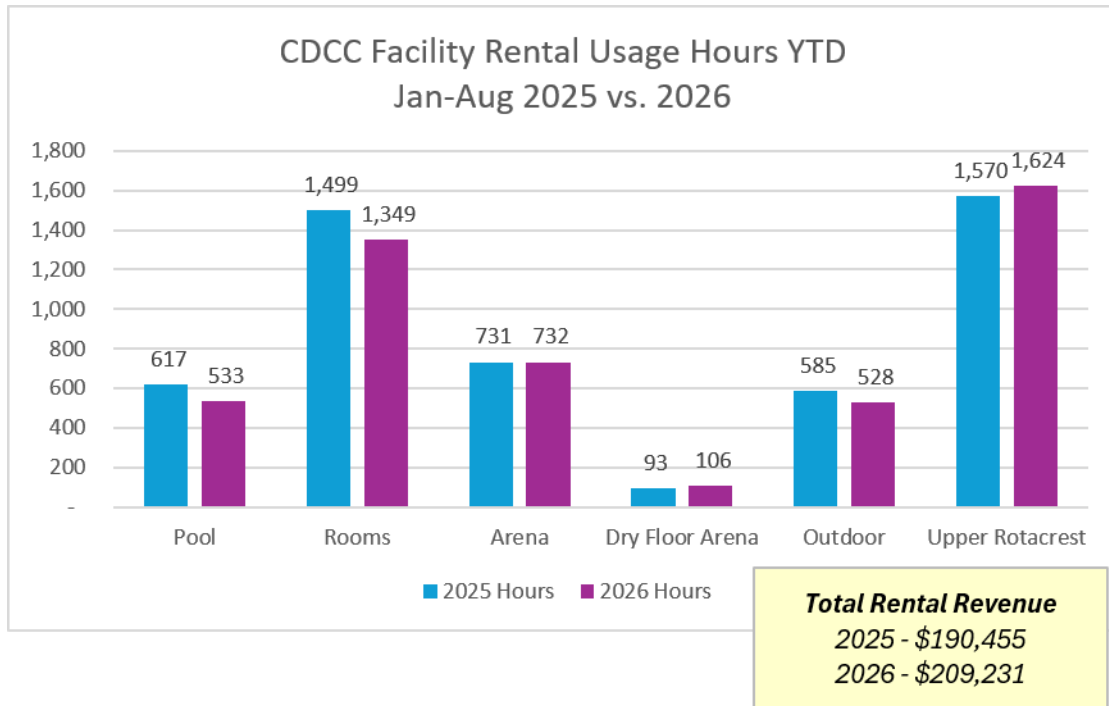
User Fees

User activity and engagement in Creston remained strong this summer, with overall paid drop-in admissions increasing by 13% compared to summer 2025. This growth was largely driven by increased participation from adults and children under five, while youth attendance remained consistent with previous years. The increase in attendance was likely supported by maintaining continuous pool operations throughout the day, compared to the midday pool closure that was in place during the summer of 2025, providing greater flexibility and access for users. This increase is also seen in memberships scans despite overall membership scans trending lower year-to-date than in 2025. Staff will continue to monitor these trends to better understand how users are choosing to engage with the facility and to inform future service planning.



Facility Rentals

Facility rental activity over the summer remained consistent with 2025 levels. The only notable difference was a 10-day delay in the arena opening, which slightly affected overall rental availability.



3.0 NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

Moving through 2026, staff will continue with the following work:

- Increase awareness and participation in swim lessons through targeted promotion and community outreach to support water safety education and skill development.
- Monitor participation and facility usage trends across admissions and memberships to ensure programs, schedules, and service levels continue to align with community needs and demand.

Respectfully submitted,

Tia Wayling – Regional Programming Manager

CONCURRENCE

General Manager of Community Services – Trisha Davison

Regional Manager, Operations & Asset Management – Craig Stanley

Regional Manager, Recreation & Client Services – Kristi Calder

Highest and best use of Creston Valley Farmland from Erickson to USA Border

- Opportunities to use post-secondary supports to analyze the highest and best use of Creston Valley farmland given access to sufficient irrigation, ideally in time to compare to the Ministry of Agriculture and Food update of the Agricultural Land Use Inventories (ALUI).
- Revisit the alternative water supply study to highlight what may be the most straight forward first phase. I personally believe we should be looking at a pairing of the ferry crossing park project, which will entail some site disruption and possibly a nearby dike upgrade, with the possibility of that as the river intake location.
- If/when to go back to Don Ivason and further explore funding opportunities through Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) and other sources which may be available at the federal level.

CVSC ACTION ITEMS LIST – 2026-10-01

#	ACTION ITEM	MEETING ORIGIN	STATUS
1.	STAFF DIRECTION: That the Board direct staff to prepare a draft policy for Board review that requires recipients of financial grant in aid funds to engage with local area Directors and/or provide documentation during the budget process, to be eligible for funding via taxation in a given year.	05-Jan-2023	This has fallen back in the priority list based on other work. We are working with Directors and individual groups.
2.	STAFF DIRECTION: Staff to create a contribution agreement with Kootenay River Secondary School where RDCK lists what the funding is for and what the expectations are for the funding. To formalize the agreement, Staff to include in the agreement what the rates are that RDCK is going to charge to receive that funding. CVSC would review the contribution agreement with Kootenay River Secondary School every year.	01-Jun-2023	Ongoing. Staff will include funding for the auditorium in conversations with SD8 regarding facility use discussion. SD8 is in a consultation process to determine public use policies. Conversation should be with SD8 administration.
3.	STAFF DIRECTION: That staff request a workshop/session (in conjunction with a site visit for the Creston Valley Services Committee) with the Traditional Use Study (TUS) authors, the Ktunaxa Nation and Yaqan Nukiy, to educate the Committee to better understand the TUS.	09-Sept-2023	Ongoing. Staff meeting with Ktunaxa and LKB staff October 30, 2024. Staff and Directors participated in the TUS Workshop with Ktunaxa in April 2025. Staff is arranging a workshop on Regional Parks in Creston, A,B,C.
4.	STAFF DIRECTION: That staff investigate how would a stabilization reserve could be adopted for Service S108 Economic Development – Creston and Areas B and C; and itemizing all the beneficiaries that are recipients of Service S108.	05- Mar-2026	Delayed. Original goal was July CVSC. Staff has issued the EOI for economic development. This presentation is better suited leading to budget and it will be brought to December CVSC.