
Subject:

Request for letter of support - 55+ BC Games Bid

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CAOs,

The Comox Valley Regional District has been approached by the City of Campbell River to submit a joint application to host the 55 Plus BC Games. The bid years are for 2028, 2029 and 2030. The joint bid is due June 26, 2026 at 12 noon.

In response to this request, staff engaged in a coordinated discussion with all Comox Valley Recreation municipal senior leads during the Leadership Table meeting on March 16, 2026. Staff asked each municipality to hold internal discussions to gauge their level of interest. As a result of those conversations, staff from all municipalities expressed support for continuing with the bid application process.

On [April 28th staff presented to the Comox Valley Recreation Commission](#) and the following motion was adopted:

THAT the Comox Valley Regional District apply jointly with the City of Campbell River to host the 2028, 2029, or 2030 55+ BC Games subject to support from other local government organizations to ensure there are enough venues for a competitive bid;

AND FURTHER THAT the CVRD commit a cash contribution of \$37,500 towards the \$75,000 financial contribution as well as providing in-kind support of services and facilities between the Comox Valley Regional District, the City of Campbell River and relevant local government venues with a deemed value of \$65,000;

AND FINALLY THAT staff be directed to budget for the required \$37,500 contribution in Service 600 Recreation Grants, as part of the 2027 – 2031 proposed financial planning process for either the 2028, 2029, or 2030 budget years.

Due to the magnitude of the 55+ BC Games, municipal support is critical to the success of the planning and staging of the Games. Your support would be in relation to in-kind facilities use and any staff resource costs that you would normally have for the facility. No addition staffing resources above your normal levels. As an example for the Comox Valley Regional District, we would provide our pool facilities and staffing for our regular safety levels in kind.

Attached is a list of the 24 sports the 55+ games would host between the Comox Valley and Campbell River. These are the same sports that were hosted in the 2010 successful joint bid and also went forth in the most recent joint bid application that was submitted in 2022. This list is adjustable should the bid application go forth and be successful.

To that end, the application requires a formal letter of commitment or resolution from Municipal Council(s) indicating support for the bid application.

A sample of a resolution is as follows:

“THAT the <local government jurisdiction> commit to providing in-kind support of services and facilities should the bid for the 2028, 2029 or 2030 55 Plus BC Games, being jointly submitted by the Comox Valley Regional District and City of Campbell River, be successful”.

May we have your support?

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The CVRD respectfully acknowledges the land on which it operates is on the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.

Archery	Robron	Campbell River
Badminton	Sportsplex	Campbell River
Bocce	Willow Point Park	Campbell River
Cribbage	Florence Filberg	Courtenay
Cycling	Hyw 28	Campbell River
Darts	Eagle Hall	Campbell River
Disc Golf	Willow Point Park	Campbell River
Equestrian	CVRD Exhibition Grounds	Courtenay
Five Pin Bowling	CR Bowling	Campbell River
Golf	Sunnydale & Glacier Green	Courtenay/Comox
Hockey	CVRD Sports Centre	Courtenay
Ice Curling	Comox valley Curling Club	Courtenay
Lawn Bowling	Bill Moore Park	Courtenay
Mountain Bike Racing	Cumberland Forest	Cumberland
Pickleball	Highland Fields/Robron	Comox/Campbell River
Slo -Pitch	Willow Point Park	Campbell River
Snooker	Florence Filberg Centre	Courtenay
Soccer	Valleyview/CVRD Sports Centre	Courtenay
Swimming	CVRD Aquatic Centre	Courtenay
Table Tennis	Comox Recreation Centre	Comox
Tennis	Willow Point Park	Campbell River
Track & Field	CVRD Sports Centre	Courtenay
Triathlon	CVRD Sports Centre	Courtenay

The 24 sports and the proposed locations are listed above. Additional or alternative locations are available for several of the sports listed to accommodate the demand/scheduling for the event. The goal is to balance the sports between the Comox Valley and Campbell River. Some sports may be held in both locations to facilitate expected number of participants and the ability to undertake multiple games in a day.