



City of Trail

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City of Trail and Village of Warfield reach Recreation Agreement

Trail – September 9, 2009 – The City of Trail and the Village of Warfield are pleased to announce an agreement in principle has been reached for cost sharing Trail's recreation facilities, programs, and services. The agreement must still be formally approved by both Councils next week.

Warfield Council has agreed in principle to an annual contribution of \$71,350 for 2009 representing a cost of \$41 per resident. This will form the basis of a five year agreement whereby the 2009 contribution will be increased annually by the BC Consumer Price Index, which is consistent with the agreement that the City entered into with Beaver Valley Parks, Recreation and Trails Service (BV PARTS) earlier this year.

The agreement provides a reasonable sum that recognizes the regional benefit and scope of Trail's facilities and services while at the same time ensures resources are available for the independent operation of Warfield's own parks and recreation programs. It is based on the same approach as the BV PARTS agreement where costs were allocated based on 2008 converted assessments.

The agreement will mean that Warfield residents will be subject to resident pricing as outlined in the Trail Resident Program which is included in the City of Trail Bylaw 2690, 2009. All Warfield residents who qualify under the bylaw will be issued a resident card upon completion of the required form demonstrating proof of residency.

"The Village is happy to have reached an agreement with the City of Trail," said Warfield Mayor Jim Nelson. "Our children and families can now fully enjoy recreation services and programs in both communities."

The City of Trail believes it has achieved a proposal that is fair to all. Mayor Dieter Bogs stated, "a fair foundation for cost sharing is essential to the health and stability of all our communities. I am most pleased we now have an

agreement with Warfield. I wish to acknowledge the efforts of both Trail and Warfield council and staff in their efforts to find a solution that works for us all.”

Both Mayor Bogs and Mayor Nelson acknowledged the work that the respective bargaining committees put in as part of coming to an agreement. From Trail, Councillors Cacchioni and Romano have served as the City's principle negotiators and have been consistently representing the City in inter-municipal discussions dealing with the recreation funding issue. From Warfield, Councillors Crockett and Baggio along with Mayor Nelson represented the Village during the discussions. Collectively, the group was able to put forward an arrangement that they believe will work for both communities.

Both communities are positive about how this agreement strengthens inter-municipal partnerships in the region.

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