

What has the Village done to support the Lets'emot Regional Recreation & Aquatic Centre?

The Village drafted letters of support for grant applications that were requested by the District of Kent over the years. Village Council also invited the District of Kent to Council meetings to present on the new facility.

What are the benefits of being a regional partner for the Aquatic Centre?

Regional partner residents would pay the same user fees and have access to the Aquatic Centre on the same basis as District of Kent residents. The Village may also be allowed to participate in an advisory committee for the Aquatic Centre.

Does the District of Kent have any regional partners for the Aquatic Centre?

At this time, the Village understands that the District of Kent does not have any regional partners for the Aquatic Centre.

Are local Indigenous communities, like Seabird Island or Sts'ailes, a regional partner for the Aquatic Centre? What about the Fraser Valley Regional District, Electoral Areas?

At this time, the Village understands that the District of Kent does not have any regional partners in the Aquatic Centre.

If the Village contributes to the capital, or the construction costs of the Aquatic Centre, will the Village own part of the Aquatic Centre?

No. The Village would not own any part of the Aquatic Centre.

What is the premium the District of Kent is charging for non-District residents to use the Aquatic Centre?

For an adult drop in admission, the cost difference is \$5 per visit. This is a 70% premium over the District of Kent resident user fees.

Other passes and their accompanying premiums are shown in the District of Kent's Bylaw No. 1717 Schedule D.

THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF KENT BYLAW No. 1717 Schedule D Parks and Recreation Fees

SERVICE	Residents			Non-Residents		
Lets'emóit Regional Recreation & Aquatic Centre						
FACILITY ADMISSION (Single Access)						
	First Use	Second Use		First Use	Second Use	
Tots (3 yrs and under)	Free	Free		Free	Free	
Child	\$3.50	\$1.75		\$6.00	\$3.00	
Teen/Student	\$5.60	\$2.80		\$9.60	\$4.80	
Adult	\$7.00	\$3.50		\$12.00	\$6.00	
Older Adult	\$5.60	\$2.80		\$9.60	\$4.80	
Super Senior (80 yrs +)	Free	Free				
Family	\$14.00	\$7.00		\$24.00	\$7.00	
Shower Only	\$5.00			\$8.60		
Specialty Fitness	\$8.00/class/person			\$13.60/class/person		
Youth Summer Pass (4 - 12 years)	\$25 (July & August)					
Youth Summer Pass (13 - 18 years)	\$35 (July & August)					
Kent Resident Program Card (Individual)	Free			\$300.00		
Kent Resident Program Card (Family)	Free			\$800.00		
PASSES	10 PASS	1 MONTH	3 MONTH	10 PASS	1 MONTH	3 MONTH
Child	\$31.50	\$38.13	\$85.78	\$54.00	\$65.36	\$147.04
Teen/Student	\$50.40	\$61.00	\$137.24	\$86.40	\$104.57	\$235.27
Adult	\$63.00	\$76.25	\$171.55	\$108.00	\$130.72	\$294.09
Older Adult	\$50.40	\$61.00	\$137.24	\$86.40	\$104.57	\$235.27
Family	\$126.00	\$154.35	\$370.45	\$216.00	\$264.60	\$635.06
MEMBERSHIPS	6 MONTH	12 MONTH	SUPER PASS	6 MONTH	12 MONTH	
Child	\$137.25	\$247.05	\$328.58	\$235.29	\$423.52	
Teen/Student	\$219.60	\$395.28	\$525.72	\$376.46	\$677.63	
Adult	\$274.50	\$494.10	\$657.15	\$470.58	\$847.04	
Older Adult	\$219.60	\$395.28	\$525.72	\$376.46	\$677.63	
Family	\$992.25	\$992.25	\$1,319.69	\$945.01	\$1,701.01	

What will it cost the Village to be a regional partner for the Aquatic Centre?

The District of Kent has proposed that for the Village to be a regional partner, the Village would need to enter into a 20-year agreement with the District of Kent that would have the Village:

- Contribute \$1.85 million to the capital costs of the Aquatic Centre (approximately \$2.65 million after interest);
- Contribute \$100,000 per year for operating costs, escalating each year for inflation (approximately \$2.5 million over 20 years); and
- Participate on an Aquatic Centre advisory committee.

Would the Village be taking out a loan to finance the Lets'emot Regional Aquatic Centre?

No. The District of Kent has received financing for this project, and the Village would be contributing an annual payment to them to support them in paying back their loan. **The Municipal Finance Authority (MFABC) would not lend the Village the funds directly because it is not our asset.**

How much will Harrison Hot Springs municipal taxes increase to cover the costs of being a regional partner in the Aquatic Centre?

The estimated residential municipal tax increase would be \$170 per \$1.0 million of assessed property value. This is an increase of approximately 8%

Municipal tax amount on \$1M property	\$2122.00
Contribution to Kent	\$170.00
New municipal taxes	\$2292.00
Percentage Increase	8.01% for Aquatic Centre portion only

Did the Village ever make a commitment to pay for a portion of the construction costs or operating costs of the Aquatic Centre?

In January of 2023, Council made a motion that:

The Village not commit to any financial support or donation towards the project.

In February of 2025, Council made a motion that:

Staff be directed to form a regional partnership with the District of Kent using population-based financial contributions towards the capital and operating costs of the new Lets'emot Regional Recreation & Aquatic Centre, with the contributions coming in the form of an annual requisition from the Fraser Valley Regional District.

This led to further discussions with the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) and the District of Kent. The FVRD **could not** conduct the annual tax requisition on behalf of the District of Kent's asset, resulting in the Village and the District of Kent going back and discussing partnership options. No formal agreements were signed or entered into.

The Village advised the District of Kent during these discussions that Village would require voter assent prior to making any financial commitment to the Aquatic Centre. Voter assent for this would require the Village supporting this through an Alternative Approval Process (AAP).

Why would this require elector approval?

The proposed agreement would commit the Village and its taxpayers to significant long-term financial obligations to another community's asset, extending beyond Council's legal binding authority.

A financial commitment of this nature would require elector approval under provincial legislation.



The Village can seek this through a formal **Alternative Approval Process (AAP)**, which allows the agreement to move forward unless at least 10% of eligible residents submit formal response forms opposing it. The AAP would ensure that residents have a clear and meaningful voice in any decision on this matter.

Has the Village made financial commitments to the District of Kent regarding the construction and operating costs of the Aquatic Centre?

No formal commitments have been entered into by the Village Council. To enter into an agreement of this type, the Village would need approval from the electors through an alternative approval process (AAP) or assent vote (referendum). **In the most recent correspondence from Mayor Talen to the District of Kent, Council made the decision not to undertake those processes at this time.**

What happens next?

Council suggested that the District of Kent could re-engage after the fall election if they were still seeking financial contributions from the Village. Council may then decide on seeking elector approval to financially contribute to the capital and operating costs of the Lets'emot facility over a 20 year timeframe.

Pre-2020

District of Kent designed and committed to constructing a new recreation and aquatic centre to replace the aging Ferny Coombe Pool.

2020

Letter of support from Village for DoK application for grant funding – Mayor Facio

2023

Letter of support from Village for DoK application for grant funding, confirms Village is not offering financial support – Mayor Wood

2024

DoK presentation to Village Council – proposes regional partnership via FVRD, and financial contribution from Village

2025

Village explores regional arrangements with FVRD and DoK. FVRD advises they are unable to assist with regional partnership.

2026

Village advises DoK voter assent is required prior to any financial commitment from the Village. Village Council proposes that DoK return to Village in late 2026 if this remains a priority for the DoK.

2026

DoK makes presentations to interested Village residents regarding the Aquatic Centre.