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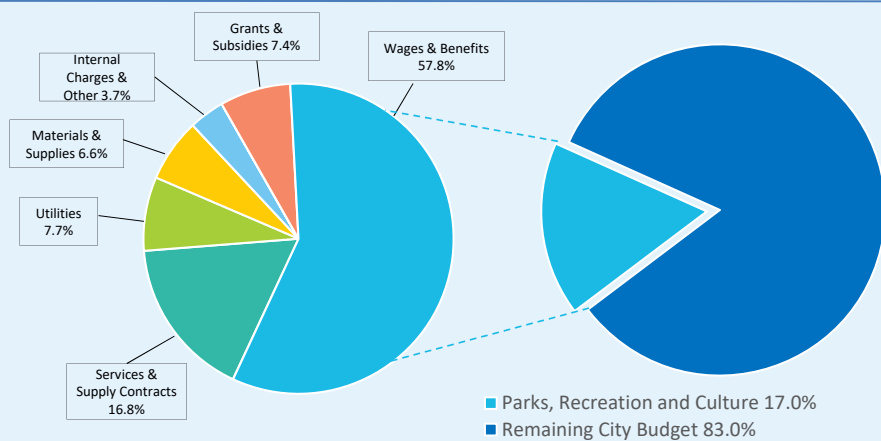
The Parks, Recreation and Culture division is divided into two departments:

- **Recreation and Culture Services** – Made up of Aquatics, Arenas, Recreation, and Culture Services (programs, special events and community development)
- **Facility and Parks Operations** – Operations, maintenance and planning for facilities, parks, trails, and outdoor amenities. Responsible for projects and planning under Asset Management, Energy Management, and Infrastructure Renewal



Parks, Recreation and Culture

Division's Share of City Budget



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Parks, Recreation and Culture Master Plan

- PRC Master Plan is one of six plans being updated under the REIMAGINE Nanaimo Project
- Guiding document for the development of facilities, parks, and open spaces and the delivery of services that best meet the needs of the community
- Relies on public input from the community and stakeholders to identify community needs and wants



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Recreation and Culture *2021 Business Plan*





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Recreation Services

Aquatics / Arenas / Recreation

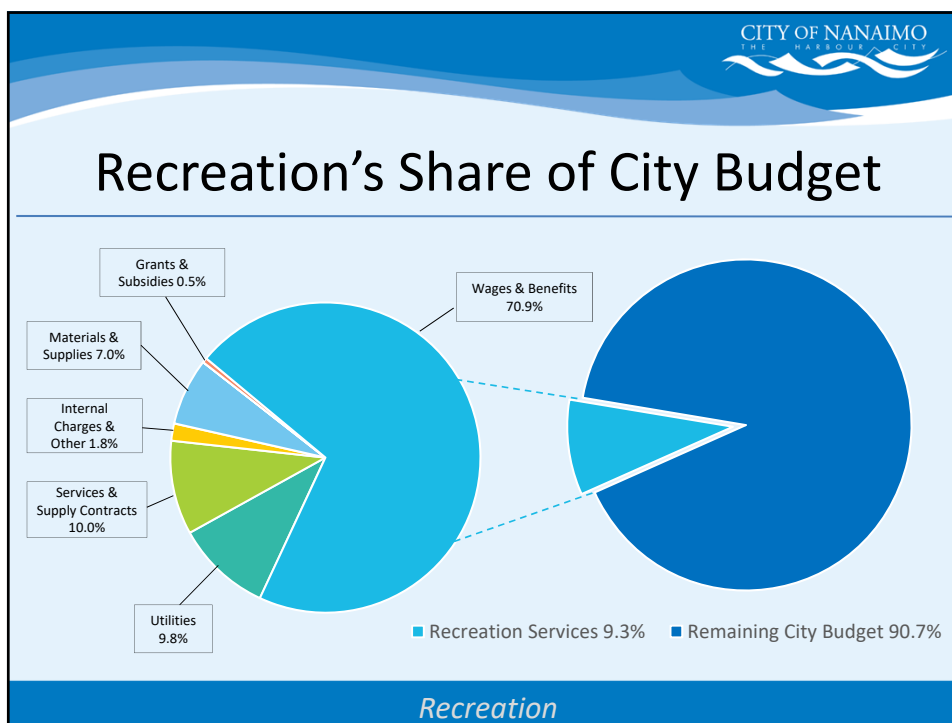
Operations of Beban Park, Bowen Park, Nanaimo Aquatic Centre, Nanaimo Ice Centre and Oliver Woods Community Centre.

- Amenities include 2 indoor pools, 2 fitness centres, 4 ice surfaces, 2 gymnasiums, conference/multi-purpose rooms, and 3 external facilities.
- Operations includes community programming, staffing, rentals, and ongoing facility maintenance.





Recreation



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2020 Achievements

Response to COVID-19:

- **Redeployed Recreation Staff** to various positions across the organization
- **Adapted recreation programming** to Provincial Health Orders
- **Facilitated essential services events:** Weekly Farmers Market, Food Share Food Box Program, Blood Donor Clinics and childcare
- Maintained connection with 1,630 **Harbour City Seniors**
- Collaborated with competitive and recreational sport groups for **"Return to Sport"** in facilities.

- Developed successful Recreation Facilities **reopening strategies**
- Hosted and supported community partners for **adapted and virtual events:**
 - Virtual Canada Day
 - Park-It Challenge
 - National Drowning Prevention Week
 - Nanaimo Clippers Outdoor Movie Night
 - Loaves and Fishes Bottle Sorting
 - VIE's "Taste of the Fair"




Recreation

2020 Achievements

- Operated Summer Camps at arenas and outdoors
- Outdoor programming for Adults
- Developed PFD Loan Program at Westwood Lake Park and Water Safety Education pilot
- Collaborated with the MCFD to integrate children with disabilities into summer camp programs
- Playground Program at 5 park locations through the summer
- Quest Leadership Program with a focus on environmental stewardship
- Story Walk at different park locations
- Worked with Advisory Committee Accessibility and Inclusiveness on various items



Recreation

2021 Opportunities

- Explore new ways to deliver programs, events and services
- Perform service delivery analysis and community need/desire assessments
- Focus on providing a healthy work environment and safe operations
- Enhance the Occupational Health and Safety program
- Collaborate to alleviate conflict between transient populations in the facilities and user groups
- Continue working with the Advisory Committee on Accessibility and Inclusiveness



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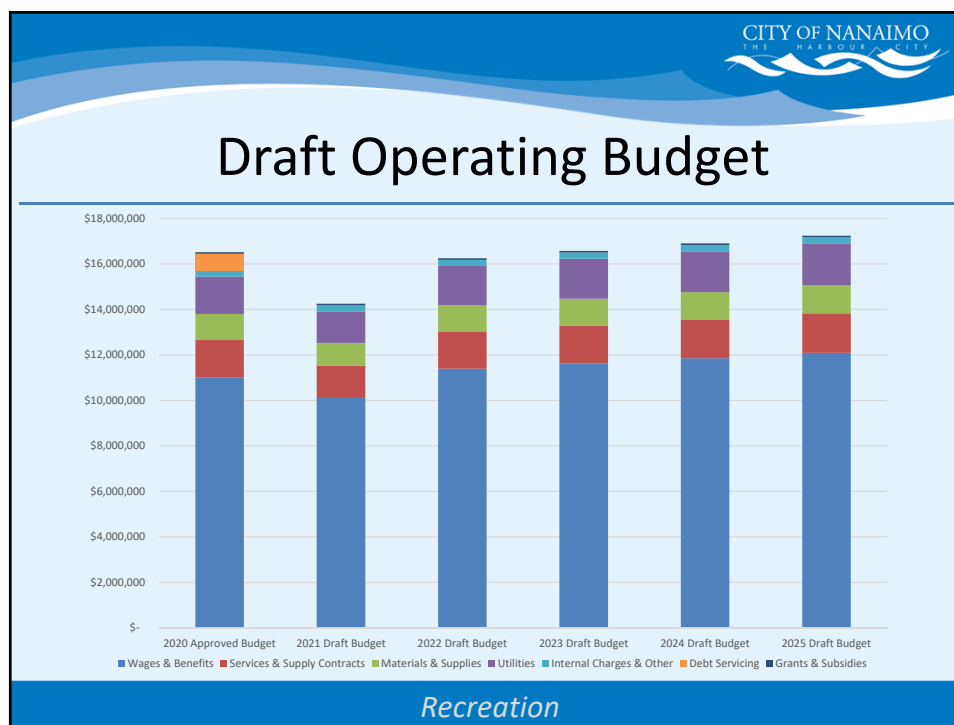
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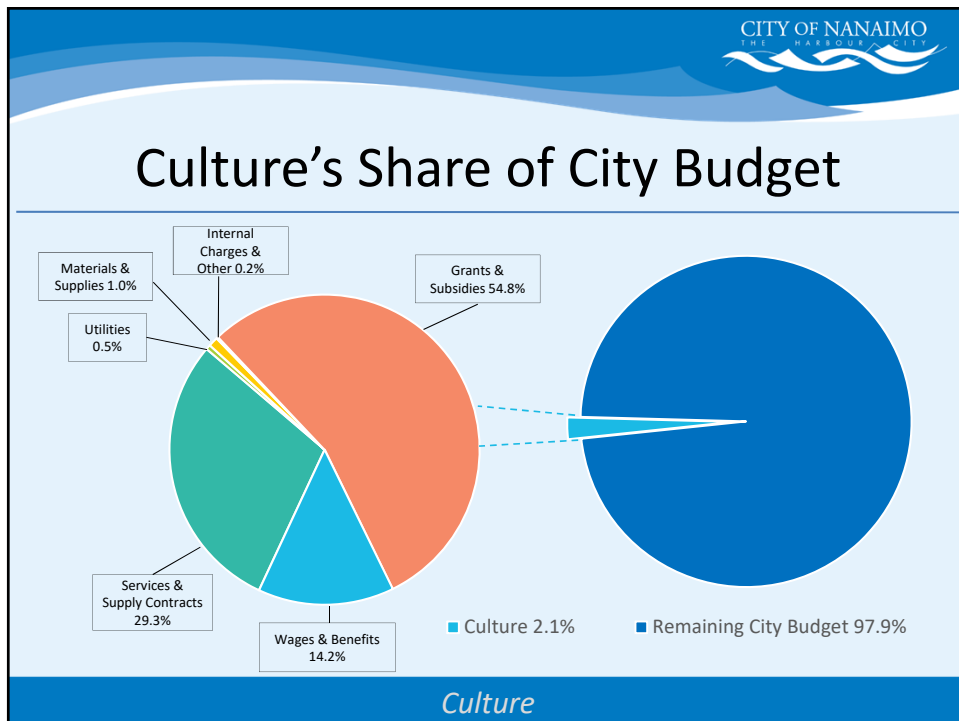
Key Initiatives for 2021

- Continued adaption of COVID-19 operating schedules, procedures, programs, and events
- Facilitate and support REIMAGINE Nanaimo project
- PerfectMind Reconfiguration
- LEAP Program Review
- User Fees and Charges Review and Implementation



Recreation





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2020 Achievements

- Assessment & delivery of 45+ grants to community organizations
- Commissioning of new artwork:
 - “One Song” by Humanity in Art with Tina Biello
 - Artwork for Harewood Youth Park by Joel Good & Bracken Hanuse Corlett
 - New murals & banners installed at Beban Pool by Eliot White-Hill
 - Collaboration with Rotary Club on 2020 street banners with design by Amy Pye
- Creation of Love Arts Nanaimo e-newsletter
- Virtual Openings including photos and videos for:
 - Maffeo Sutton Park inclusive playground
 - Serauxmen Stadium field lighting
 - Harewood Youth Park
 - Rotary Centennial Garden



Culture

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2020 Achievements

- Installation of 9 artworks for the Temporary Art Program
- Collaboration with Youth Poet Laureate Valina Zanetti on “Be Kind to All Kinds” with the BCSPCA
- Adaptation to deliver “Concerts in the Park-ing Lot” series to seniors in care
- Delivery of 2020 Culture & Heritage Award Program
- REIMAGINE Nanaimo focus groups and project work



Culture

2021 Opportunities

- Evolve programs for effective delivery, meet community needs, align with City priorities:
 - Poet Laureate
 - Public Art
 - Grants
- Facilitate program of professional development and capacity building for local arts and culture organizations
- Dialogue, learning, and action on Reconciliation with partners
- Evolve public art programs
 - Review and improve processes and best practice
 - Enhance online inventory
 - Plan for maintenance
 - Enhance processes for art with developers
 - Collaboration with departments on capital projects



Culture

Key Initiatives for 2021

- Continue project work for REIMAGINE NANAIMO to update “Culture Plan for a Creative Nanaimo” & integration of cultural lens in other City plans
- Support organizations to safely deliver programs & activities in City facilities (indoor & outdoor)
- Review Culture grant programs and deliver on recommendations
- Researching, developing, and testing, new ways of delivering programs & strengthening partnerships




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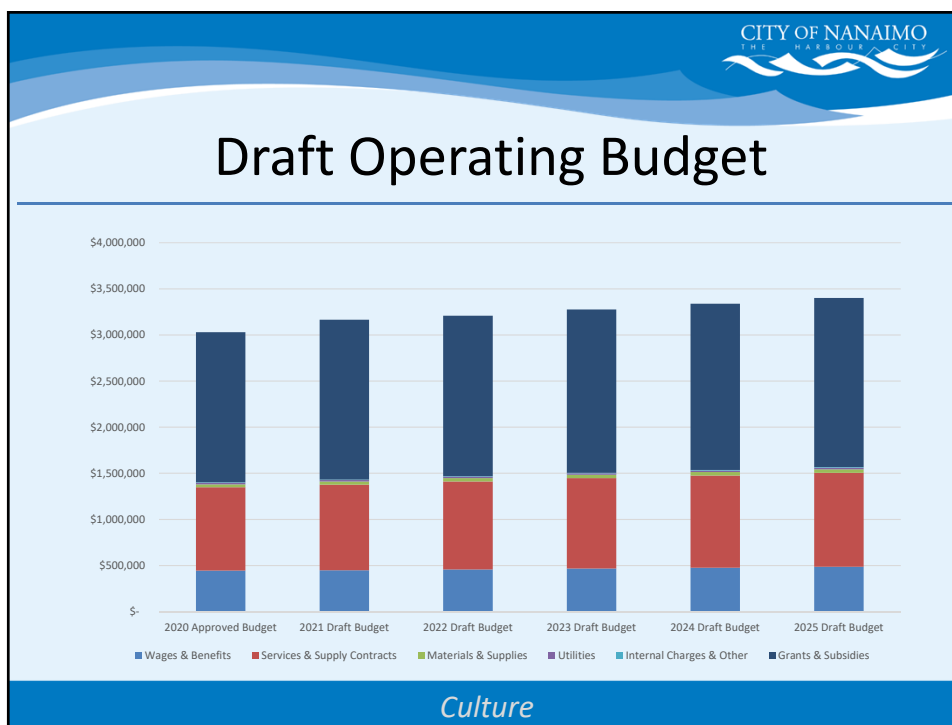
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Proposed Changes Included in Draft Budget

- Nanaimo Art Gallery Phase 3 – added by Council for deliberation
 - Annual increase to grant of \$50,000 for operations and \$10,000 for capital
 - One-time (2021) funding for feasibility study - \$25,000



Culture





Overview - Parks Operations

- Responsible for over 975 hectares of city-owned parkland. Area includes:
 - 180 km of multi-purpose trail
 - 74 Playgrounds
 - 29 sports fields & 3 artificial turf fields
 - 12 Dog Off-Leash Parks
- Sport venues available in parks include tennis, pickleball, lacrosse, sand volleyball courts, disc golf course, bike parks, skate parks, & mountain bike trails.
- In conjunction with Public Works, maintains boulevards, medians, and cemeteries.
- Over 70% of parkland is natural area, including urban forest and environmentally sensitive areas



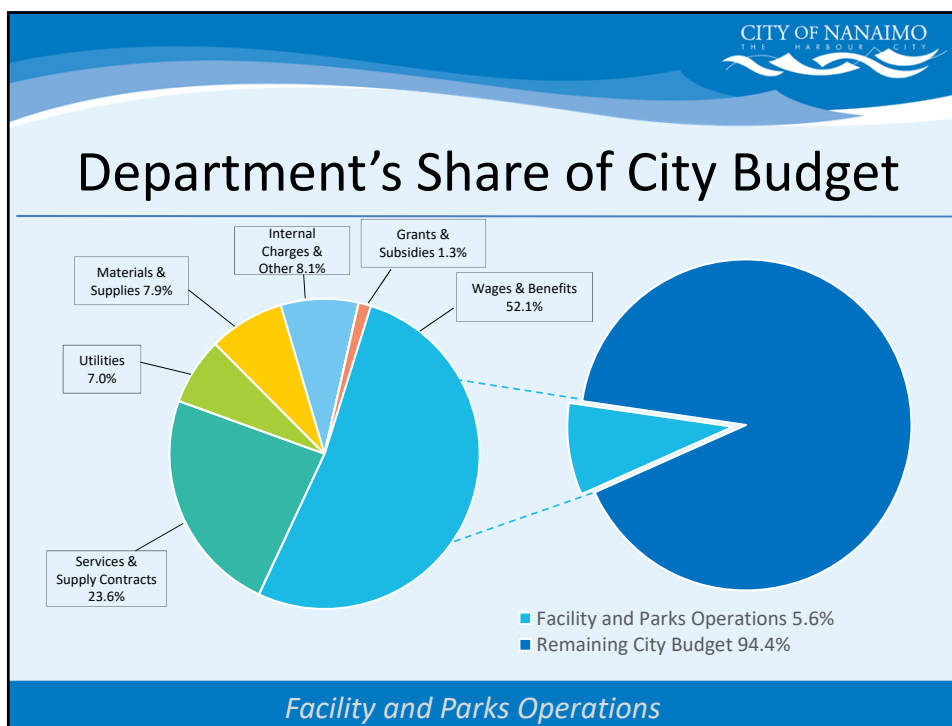
Facility and Parks Operations

Overview – Facility Operations

- Main focus of section is for PRC facilities, including operation, maintenance, repairs and upgrades.
- Provides support and maintenance for cultural, community and other civic facilities (including leased and co-managed).
- Responsible for Energy Management across the organization and Asset Management Plan for facilities.
- Assists with both short-term and long-term capital planning across the organization.
- Provides project management and project support for PRC, Bylaw, Nanaimo Fire Rescue, Public Works, Police Services and civic facilities.




Facility and Parks Operations



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2020 Achievements

- COVID-19 response
 - Introduced Park Ambassadors program
 - In-house provision of services typically contracted out
 - Training and integration of redeployed recreation staff
 - Developed Safety Plans for Parks Ops work areas
 - Constructed outdoor patios for several restaurants downtown
 - Installed COVID screens in various work areas – recreation, NFR, etc.



Facility and Parks Operations

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2020 Achievements - Parks

- LED field lighting at Serauxmen Stadium
- Harewood Youth (skate) Park
- Maffeo Sutton Park Phase 1 playground
- Rotary Centennial Garden
- Brannen Lake Boat Launch repair and replacement
- Continued work on Parks GIS Asset Inventory
- Trail renewal and development:
 - Installed new signs for the "Great Trail"
 - Repaved 2km of the Parkway Trail
 - Construction of new stairs and boardwalks at Cottle Lake and Colliery Dam Parks
- Horticulture and Arboriculture:
 - Demonstration vegetable garden in Beban Park
 - Invasive plant species management at Linley Point Gyro Park and Departure Bay Creek
 - Parks trees assessment and management at Beban Participark and other areas
 - Riparian area re-planting along Chase River in Harewood Centennial Park



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2020 Achievements - Parks

- Project work for REIMAGINE Nanaimo, including work on park plans for:
 - East Wellington Park
 - Linley Valley Park
 - Newly acquired 5-acre farm at Park Avenue
- Partners in Parks projects initiated:
 - Trumpeter Park
 - Holland Park
 - Barney Moriez Park
- Continued working with volunteers on invasive plant removals
- Remotely-controlled planes and drones pilot continued to 2021



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2020 Achievements - Facilities

- Heating Plant Studies completed at Nanaimo Aquatic Centre and Beban Park Complex
- Low Carbon Electrification Studies for units to be replaced including:
 - Oliver Woods Boiler
 - Beban Park air handling
 - Port Theatre chiller
- Port Theatre lighting study
- LED lighting upgrades for:
 - Oliver Woods Gymnasium
 - Frank Crane Arena
 - Beban Social Centre Auditorium
 - NAC Main Pool area
- Continued condition assessments of City-owned facilities, 20 completed so far.



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2020 Achievements - Facilities

- Nanaimo Aquatic Centre upgrades, renewals and repairs, including:
 - Transition to liquid chlorine
 - Lobby floor refinished
 - Waterslides refinished
 - Boilers disassembled & refurbished
- Beban Pool upgrades, renewals and repairs, including:
 - Void detection investigation in main pool tank
 - Sauna renovated
 - Pool filter systems refurbished or replaced
- Repair of siding at Beban House
- Kin Pool – tank repainted and maintenance performed on pumps and boiler
- Removal of fire hall hose tower at Chase River Activity Centre, also roof repair and lighting upgrade




Facility and Parks Operations

2021 Opportunities - Parks

- Potential for a park asset maintenance management system
- Review of resources allocated to graffiti, vandalism, and garbage pickup
- Work on integration and collaboration on the corporate approach to trees and the Urban Forest and review impact of Climate Change on the Urban Forest
- Continue building the GIS database for assets to allow for renewal planning
- Explore new ways to engage with the public during pandemic conditions and study the impact of demand for outdoor amenities
- Continue to improve and enhance accessibility and inclusiveness in our park system



Facility and Parks Operations

2021 Opportunities - Facilities

- Formalization of long-term planning for both capital projects and preventative maintenance
- Preventative maintenance software for mechanical systems, integrating current GIS data
- Transfer of Facility Asset Management and Energy Management responsibility to Engineering Department
- Major update to Facility Asset Management Plan
- Development of a Facility Master Plan



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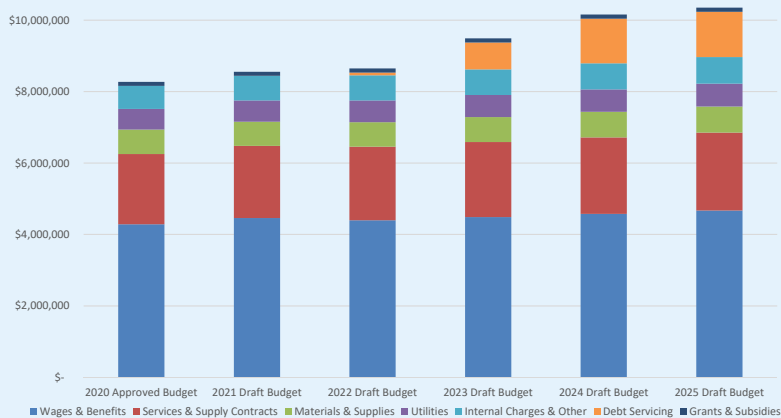
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- Review of Artificial Turf Maintenance
- Update the Horticulture Strategy
- Review of Section's response to security and social disorder.
- Continued participation in the REIMAGINE Nanaimo process
- Complete comprehensive work and budget plans for the Cross Connection Control Program in City of Nanaimo facilities
- Organize training for Pool Operators certification for aquatic staff
- Hold Ammonia Awareness training for staff working in and around City Arenas
- Continue work on implementing the multi-year Facilities and Park Amenities Condition Assessment Program



Facility and Parks Operations

Draft Operating Budget



Facility and Parks Operations

