

ATTACHMENT C

COMPARISON OF OTHER MUNICIPALITIES LOW INCOME PROGRAMS

Municipality	Student	# of Admissions	# Registered Programs	Agency Involved	Eligibility	Application Process
Regional District of Nanaimo (Financial Assistance)	Y	Case by Case	Case by Case	Y	Circumstance Based	Via phone
	Do not promote program online, only promote how to inquire about program. Program is promoted through various social services organizations such as Society of Organized Services. Do not ask for any proof of documentation. Application is very quick and done through Coordinator over the phone typically. Most users are single seniors and families. A quote that stood out was the programmer said " if you're not believing someone who is inquiring is eligible, then you are in the wrong industry." When you set a specific number or guidelines you then can't take into consideration peoples' circumstances such as mental health, bill payments and more.					
Town of Ladysmith (LAP Pass)	Y	50% off	50% off 4 programs / year	N	Line 150 amount or Ministry approval	In person @ Frank Jamieson CC
	If a client has a completed application with the ministry approval box checked, no other paperwork is needed. Goal is to get people registered as fast as possible.					
City of Victoria (Life Pass)	N	Unlimited	Unlimited	N	Line 150 amount	In person @ Recreation Centre.
	Life Pass lifespan is a 2 year term, this decision was made to increase access. For more information the City of Victoria's new program. https://www.victoria.ca/EN/main/residents/facilities/life-program.html					
City of Kamloops (Arch Pass)	N	85% off	85% off	Y	Line 150 amount	In person @ Arch Public Screening Agency
	TRU students are not eligible because they have their own recreation and transit pass through TRU. Recreation department is not involved in the application process, only the promotion of the program. Transit passes are included in the program.					
City of Prince George (Lap Pass)	Y	75% off	75% off	N	Below Low Income Threshold or Ministry Referral	In person @ City Hall
	52 Free swim and skate passes.					

Important Notes: Each application requires very little documentation, I was told this is due to access. The more documentation you require, the less likely people will take the time to join programs. Kyle from Esquimalt which is part of the Life Program said for every one person who abuses it, 100 people enjoy the much needed benefits of the life programs. RDN & Esquimalt mentioned that most people who have passes do not come close to using all of their available benefits. Victoria does not consider it a funded program, rather a loss of revenues through free drop ins.

Gross Household Low Income Cut-offs

updated in 2017 (LICOs)

1 person	2 people	3 people	4 people	5 people	6 people	7 people
\$21,687	\$26,997	\$33,190	\$40,298	\$45,705	\$51,548	\$57,392