

Proposed Core Facilities Contribution Service for Area A residents

Q: What is the purpose of the proposed new Core Facilities Contribution Service?

A: The Town of Golden owns and operates four core facilities which are used extensively by rural area residents. The facilities include: the Golden Civic Centre, the Golden Municipal Pool, the Golden and District Seniors Centre, and the Mount 7 Rec Plex. The Town and the Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) have jointly determined that these facilities require a contribution from rural taxpayers in order to maintain operations, in addition to revenues from rental and user fees. As residents in rural Golden receive economic and social benefits from the use of these facilities, the CSRD is proposing a new tax for rural residents in Area A to support these facilities. In order to establish the new tax, the CSRD must hold a referendum. It will be held in conjunction with the local government general election on Saturday, October 20, 2018.



Q: How much is the contribution to support the four facilities?

A: Through a five-year contribution agreement, the annual payment amounts to 20% of the aggregate net operating cost of \$468,000 for the four facilities. The 20% cost sharing formula represents an annual contribution from Area A property owners of just \$94,000, while the Town's taxpayers will contribute \$374,400. Based on the proposed 2018 budget figure of \$94,000, the residential tax rate for Area A residents will be about \$9.27 per \$100,000 of the assessed value of land and improvements. For the average residential assessment in Area A of \$311,776, this would translate to an annual tax payment of \$28.83. This would take effect in 2019. By contrast, Golden's share of \$374,000 is split across our 6 tax classes with residential and business tax classes paying 87% of that total - or about \$98.87 per \$100,000 of the assessed value of land and improvements.



Public Information Meetings

Monday, September 24, 2018 from 7pm to 8:30pm at the Parson Community Hall

Tuesday, September 25, 2018 from 7pm to 9pm at the Golden Civic Centre



Frequently Asked Questions

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Q: What services and benefits are provided by the Core Facilities?

Mount 7 Rec Plex - This is our most diverse facility, hosting everything from traditional court sports and the immensely popular pickleball drop-in program, to parent and tot play groups and birthday parties. Many local organizations use the space - like the Golden Basketball Association and Aerial Dance, to name a few. It is used for large-scale film festivals and craft faire events; fitness classes and ski swaps; it is utilized for weddings and funerals; and is home to a variety of our own drop-in programming including the long-running winter walking program.

The Golden Pool - A popular summer attraction, the pool is visited by a variety of age groups, fitness levels and regular user groups. Our pool is used by the local schools for physical education classes and is used extensively by the Golden Dolphins Swim Club. We offer public and lane swims and an Aquafit class that sees folks of all ages and abilities out to get low-impact exercise. The addition of the Wibit inflatable play structure has resulted in record-breaking attendance at our Friday evening Public Swims.

Golden Civic Centre – The Civic Centre is used extensively by Town residents, as well as residents of the surrounding rural area. This building hosts the popular Live Kicks program, bringing our residents talented musicians and performers from around the world. It is home to our Purcell Mountain Orchestra and local piano recitals held in the beautiful grand hall. It can also accommodate public meetings and weddings, and features a full industrial kitchen and meeting rooms that can cater to large or small groups.

Golden and District Seniors Centre – This facility is a popular hub for our seniors and recently underwent extensive beautification upgrades with a fresh coat of paint and landscaping around the building. The Centre features fun and inclusive community events like family bingo and soup day which sees residents of all ages in the building. In addition, the facility is used by many local groups and associations like the Rod and Gun Club for banquets and gatherings, features live music events, tea and bake sales, community meetings and craft faire events.

Q: What happens if the referendum fails? What happens if the referendum is successful?

A: If the referendum is successful, we can continue to build on our plan to offer more diverse and inclusive programming to our residents. We are always open to new ideas for programming.

If the referendum fails, the lack of financial support from rural residents could jeopardize the sustainability of recreational and cultural services and the long term viability of these well-used facilities.

BY THE NUMBERS	
WHO IS USING THE FACILITIES?	
Golden Pool	Mt. 7 Rec Plex
Golden - 64%	Golden - 65%
Area A - 36%	Area A - 35%
Civic Centre	Seniors' Centre
Golden - 50%	Golden - 67%
Area A - 50%	Area A - 33%