

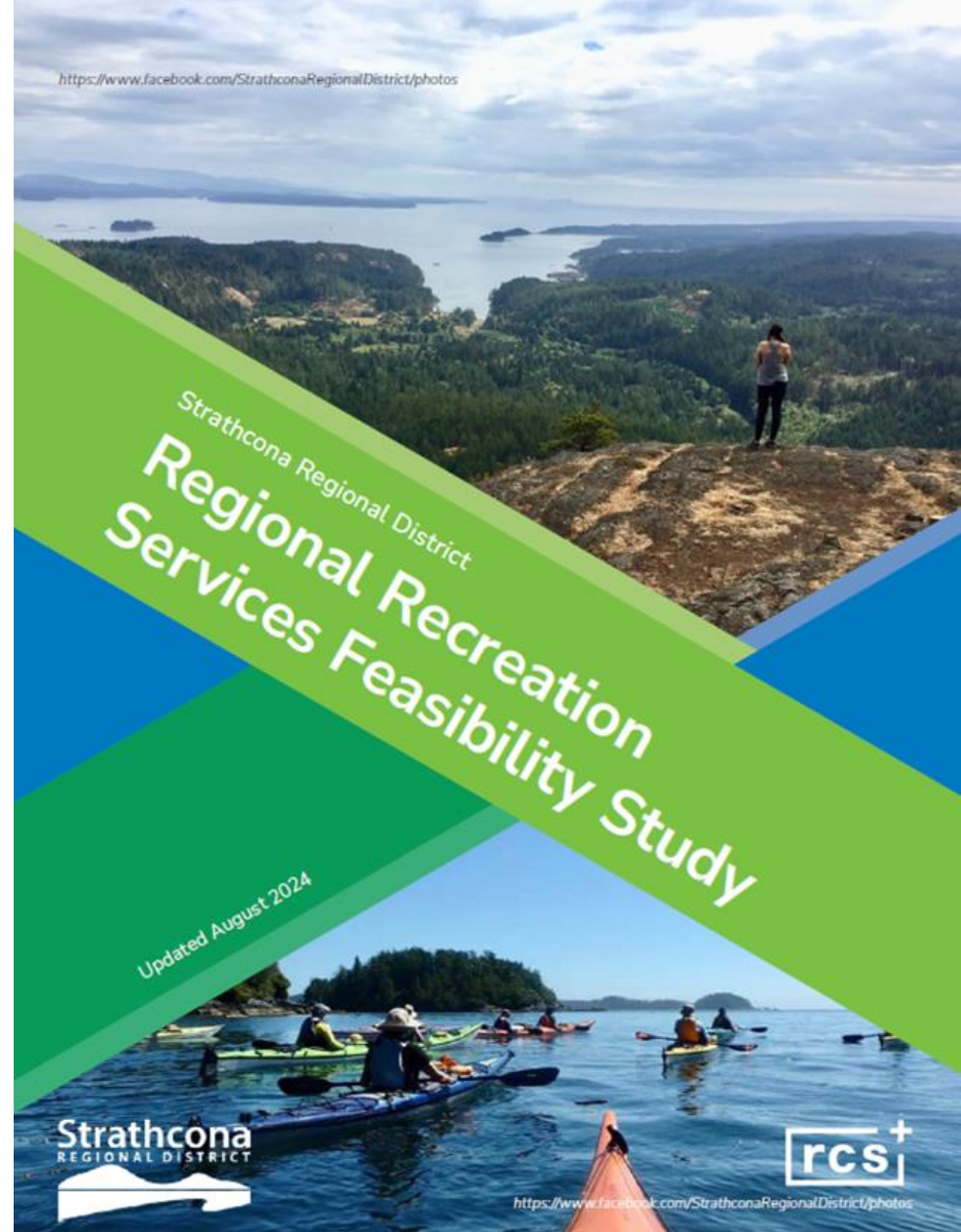
Regional Recreation Services Feasibility Study

Municipal Services Committee – October 9, 2024

The Strathcona Regional District respectfully acknowledges that our corporate office and Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex are located on the traditional unceded territory of the Lig^wil^wda^w people. We also recognize that we operate within the traditional, treaty, and unceded territories of the Ehattesaht / Chinehkint, Homalco, Ka:'yu:'k't'h' / Che: k'tles7et'h', Klahoose, K'ómoks, Kwiakah, Mowachaht / Muchalaht, Nuchatlaht, Tla'amin, Tlowitsis, We Wai Kai and Wei Wai Kum First Nations.

Study Purpose

- Explore the opportunities and challenges of regional collaboration.
- Identify ways in which regional collaboration could occur in the SRD.
- Provide a resource for staff and decision makers that can inform future conversations and potential initiatives.



Levels of Regional Collaboration

Regional Recreation System Optimization

This level of collaboration does not encompass significant or structural changes to how recreation is delivered, but suggests that providers should dialogue and work together more closely. "Easy win" opportunities for joint planning, initiatives, and resource leveraging should be identified that can benefit all providers and lead to increased efficiency, effectiveness, and quality of services.

Funding Services Regional or Sub-Regionally

Selected facilities and/or aspects of service delivery continue to be provided by existing entities but are funded by multiple jurisdictions based on established benefitting area parameters.

Amalgamated Service Delivery

Facility management and direct program delivery are consolidated under a single providers (or a smaller number of providers than currently exists) based on the rationale that doing so would achieve efficiencies and /or improve service delivery quality. This approach would also include a comprehensive regional funding model.

The study suggests that:

1. Regional Recreation System Optimization should be pursued.
2. Sub-Regional Funding should be considered for a handful of facilities.

Opportunities for regional recreation:

1. Recognize that sport & recreation can be a platform to achieve reconciliation. Service provision can align and help achieve the TRC Calls to Action. Encourage collaboration with Indigenous organizations and First Nations in recreation programming.
2. Equity and Inclusion focus. Increase offerings of low barrier programming.
3. Strengthen dialogue and collaboration with municipalities, school divisions, public health and First Nations.

Opportunities for regional recreation:

4. Examine collaboration beyond facilities to include outdoor activities and assets.
5. Further explore funding models for regional or sub-regional facilities.

Next steps