

June 27th, 2024

Saanich Peninsula Piranhas 1185 Forest Park Dr, North Saanich, BC V8L 1H4

Dear Mayor, councillors, and staff,

We are writing to express our support for an idea that we read on social media for the use of the newly acquired lot on Hovey Rd. The Sidney Piranhas would like to give our support to the project of new recreation facilities in Central Saanich, more specifically the possibility of the construction of an outdoor pool.

The Piranhas are a non-profit swim club that has been running for over 30 years out of the Panorama Recreation Centre. We are part of BCSSA (BC Summer Swimming Association) and many clubs in the province use outdoor pools to train and host swim meets. Our club has seen significant growth in the past 5 years (even during COVID), and getting enough pool space to accommodate all of our swimmers is always an issue as we have to share the one pool on the peninsula with the swim lessons, the lap swimmers, and the leisure users.

We would be happy to discuss this idea further.

Melissa Drolet President

On behalf of the Saanich Peninsula Piranhas Executive board members