



Memo

To: Chief Administrative Officer
Date: August 16, 2021
From: Dalton Smith, Lakeview Park Manager
Subject: CLEC, Lakeview Park and Visitors Centre

The Cowichan Lake Outdoor Education and conference centre began official bookings in early July and Camp YES was able to book for two full weeks in July with limited numbers. However, approximately 50/60 youth from all over the province were able to attend the Centre (instead of 80) for camps that last a full week at a time.

Kitchen and Custodial staff are delighted to be back at work. However, we are always in need of experienced kitchen workers as there is a definite shortage of trained people that we can find locally. Our kitchen operates from 6am to 9pm 6/7 days per week during the summer and fall months as booking are confirmed. To date we have confirmed bookings for 5 weeks in August and going through to Sept 3rd including a Forestry group from Simon Fraser university and Tillicum house from Vancouver Island.

Groups are enthusiastic about trying to book the centre however covid concerns and the negative spin off affects that have not allowed organization to plan activities will certainly continue to impact short term bookings I expect until next spring.

Lakeview Park and the public beach has been and is currently run at maximum capacity with more attendance than we have ever experienced and once again COVID has played a role in this increase.

I will provide council with a comprehensive report in the fall when we can take time to review and plan for next year which I feel will be just as busy with "full " signs up for most days during the summer.

The Visitors centre continues to provide great service to visitors, and I expect that when we hopefully get back to more of a variety of travellers from more distant locations, we will have higher numbers of groups and individuals that drop in to ask questions.

Once again in the fall I will provide council with a comprehensive review of the operation.

Dalton Smith