



Memo

To: Chief Administrative Officer
Date: June 11, 2021
From: Dalton Smith, Lakeview Park Manager
Subject: Cowichan Lake Outdoor Education Centre

Subject to changes by the ministry of health we will be opening up the Cowichan Lake Outdoor Education and Conference Centre according to the upcoming changes to covid restrictions.

We have confirmed a new booking that will conform to covid protocols for groups and this weeklong booking is for a week and plans are in place, to welcome this group.

As well we have groups that are scrambling to make some of the summer weeks work for camps that will be limited to regulations, and these are return clients that can plan things quickly.

However, we are not likely to be able to reach capacity until more of the population is fully vaccinated. There may come a time when we can place a condition of rental that only vaccinated people can attend unless they have valid reasons for not getting a vaccination against covid. A big discussion but one that could be necessary given that covid has proven to be a moving target.

Lakeview Park campsite has already passed the first test of a hectic fully booked long weekend with staff doing an excellent job of getting the park ready to accept visitors and attending to the needs of our guest while working within the expected parameters of covid regulations and protocols.

The summer bookings opened online, and the online reservation system was overwhelmed by the number of bookings and funds generated in such a short window.

Perhaps the director of finance may want to make a few comments about that weekend.

The visitors centre is also on a full-time schedule 6 days per week with Wednesday closure during the summer months.

Again, the staff are proving to be very capable and are hoping for more in person visitor contacts so they can be helpful to those in need of local information.

In general, I am looking forward to a busy, productive summer for the Centre, Lakeview Park and the Visitors centre and as always invite Mayor and council to visit anytime that is convenient, either individually or as a group.

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