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Strathcona Gardens - Gradual Reopening for Registered Fitness Opportunities and Pickleball Courts

Campbell River, BC – The Strathcona Regional District (SRD) is advising residents that the Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex will begin a gradual re-opening of some services on the dry floor space in Arena #2 on Wednesday, June 24 at 8:30 a.m.

The Arena #2 dry floor has been reinvented to allow for opportunities that adhere to the two metre physical distancing requirements in accordance with Provincial Health regulations. For a temporary period, the arena has been transformed with 8 individual “fitness pods” that allow for strength and cardiovascular workouts and three sanctioned Pickleball courts. Following the introduction of Pickleball and fitness area; on ice camps, private skating and hockey lessons are scheduled for July, followed by re-introduction of aquatic services for a potential fall start.

“We want to reassure the community that the health and wellness of our patrons and employees is of paramount importance and is at the forefront of all the decisions in our re-opening plans,” said Ryan Christison, Deputy Manager, Strathcona Gardens. “There will be screening during both registration and through a series of questions just prior to accessing the space, and patrons will be reminded of guidelines of use before entering the facility.”

“After months of being away from the facility, we are eager to welcome back our patrons and provide them options to get active and focus on their fitness goals.”

Beginning this Monday June 22nd, patrons are encouraged to visit the website for online bookings or alternatively, call a customer service representative Monday through Friday from 8:30 – 4:30 p.m. to register for a “fitness pod”, Pickleball courts, or upcoming summer ice camps and private skating/hockey lessons. Patrons who are holding account credits may utilize them towards the purchase of these services. A 90-minute indoor Pickleball court rental will cost \$7.00, and an hour reservation in one of the “fitness pods” will be \$5.20.

Ongoing updates on programs, facility planning, and safety plans and protocols can be found on Strathcona Gardens social media channels, and at www.strathconagardens.com/covid-19. To register by phone, call 250-830-6777.

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