

Subject: North Vancouver Rec. Commission Fees - 1993 to 2003

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I just happened to have saved all my NVRC Leisure Guides of the past so...

Speaking about fee increases let's just compare the rates of ten years ago (1993) to today (2003) for simple a public swim.

For a family of 2 adults and 4 children:

1993 \$6.00 (included GST)

2003 \$12.60 (included GST) an increase of 110%

Adults (book of 10 tickets)

1993 (ages 25-64) \$23.00 (includes GST)

2003 (ages 19-64) \$37.20 (includes GST) an increase of 61.7%

For reference the Consumer price index in Vancouver increased by about 19% during this time (while Sep 2002 to Sep 2003 was just 1.8%).

Corrie Kost

Ernie Crist wrote:

> > -----Original Message-----

> > From: Ernie Crist

> > Sent: October 23, 2003 6:26 PM

> > To: Heather Fleming

> > Subject:

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> > Ms Fleming:

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> > According to the minutes of the Joint Meeting of Councils and the Recreation Commission - Oak Room - Sept-18,2003 "Councillor Crist was concerned about the significant raise in rates for seniors a few years ago" (51% plus 3 % for a total of 54% - my comments).

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> > Also according to he minutes, Joyce Parkin in her reply stated "that in 2000, NVRC fitness fees were adjusted to be on par with other municipalities and to reflect the cost of delivering the services". In the minutes it is further stated that the size of the increase was compounded since the fees had been FROZEN for several years previously.

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> > However, in your NVRC Fee History 1995-2003 which I obtained I note the following increases for the year 1995 to 2000.

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> > 1995 from 1994 - 2.1% average increase for all categories

> > 1996 from 1995 - 2.3% average increase for all categories

> > 1997 from 1996 - 2.2% average increase for all categories

> > 1998 from 1997 - 0% average increase for all categories

> > 1999 from 1998 - 6.5% average increase for all categories

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> > While an argument can be made that the increases did not surpass the cost of living index for the years mentioned it is incorrect that the size of the fee increases were frozen for several years before the year 2000 as was stated. Maybe you could clarify the discrepancy between the statement and the facts as I understand them from your chart.

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> > I also note however, that in 2000 the average fee increase is listed as 37% except that the increase for silver plate i.e. seniors, is listed as 15.9% when in reality it was 51% plus 3% in that year as I understand from the extensive discussions we had at the time. I would appreciate having an explanation for that too.

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> > *Thank you,*
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> > *Yours truly*
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