

June 29, 2023

To Whom it May Concern;

On behalf of the Long Lake Rowing and Paddling Centre, we at Berwick on the Lake would like to extend our full support for the plans to improve the Loudon Park and the two clubs (Rowing and NCKC).

We have had the opportunity to partner with the Nanaimo Canoe and Kayak Club to create intergenerational programs for residents of Berwick on the Lake using the dragon boat and Voyageur Canoes. These programs have been instrumental for Seniors during Active Aging Week, and for pure enjoyment throughout the summer months.

The Long Lake Rowing and Paddling Centre played a huge role in supporting Berwick on the Lake's Torch Relay event for the 2022 BC 55+ Summer Games with Ashley Rowe, Commodore for the NCKC. Through our collaboration we had the torch come down the lake from Loudon Park to arrive in style at the other end of the lake to our dock. The organizers of the BC 55+ Games that attended said it was one of the best torch introductions they had seen! Recently the general managers from all eight Berwick sights along with Berwick Retirement Communities CEO, and COO, enjoyed some team building exercises using the dragon boat and had a wonderful time.

We believe that with continued improvements to Loudon Park, residents and staff of Berwick on the Lake will continue to do more activities with safe and secure access to Long Lake.

Sincerely,

Tanya Simpson Active Living Manager Berwick on the Lake