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#### Canadian Rockies Outdoor Learning Centre

The mission of the Outdoor Learning Centre is to “Inspire people to discover, value, protect and enjoy the natural world and benefits it provides for current and future generations”.

The Canadian Rockies Outdoor Learning Centre (CROLC) has experienced its fifth full year of successful programming. Two full time coordinators and one half time coordinator continue to facilitate all programming, course delivery, facility management, and work with our partners. For the second half of the 2018/2019 school year OLC staffing was increased to 3.0 FTE to handle the demand for the programming offered through the Center.

Locally Developed Courses offered through CROLC include Water Experience 15 and 25, Winter Travel 15 and 25, and Bow Valley Active Stewardship. These courses are being offered to students from CRPS as well as surrounding school divisions such as Stoney Education Authority (SEA.)

Summer programming has grown exponentially with additional CALM courses being offered, increased support of international student programs and events, and sustained partnership with YMCA Camp Chief Hector.

For the past four years, the Wilderness Inspiring Leadership Development (WILD) program has been offered to students at CCHS and 2019/2020 sees the addition of the WILD program at BCHS for the first Semester. The WILD program is a combination of outdoor learning and leadership courses. It is a highly successful learning opportunity and the demand for the course has continued to grow for both international students and Bow Valley students in Grades 10-12.

#### Canadian Rockies Outdoor Learning Centre— cont'd

CROLC is very excited to expand outdoor experiential elementary programming into Elizabeth Rummel School and continued programming with Exshaw School. CROLC also supports many of the outdoor education initiatives at all CRPS schools.

CROLC facility rentals have increased with many groups re-booking each year. CROLC is also receiving inquiries from private schools outside of the province regarding access to programs.

The OLC website continues to be updated and new videos added that introduce the viewer to the types of courses offered at the centre. These can be viewed at [olc.crps.ca](http://olc.crps.ca)

#### Rainbow Flag Raising

Banff Community High School requested board approval to hold a rainbow flag raising on October 1, 2019 to coincide with the beginning of the Banff Pride Week celebration. A similar rainbow flag raising event is also planned for CCHS.

This request was approved by the board and continues to support their commitment to diversity and inclusion in both policy and practice.

#### Draft CRPS Learning Calendars

Administration and staff are currently reviewing a draft version of the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 CRPS Learning Calendar. Once all feedback has been received and reviewed, the final version will be brought back to the board for approval.



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A recent decision from the federal government to rescind the tuition agreement that Canadian Rockies School Division and Exshaw School had with the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, dated January 1, 1973, led Superintendent MacPhee to bring forward an agenda item to the Board of Trustees with regard to the future of Exshaw School. The historical and current tuition agreement with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) supports the provision of educational services for First Nations students who live on the Stoney Nation, but choose to attend Exshaw School.

Under the current agreement, Indigenous and Northern Affairs (INAC) is billed annually for the cost of providing educational services at Exshaw School where 99% of the students are First Nations. On August 21, 2019, CRPS received an email stating that the agreement would terminate September 2020 and that the Stoney Education Authority would now be administering the tuition. Additionally, funding would no longer flow through INAC, but instead through Indigenous Services Canada (ISC). A revised funding formula would see a deficit of approximately \$1,700,000 based on current enrolments. CRPS senior administration reviewed all areas of costs at Exshaw School and determined that, based on this revised funding formula, the operation of Exshaw School would not be possible as it currently exists.

#### Funding Changes to Exshaw School—cont'd

A discussion at the September Public School Board meeting centered around three possible options to consider as a response to this new funding change. Furthermore, the board has asked senior administration to continue to work with Stoney Education Authority to clarify the funding formula for 2020.

The board's goal continues to be the maintenance of Exshaw School in its present configuration, with all of the supports currently in place for students who choose to attend.



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