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## CITY OF KELOWNA

# MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** June 21, 2004  
**File No.:** 2280-20-853  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Recreation Services Manager  
**Subject:** Watson Road Community School Agreement with School District #23

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council approve the Joint Use Agreement with School District #23 for Watson Road Community School as attached to the report from the Recreation Services Manager dated June 21, 2004.

### **Discussion:**

In 1998, the City and SD #23 negotiated a joint development and use agreement for a new elementary school in the Glenmore area. This agreement was to incorporate additional space in the school facility and provide for community use and recreation programming in several areas of the facility and playfields. In January 1999 Council approved a five year legal agreement which now needs to be renewed.

The community use and recreation programming includes the gymnasium, multi-purpose room, library, kitchen, community room and school playfields. There are approximately 20 registered programs taking place at Watson Road Community School each season including a licensed after school care program which accommodates children on subsidy. The gymnasium and community room are booked daily with programs for all ages running from 4:00-9:30 pm Monday – Friday including a variety of sports, general interest and cultural art/craft classes. The community room is in use regularly on week days as well for pre-school programs and elementary school classes.

The programming at Watson Road Community School has met our financial expectations and has been very well received by the community. There is a good working relationship between the school district, school principal, and community recreation staff. To ensure a coordinated community based approach to the planning, and scheduling of the school and city facilities, there is communication between the Parents Advisory Council, North and South Glenmore Residents' Associations, School District staff and the City Recreation Coordinator staff.

There have been modifications to the original agreement to reflect the completed construction, the current relationship among the parties, provision for on going community input, and expanded use of the playfields by the City for community sports.

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Recreation Services Manager

P/c Director of Parks and Leisure Services  
Attachment