

# About Senior Fees

## Graphs and Statistics

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### Some Facts to Consider

- recent studies show that older adults have, on average, higher disposable incomes<sup>\*</sup>.
- from 1981 to 1997 the average yearly income of seniors in constant dollars rose 18%<sup>\*</sup>.
- in 1980 low-income among seniors affected 34% of the population whereas in 1997 low-income affected 19% of seniors<sup>\*</sup>.
- the majority of British Columbia cities charge seniors 75% of the adult rate.
- the Park Board facilities affected by this policy include fitness centres, rinks, pools, pitch & putt golf courses, VanDusen Gardens and Bloedel Conservatory. The majority of senior recreation programs are not affected as there are further subsidies through community centre programs (ie: offering dance, crafts, bingo, yoga etc) non-prime time rates, low cost sessions, reduced rates through strip tickets/ passes and the Leisure Access Card for low income individuals.

<sup>\*</sup> Please see *A Portrait of Seniors in Canada (Third Edition)* from Statistics Canada.