



Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

March 31, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Carr's Landing Room, Municipal Hall
10150 Bottom Wood Lake Road
Lake Country, British Columbia V4V 2M1

Council Present: Mayor Blair Ireland
Councillor Bib Patel

Council Absent: Tricia Brett

Staff Present: Nicole Doucet, Parks & Facilities Clerk
Matt Vader, Director Parks, Recreation and Culture
Steve Petryshyn, Parks and Landscape Planner

Committee Members Present: Mike Hazen, Chair
Elisabeth Dahnert
Sheila Gunn
Rob Robertson
Sharon Andreassen
Susan Bauhart
Julie Halfnights - Online

1. Call to Order

We acknowledge that we are conducting our business today on the unceded territory of squilx"/syilx (Okanagan) peoples. As a Committee, we recognize the importance of doing our best to build respectful relationships that contribute to stewarding the land and waters in the community with integrity and consideration for future generations.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda of March 31, 2025 be adopted.

Carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2024 be adopted.

Carried.

4. Chair Appointment

Per the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, a Chair shall be appointed by a majority of the Committee Members at the first meeting of the year.

Mike Hazen is appointed the Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee for the year 2025.

Carried.

5. Pelmewash Parkway Load Restrictions

The item was deferred to a future meeting.

6. 2025 Parks & Recreation Capital Budget Requests

The Parks and Landscape Planner updated the committee on the 2025 Parks and Recreation budget requests that were adopted by Council as part of the 2025 Financial Plan.

7. Community Centre Feasibility Study

The District of Lake Country has acquired the property located at 9718 Bottom Wood Lake Rd. A feasibility study will be undertaken to explore the potential conversion of the existing large-span structure into a multi-use facility that integrates cultural and recreational services as a community hub. The study will identify opportunities, assess community demand, and provide cost estimates to inform future planning and development.

Public Engagement

As part of the public engagement process, the district will be hosting open house sessions at the Multi-generational Activity Centre on the following dates:

- Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

8. Parks & Recreation Project Updates

The Parks and Landscape Planner updated the committee on the current projects along with longer term projects such as but not limited to:

- Mountain Bike Park
- Swalwell Park

- Indigenous Cultural Centre
- Beasley Sport Court
- Coral Beach Court Replacement

Committee Discussions:

How are we mitigating serious weather events at the Bike Park?

- *Parks and Landscape Planner noted that the design of the park has been carefully considered to address environmental concerns. The park will be closed during the winter months, and a comprehensive maintenance plan is in place to mitigate erosion and other weather-related impacts.*

9. New Business

The Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture provided an update to the Committee on the prescribed burning conducted at Jack Seaton Park in collaboration with the BC Wildfire Service.

Committee Discussions:

- *The notice was greatly appreciated by nearby residents.*

10. Next Meeting

Next meeting date June 16, 2025

11. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Mike Hazen, Chair

Nicole Doucet, Recording Secretary