



Minutes

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

April 20, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Carr's Landing Room, Municipal Hall
10150 Bottom Wood Lake Road
Lake Country, British Columbia V4V 2M1

Council Present: Councillor Bib Patel

Council Absent: Mayor Blair Ireland
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
Julie Halfnights
Rebecca Frechette
Rob Robertson
Sheila Gunn

Absent:
Sharon Adreassen
Susan Bauhart

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 7:02pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda of April 20, 2026, be adopted.

Carried.

3. Adoption of Minutes

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2025, 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 2026.

Carried.

5. 2026 Parks Capital Budget Requests

The Parks and Landscape Planner updated the committee on the 2026 Parks budget requests that were adopted by Council as part of the 2026 Financial Plan.

6. Parks & Recreation Project Updates

The Parks and Landscape Planner updated the committee on the following projects,

- Swalwell Park Improvements
- Woodsdale Recreation Park
- Community Centre
- Oyama Isthmus Park
- Coral Beach Park
- Indigenous Cultural Centre & Nature Park
- Okanagan Rail Trail / Raven Ridge Trailhead

Committee Discussions:

Will there be shade sails at the new park in Swalwell?

- *The Parks and Landscape Planner noted there will be shade sails that go up in the spring and taken down in the fall.*

7. Old Business

Pelmewash Parkway Load Restrictions

- The Director of Parks stated that this matter falls outside the scope of Parks operations, as the roadway functions as municipal infrastructure. Jurisdiction for this issue rests with Council and the Engineering Department.

Public Sanitary Dump

- A Committee member noted that there is currently no public sanitary dump available in Lake Country. The Director of Parks confirmed that no such facilities are currently in place and advised that there are a number of competing municipal priorities at this time.

8. New Business

Trail from cemetery road to Hallam drive

- One of the property owners has installed signage indicating private property, restricting public access to the trail. The Director of Parks advised that, as the trail is located on private property, staff are exploring alternative solutions.

Boat Buoys Enforcement

- The Director of Parks informed that boat buoys fall outside of municipal jurisdiction. Transport Canada is responsible for regulating the physical buoys, while authority over the submerged lands rests with the Crown. As such, the municipality does not have legislative authority or regulatory tools available to address this matter.

9. Next Meeting

At the call of the Chair.

10. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:35pm.

Mike Hazen, Chair

Nicole Doucet, Recording Secretary