

Minutes



Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation Commission



Meeting of May 22, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre

Multipurpose Room

1141 Cedar Street, Okanagan Falls, BC

Present: Matt Taylor (RDOS, Director, Electoral Area "D")

Members: Bob Daly (Chair), Allison Symons (Vice Chair), Rick Wilson, Kelvin Hall, Barb Shanks, Mark Beaulieu, Jillian Johnston arrived at 6:41 p.m.

Absent: Laura Adamson, Judy Garner

Recording Secretary: Heather Lemieux (Recording Secretary)

Staff: Matt Weller (RDOS, Sustainability Manager) left meeting at 7:17 p.m.

Guests: None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Quorum Present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the the Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda of May 22, 2025 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the Minutes for the Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation Commission meeting of April 24, 2025 be adopted and all presentations and reports be received as presented.

CARRIED

3. CORRESPONDENCE / DELEGATIONS

None

4. RDOS STAFF REPORTS — M. Weller (RDOS, Sustainability Manager)

- 4.1 Project Pre-Feasibility** – M. Weller (RDOS, Sustainability Manager) presented on project updates, budgets, RDOS operations, blended project finding, approximate project costs and timelines, and contingencies.

Discussed similar projects in the area, logistics, the benefits of multi-purpose spaces, connecting electricity, solar options, accessibility projects, opportunities, community needs, variables, and logistics.

ACTION — M. Weller (RDOS, Sustainability Manager) to distribute picnic shelter and park lighting designs to the commission.

- 4.2 Commission Project Priorities** — The following projects were discussed in priority sequence:

1. Picnic shelter;
2. Swim accessibility; and
3. Park lighting.

ACTION — M. Weller (RDOS, Sustainability Manager) to contact the City of Penticton regarding swimming accessibility, the mobi-mat project, and the appropriateness given the shallow nature of Okanagan Falls beaches.

5. COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- 5.1 Community Connections Project Report** – B. Daly (Chair), A. Symons (Vice Chair) provided an update on strengthening community connections with community partners, leaders of organizations, and clubs.

This is a community project which will be structured and planned in more detail at an upcoming steering committee meeting.

- 5.2 Castanet Aster Article** — Bob Daly (Chair) discussed communication surrounding a recent local news article regarding the endangered short-rayed alkali aster at Christie Memorial Beach.

6. RDOS DIRECTOR'S REPORT — M. Taylor (RDOS, Director, Electoral Area "D")

- 6.1 Incorporation** — M. Taylor (RDOS, Director, Electoral Area "D") reported on conversion of services and assets.

Tentative timelines indicate Letters patent could be finalized in September or October 2025.

ONGOING

- 6.2 Services** — Report heard on existing vs. new services.

7. BUSINESS ARISING

7.1 Volunteer Projects Update — Discussed approved projects, the approval process, order of operations, and signage.

ACTION — B. Daly (Chair) to circulate volunteer project dates to the commission.

7.2 Safety Concerns: Dog Park, Spit Tree Protection — An update was provided on tree roots, stumps, and wildlife considerations. **ONGOING**

7.3 Commission - Annual Timeline — *Spotlight on Volunteers* is currently on the calendar.

7.4 Movies in the Park — Discussed movie licensing, logistics, grants, sponsors, community contributions, and vendors.

8. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING – June 26, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Attachments:

[RDOS Regional Connections](#)

[Parks and Recreation Commission Reference Documents](#)

[Spring Recreation Guide](#)

Project Request Form - (Insert Proj. Title).doc

Commission - Annual Timeline.PDF

Bob Daly (Chair), Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation Commission – Electoral Area “D”



Heather Lemieux, Recording Secretary