



# Minutes



## Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation Commission

Meeting of January 22, 2026, 6:45 p.m.

Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre,  
Multipurpose Room,  
1141 Cedar Street, Okanagan Falls, BC

- Present:** M. Taylor (RDOS, Director, Electoral Area “D”)
- Members:** Bob Daly Chair), Allison Symons (Vice Chair), Judy Garner, Laura Adamson, Mark Beaulieu, Barbara Shanks, Rick Wilson, Kris Lee
- Absent:** Kelvin Hall
- Recording Secretary:** Heather Lemieux (Recording Secretary)
- Staff:** Mark Koch (RDOS, Managing Director of Community & Environmental Services) left meeting at 8:02 p.m., Matt Weller (RDOS, Sustainability Manager) left meeting at 8:02 p.m., Peter Skinner (RDOS, Parks & Facilities Leadhand) left meeting at 8:02 p.m.
- Guests:** None

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 p.m. Quorum Present.

#### ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the the Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda of January 22, 2026 be adopted and all presentations and reports be received 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 October 23, 2025 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 3. CORRESPONDENCE / DELEGATIONS

- 3.1 Okanagan Inclusion Society (OIS)** — Correspondence continues with (OIS) regarding park accessibility.

### 4. RDOS STAFF REPORTS — M. Koch (RDOS, Managing Director of Community & Environmental Services), M. Weller (RDOS, Sustainability Manager), P. Skinner (RDOS, Parks & Facilities Leadhand)

- 4.1 Q4 and Q1 Verbal Activity Reports** — Staff presented on the Okanagan Falls Q4 and the Q1 verbal activity report.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the *Okanagan Falls Q4 Report* be received as presented.

**CARRIED**

- 4.2 2026 Budget — 1st Reading** — The budget package was distributed via email. The 1st reading is complete.

Staff reported on capital planning, planning policy, and capital and operational reserve contributions.

Discussed the importance of planning.

- 4.3 Projects** — Matt reported on upcoming projects and planning.

Discussed park improvements, designs, and feasibilities.

All studies and planning documents will be transferred to the future municipality after incorporation.

### 5. COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- 5.1 Volunteer Projects** — A volunteer project proposal has been submitted to the RDOS. B. Daly (Chair) presented a summary of planned volunteer projects for 2026.

Appreciation was extended to RDOS staff on the support provided for past volunteer projects.

- 5.2 Focus 2026** — Discussed completing carryover projects and concentrating on repairs to buildings, irrigation, and any other assets in 2026.

- 5.3 Kenyon Park Beach Access** — Multiple community members have inquired regarding improving accessibility to the beaches.

Invitation will be offered to community accessibility advocate Annalise Toporowski to attend the next meeting.

**6. RDOS DIRECTOR’S REPORT — M. Taylor (RDOS, Director, Electoral Area “D”)**

M. Taylor (RDOS, Director, Electoral Area “D”) reported on the following:

- 6.1 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) —** Reported on networking activities and funding opportunities.

**7. BUSINESS ARISING**

- 7.1 Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) Response to Keogan Request –** The *ALC Request for Reconsideration — Resolution #505/2020*, was denied.

M. Koch (RDOS, Managing Director of Community & Environmental Services) reported on non-farm use and costs.

Discussed relocating the baseball diamonds to their originally approved locations in the park, determining need through public consultation, funding options, and the approximate cost.

- 7.2 Kenyon House Review —** P. Skinner (RDOS, Parks & Facilities Leadhand) reported on past assessments, inspections, and priorities. No major deficiencies noted.

- 7.3 Skaha Estates' new ‘Park’ —** Discussed park transition plan.

- 7.4 Irrigation System Review —** P. Skinner (RDOS, Parks & Facilities Leadhand) gave an update on park irrigation system assessments, replacement plans, irrigation challenges, repair logistics, and the benefit of newer and more efficient systems.

- 7.5 OK Falls Beach Parks Pole Audit —** P. Skinner (RDOS, Parks & Facilities Leadhand) presented on the Lamppost Audit, attached. No deficiencies noted.

- 7.6 Meetings —** Commission members were reminded to confirm attendance or absence after each month’s agenda is distributed.

Discussed meeting frequency and commission timelines.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**RECOMMENDATION**

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

**CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING –** February 26, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. — Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre, Multipurpose Room

**Attachments:**

[RDOS Regional Connections](#)

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*17 - F.11 Electoral Area D.pdf*

*6 - Schedule E Capital Financial Plan (1).pdf*

*2026 Commission Timeline.pdf*

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

*Reconsideration Request - ALC Resolution #505/2020 - 60109m1.pdf*

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



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Heather Lemieux, Recording Secretary