



Minutes

Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation Commission



Meeting of April 30, 2026, 6:30 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), Rick Wilson, Judy Garner, Laura Adamson, Kelvin Hall, Barbara Shanks
- Absent:** Mark Beaulieu, Kris Lee
- Recording Secretary:** Heather Lemieux (Recording Secretary)
- Staff:** None
- Guests:** Carrie Pickering left meeting at 7:16 p.m., Robert Lavigne left meeting at 7:16 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. Quorum Present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Added 7.5 Canadian Flag — Christie Memorial Park

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the the Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda of April 30, 2026 be adopted as amended and all presentations and reports be received as presented.

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES — March 26, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the Minutes for the Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation Commission meeting of March 26, 2026 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. CORRESPONDENCE / DELEGATIONS

- 3.1 Off-leash Dog Park Proposal** — C. Pickering and R. Lavigne presented a request for an off-leash dog park at Keogan Sports Park.

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT RDOS Staff be consulted by OK Falls Parks and Recreation Commission on an off-leash dog park proposal at Keogan Sports Park based on findings from a pilot project in Naramata, and consideration with the Agriculture Land Commission regarding permitted use in the park.

CARRIED

4. RDOS STAFF REPORTS — Absent

- 4.1 Q1 Okanagan Falls Recreation Quarterly Report** — see attached.

Discussed events, volunteers, bookings, and partners.

ACTION — B. Daly (Chair) to send N. Wigley (Recreation Coordinator) a thank you email.

5. COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- 5.1 Letter re: reclassifying Lions and Kenyon Parks** — J. Garner suggested that the commission request that the RDOS confirm park classifications prior to incorporation.

‘Regional’ and ‘Local’ are the only two applicable park categories.

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the Okanagan Parks & Recreation Commission send a letter to the RDOS Board requesting that Kenyon and Lions Parks be reclassified from Regional to Local Parks.

CARRIED

ACTION — M. Taylor (RDOS, Director, Electoral Area “D”) to prepare a Notice of Motion to correct the incorrect park categories.

- 5.2 Garnet Family Park Volunteers** — B. Daly (Chair) reported on behalf of M. Beaulieu on challenges with volunteer projects, organization, and processes.

- 5.3 Future Options Paper** — B. Daly (Chair) summarized the response to the paper including an overview of services, changes, operations, service levels, asset management, service bylaws, the roles and responsibilities of commissions, liaisons, and volunteers.

Discussed lines of communication.

The commission is in favour of continuing to operate as it is, as opposed to dissolving the commission.

5.4 Mobi Mat Update — The Rick Hansen Foundation Accessibility grant application was denied.

Discussed alternative funding sources.

B. Daly (Chair) will follow up with M. Weller (RDOS, Sustainability Manager) to see if questions such as cost, storage, location, and staffing implications have been addressed so that project is 'shovel ready', in the event that local funding is available.

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

6.1 Parks & Okanagan Falls Boundaries — It has been confirmed that there will be no change to the boundaries that were presented in the original referendum map.

Commission member views were included in the Incorporation Study.

7. BUSINESS ARISING

7.1 Capital 2027 Review and Recommendations — Projects were reviewed in priority sequence.

The commission's top priority is irrigation.

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded in THAT:

- i. Kenyon irrigation replacement to be moved up to 2027;
- ii. Keogan Sports Park irrigation replacement be moved up to 2027; and THAT
- iii. The Keogan Sports Park walking loop be considered to be completed in conjunction with irrigation replacement.

CARRIED

7.2 Friends of Okanagan Falls Parks — B. Daly (Chair) reported on priorities including painting and restoring light lenses.

7.3 Okanagan Falls Connects — Reported on the community event and promotion activities.

7.4 Music in the Park — Community member Bob Shanks has taken the lead role in event planning and coordination.

Commission members who are interested in assisting are invited to volunteer.

7.5 Canadian Flag at Christie Memorial Park — R. Wilson reported that there is a tattered and torn Canadian flag in need of immediate replacement at Christie Memorial Park.

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT a request be sent to RDOS parks staff to replace the Canadian Flag at Christie Memorial Park.

CARRIED

8. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION

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

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING – May 28 , 2026 at 6:30 p.m. — Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre, Multipurpose Room

Attachments:

[RDOS Regional Connections](#)

[Parks and Recreation Commission Reference Documents](#)

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Keogan Off-Leash Dog Park Proposal March 27, 2026.pdf

1b - Keogan Sports Parkpic.JPG

Q1OkanaganFalls.pdf

4a -2026 Area D Project List (13).xlsx

2 letter re parks classificationApr 30.docx

3b -Future Options PaperResponse.docx

2026 Commission Timeline.pdf

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

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



Heather Lemieux, Recording Secretary