



Minutes

Similkameen Recreation Commission

Meeting of September 15, 2026, 6:30 pm

Similkameen Recreation Centre

Present:	Mr. G. Bush - Director, Electoral Area "B", Mr. J. Evans – Village of Keremeos, Sarah Martin - Chair, Eileen Oliver-Bauer, Alexander Rousseau, Jocelyn Reaume
Absent:	Mr. T. Roberts – Director, Electoral Area "G", Trevor Hunter - Alternate, Electoral Area "G", Mr. A. Holley - Alternate, Village of Keremeos, Joseph Domijan, Julia Pepin, Jaime Messina
Staff:	Andy Foster - Manager of Recreation and Facilities, Carole Fittell, Recreation Coordinator
Delegates / Guests:	None

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded that the Agenda of September 15, 2026, be adopted.

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded that the Minutes for the Similkameen Recreation Commission meeting of June 23, 2026, be approved.

CARRIED

3. CORRESPONDENCE / DELEGATIONS

3.1 None

4. RDOS STAFF REPORTS

4.1 Recreation Update

Pool

- Pool sponsorships growing, with new pool and ice sponsorships secured.
- Rehab program well attended with positive feedback; smoke impacted participation.
- Prescribed recreation strong, especially personal training, BCM/ROM, and Aquacise.
- PAT pop-ups more successful at events; themed activities like tie-dye performed well.
- FireSmart event well attended.
- Grist Mill programs successful, particularly yoga, resulting in added sessions.
- Smoke impacted outdoor events; pool and bowling alley provided refuge for Summerland evacuees and residents.
- Bowling bookings and gym memberships increased in September.
- Fall Recreation Guide released; Rec at a Glance available.
- Potential new dance instructor being explored.
- Youth pickleball opportunities being considered.
- Guitar program cancelled.
- Climbing wall evolving into a structured program led by Christine and Toni.
- Completing a small renovation of the bowling alley lanes
- Applying for BC Alliance for Healthy Living Active Communities Grant program
- Received several donations – one quite large

4.2 Feasibility Study Update

- Presentation of PowerPoint from RDOS board presentation providing an overview of process, outcomes and next steps

4.3 Budget / Capital Projects

- Overview (no detailed presentation due to EOC pressures)
 - Pool
 - Operation – Requesting an increase to lifeguard allocation
 - Capital – Planning for referendum
 - Rec Centre
 - operation (in a period of consolidation) – Requesting increase to Transfer to Capital Reserves
 - Capital
 - One New RTU (HVAC)
 - Three spin bikes and one rowing machine

5. COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

5.1 None

6. RDOS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6.1 None

7. BUSINESS ARISING

7.1 None

8. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:15 pm.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING: November 3, 2026, Similkameen Recreation Centre