

COMPARISON TABLE: “PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS DESIGNATION” SECTION

Current Electoral Area Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 2450, 2008	Proposed Electoral Area Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 2905, 2021
<p>12.0 PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS</p> <p>12.1 Background</p> <p>Parks are generally publicly owned areas that provide an opportunity for individuals to pursue leisure and recreation activities. In the Plan Area, parkland includes Crown land, land owned by the Regional District, land zoned for park purposes and land designated as park on a subdivision plan. Parkland also includes land or general areas that the Regional District may have an interest in for park in the future.</p> <p>Some of the types of park and recreation facilities under the Parks, Recreation and Trails (PR) designation in the Plan Area include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Parks: Osoyoos Lake Regional Park is operated and maintained by the Regional District. • Kettle Valley Railway (KVR) Trail: The sections of the KVR Trail that are publically owned and maintained by the Regional District are designated Park, Recreation and Trails. • Provincial Recreation Areas: swiws Provincial Park (formerly Haynes Point) is a provincially designated Recreation Area. <p>The Plan Area also provides diverse recreation opportunities for a range of trail users. Local residents use the trail system for activities ranging from an evening stroll along the KVR to commuting to work from one community to another, to active motorized and non-motorized trail-based recreation. Visitors also frequent the Plan Area’s trails to participate in a wide range of activities from walking and backcountry hiking to cycle touring and off-road vehicle recreation.</p> <p>Together, parks and trails provide a valued amenity for Plan Area residents and visitors and provide important environmental benefits. While the Plan Area includes only one small regional park, the need for additional community parks is moderated both by the area’s small population and the extensive opportunities available on Crown land, area lakes, and in provincial protected areas. It is also a challenge to provide community park services to areas with small, dispersed populations.</p> <p>Provincial legislation authorizes the provision of land to the Regional District as parkland — equivalent in size to 5% of the parcel being subdivided. It is anticipated that acquisition of new land will be focused upon completion of the Kettle Valley Railroad (KVR) trail and improving Osoyoos Lake access, although the Regional District will consider acquiring new parkland as opportunities arise.</p> <p>In 2012, the Regional District adopted a <i>Regional Trails Master Plan</i> that defines future direction, policies, priorities, standards and actions for the Regional District and its partners with respect to existing and potential future linear parks and trails and support of a regional trail network. The plan provides the basic framework to define and guide regional trail development and management through to 2021.</p> <p>See Schedule ‘E’ (Road and Trail Network Plan) for a map of designated trails in the Plan Area.</p>	<p>15.0 PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAILS</p> <p>15.1 Background</p> <p>Parks are generally publicly owned areas that provide an opportunity for individuals to pursue leisure and recreation activities. In the Plan Area, parkland includes Crown land, land owned by the Regional District, land zoned for park purposes and land designated as park on a subdivision plan. 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This MoU confirms the working boundary of the South Okanagan National Park Reserve, which includes 273 square kilometres of natural and cultural landscapes in the t̓xasqn (Mt Kobau), k̓lilx̓w (Spotted Lake), and nk̓lpulax̓w (Kilpoola) areas of the i? nx̓w̓əlx̓w̓əltantət (South Okanagan -</p>

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Similkameen) area, including BC Parks' South Okanagan Grasslands Protected Area, much of which covers the western side of the Plan Area. This national park would protect the area's ecological-diversity and integrity, strengthen relationships between all levels of government, and bring economic opportunities. See Schedule 'C' (Parks, Recreation and Trails) for a map of designated trails in the Plan Area.

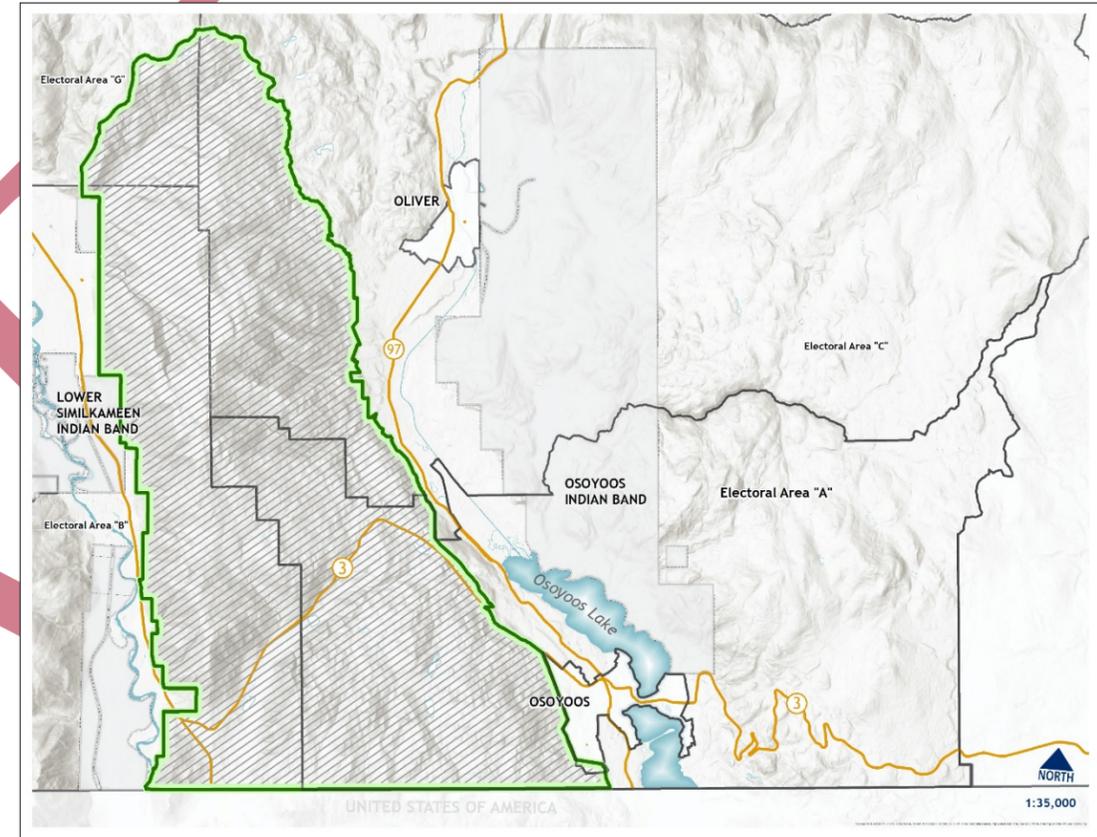


Figure 1: Proposed South Okanagan National Park Reserve

12.2 Objectives

- .1 Provide a level of parks and recreational opportunities that can meet the needs of local residents, within their ability and resources to pay for such facilities.
- .2 Promote recreational opportunities that meet local needs and complement the natural environment and existing resources.
- .3 Improve and maintain public access to park and recreation resources.
- .4 Promote the development of an integrated trail and park system.
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.1 Encourages that all new trail projects are designed and constructed using provincial best management practices, in order to minimize the impact on the natural environment.	.1 Encourages all new trail projects to be designed and constructed using provincial best management practices, in order to minimize the impact on the natural environment.
.2 Seeks to mitigate existing and future conflicts between trail users, agricultural operators and rural landowners.	.2 Seeks to mitigate existing and future conflicts between trail users, agricultural operators and rural landowners.
.3 Encourages trails proposed on agricultural lands, including those located within the ALR, to be developed using Ministry of Agriculture guidelines.	.3 Encourages trails proposed on agricultural lands, including those located within the ALR, to be developed using Ministry of Agriculture guidelines.
.4 Encourages tenure holders to preserve, steward and maintain trails to maintain the integrity of the larger trail system and the natural environments they traverse.	.4 Encourages tenure holders to preserve, steward and maintain trails to maintain the integrity of the larger trail system and the natural environments they traverse.
.5 Encourages the Province to undertake a backcountry recreation planning process.	.5 Encourages the Province to undertake a backcountry recreation planning process.
.6 Encourages relevant provincial agencies and tenure holders to manage public access to the backcountry.	.6 Encourages relevant provincial agencies and tenure holders to manage public access to the backcountry.
.7 Seeks to work with regional partners and local environmental organizations to support wildlife education programs to minimize wildlife/human conflicts on trails.	.7 Seeks to work with regional partners and local environmental organizations to support wildlife education programs to minimize wildlife/human conflicts on trails.
.8 Seeks to work with regional partners to ensure that trails within Plan Area boundaries include adequate parking, bear-proof garbage and recycling receptacles, and signage where feasible and appropriate.	.8 Seeks to work with regional partners to ensure that trails within Plan Area boundaries include adequate parking, bear-proof garbage and recycling receptacles, and signage where feasible and appropriate.
.9 Supports trail use guidelines that promote “leave no trace” trail use.	.9 Supports trail use guidelines that promote “leave no trace” trail use.
.10 Supports the continued public use of Osoyoos Lake Park.	.10 Supports the continued public use of Osoyoos Lake Park.
.11 Supports the designation of the abandoned irrigation canal right-of-way situated west of Osoyoos Lake as Park in order to protect options for future use as a recreation and/or utility corridor.	.11 Seeks to review this Official Community Plan for consistency with any National Park Reserve proposal approved by the Federal Government and which affects lands within the Plan Area.
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	<p>.18 Will consider new parkland dedications at Anarchist Mountain in conjunction with the <i>Regal Ridge Park and Open Space Plan (2011)</i>.</p>
<p>12.4 Parkland Dedication Policies:</p> <p>The Regional Board:</p> <p>.1 For the purposes of Section 510(2) of the <i>Local Government Act</i>, designates the entirety of the Electoral Area covered by this OCP as having future park potential.</p> <p>.2 Recognises that the Plan Area is generally rural in nature, and that when land is acquired it should be focused upon lake accesses, greenways, and trails.</p> <p>.3 May determine, in accordance with Section 510 of the <i>Local Government Act</i>, at the time of a subdivision to which Section 510 applies, whether the owner of land being subdivided must:</p> <p>a) provide without compensation, park land in an amount up to 5% of the land being proposed for subdivision and in a location acceptable to the Regional District; or</p> <p>b) pay to the Regional District an amount that equals the market value of the land that may be required for park land purposes.</p> <p>.4 May consider, when determining a potential park land dedication under Section 510 of the <i>Local Government Act</i>, the following policies:</p> <p>a) proximity to settlement areas, other parks & trails, and bodies of water;</p> <p>b) distance from environmental hazard areas;</p> <p>c) average slope should be 10% or less;</p> <p>d) adequate accessibility:</p> <p>i) vehicular ingress and egress should meet or exceed Ministry of Transportation standards;</p> <p>ii) in the case of trails and pedestrian-access only parks, there should be various linkages to and from the trail or park, with at least one linkage wide enough to allow for maintenance vehicle access;</p> <p>e) cultural or natural features of significance;</p> <p>f) potential for additional dedication of parkland from subdivision applications of surrounding parcels; and</p> <p>g) potential for recreation (active park), conservation (passive park) or enhancement of public access.</p> <p>.5 Considers that park land proposals should provide a benefit for the community and those lands with no benefit to the community should not be accepted.</p> <p>.6 Strongly prefers that land being considered for parkland be maintained in its natural state and should not be cleared. Cleared and disturbed lands should only be accepted where the proposed parkland is to be used for recreational uses which require cleared lands, or can be reclaimed for park purposes.</p> <p>.7 Encourages developers to dedicate greater than 5% parkland in areas where parkland is desired.</p>	<p>15.4 Parkland Dedication Policies</p> <p>The Regional Board:</p> <p>.1 For the purposes of Section 510(2) of the <i>Local Government Act</i>, designates the entirety of the Electoral Area covered by this OCP as having future park potential.</p> <p>.2 Recognises that the Plan Area is generally rural in nature, and that when land is acquired it should be focused upon lake accesses, greenways, and trails.</p> <p>.3 May determine, in accordance with Section 510 of the <i>Local Government Act</i>, at the time of a subdivision to which Section 510 applies, whether the owner of land being subdivided must :</p> <p>a) provide without compensation, park land in an amount up to 5% of the land being proposed for subdivision and in a location acceptable to the Regional District ; or</p> <p>b) pay to the Regional District an amount that equals the market value of the land that may be required for park land purposes.</p> <p>.4 May consider, when determining a potential park land dedication under Section 510 of the <i>Local Government Act</i>, the following policies:</p> <p>a) proximity to settlement areas, other parks & trails, and bodies of water;</p> <p>b) distance from environmental hazard areas;</p> <p>c) average slope should be 10% or less ;</p> <p>d) adequate accessibility:</p> <p>i) vehicular ingress and egress should meet Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure standards;</p> <p>ii) in the case of trails and parks with pedestrian only access, there should be various linkages to and from the trail or park, with at least one linkage wide enough to allow for maintenance vehicle access;</p> <p>e) cultural or natural features of significance;</p> <p>f) potential for additional dedication of parkland from subdivision applications of surrounding parcels; and</p> <p>g) potential for recreation (active park), conservation (passive park) or enhancement of public access.</p> <p>.5 Considers that park land proposals should provide a benefit for the community and those lands with no benefit to the community should not be accepted.</p> <p>.6 Strongly prefers that land being considered for parkland be maintained in its natural state and should not be cleared. Cleared and disturbed lands should only be accepted where the proposed parkland is to be used for recreational uses which require cleared lands or can be reclaimed for park purposes.</p>

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