

Minutes



Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation Commission



Meeting of May 28, 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, Kelvin Hall, Barbara Shanks, Mark Beaulieu, Kris Lee

Absent: Laura Adamson

Recording Secretary: Heather Lemieux (Recording Secretary)

Staff: None

Guests: Ethan Ribalkin (Okanagan Falls Business & Community Association) left meeting at 7:09 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Quorum Present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the the Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation Commission Agenda of May 28, 2026 be adopted and all presentations and reports be received as presented.

CARRIED

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES — April 30, 2026

Corrected the Recommendation under 7.1, i. from 2028 to 2027.

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the Minutes for the Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation Commission meeting of April 30, 2026 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

3. CORRESPONDENCE / DELEGATIONS

- 3.1 Beach Volleyball** — E. Ribalkin (Okanagan Falls Business & Community Association) presented a proposal for beach volleyball courts in Okanagan Falls waterfront parks with a suggestion of use of a section of Kenyon Park rather than right on the beach. The presentation left questions about cost, design, maintenance, and management. The commission asked for this information before further consideration of the project.

4. RDOS STAFF REPORTS — Absent

None

5. COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS

- 5.1 Keogan Sports Park** — B. Daly (Chair) reported on a meeting held with M. Taylor (RDOS, Director, Electoral Area “D”), M. Koch (RDOS, Managing Director - Community and Environmental Services), J. Shuttleworth (RDOS, Manager of Parks), and commission Chair on the future use of Keogan Sports Park.

Reviewed the history of the Agriculture Land Commission (ALC) and the park as well as the master plan configuration for the park with the consolidation of net sports and the possibility of relocating the baseball field to the Northwest corner.

The commission is not certain how and when to approach ALC, however was favourable to the plan.

Discussed park irrigation deficiencies. Since this is a capital request by the commission, it will be reviewed further.

Discussed the off-leash dog park use. The commission awaits a review of Naramata’s off-leash dog park pilot project before any further consideration.

ACTION — RDOS Staff to redistribute the parks master plan to commission members via email.

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

- 6.1 Park History** — Report heard on park history and acquisition.

Discussed a letter by commission member J. Garner to be sent to Premiere David Eby to leave Okanagan Falls’ waterfront parks within the boundary and in control of the new municipality.

Concern heard that the letter not come directly from Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation Commission, but rather, signing members be identified as commission members.

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the letter drafted by J. Garner be sent to Premiere David Eby, associated ministers, the area's MLA with all agreed commission members as signatories

CARRIED/UNANIMOUSLY

7. BUSINESS ARISING

- 7.1 Letter re: Re-Classification of Lions and Kenyon Parks** — B. Daly (Chair) published an article in the June 2026 issue of Skaha Matters in regards to park re-classification.
- 7.2 Off-leash Proposal** — Discussed liability and community feedback considerations.
- 7.3 Mobi Mat** — Discussed cost, installation methods, and maintenance. The commission requests another report from RDOS Staff without grant funding.
- 7.4 Flag** — The flag replacement is complete and positive feedback has been received.
- 7.5 "Friends" of OK Falls Parks Projects** — Discussed bandshell clean-up.
- 7.6 OK Falls Connects Information** — OK Falls Connects will be hosting another gathering and celebration of the area's community groups.

The event is being planned for September 13, 2026 at Kenyon Sports Park.

A grant from Community Foundations has been received
- 7.7 Projects** — B. Daly (Chair) reported that some projects have been removed from the main project list.

8. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION

It was Moved and Seconded THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

CARRIED

NEXT MEETING – June 25, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. — Okanagan Falls Recreation Centre, Multipurpose Room

Attachments:

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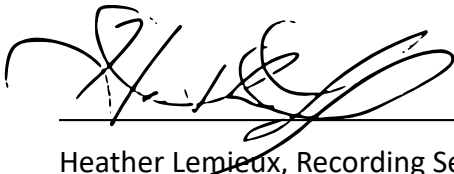
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2026 Commission Timeline.pdf

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



Heather Lemieux, Recording Secretary