



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

ALL RECREATION COMMITTEE OPEN MEETING MINUTES

1:00P.M.

April 1, 2026

To promote openness, transparency and provide accessibility to the public we provide the ability to attend all RDCK meetings in-person or remote (hybrid model).

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member G. Jackman	Electoral Area A	In-Person
Committee Member R. Tierney	Electoral Area B	Online
Committee Member K. Vandenberghe	Electoral Area C	Online
Committee Member A. Watson	Electoral Area D	In-Person
Committee Member C. Graham	Electoral Area E	Online
Committee Member T. Newell	Electoral Area F	In-Person
Committee Member H. Cunningham	Electoral Area G	In-Person
Committee Member W. Popoff	Electoral Area H	In-Person
Committee Member A. Davidoff	Electoral Area I	Online
Committee Member H. Hanegraaf	Electoral Area J	Online
Committee Member T. Weatherhead	Electoral Area k	Online
Committee Member M. McFaddin	Castlegar	In-Person
Committee Member A. DeBoon	Creston	Online
Committee Member S. Hewat	Kaslo	In-Person
Committee Member A. McLaren-Caux	Nakusp	Online
Alt. Committee Member J. Woodward	City of Nelson	In-Person
Committee Member D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo	In-Person
Committee Member T. Gordon	Village of Silverton	Online
Committee Member J. Lunn	Slocan	Online

MEMBERS ABSENT

Director L. Casley

STAFF

Trisha Davison	General Manager of Community Services
Craig Stanley	Regional Manager – Operations & Asset Management
Sarah Fuhr	Communications and Community Engagement Lead
Mark Crowe	Regional Park and Trails Planner
Tia Wayling	Regional Programming Manager
Stuart Horn	CAO

Cary Gaynor
Jenna Chapman

Regional Parks and Trails Manager
Meeting Coordinator

19 out of 20 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, A. Watson called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (3 Times)

Director W. Popoff nominated Director McFaddin

DECLARATION OF ELECTED OR ACCLAIMED CHAIR

RDCK Board Chair A. Watson ratifies the appointed Director McFaddin as Chair of the All-Recreation Committee for 2026.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the April 1, 2026, All Recreation Committee meeting, be adopted as circulated with the inclusion of the following items

- Item 7 (7.6) KIJHL

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The October 29, 2026, All Recreation Committee minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATE

6.1 There are no Delegates scheduled for this Committee meeting.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 2026/2027 Community Services Fees & Charges Schedule

The Committee Report dated April 1, 2026, from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, re: 2026/2027 Community Services Fees & Charges Schedule, has been received. Key notable discussion points include:

- The Committee reviewed the proposed 2026/2027 Community Services Fees and Charges Schedule, with implementation recommended for September 8, 2026, as outlined in Appendix A.
- The update reflects ongoing work to align fees with a consistent, transparent methodology tied to the actual cost of service delivery.
- A presentation was provided summarizing the content of the staff report.
- Proposed Fees and Charges for the upcoming year were presented, with an effective date of September 8, 2026.

- The process for set fees and charges reflects the efforts from prior analysis and the philosophies used to date.
- Changes to fees within the schedule are summarized in the Appendix.
- Arena fees remain significantly below target rates; however, a strategy is in place to continue to address this over time.
- For fees not included within this schedule, a standard increase of 1.8% will be applied in alignment with CPI.
- Admission fee process for Salmo pool will be reviewed at the next Recreation Commission No. 7 meeting, with consideration to implementing a set fee rather than a per-donation structure.
- Director Lockwood requested clarification on the hourly rental cost for the Salmo pool.
- It was noted that the fee schedule should clarify charges on a per-court basis, and this information can be incorporated into the schedule.
- The schedule is to be amended to reflect per-court fees and to include Salmo pool admission.

Moved and seconded,

AND Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board approves the following schedule of Fees and Charges for Admissions be implemented for September 8, 2026: As per- Appendix A as Amended

Carried

7.2 Financial Access & Inclusion Policy – Leisure Access Program Review

The Committee Report dated April 1, 2026, from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, re: Financial Access & Inclusion Policy – Leisure Access Program Review has been received. Key notable discussion points include:

- In July 2025, minor administrative adjustments were implemented to provide greater flexibility within the program.
- Staff noted that the program has now been in place for a full year, allowing for ongoing monitoring and evaluation of its effectiveness.
- Participation levels have increased, particularly among youth, indicating improved access and uptake.
- The program continues to support access for children, reinforcing its intended community benefit.
- It was acknowledged that changes to program structure have resulted in some initial patron confusion. Staff have dedicated significant time to supporting understanding and transition, including targeted communications and public education led by Communications Lead, Sarah Fuhr.
- Staff highlighted the strength of available data for this program compared to others, noting that the application-based process enables more comprehensive data collection and analysis.

DIRECTOR PRESENT: Director Cunningham joined the meeting at 1:39 p.m.

Moved and seconded,

AND Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board direct staff to do a feasibility study on the addition of an account level subsidy for the Leisure Access Program.

Carried

7.3 Community Services – Punch Pass Review

The Committee Report dated April 1, 2026, from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, re: Community Services – Punch Pass Review has been received. Key notable discussion points include:

- Nelson and Salmo provide the most complete datasets.
- Information from Nelson and Salmo is being used as the primary source for the current dataset.
- The data reflects an average across both youth and adult populations.

7.4 Regional Parks – Information, Updates and Planning

The Committee Report dated April 1, 2026, from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, re: Regional Parks – Information, Updates and Planning has been received. Key notable discussion points include:

- This presentation is supplementary to the materials previously provided.
- The report is available online, as well as through social media, printed materials, and the RDCK newsletter.
- A Parks Map will be utilized to help users understand park locations and the areas in which they are situated.
- The Parks Map is part of an ongoing initiative by the team to present parks in a more accessible and visually engaging format.
- Parks will be included in the Program Guide.
- Social media channels will be used to promote RDCK parks.
- Promotion of RDCK parks must be balanced with existing operational priorities and daily responsibilities.
- Opportunities to engage residents, such as contests or interactive initiatives—are being considered to encourage community participation.
- Municipal partners are encouraged to include relevant links in their communications.

- A list of Parks initiatives and projects was shared with the Committee. Upwards of 52 initiatives were identified. Staff are working through a process to identify and share what projects are a priority. How this is determined will be reported out at the various Commissions and Committees that have parks.
- Clear definitions of permitted activities within parks should be provided to the public.
- Parks Report should be made available at Tourism Information Centres.
- The development of an Ambassador Program was suggested as a potential initiative.

DIRECTOR ABSENT: Director Weatherhead left the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

RECESS/ The meeting recessed at 2:33 p.m. for a short break and reconvened at

RECONVENE 2:40 p.m.

7.5 Projects Overview

The Committee Report dated April 1, 2026, from Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager, Re: Projects Overview, has been received. Key notable discussion points include:

- **Program Costing Analysis**
Work continues to establish a standardized approach to identifying the full cost of recreation program delivery to support consistent pricing and alignment with the Fees & Charges Policy. Staff are developing training and implementation materials, with a comprehensive update scheduled for the June 2026 Committee meeting. Initial application will inform small fee adjustments for the 2027 season.
- **Funded Training (Aquatics & Fitness)**
Program refinements implemented in Fall 2025 improved candidate selection and clarified eligibility. Aquatic training restructuring has strengthened hiring outcomes following a decline in applications in 2025. Fitness training now offers no-cost registration for approved candidates; staff are addressing instructor capacity challenges following the departure of a contract instructor. Regional outreach has been conducted, with school engagement planned to renew interest in aquatics and fitness careers.
- **Allocation Review**
Progress continues improving implementation of the Recreation Allocation Policy. An updated allocation timeline was shared with user groups in January 2026 and received positive feedback. Staff are developing a standardized allocation request form and updating procedures to improve clarity, coordination, and fairness across facilities. Recommendations on minimum public pool access will be brought forward in June 2026, with full implementation of new processes planned for the 2027 season.

7.6 KIJHL

Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management provided the Committee with an update pertaining to the KIJHL.

- Staff have been formally notified of the changes to the organizational structure.
- Two franchises have transitioned into membership within a newly established league.
- The Nelson Leaf's are not participating in the new league and will continue as members of the Kootenay International Junior Hockey League (KIJHL).
- Three organizations currently hold long-term agreements that have either expired or are approaching expiry.
- These agreements are held with non-profit organizations.
- Staff will come back to the Committee for direction pertaining to the three (3) agreements.

8 PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public at 3:09 p.m.

9 NEXT MEETING

The next All Recreation Committee meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2026, at 9:00a.m.

10 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The All Recreation Committee meeting be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

M. McFaddin Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. That the Board approves the following schedule of Fees and Charges for Admissions be implemented for September 8, 2026: As per- Appendix A as Amended
2. That the Board direct staff to do a feasibility study on the addition of an account level subsidy for the Leisure Access Program.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.

Future All Recreation Committee Meetings

1. Donations at Salmo will be reviewed at the next Recreation Commission No. 7 meeting, with consideration to implementing a set fee rather than a per-donation structure.
2. Staff will come back to the Committee for direction pertaining to the three (3) agreements.



Appendix A – Community Services 2026/2027 Fees and Charges

DRAFT PROVIDED TO ALL RECREATION COMMITTEE – April 1, 2026

Admission Fees

Admission charges as of September 8, 2026, for the following services:

- Creston and District Community Facilities, Recreation and Leisure Service Area (S224)
- Nelson and District Community Facilities, Recreation and Leisure Service Area (S226)
- Castlegar and District Regional Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Service Area (S222)
- Castlegar and Area Indoor Aquatic Centre Local Service Area (S227)
- Salmo and Area G Recreational Program Service (S230)*

FEE TYPE	AMOUNT	UNIT
Single Admission Fees		
Adult	\$8.53	Single
Youth	\$4.27	Single
Child	\$0.00	Single
Golden Guest (75 +)	\$0.00	Single
Family Unit	\$17.06	Single
Salmo and District Fitness Centre Adult* - Fitness Centre	\$6.40	Single
Salmo and District Fitness Centre Adult* - Gym	\$3.38	Single
Salmo and District Fitness Centre Youth* - Fitness & Gym	\$3.21	Single
Ten Single Admission Pass		
Adult	\$76.78	10 Single (Expire in 1 year)
Youth	\$38.39	10 Single (Expire in 1 year)
Salmo and District Fitness Centre Adult*	\$57.63	10 Single (Expire in 1 year)
Salmo and District Fitness Centre Youth*	\$28.86	10 Single (Expire in 1 year)
One Month Pass		
Adult	\$76.78	1 Month
2 nd Adult same household	\$69.11	
Youth	\$38.39	1 Month
With the Purchase of Adult One Month Pass	\$34.55	
Salmo and District Adult*	\$57.63	1 Month
2 nd Salmo and District Adult*	\$51.87	
Salmo and District Youth*	\$28.86	1 Month
With the purchase of an Adult One Month Pass*	\$25.98	

Three Month Pass		
Adult	\$195.78	3 Months
2 nd Adult same household	\$176.21	
Youth	\$97.89	3 Months
With the Purchase of Adult Three Month Pass	\$88.10	
Salmo and District Adult*	\$146.96	3 Months
2 nd Salmo and District Adult*	\$136.92	
Salmo and District Youth*	\$73.59	3 Months
With the purchase of an Adult Three Month Pass*	\$66.23	
Six Month Pass		
Adult	\$345.50	6 Months
2 nd Adult same household	\$310.95	
Youth	\$172.75	6 Months
With the Purchase of Adult Six Month Pass	\$155.48	
Salmo and District Adult*	\$259.34	6 Months
2 nd Salmo and District*	\$233.41	
Salmo and District Youth*	\$129.88	6 Months
With the purchase of an Adult Six Month Pass*	\$116.89	
Golden Guest Pass		
Golden Guest Pass	\$0.00	1 Year

The definitions to be used when interpreting the table are:

- **Child Fee:** is an admission/membership fee for an individual to 4 years of age;
- **Youth Fee:** is an admission/membership fee for an individual 5 to 18 years of age;
- **Adult Fee:** is an admission/membership fee for an individual 19 to 74 years of age;
- **Golden Guest Fee:** is a yearly membership fee for an individual 75 years of age and over;
- **Family Unit Fee:** is an admission fee for up to five people with two adults max. Families are classified as adults with accompanying dependents.

** Salmo and District Fitness Centre has a different admission fee structure as the Service provides fitness services all year and only seasonal aquatic services. Salmo's single fee structure is 75% of the RDCK single fee structure.*

Aquatic Rental Rates

Rental charges as of September 8, 2026, for the following services:

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- Nelson and District Community Facilities, Recreation and Leisure Service Area (S226)
- Castlegar and Area Indoor Aquatic Centre Local Service Area (S227)
- Salmo and Area G Recreational Program Service (S230)*

Nelson and Castlegar and District Complexes

Rental Type	Amount	Unit
Per Lap Lane Rental Fees		
Youth Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$19.99	Per Hour
Adult Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$29.99	Per Hour
Fundraising or Non-Profit Special Event	\$39.99	Per Hour
Commercial Usage	\$49.98	Per Hour
Lap Pool Rental Fees		
Youth Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$113.30	Per Hour
Adult Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$173.01	Per Hour
Fundraising or Non-Profit High-Profile Event	\$226.61	Per Hour
Commercial Usage	\$278.25	Per Hour
Leisure Pool Rental Fees: Full Pool		
Youth Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$37.77	Per Hour
Adult Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$56.65	Per Hour
Fundraising or Non-Profit High-Profile Event	\$75.54	Per Hour
Commercial Usage	\$92.75	Per Hour
Leisure Pool Rental Fees: Half Pool		
Youth Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$18.88	Per Hour
Adult Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$28.33	Per Hour
Fundraising or Non-Profit High-Profile Event	\$37.77	Per Hour
Commercial Usage	\$46.38	Per Hour
Whole Pool Atrium Rental Fee		
Youth Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$188.84	Per Hour
Adult Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$283.26	Per Hour
Fundraising or Non-Profit High-Profile Event	\$377.68	Per Hour
Commercial Usage	\$463.75	Per Hour

Salmo and Creston and District Community Complex

Rental Type	Amount	Unit
Per Lap Lane Rental Fees		
Youth Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$19.99	Per Hour

Adult Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$29.99	Per Hour
Fundraising or Non-Profit High-Profile Event	\$39.99	Per Hour
Commercial Usage	\$49.98	Per Hour
Lap Pool Rental Fees		
Youth Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$95.69	Per Hour
Adult Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$142.99	Per Hour
Fundraising or Non-Profit High-Profile Event	\$191.93	Per Hour
Commercial Usage	\$239.91	Per Hour
Whole Pool Atrium Rental Fee (Creston Only)		
Youth Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$188.84	Per Hour
Adult Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$283.26	Per Hour
Fundraising or Non-Profit High-Profile Event	\$377.68	Per Hour
Commercial Usage	\$463.75	Per Hour

Nelson and Creston and District Community Complexes

Rental Type	Amount	Unit
Teach Pool Rental Fees		
Youth Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$37.77	Per Hour
Adult Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$56.65	Per Hour

Arena Rental Rates

Rental charges as of September 8, 2026, for the following services:

- Creston and District Community Facilities, Recreation and Leisure Service Area (S224)
- Nelson and District Community Facilities, Recreation and Leisure Service Area (S226)
- Castlegar and District Regional Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Service Area (S222)
- NOTE: Prime rates apply for ice rentals on statutory holidays, all spring and summer ice rentals, and as of 3:00pm on weekday evenings and all day on weekends during the core season.

Facility	Summer Season	Core Season	Spring Season
Nelson & District Complex	Monday of the 2 nd full week in August	September 1 to March 31	April 1 to April 15
Creston & District Complex	Monday of the 3 rd full week in August	September 1 to March 31	No Spring Ice
Castlegar & District Complex	Monday of the last full week in August	September 1 to March 31	No Spring Ice

	2026-27 Rental Rates		
	Nelson	Castlegar	Creston
Arena: Ice Rentals			
Youth Recreation Prime (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$150.02	\$121.121	\$102.50
Youth Recreation: Non-Prime (75% of prime) (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$112.52	\$90.84	\$76.88
Representative Practices	\$150.02	\$112.56	As per contract
Representative Games	\$172.26	\$648.27	As per contract
Adult Recreation: Prime (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$235.76	\$198.55	\$186.13
Adult Recreation: Non-Prime (75% of prime) (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$176.83	\$148.91	\$139.60
Partial Concourse Rate only: Youth Recreation	\$14.62	NA	NA
Partial Concourse Rate only: Adult Recreation	\$21.95	NA	NA
Partial Concourse Rate only: Fundraiser or Non-Profit	\$29.27	NA	NA
Partial Concourse Rate only: Commercial	\$36.59	NA	NA
Partial Concourse Rate only: All Day Fundraiser or Non-Profit	\$131.73	NA	NA
Partial Concourse Rate only: All Day Commercial	\$219.56	NA	NA
Fundraising or Non-Profit High-Profile Event	\$319.30	\$319.30	\$319.30
Commercial Usage	\$383.15	\$383.15	\$383.15
Arena: Dry Floor Rentals			
Youth Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$66.98	\$66.98	\$66.98
Adult Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$100.48	\$100.48	\$100.48
Fundraising or Non-Profit High-Profile Event	\$133.97	\$133.97	\$133.97
Commercial Usage	\$160.76	\$160.76	\$160.76
All Day Fundraising or Non-Profit High-Profile Event*	\$1,205.72	\$1,205.72	\$1,205.72
All Day Commercial	\$1,446.86	\$1,446.86	\$1,446.86

*Note: For reference only, the All Day rate has been calculated based on 10 hours of the hourly rate less 10%.

Room Rentals

Rental charges as of September 8, 2026, for the following services:

- Creston and District Community Facilities, Recreation and Leisure Service Area (S224)
- Nelson and District Community Facilities, Recreation and Leisure Service Area (S226)
- Castlegar and District Regional Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Service Area (S222)
- Castlegar and Area Indoor Aquatic Centre Local Service Area (S227)
- North Shore Hall Service (S211)
- New Denver Gymnasium (S229)

Rental Type	2026/2027	Unit
Large Multipurpose Room		
Youth Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$61.61	Per Hour
Adult Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$92.58	Per Hour
Fundraising or Non-Profit High Profile Event	\$123.23	Per Hour
Commercial Usage	\$154.03	Per Hour
Medium/Small Multipurpose Room		
Youth Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$20.65	Per Hour
Adult Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$30.97	Per Hour
Fundraising or Non-Profit High Profile Event	\$41.29	Per Hour
Commercial Usage	\$51.60	Per Hour
Room Rental Maximums		
	2026/2027	Unit
Large Multipurpose Room		
Fundraising or Non-Profit High Profile Event	\$554.51	Per Day
Commercial Usage	\$924.23	Per Day
Medium/Small Multipurpose Room		
Fundraising or Non-Profit High Profile Event	\$185.81	Per Day
Commercial Usage	\$309.65	Per Day

Field/Park Rental Rates

Rental charges as of September 8, 2026, for the following services:

- Castlegar and District Regional Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Service Area (S222)
- Creston and District Community Facilities, Recreation and Leisure Service Area (S224)
- Regional Parks – Creston and Areas B and C (S201)
- Regional Parks - Nelson, Salmo and Areas E, F, and G (S202)
- Regional Parks – New Denver, Silverton, Slocan and Area H (S203)
- Regional Parks – Area A (S205)
- Recreation Commission No. 8 – Area H South (S231)

Rental Type	Amount	Unit
Field Rental Fees		
Youth Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$25.78	Per Hour
Adult Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$38.65	Per Hour
Fundraising or Non-Profit High-Profile Event	\$51.54	Per Hour
Commercial Usage	\$64.43	Per Hour
Outdoor Per Court Rental Fees (Pickleball, Tennis, Sport, Volleyball)		
Youth Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$8.14	Per Hour
Adult Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$12.22	Per Hour
Fundraising or Non-Profit High-Profile Event	\$16.29	Per Hour
Commercial Usage	\$20.36	Per Hour
Shelter Rental Fees (Pavilion, Gazebo)		
Youth Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, School Groups)	\$10.85	Per Hour
Adult Recreation (Regular, Private, Community Events, Post-Secondary School Groups)	\$16.56	Per Hour
Fundraising or Non-Profit High-Profile Event	\$21.70	Per Hour
Commercial Usage	\$27.14	Per Hour