



Regional District of Central Kootenay
NELSON, SALMO, E, F, AND G REGIONAL PARKS COMMISSION
Open Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026
Time: 9:00 am
Location: RDCK Board Room, 202 Lakeside Dr., Nelson, BC

Directors will have the opportunity to participate in the meeting electronically. Proceedings are open to the public.

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1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

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Meeting Time:

9:00a.m. PST

Join by Video:

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Join by Phone:

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Meeting ID: 946 8983 1356

Meeting Password: 672792

In-Person Location: RDCK Head Office - Boardroom - 202 Lakeside Drive

2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Page called the meeting to order at [Time] a.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:
The Agenda for the April 8, 2026 Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Regional Parks Commission meeting be adopted as circulated.

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES 3 - 6
The January 28, 2026 Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Regional Parks Commission minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATE
There are no Delegates scheduled for this Commission meeting.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Workshop Planning – Process for Municipal Grant and Capital Funding Requests 7 - 12
The Commission Report dated April 8, 2026 from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, re: Workshop Planning – Process for Municipal Grant and Capital Funding Requests, has been received.

7.2 Taghum Beach Regional Park Improvement Plan 13 - 14
The Commission Report dated April 8, 2026 from Mark Crowe, Regional Parks and Trails Planner, re: Taghum Beach Regional Park Improvement Plan, has been received.

8. PUBLIC TIME
The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at ____ a.m./p.m.

9. NEXT MEETING
The next Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Regional Parks Commission meeting is scheduled for June 10, 2026 at 9:00a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:
The Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Regional Parks Commission meeting be adjourned at [Time].



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

**NELSON, SALMO, AREAS E, F AND G REGIONAL PARKS
COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**9:00 a.m.
January 28, 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).

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Commissioner K. Page	City of Nelson
Commissioner D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo
Commissioner C. Graham	Area E
Commissioner T. Newell	Area F
Commissioner H. Cunningham	Area G

STAFF

Joe Chirico	General Manager – Community Services
Chris Jury	Chief Financial Officer
Craig Stanley	Regional Manager – Operations & Asset Management
Trisha Davison	Regional Manager – Recreation & Client
Cary Gaynor	Regional Parks Manager
Mark Crowe	Regional Parks Planner
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

5 out of 5 voting Commission/Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS (3 Times)

Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services called for nominations a first time.

Commissioner Lockwood nominated Commissioner Graham – Commissioner Graham declined

Joe Chirico called for nominations a second time.

Commissioner Newell nominated Commissioner Page – Commissioner Page accepted.

Joe Chirico called for nominations a third time.

DECLARATION OF ELECTED OR ACCLAIMED CHAIR

Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services, ratifies the appointed Commissioner Page as Chair of the Nelson, Salmo, E, F, G, Regional Parks Commission for 2026.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That Mayor Morrison of the City of Nelson be granted freedom of the floor.

Carried

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 January 28, 2026 Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F and G Regional Parks Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The November 26, 2025 Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F and G Regional Parks Commission minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATE

There are no Delegates scheduled for this Commission meeting.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Taghum Beach Regional Park Improvement Plan

The Commission Report dated January 28, 2026 from Mark Crowe, Regional Parks Planner, re: Taghum Beach Regional Park Improvement Plan, has been received.

Mark Crowe, Regional Parks Planner advised that he has requested the consultant provide a more comprehensive package for Commission members and it is expected soon. The Project remains in early planning stages; stakeholder feedback is being gathered to refine the plan prior to public engagement which will include estimated costs to taxpayers.

7.2 2026 – 2030 Financial Plan

The Commission Report dated January 28, 2026 from Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services, re: 2026 - 2030 Financial Plan, has been received.

7.2.1 2026 Detailed Financial Plan

The 2026 Detailed Financial Plan has been received.

Joe Chirico, General Manager of Community Services reviewed primary projects and their budget impacts, outlined reporting updates since 2025, and explained previous-year carryover. The Commission asked questions about reporting for specific projects, invasive species management and funding, the budget approval timeline, and discussed potential cost savings.

7.2.2 2026 - 2030 Financial Plan Scenarios

Scenario one and Scenario two of the 2026 - 2030 Financial Plan have been received.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Board Direct Staff to provide the Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F and G Regional Parks Commission a workshop, including municipal partners and their staff to clarify the options for how to proceed with municipal grant and capital funding requests.

Carried

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 City of Nelson Letter - Priority Renewal Project at Lakeside Park

The letter dated December 18, 2025 from Kevin Cormack, Nelson City Manager, seeking the RDCK's support from Service S202 for a priority renewal project at Lakeside Park.

8.2 City of Nelson Letter - Equitable Funding for Nelson Regional Parks

The letter dated December 18, 2025 from Kevin Cormack, Nelson City Manager, requesting from the RDCK for equitable funding for Nelson Regional Parks from Service S202.

9. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 11:11 a.m.

A representative from the Nelson Cycling Club spoke to the Commission regarding funding.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Regional Parks Commission meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Regional Parks Commission meeting be adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

K. Page, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1. That the Board Direct Staff to provide the Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F and G Regional Parks Commission a workshop, including municipal partners and their staff to clarify the options for how to proceed with municipal grant and capital funding requests.*

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

Future Nelson, Salmo, E, F and G Regional Parks Commission Meetings

- 1. N/A*



Commission Report – For Information

April 8, 2026

Workshop Planning – Process for Municipal Grant and Capital Funding Requests

Author:	Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services
File Reference:	01-0520-50
Electoral Area/Municipality:	City of Nelson, Village of Salmo, Electoral Areas E, F & G
Services Impacted	S202

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to respond to the Board direction requesting that staff provide a workshop for the Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F and G Regional Parks Commission, including municipal partners and their staff, to clarify options for how to proceed with municipal grant and capital funding requests.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND UPDATE

At the January 2026 Nelson, Salmo, E, F, G Commission meeting, the following direction to staff was provided:

That the Board Direct Staff to provide the Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F and G Regional Parks Commission a workshop, including municipal partners and their staff to clarify the options for how to proceed with municipal grant and capital funding requests.

To ensure the planning for the workshop will meet the expectations of the Commission, the following draft framework has been developed. The intent is to create a structured forum in which staff and elected officials can come together and discuss process, governance, and decision making related to requests for municipal grants and capital funding.

Draft Framework

1. Participants
 - a. Nelson, Salmo E, F, G Commission members
 - b. RDCK Staff – Community Services (Trisha, Craig, Mark, Cary), Finance representatives
 - c. Municipal Staff – Nelson representatives, Salmo representatives
2. Workshop Objectives
 - a. Ensure a shared understanding of the purpose of workshop
 - b. Identify criteria that should be considered to support decision making
 - c. Identify governance structure options based on the type of request (operating or capital)
3. Overview of existing practices

- a. Prioritization Framework – Rec 5 Commission
 - b. Existing cost sharing agreements
 - c. RDCK grant program criteria (Redi Grants, Community Development etc)
 - d. Draft Parks, Trail and Water Access Strategy
4. Difference between operational requests (more ongoing) versus one time capital expenses
- a. Determine if this is important to the conversation
5. Governance considerations
- a. Difference between a contribution
6. Identification of next steps

Nelson & District Recreation Commission #5 – Prioritization Framework

In 2025, the Nelson & District Recreation Commission developed a prioritization framework to support decision making processes for when *“community-borne initiatives, public and private, intended to provide opportunities for recreation infrastructure development, are presented to RDCK staff, municipal councils, recreation commissions, and/or the RDCK Board.”* This particular document may be a good starting point for discussion for the following reasons:

- 1. It separates requests from prioritization – evaluation is required based on a set of established criteria that is weighted to help prioritize items across competing needs.
- 2. It established criteria to assess requests – helps show how requests could be evaluated consistently and that decisions are not arbitrary.
- 3. Distinction between operating and capital requests – helps identify funding expectations.

Specific to the workshop request of this committee, there are elements or criteria that are likely missing but this document could be a good starting point for the commission to build from during the workshop.

3.0 NEXT STEPS AND TIMELINE

Next Step	Timeline
Confirm Framework meets the Commissions expectations	April 8, 2026
Set workshop meeting date	By 3rd week of April
Develop any background materials and circulate	TBD
Conduct the workshop	TBD

Respectfully submitted,



Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services

CONCURRENCE

Regional Manager of Operations & Asset Management – Craig Stanley 

ATTACHMENTS: Attachment A – Rec Commission #5 Prioritization Framework



Service/Facility Prioritization Framework

Nelson & District Recreation Commission #5

Purpose

From time to time, community-borne initiatives, public and private, intended to provide opportunities for recreation infrastructure development, are presented to RDCK staff, municipal councils, recreation commissions, and/or the RDCK Board. This project prioritization framework is one tool to assist these bodies with informed decision making around creating new facilities or adopting new services. (See Nelson and District Community Facilities, Recreation & Leisure Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2865 for current facilities and services.) This framework outlines criteria to help identify use of public resources, and lead to the greatest possible community benefits.

The weighting scale should be reviewed on a regular basis.

Definitions

“General Public Demand Indicators”

The degree to which the service/facility supports the identified services demands of the public. Demand should be validated through processes that involve a high degree of public input to support confidence in decision making.

“User group and stakeholder demand indicators”

The degree of demonstrated support and anticipated sustainability of key stakeholders and user groups. The higher degree of public benefit that can be demonstrated across various user groups, the higher the score.

“Community accessibility”

The degree to which the Service/facility is able to be accessed by members of the public with a wide range of abilities, disabilities, and other characteristics. ¹

“Financial accessibility”

The degree to which the service/facility aligns with grants, fee subsidy programs or other initiatives to support barrier free recreation services related to a users financial ability to pay.

“Financial impact on taxpayers”

The degree to which each household’s recreation requisition will increase in order to design, build, maintain, and operate the new service/facility.

“Alignment with expected trends and demographic/population shift”

The degree the service/facility is inline with anticipated public trends, can evolve with population shifts or trend shifts, and can be repurposed for various uses to ensure long term use of the service or facility.

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<https://bcaccessibilityhub.ca/resources/glossary/#::~:~:text=process%20of%20creating%20services%20and,abilities%2C%20disabilities%2C%20and%20other%20characteristics>

When identifying trends, information from publically available sources, provincial/national endorsed guiding documents and recreation professional associations should be considered.

“Alignment with Master Plan foundations”

The number of outcomes identified in the community’s Master Plan document the service/amenity meets: 1) Strengthen the community throughout the region, 2) Motivate individuals and families to be healthy and active, 3) Serve as stewards of the environment, 4) Contribute to a diverse and sustainable economy.²

“Current provision in the Region”

The degree to which the service/facility is creating a new recreational opportunity not otherwise available within a reasonable service area.

“Cost savings through partnerships or grants”

The degree of funding that is or is expected to be secured through partnerships with user groups and/or stakeholders to decrease the level of taxation required to support the service/facility on an ongoing and/or temporary basis. Project alignment with known key funder objectives (i.e. CBT, provincial and federal funding priorities, etc) would be seen as a project benefit.

“Economic impact”

The degree the service/facility is anticipated to draw, could be utilized to draw, or will on an ongoing basis draw people in from outside of the region promoting spending a local businesses. A service/project identified by local economic development organizations would be seen as a benefit.

² Nelson & District Master Plan

<https://www.rdck.ca/assets/Administration/Documents/NDCC%20Final%20Master%20Plan%20.pdf> page 15 & 16

Service/Amenity Prioritization Framework

CRITERIA	METRICS				WEIGHT
General public demand indicators	3 points — for top "#1-3" household survey amenity priorities	2 points — for "#4-6" household survey amenity priorities	1 point — for "#7-10" household survey amenity priorities	0 points — for amenity priorities that are beyond the top #10 and/or not in scope	4.6
User group and stakeholder demand indicators	3 points — for projects that have strong indications of support from the majority of user groups and stakeholders	2 points — for projects that have moderate indications of support from the majority of user groups and stakeholders	1 point — for projects that have strong indications of support from one or two user groups or interest areas	0 points — for projects that have no indications of support from user groups and stakeholders	3.1
Community accessibility	3 points — the project would be completely accessible to all residents despite ability, disability, or other characteristic.	2 points — the project would primarily be physically accessible to the majority of residents	1 point — the project would be accessible to residents only through structured use such as programs or rentals	0 points — the project would not be accessible to the residents through a public service delivery model	3.7
Financial Accessibility	3 points – the project would be barrier free from a user financial accessibility perspective	2 points – the project would be financially accessible to the majority of the population due to its low user costs and/or the number of grants or initiatives available to support fee subsidy options.	1 point – the project would be deemed financially accessible to a limited population.		4
Financial impact on taxpayers	3 points — the project has a low overall taxation impact	2 points — the project has a moderate overall taxation impact	1 point — the project has a high overall taxation impact	0 points — the project is not likely to be feasible	3.9
Alignment with expected trends and	3 points — for projects that are positioned to respond to three or more observed	2 points — for projects that are positioned to respond to two observed trends	1 point — for projects that are positioned to	0 points — for projects that are not positioned to respond to observed	3.2

demographic/population shift	trends and expected shifts in demographics/ population	or expected shifts in demographics/ population	respond to one observed trend or expected shift in demographics/ population	trends or expected shifts in demographics/ population	
Alignment with Master Plan foundations	3 points — the project achieves three of the intended outcomes	2 points — the project achieves two of the intended outcomes	1 point — the project achieves one of the intended outcomes	0 points — the project does not achieve any intended outcomes	3.9
Current provision in the Region	3 points — the project would add completely new activity to recreation in the Region	2 points — the project would significantly improve provision of existing recreation activity in the Region	1 point — the project would moderately improve provision of existing recreation activity in the Region	0 points — the project is already adequately provided in the Region	3.8
Cost savings through partnerships or grants	3 points — partnership and/or grant opportunities exist in development and/ or operating that equate to 50% or more of the overall amenity cost	2 points — partnership and/or grant opportunities exist in development and/ or operating that equate to 25%–49% or more of the overall amenity cost	1 point — partnership and/or grant opportunities exist in development and/ or operating that equate to 10%–24% or more of the overall amenity cost	0 points — no potential partnership or grant opportunities exist at this point in time	2.5
Economic Impact	3 points — the amenity will draw significant non-local spending into the Region and catalyze provincial, national and/ or international exposure	2 points — the amenity will draw significant non-local spending into the Region	1 point — the amenity will draw moderate nonlocal spending into the Region	0 points — the amenity will not draw any significant non-local spending into the Region	1.3



Committee Report – For Information

April 8, 2026

Taghum Beach Regional Park Improvement Plan

Author: Mark Crowe, Regional Park Planner
File Reference: 7015-20
Electoral Area/Municipality: Electoral Area E
Services Impacted Nelson, Salmo, E, F, G Parks Commission

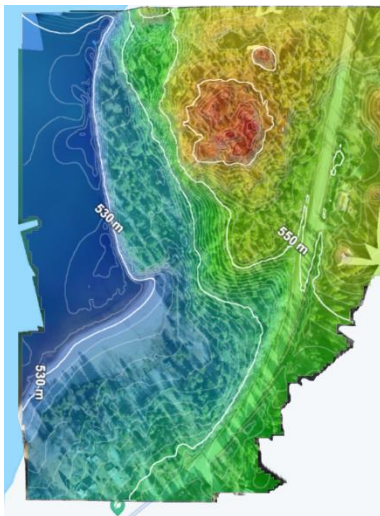
1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

At the November 26, 2025 Commission Meeting staff introduced initial concept plan renderings which demonstrate hypothetical parking and park improvement options for the Taghum Beach Regional Park. The purpose of this report is to outline the work that has occurred since and what the next steps will be for the project.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND UPDATE

Actions completed by Parks Staff and Project Manager since the last Commission meeting include:

- Initial concepts circulated to Director's for comments.
- Initial concepts circulated to Teck for comments.
- Contract issued to Masse Environmental for the Ecological Overview Assessment.
- Costing requested from Landscape Architect for hypothetical phasing (parking lot).
- Drone work completed by RDCK GIS (below) to inform Assessments and Concept Plans



3.0 NEXT STEPS AND TIMING

Staff will continue to advance the initial site analysis, regulatory review and initial stakeholder consultation review to inform the concept plans and overall project feasibility and timing:

- Hypothetical concept plans are intend to facilitate discussion
- Staff will continue dialogue and engagement with Teck as a landowner – April (ongoing)
- Staff will arrange for an internal meeting with Director's to discuss their initial feedback – May/June 2026
- Complete Ecological Overview Assessment – Fall 2026
- Develop Project Plan, including options for project phasing and public consultation – Fall 2026

Respectfully submitted,



Mark Crowe, Regional Park Planner

CONCURRENCE

Craig Stanley - Regional Manager - Operations and Asset Management

Trisha Davison - Regional Manager – Recreation & Client Services

