



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

**CASTLEGAR & DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION
OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

**4:00 p.m.
May 5, 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 Member A. Davidoff	Director Area I
Commissioner Member M. McFaddin	City of Castlegar
Commissioner Member B. Bogle	City of Castlegar
Commissioner Member H. Hanegraaf	Director Area J
Commissioner Member S. Heaton-Sherstobitoff	City of Castlegar

STAFF

Trisha Davison	General Manager of Community Services
Yev Mallov	General Manager of Finance
Craig Stanley	Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management
Cary Gaynor	Regional Parks and Trails Manager
Tia Wayling	Regional Programming Manager
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bogle called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

2. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

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

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the May 5, 2026 Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The March 3, 2026, Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

5.1 Kootenay Rockies Disc Golf Society

Patrick Audet & Myles Verigin from Kootenay Rockies Disc Golf Society will present a slide deck with three (3) different options for Disc Golf at Pass Creek Park Regional Park to the Commission.

Patrick Audet and Myles Verigin advised that work on developing the course began in 2024. They provided an overview of the project budget and proposed funding plan, and responded to questions from the Commission regarding contingency funding options. The Commission offered suggestions and discussed potential funding opportunities. The three proposed course layout options were reviewed and the Commission discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each, including considerations related to preserving existing trails, the extent of brush clearing required, and potential safety and parking concerns for other park users.

5.2 Shannon MacKinnon – Area I Tarry's

Shannon MacKinnon, from Area I - Tarry's will present a presentation pertaining to the lack of Play Structures in the RDCK to the Commission.

Shannon Mackinnon provided an overview of the data presented and outlined the need for an additional play structure in Area I. The Commission provided historical context regarding past community considerations of playground development and expressed support for the concept, while also noting potential challenges related to insurance and ongoing maintenance responsibilities. Commissioners shared examples of fundraising approaches used by other communities for similar projects and advised they would be willing to help connect the presenter with local community groups and provide assistance where possible.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Castlegar & District Programming Quarterly Update

The Commission Report dated May 5, 2026 from Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager, re: Castlegar & District Community Complex Programming Quarterly Update, has been received.

Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager, provided an overview of programming budgets, and participation rates for recreation, arena, fitness, and aquatics use including user fees and facility rentals. The Commission asked about the availability of ice-time and were advised it is available but limited due to the popularity of existing programs.

6.2 Pass Creek Fall Fair Event

The Commission Report dated May 5, 2026 from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, re: Pass Creek Fall Fair Event, has been received.

Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services spoke to the difference between this

recommendation those from previous years and provided some background on the operating changes that led to the updates.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the Pass Creek Fall Fair to proceed in 2026 at Pass Creek Regional Park.

AND FURTHER,

That the Board approve the RDCK entering into an Event Site License Agreement with the Pass Creek Exhibition Society for the Pass Creek Fall Fair for the period of the (10) days, September 18, 2026 - September 27, 2026, and that the Chair and Corporate Officer be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Carried

6.3 Castlegar & District Arena & Walking Track Project Timeline Update

The Commission Report dated May 5, 2026 from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, re: Castlegar & District Arena & Walking Track Project Timeline Update, has been received.

Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, provided an updated project timeline, outlined the reasons for any delays, and reviewed the draft 10-year financial plan and guiding principles used in its development. Yev Mallov, General Manager of Finance, reviewed borrowing requirements and procurement-related challenges.

The Commission expressed ongoing frustration regarding project delays and discussed the need for improved processes, greater collaboration, and consideration of parallel actions to help move the project forward. Staff advised that an October referendum was not considered feasible due to project timing, procurement, and legal review requirements, noting that the July timeframe remains critical to determining next steps. Staff committed to providing regular project updates and reporting to the Commission.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Brilliant Suspension Bridge Pedestrian Number Limits

Commissioner Davidoff to discuss Brilliant Suspension Bridge Pedestrian Number Limits with the Commission.

Commissioner Davidoff raised concerns regarding a May 16 community event expected to attract up to 1,000 participants to the suspension bridge area. Concerns were noted regarding bridge capacity and public safety, and the Commission requested clarification regarding the bridge load limit.

Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management, and Cary Gaynor, Regional Parks and Trails Manager, advised they have been in contact with the event organizers and will provide a response to Commissioner Davidoff within the next few days.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Castlegar Arena – Broadcast Booth

Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations & Asset Management to provide a verbal discussion re: Castlegar Arena - Broadcast Booth.

Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations & Asset Management, advised that the Castlegar Rebels hockey team has requested permission to construct a broadcast booth and secure storage space for audio-visual equipment at the Castlegar Arena. The Rebels have provided a design concept and are seeking direction from the Commission on how to proceed.

Staff advised that a long-term agreement with the Rebels is still under development and recommendations will be brought forward once the league's long-term viability has been confirmed. It was noted that the Rebels would be responsible for all project costs and that the space would remain accessible to other arena users, with only a secure area designated for team equipment.

9. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 6:13 p.m.

A resident of Castlegar asked questions regarding the value capture guidelines introduced at the March meeting, including their purpose and development. Staff advised the guidelines were developed to help address the funding gap between the project budget and anticipated asset costs, including consideration of wood integration requirements and other innovative funding opportunities.

Questions were also raised regarding the total project cost, integration with the existing building, and estimated taxation impacts. Staff confirmed the project has a taxation cap of \$15 million, that integration with the existing facility is included within the project scope, and that the estimated annual taxation impact is approximately \$150–\$160 per household.

Concerns were expressed regarding the proposed naming rights guidelines and the pace of the process. The Commission clarified that the policy does not establish a precedent and would only provide a potential funding option for consideration.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2026, at 4:00p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Castlegar & District Recreation Commission meeting be adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

B. Bogle, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. *That the Board approve the Pass Creek Fall Fair to proceed in 2026 at Pass Creek Regional Park.*

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

Future Castlegar & District Recreation Commission Meetings

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