



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

RECREATION COMMISSION NO. 7

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

7:00 p.m.
May 11, 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).

Join by Video:

<https://rdck-bc-ca.zoom.us/j/98083065968?pwd=azSoaaagdWwu5JxKSdFvK9zwCunKEF.1>

Join by Phone:

1 833 958 1164

Meeting ID: 980 8306 5968

Meeting Password: 136289

In-Person Location: Village of Salmo – 423 Davies Avenue

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Director D. Lockwood	Village of Salmo - Chair
Commissioner I. McInnes	Area G
Commissioner S. Chew	School District No. 8
Commissioner A. Ellis	Village of Salmo

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner M. MacDonald	Village of Salmo
Director H. Cunningham	Area G

STAFF

Kristi Calder	Regional Manager of Recreation & Client Services
Craig Stanley	Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management
Tia Wayling	Regional Programming Manager
Jenna Chapman	Administration Coordinator
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lockwood called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 11, 2026 Recreation Commission No. 7 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The February 9, 2026 Recreation Commission No. 7 minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

There are no Delegates scheduled for this Commission meeting.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Salmo Programming Update

The Commission Report dated May 11, 2026, from Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager, re: Salmo Programming Update, has been received.

Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager reviewed the report, noting continued strong participation in drop-in sports, while some pre-registered programs have seen low enrolment and will continue to be monitored. Recruitment for a group fitness instructor is ongoing. Aquatics staff are preparing for the June 1 opening and operating Sunday through Thursday. User fees are up 10% from last winter, led by increased youth admissions and memberships.

The Commission asked about programs with no enrolment and promotion efforts. Staff advised the programs have been successful in the past and in other communities and will share enrolment information with Commission members locally. The Commission also expressed concern about the pool not being open on Saturdays. Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management, advised the current schedule was based on previous usage statistics, tracking will continue, and staff will review the feasibility of operating the pool for a three-hour period on Canada Day.

Direction to Staff:

That staff review the Salmo Pool schedule and look for opportunities to open the pool on Saturday during July and August – potentially closing on a different day or accessing Community Development funding to offset the cost.

6.2 Salmo Pool Admission Structure

The Commission Report dated May 11, 2026, from Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager, re: Salmo Pool Admissions Structure, has been received.

Tia Wayling, Regional Programming Manager provided a review of the report outlining the considerations required to move from a donation-based model to a formal admission fee structure at the Salmo Pool.

The Commission discussed potential payment systems and staff requirements, the need for increased signage and promotion of the existing donation system, and how any potential revenue would be used to offset pool operational costs.

Direction to Staff:

That Staff prepare a Proper Implementation Plan with timeline and financial implications for changing to a formal admission fee structure at the Salmo Pool for the September 14, 2026 meeting.

AND FURTHER

That Staff provide communications and larger signage prior to the pool opening informing the public of the current donation policy and its importance.

7. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 7:48 p.m.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next Recreation Commission No. 7 meeting is scheduled for September 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Change meeting to September 21, at 7:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Recreation Commission No. 7 meeting be adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Carried

Digitally Approved

D. Lockwood, Chair

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

Future Recreation Commission No. 7 Meetings

- 1. That staff review the Salmo Pool schedule and look for opportunities to open the pool on Saturday during July and August – potentially closing on a different day or accessing Community Development funding to offset the cost.*
- 2. That Staff prepare a Proper Implementation Plan with timeline and financial implications for changing to a formal admission fee structure at the Salmo Pool for the September 14, 2026 meeting.*
AND FURTHER
That Staff provide communications and larger signage prior to the pool opening informing the public of the current donation policy and its importance.