



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

NELSON & DISTRICT RECREATION COMMISSION NO. 5 OPEN MEETING MINUTES

9:00a.m.

August 26, 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/COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Commissioner K. Page	City of Nelson- Chair
Commissioner K. Tait	City of Nelson
Commissioner C. Graham	Area E
Commissioner T. Newell	Electoral Area F

MEMBERS ABSENT

Commissioner J. Morrison	City of Nelson
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STAFF

Trisha Davison	General Manager of Community Services
Craig Stanley	Regional Manager of Operations and Asset Management
Anne Gillender	Nelson & District Community Complex Facility Manager
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Page called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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 August 26, 2026 Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5 meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

4. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The July 29, 2026 Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5 minutes, have been received.

5. DELEGATE

5.1 Nelson Minor Hockey

A representative, from Nelson Minor Hockey will present their request of a review of the Ice Allocation decision to the Commission.

Phil Rees – President, & Kyle Mace Vice President - Player development, spoke to the request for a review. Key discussion points included:

- The organization's previous ice schedule vs the new allocation.
- The service Nelson Minor Hockey provides to local youths.
- The Community Services Recreation Allocation policy.
- Clarification of prime time and early time hours of operation.
- The request from Nelson Minor Hockey to be allocated Tuesday evening ice time.

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.1 Nelson & District Community Complex Ice Allocation

The e-mail dated August 13, 2026 from Phil Rees, President of the Nelson Hockey Association has been received, and further,

The Commission Report dated August 26, 2026 from Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations & Asset Management, re: Nelson & District Community Complex Ice Allocation, has been received.

Key discussion points included:

- An overview of the current ice allocation process.
- A review of the previous ice allocation process.
- The previous appeal of ice time allocation that led to the realization Civic Arena Ice time had not been being optimized by staff.
- How the Community Services Recreation Allocation policy was applied.
- When the scoring matrix is utilized in ice allocation decision making.
- How the Crusaders Regional team previously obtained ice time vs this year's allocation request.
- The need to optimize all ice time to meet demand.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That Phil Rees, President of Nelson Minor Hockey be granted freedom of the floor.

Carried

- The quantity of, and most common requests for ice time.

**RECESS/
RECONVENE** The meeting recessed at 9:47 a.m. for staff to print materials and reconvened at 9:59 a.m.

- The ripple effect on the ice allocation schedule if Nelson Minor Hockey was assigned the Tuesday evening time slot.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That the Commission directs Staff to change the Nelson Minor Hockey ice allocation decision;
AND FURTHER, That the Board direct staff to review Recreation Allocation Policy No. 500-01-09 and the accompanying allocation procedures and report back to the first All-Recreation Meeting in 2027 with recommendations for amendment.

Carried

**RECESS/
RECONVENE** The meeting recessed at 10:19 a.m. for a break and reconvened at 10:29 a.m.

6.2 Nelson & District Community Complex Liquor License

The Commission Report dated August 26, 2026 from Craig Stanley, Regional Manager of Operations & Asset Management, re: Nelson & District Community Complex Liquor License, has been received.

Key Commission Discussion Items Included:

- Guidance received from the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch regarding the current operating arrangement.
- Staff's determination that the current operating arrangement does not meet requirements related to valid interest and should not continue.
- The suggested transition to the Nelson Leafs obtaining special event permits directly.
- The cost for the Nelson Leafs previously vs the potential new process.
- The ability for other users to obtain a special event permit.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 Indoor Recreation Access during Smoke Events

The email dated August 12, 2026 from Marta Abel, resident of Nelson, B.C., has been received.

Key Commission discussion items included:

- A similar request previously received
- Staff efforts on the subject to date
- Challenges for staff; how and when to activate, staffing requirements, air quality variables, existing maintenance schedules.

- Lack of air quality data for indoor spaces.
- The existing staff safety policy for outdoor workers.

8. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public and members of the media at 10:41 a.m.

A member of the public suggested considering the Civic Arena as an alternate location to host typically outdoor sports during smoke events. They also requested information on when the Recreation Campus Capital Funding Service: Process & Impact report would be back on the agenda.

A second member of the public provided feedback on the Commission's ice time allocation, and Nelson & District Community Complex Concession contract decisions.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5 meeting is scheduled for September 29, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Nelson & District Recreation Commission meeting be adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

Keith Page, Chair

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1. That the Commission directs Staff to change the Nelson Minor Hockey ice allocation decision; AND FURTHER That the Board direct staff to review Recreation Allocation Policy No. 500-01-09 and the accompanying allocation procedures and report back to the first All-Recreation Meeting in 2027 with recommendations for amendment.*

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

Future Nelson & District Recreation Commission No. 5 Meetings

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