

Special Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

held via Zoom and in person in Council Chambers

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

at 9:30 a.m.

Present:

Sue Fraser, Chair
Marc Tougas, Vice-Chair
Cameron Baughen
Laura Carleton
Chris Sayles

Staff:

Kristen Dixon, General Manager of Infrastructure
Kelsey Johnson, General Manager of Community Services
Ysabel Contreras, Parks Planner
Steven Collyer, Housing and Policy Initiatives Manager
Hayley Anderson, FOIPPA and Records Management Specialist

Regrets:

Isaac Gilbert, Councillor
Juliana Buitenhuis
Joanne Grimaldi
Don Mulhall

1. **Call Special Committee Meeting to Order**

The Vice-Chair called the Special Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to order at 9:33 a.m.

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee adopt the agenda of February 24, 2026 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

3.1 Minutes of the October 22, 2025 Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Meeting

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee adopt the minutes of the October 22, 2025 meeting as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **New Business**

4.1 Esplanade Renewal Plan: Phase 2 Public Engagement Results and Next Steps

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receive into the record the report dated February 24, 2026 titled "Esplanade Renewal Plan: Phase 2 Public Engagement Results and Next Steps";

AND THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee recommend to Council the following next steps to be incorporated into the draft plan in response to Phase 2 public engagement results:

- Designate the eastern natural beach as a "non-motorized watercraft beach" to support compatible uses in that location over the plan horizon;
- Begin engineering design work towards creating a formal trail connection between the Esplanade and KVR trail;
- Initiate a process to enable the development of a new building to support community and commercial uses (i.e. restaurant/retail/community meeting space), replacing the Yacht Club offices and current clubhouse/Rusty Anchor restaurant;
- Investigate relocation options for the Penticton Tennis Club to provide improved facilities and focus the current area on non-motorized boat usage, trailhead amenities, and enabling more public access to the area.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 KVR Trail Strategy: Phase 1 & 2 Engagement Summary

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee receive into the record the report dated February 24, 2026 titled "KVR Trail Strategy: Phase 1 & 2 Engagement Results.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4.2 **McGregor Park and McNicoll Park Upgrades – Engagement Plan**

The Parks Planner provided the Committee with a presentation on the Engagement Plan for McGregor and McNicoll Park upgrades. The presentation outlined the history and an overview of each park, as well as the proposed engagement timeline.

Cameron Baughen left the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Quorum was lost and the meeting ended at 10:34 a.m..

Certified Correct:

Hayley Anderson
FOIPPA and Records Management Specialist