



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: CS-BRD-368

From: Regional Parks Committee

Date: January 9, 2025

Subject: Regional Parks Committee Recommendations from December 12, 2024

The following recommendations from the Regional Parks Committee meeting held on December 12, 2024, are presented to the Regional Board for consideration:

RECOMMENDATION #1: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Regional Board authorize a 2025 Recreational Trails Grant in the amount of \$14,584 to be issued to Northland Trailblazers Snowmobile Club to assist with Stewart Lake Trail maintenance and tow behind groomer upgrades, pending receipt of their updated land tenure agreement; further, that a financial commitment of \$14,584 be included as part of the 2025 annual budget amount for General Grants-in-Aid in Function 200 – Regional Parks.

RECOMMENDATION #2: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Regional Board authorize a 2025 Recreational Trails Grant in the amount of \$10,000 to be issued to Whiskey Jack Nordic Ski Club to assist with constructing a second outhouse; further, that a financial commitment of \$10,000 be included as part of the 2025 annual budget amount for General Grants-in-Aid in Function 200 – Regional Parks.

RECOMMENDATION #3: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Regional Board authorize renewal of the “Recreation Sites and Trails BC Partnership Agreement” between the Peace River Regional District and the Province of British Columbia for management and maintenance of Sundance Lake Park for the purpose of recreation and/or conservation activities from January 8, 2025 to January 8, 2035; further, that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the renewal agreement on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

RECOMMENDATION #4: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

That the Regional Board authorize the discontinuation of the Red Creek Community Park Project.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The draft minutes of the Regional Parks Committee meeting held on December 12, 2024, are provided on the Consent Calendar of this meeting agenda.

Recommendations #1 - 2

Please [click here](#) to access the Committee Agenda, please see Item 9.1 to review the report.

Recommendation #3

Please [click here](#) to access the Committee Agenda, please see Item 9.2 to review the report.

Recommendation #4

Please [click here](#) to access the Committee Agenda, please see Item 9.3 to review the report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**Recommendation #1 - 2**

A total of \$24,583.75 in grant contributions is recommended for the inclusion in the 2025 annual budget commitment for General Grants-in-Aid in Function 200 – Regional Parks.

Under the current policy, grant funding is allocated to recipients and paid out by claim reimbursement. Recipients have up to three years to complete their projects and claim their grant and are not able to carry over any funds beyond that time frame. Any funds remaining in allocations beyond three years will be returned to the service area and used to reduce the tax requisition for the next calendar year.

Recommendation #3

The Regional District requisitions funding annually for the operation of Sundance Lake from Function 200 - Regional Parks. The 2023 Board Approved budget was \$6,875, of which only \$1,008 has been spent to date, not including staff time. It is anticipated that this level of expenditure will remain static for 2025. Expenditures in 2024 include liability and property insurance costs, Field Services staff meals, and supplies for maintenance to the park infrastructure.

Recommendation #4

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):**Recommendation #1 - 2**

All applicants will be notified in writing of the Regional District's decision to approve or deny their grant.

Recommendation #3

None at this time.

Recommendation #4

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.