



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: CS-BRD-388

From: Community Services

Date: February 20, 2025

Subject: Goodlow Recreation Grounds - Use and Occupancy Agreement

RECOMMENDATION: *[Corporate Weighted]*

That the Regional Board authorize the Use and Occupancy Agreement with the Goodlow Community Club for a five-year term for the use of the facility and grounds known as the Goodlow Recreation Grounds with an initial term from February 20, 2025 to February 20, 2030 with the option to renew for a further five years; further that the Chair and Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Peace River Regional District.

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

The Goodlow Recreation Grounds (the Grounds), formerly known as the Moose Creek Gymkhana Grounds, consist of a 260-hectare parcel of crown land located at 13702 219 Road in Goodlow, Area B. The Grounds have been tenured to the Regional District through a Licence of Occupation with the Province since 1989, which grants the Regional District the right to use and occupy the land for recreation purposes and includes provincial approval to sub-lease the property to the Goodlow Community Club (the Club). The most recent renewal of the Licence of Occupation was granted in 2014 and is valid until 2044.

The Club has occupied the Grounds since 1989 with no known issues and has made several improvements to the Grounds, including the addition of a camping area, picnic shelter and baseball diamond. The Club has indicated their desire to enter into an updated Use and Occupancy Agreement to continue to use and occupy the Grounds to provide recreation and social events for the benefit of the greater community.

The Use and Occupancy Agreement (the Agreement) outlines the roles and responsibilities of both the Regional District and the Club for ongoing operation, management, maintenance, and use of the Grounds. Recent updates to the Agreement include increased requirements for reporting and inspections, which may also include an annual Joint Safety Inspection to be completed with appropriate Regional District staff and Club members, if applicable. The Club performs all regular remedial maintenance of the Grounds, apart from Danger Tree and invasive plant assessments and remediation, which are provided through a contract to the Regional District. The most recent Agreement with the Club expired in 2024.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

Not Applicable to Strategic Plan

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

The Regional District cost for liability and property insurance is allocated from Function 120 – Legislative – Electoral Areas in the amount of \$100 for property insurance for 2024 and \$500 for Regional District liability insurance in 2025. The Club is also required to provide liability insurance, naming the Regional District as an additional insured. Indirect cost allocations for this property are expected to remain static for the foreseeable future.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.