

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

BYLAW NO. 2044

As Amended by Bylaw No. 2108

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A Bylaw to adopt an Official Regional Parks Plan for the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

WHEREAS the Regional District of Central Kootenay by Bylaw Nos. 1909, 1928, 872, 2004, 874, 875 and 876, being the:

“Castlegar and District Regional Facilities, Recreation, Parks and Leisure Service Amendment Bylaw No. 1909, 2007”;

“Electoral Area A Regional Parks Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1928, 2007”;

“Creston, Electoral Area A, Electoral Area B and Electoral Area C Regional Parks Extended Service Area Bylaw No. 872, 1991”;

Kaslo and Area Regional Facilities, Recreation, and Parks Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 2004, 2008”;

“Nelson, Salmo, Electoral Area E, Electoral Area F and Electoral Area G Regional Parks Extended Service Area Bylaw No. 874, 1991”;

“Slocan, Silverton, New Denver and Electoral Area H Regional Parks Extended Service Area Bylaw No. 875, 1991”;

“Nakusp and Electoral Area K Regional Parks Extended Service Area Bylaw No. 876, 1991”;

respectively, has established services for the purpose of providing regional parks and trails;

AND WHEREAS the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay deems it expedient to adopt an Official Regional Parks Plan to provide an overall strategy for the planning, acquisition, and management of regional parks and trails within the Regional District;

NOW THEREFORE the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay in open meeting assembled enacts as follows:

1. Schedules 'A' and 'B' attached hereto are hereby adopted as the Official Regional Parks Plan of the Regional District of Central Kootenay.
2. This Bylaw may be cited as the "**Official Regional Parks Plan Bylaw No. 2044, 2009**".
3. The "Official Regional Parks Plan Bylaw No. 1714, 2004" and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this 21st day of May, 2009.

READ A SECOND TIME this 21st day of May, 2009.

READ A THIRD TIME this 21st day of May, 2009.

ADOPTED by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes cast this 21st day of May, 2009.

CHAIR

SECRETARY

**SCHEDULE 'A'
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PART II – INTRODUCTION

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To establish a comprehensive and geographically balanced regional parks system that serves the residents of the Regional District with a diversity of regional recreational opportunities that are not being provided by any other agency.

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To facilitate accessibility for residents by providing one or more regional parks or trails in each sub-region of the Regional District.

To provide regional parks and trails relatively close to settled areas in order to maintain accessibility, encourage utilization and minimize travel time and costs.

To complement the roles and responsibilities of other park and recreation agencies.

To utilize high recreation capability sites for regional parks.

To provide for high quality water-based recreational experiences in regional parks.

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- 2.1 Where regional parks facilities lie within recreation commission boundaries, the Regional Board may authorize members of the recreation commission to act as a Regional Parks Commission separate from the recreation commission. Once established, a Regional Parks Commission is responsible for the day-to-day management of the park(s) within the context of the administrative policies of this plan and Regional District policy direction as provided from time-to-time.
- 2.2 Notwithstanding Policy 2.1, the Regional Board may assign management responsibilities to Commissions of Management and organizations other than recreation commissions for regional parks lying within recreation commission boundaries.

3.0 Budget/Finance Policies

- 3.1 Each fiscal year the Regional Board may require regional parks management authorities to submit a development program and/or operations and maintenance program with an operating and a capital budget for approval of the Board.
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- 4.2 Where feasible, resources that can be acquired from parkland such as hay and firewood, may be considered for sale with the acquired funds used for regional parks development and management.

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- 5.1 The Regional District may, over time, acquire Crown and other lands for regional parks.
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- 5.3 When a need arises to determine the market value of land for park acquisition, an independent appraisal may be obtained by the Regional District prior to land purchase.
- 5.4 Donations of land or money for regional parks purposes may be accepted by the Regional District.
- 5.5 Land acquired for regional parks may be held in reserve for future parkland for a period of time as determined by the Regional Board.

6.0 Policies Regarding Surplus Parkland

6.1 Regional District parklands and/or facilities considered by the Board to be surplus to the region's needs may be disposed of, subject to the provisions of the *Local Government Act*, *Land Act*, and *Land Title Act*.

7.0 Park Development Policies

7.1 Prior to site development, the management authority for a regional park shall submit to the Regional Board for review and approval in writing a detailed site plan showing the locations and sizes of proposed new facilities, parking areas, site access, and other servicing details.

7.2 Regional park site plans shall be required to comply with the legislation, regulations and requirements of the Provincial Government and Regional District bylaws.

8.0 Maintenance Policy

8.1 When proposing a plan for park development, consideration should be given to ongoing maintenance and operating costs to ensure that the plan does not exceed the ability of the Regional District to maintain the facilities and site in an acceptable manner.

8.2 In accordance with Policies 7.1 and 8.1, the Regional Board may request each park management authority to outline a maintenance plan indicating the required works to be undertaken and who will undertake the work, and the frequency and the cost of such work.

9.0 Signage Policies

9.1 Each developed regional park should be clearly marked with a sign at the entrance to the park indicating its name, that the park is a Regional District of Central Kootenay facility, and the general rules of operation.

10.0 Regional Parks System

10.1 The regional parks system shall comprise the following four types of parks as shown on Schedule 'B' which is attached to and forms part of this official regional parks plan bylaw:

1. community parks;
2. multiple purpose parks;
3. waterfront access parks, and
4. regional trails.

- 10.2 Community parks are park lands acquired through the subdivision approvals process for the purpose of providing green space in communities experiencing development.
- 10.3 Multiple purpose parks are intended to provide for a wide range of indoor and outdoor recreation opportunities and should be capable of sustaining a high level and variety of recreational and other public use activities. These parks may be associated with waterfront access.
- 10.4 Waterfront access parks are intended primarily to provide public access to high quality waterfront areas and associated facilities, with the intensity of development dependent on the characteristics of each site.
- 10.5 Regional trails are intended to provide for trail oriented recreation that could link communities, provide access to areas possessing scenic and special interest qualities, and provide access to Provincial recreation opportunities, Regional District Parks and other recreation sites.

11.0 East Shore Kootenay Lake

- 11.1 **Riondel Regional Park** is managed by the Riondel Commission of Management and is located in the unincorporated community of Riondel. The site, owned by the Regional District, presently accommodates several recreation facilities including a softball and soccer field. The park is designated as a multiple purpose regional park.

12.0 Creston and Area

- 12.1 The **Burns/Farstad Regional Park** located in the Town of Creston is a multiple purpose park providing both outdoor and indoor recreation facilities. Outdoor recreation facilities include, footpaths, play fields, playground and a sports track.

Indoor facilities include a skating rink, curling rink, leisure pool, wellness centre and meeting rooms. Both indoor and outdoor multiple purpose functions of this park are recognized by this plan.

13.0 Kootenay Lake - North

- 13.1 The **Kaslo Waterfront Trail Regional Park** is owned by the Village of Kaslo and located on the waterfront in the community. The waterfront trail, designated as a waterfront access park is intended to assist in meeting the beach needs of the residents of Kaslo and the surrounding area and providing a trail corridor to the Kaslo River.

- 13.2 The **Glacier Creek Regional Park** is located on land owned by the Province of British Columbia. The park is situated at the mouth of Glacier Creek on Duncan Lake and is intended to assist in meeting the beach and camping needs of residents of Electoral Area D and the Village of Kaslo. This park is designated as a waterfront access park.
- 13.3 The **Ainsworth Wharf Regional Park** is situated in the community of Ainsworth on Kootenay Lake. The Ainsworth Wharf is a park for the purpose of preserving the historic concrete wharf as well as providing lakefront property for public use. The park is designed as a waterfront access park.

14.0 Nelson - Salmo

- 14.1 **Cottonwood Lake Regional Park**, comprises 8.2 hectares of land and is located approximately five kilometres south of the City of Nelson. The park is managed by the Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F, and G Regional Parks Commission. Recreation facilities in this waterfront access park include a swimming beach, picnic tables, boat launch, footpaths, cross-country ski trails, picnic shelters, and related rest rooms and parking facilities.
- 14.2 **Taghum Beach Regional Park** is located approximately six kilometres west of the City of Nelson and comprises approximately 2.1 hectares of land. The site is privately owned and leased by the Regional District. It is designated as a waterfront access park providing recreation facilities that include picnic tables, washrooms, parking lot, and beach.
- 14.3 **James Johnstone Regional Park** is composed of four lots totaling 1.2 hectares of land located on the north shore of the West Arm of Kootenay Lake immediately north of the City of Nelson. The site includes a beach access trail, washroom facilities and fire pits and is designated as a waterfront access regional park.
- 14.4 **Sunshine Bay Regional Park** is located on the south shore of the West Arm of Kootenay Lake in the Procter - Harrop community. The park has a total area of approximately 22 hectares. The park is comprised of five lots of which three lots are contiguous with the remaining two lots located approximately one kilometre west of the three easterly properties. The park is managed by the Sunshine Bay Regional Park Commission. The eastern sector of the park is approximately 9 hectares in area and the western sector is 13 hectares.

The eastern sector includes ball fields, picnic facilities and a recently developed BMX bike park. Part of the western sector of the park includes an equestrian facility leased to the Sunshine Bay Riding Club. The park is designated as a combined waterfront access and multiple purpose regional park.

- 14.5 **Rosebud Lake Regional Park** is located approximately twenty kilometres south of the Village of Salmo. The site is presently undeveloped and owned by the Regional District of Central Kootenay. The site characteristics of the park are most appropriate for low intensity development. The park is designated as a waterfront access park.
- 14.6 **Bonnington Regional Park** is located in a rural residential community approximately 15 kilometres west of the City of Nelson. The park has a total area of 6.7 hectares. The park is designated as a multiple purpose regional park. The park is owned by the Regional District of Central Kootenay and includes a soccer field, softball diamond and playground.
- 14.7 **Nelson Salmo Great Northern Trail** provides recreation trail use on a former CPR rail right-of-way. Owned by the Province of British Columbia, the Regional District of Central Kootenay has entered into a License of Occupation Agreement with the Province for this, the former Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail line from Troup Junction to the Village of Salmo. This trail is designated as a multiple purpose regional trail.
- 14.8 **Pulpit Rock Access Regional Trail** – This small piece of land, owned by the Regional District, was acquired for the purpose of providing legal access to the popular Pulpit Rock hiking trail in the rural Nelson area. This park is designated as a non-motorized regional trail.
- 15.0 Slokan Valley**
- 15.1 **Winlaw Regional and Nature Park** is located immediately north of the community of Winlaw. This 7.8 hectare property has been developed as a waterfront access park accommodating beach use and related facilities.
- 15.2 The **Rosebery to Three Forks Regional Trail** provides for non-motorized recreation trail use on a former CPR rail right-of-way. Owned by the Province of British Columbia, the Regional District of Central Kootenay has entered into a License of Occupation Agreement with the Province for this twelve-kilometre regional park trail.
- 15.3 **Bigelow Bay Regional Park** is located on Slokan Lake immediately adjacent to the northern boundary of the Village of New Denver and has an area of 0.09 hectares. The park is designated as a waterfront access park and is used for beach recreation activities.
- 15.4 **Rosebery Parklands Regional Park** is located on Slokan Lake a few kilometres north of the Village of New Denver. This 2.8 hectare parcel of waterfront property is designated as a waterfront access park and is used for beach recreation activities.

16.0 Upper Arrow

Regional Parks have yet to be designated for the Upper Arrow Sub-Region.

17.0 Lower Arrow

17.1 **Pass Creek Regional Park** is located across the Columbia River, opposite the City of Castlegar. The park contains 36.1 hectares of land managed by the Castlegar & District Community Complex and Recreation Commission. Outdoor recreation facilities in the park include camping sites, picnic area, swimming beach, trails, ball field and soccer field. The park is designated as a multiple purpose regional park.

17.2 The **Robson Boat Ramp Regional Park** is located on the north shore of the Columbia River adjacent to the unincorporated community of Robson, across the river from the City of Castlegar.

The park provides a boat ramp consisting of gravel fill behind a concrete retaining wall, asphalt surface and pile/timber construction. The site is designated as a waterfront access park.

17.3 **Brilliant Bridge Regional Park** is located in rural Castlegar, in the community of Brilliant. The Brilliant Bridge is a suspension bridge spanning the Kootenay River constructed by the Doukhobor community in 1913. It was deemed redundant in the 1970's following the construction of a new highway bridge. In 1995 the site was declared a National Historic Site. This park is designated as a multiple purpose regional park.

17.4 **Glade Regional Park** is located in the community of Glade by the ferry dock. This is a waterfront access park on the Kootenay River with a wharf.

18.0 Implementation

18.1 As part of the park planning process, a detailed feasibility analysis of each proposed regional park or trail may be required. This investigation may include study of a range of issues including legal liability, terrain conditions, land acquisition as well as park development, operation and maintenance costs.

18.2 The Regional Board has adopted a policy to allocate taxes collected for regional parks purposes on a sub-regional basis.

18.3 The Regional District may prepare brochures describing regional parks.

- 18.4 The Regional District may consider staffing for the regional parks function to work with regional recreation groups and elected officials to prepare plans, investigate land acquisition, and facilitate the development, management, and maintenance of regional parks.

19.0 Plan Review and Amendment

- 19.1 The Regional District may reassess Official Regional Parks Plan Bylaw No. 2044, 2009 periodically by evaluating its effectiveness in relation to current and future regional recreation needs.

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12.0 Creston and Area

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14.0 Nelson - Salmo

- 14.1 **Cottonwood Lake Regional Park**, comprises 8.2 hectares of land and is located approximately five kilometres south of the City of Nelson. The park is managed by the Nelson, Salmo, Areas E, F, and G Regional Parks Commission. Recreation facilities in this waterfront access park include a swimming beach, picnic tables, boat launch, footpaths, cross-country ski trails, picnic shelters, and related rest rooms and parking facilities.

- 14.2 **Taghum Beach Regional Park** is located approximately six kilometres west of the City of Nelson and comprises approximately 2.1 hectares of land. The site is privately owned and leased by the Regional District. It is designated as a waterfront access park providing recreation facilities that include picnic tables, washrooms, parking lot, and beach.

- 14.3 **James Johnstone Regional Park** is composed of four lots totaling 1.2 hectares of land located on the north shore of the West Arm of Kootenay Lake immediately north of the City of Nelson. The site includes a beach access trail, washroom facilities and fire pits and is designated as a waterfront access regional park.

- 14.4 **Sunshine Bay Regional Park** is located on the south shore of the West Arm of Kootenay Lake in the Procter - Harrop community. The park has a total area of approximately 22 hectares. The park is comprised of five lots of which three lots are contiguous with the remaining two lots located approximately one kilometre west of the three easterly properties. The park is managed by the Sunshine Bay Regional Park Commission. The eastern sector of the park is approximately 9 hectares in area and the western sector is 13 hectares.

The eastern sector includes ball fields, picnic facilities and a recently developed BMX bike park. Part of the western sector of the park includes an equestrian facility leased to the Sunshine Bay Riding Club. The park is designated as a combined waterfront access and multiple purpose regional park.

- 14.5 **Rosebud Lake Regional Park** is located approximately twenty kilometres south of the Village of Salmo. The site is presently undeveloped and owned by the Regional District of Central Kootenay. The site characteristics of the park are most appropriate for low intensity development. The park is designated as a waterfront access park.

- 14.6 **Bonnington Regional Park** is located in a rural residential community approximately 15 kilometres west of the City of Nelson. The park has a total area of 6.7 hectares. The park is designated as a multiple purpose regional park. The park is owned by the Regional District of Central Kootenay and includes a soccer field, softball diamond and playground.
- 14.7 **Nelson Salmo Great Northern Trail** provides recreation trail use on a former CPR rail right-of-way. Owned by the Province of British Columbia, the Regional District of Central Kootenay has entered into a License of Occupation Agreement with the Province for this, the former Burlington Northern Santa Fe rail line from Troup Junction to the Village of Salmo. This trail is designated as a multiple purpose regional trail.
- 14.8 **Pulpit Rock Access Regional Trail** – This small piece of land, owned by the Regional District, was acquired for the purpose of providing legal access to the popular Pulpit Rock hiking trail in the rural Nelson area. This park is designated as a non-motorized regional trail.
- 15.0 Slocan Valley**
- 15.1 **Winlaw Regional and Nature Park** is located immediately north of the community of Winlaw. This 7.8 hectare property has been developed as a waterfront access park accommodating beach use and related facilities.
- 15.2 The **Rosebery to Three Forks Regional Trail** provides for non-motorized recreation trail use on a former CPR rail right-of-way. Owned by the Province of British Columbia, the Regional District of Central Kootenay has entered into a License of Occupation Agreement with the Province for this twelve-kilometre regional park trail.
- 15.3 **Bigelow Bay Regional Park** is located on Slocan Lake immediately adjacent to the northern boundary of the Village of New Denver and has an area of 0.09 hectares. The park is designated as a waterfront access park and is used for beach recreation activities.
- 15.4 **Rosebery Parklands Regional Park** is located on Slocan Lake a few kilometres north of the Village of New Denver. This 2.8 hectare parcel of waterfront property is designated as a waterfront access park and is used for beach recreation activities.

16.0 Upper Arrow

Regional Parks have yet to be designated for the Upper Arrow Sub-Region.

17.0 Lower Arrow

17.1 **Pass Creek Regional Park** is located across the Columbia River, opposite the City of Castlegar. The park contains 36.1 hectares of land managed by the Castlegar & District Community Complex and Recreation Commission. Outdoor recreation facilities in the park include camping sites, picnic area, swimming beach, trails, ball field and soccer field. The park is designated as a multiple purpose regional park.

17.2 The **Robson Boat Ramp Regional Park** is located on the north shore of the Columbia River adjacent to the unincorporated community of Robson, across the river from the City of Castlegar.

The park provides a boat ramp consisting of gravel fill behind a concrete retaining wall, asphalt surface and pile/timber construction. The site is designated as a waterfront access park.

17.3 **Brilliant Bridge Regional Park** is located in rural Castlegar, in the community of Brilliant. The Brilliant Bridge is a suspension bridge spanning the Kootenay River constructed by the Doukhobor community in 1913. It was deemed redundant in the 1970's following the construction of a new highway bridge. In 1995 the site was declared a National Historic Site. This park is designated as a multiple purpose regional park.

17.4 **Glade Regional Park** is located in the community of Glade by the ferry dock. This is a waterfront access park on the Kootenay River with a wharf.

18.0 Implementation

18.1 As part of the park planning process, a detailed feasibility analysis of each proposed regional park or trail may be required. This investigation may include study of a range of issues including legal liability, terrain conditions, land acquisition as well as park development, operation and maintenance costs.

18.2 The Regional Board has adopted a policy to allocate taxes collected for regional parks purposes on a sub-regional basis.

18.3 The Regional District may prepare brochures describing regional parks.

18.4 The Regional District may consider staffing for the regional parks function to work with regional recreation groups and elected officials to prepare plans, investigate

land acquisition, and facilitate the development, management, and maintenance of regional parks.

19.0 Plan Review and Amendment

- 19.1 The Regional District may reassess Official Regional Parks Plan Bylaw No. 2044, 2009 periodically by evaluating its effectiveness in relation to current and future regional recreation needs.

**Official Regional Parks Plan
Schedule B**



**Bylaw No. 2044, 2009
(As Amended By Bylaw 2108)**

REGIONAL PARKS

Community Parks
* Acquired through subdivision approvals process

- Multiple Purpose Parks**
 1. Arrow Creek
 2. Sunshine Bay
 3. Pass Creek
 4. Riondel Regional
 5. Bonnington
 6. Pulpit Rock Access Regional Trail
 7. Brilliant Bridge

- Waterfront Access Parks**
 1. Cottonwood Lake
 2. Taghum Beach
 3. James Johnstone
 4. Winlaw Nature Park
 5. Kaslo Waterfront Trail Regional Park
 6. Rosebud Lake
 7. Glacier Creek
 8. Robson Boat Ramp
 9. Bigelow Bay
 10. Historic Ainsworth Wharf
 11. Rosebery Parklands
 12. Glade

- Regional Trails**
 1. Roseberry to Three Forks
 2. Nelson to Salmo Great Northern Trail

Administrative Boundaries

Sub Regions

Electoral Areas

Highway

Date Plotted: Jan 19, 2010



