



REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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REPORT FOR CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Directors File No.: COMM 8.1

FROM: Chair, Environment and Parks Standing Committee

DATE: March 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Report from the Chair of the Environment and Parks Standing Committee

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider Standing Committee Recommendations
Attachments: None
Previous Reports: None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT the report dated March 4, 2026, regarding "Report from the Chair of Environment and Parks Standing Committee" be received for information.

| ENTITLEMENT | HOW VOTE COUNTED |
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| All 1 Director/1 vote | Majority |

ISSUE(S):

The Environment and Parks Standing Committee has three (3) items of business from the Committee's meeting held on March 19, 2026, that require the Board's consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE:

1. George Hicks and Cedarside Regional Parks Grant – Columbia Basin Trust Contribution Agreement

The Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) has confirmed a grant in the amount of \$125,000 to support capital enhancements at George Hicks and Cedarside Regional Parks for the period April 1, 2026, to March 31, 2028.

This funding is a recent development and was not anticipated or incorporated into the 2026–2030 Financial Plan. The Contribution Agreement establishes the terms, conditions, and eligibility requirements for use of the funds; however, specific capital projects to be funded under the Program have not yet been identified. Administration will assess eligible enhancement opportunities within George Hicks and Cedarside Regional Parks and incorporate into the 2026 to 2028 workplans.

The Grant may only be used for eligible capital enhancements on parks located within the Columbia Basin Trust region. The Grant is focused on accessibility, visitor safety, and climate resilience. It cannot be used for routine maintenance, staff wages, programming, or other ineligible costs as defined in the Agreement.

Committee Recommendation to Board: Item No. 5.1

ALL / 1 DIRECTOR / 1 VOTE / MAJORITY

THAT the Board approves the George Hicks and Cedarside Regional Parks Grant – Columbia Basin Trust Contribution Agreement.

2. Contract ES-24-08 Leachate Testing Services – Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill

The contract for leachate testing services at the Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill expires on May 31, 2026. The current contract is a multi-term contract that allows for two one-year options to extend on a period-by-period basis with the total duration not to exceed three years. This extension falls into these parameters of current contract conditions and will be the final extension allowable under this contract.

Committee Recommendation to Board: Item No. 5.2

ALL / 1 DIRECTOR / 1 VOTE / MAJORITY

THAT the Board approve a one-year extension of Contract ES-24-08 Leachate Testing Services – Foothills Boulevard Regional Landfill to McElhanney Ltd. for the term of June 1, 2026, to May 31, 2027.

3. Modernization of Regional Parks Bylaws

The Regional District's parks bylaws were adopted more than 40 years ago under a provincial legislative framework that has since changed significantly. Since that time, provincial legislation governing local government authority, enforcement powers, accessibility, environmental protection, and park use has evolved, including consolidation of relevant authorities into the *Local Government Act*. As a result, several provisions within the existing bylaws rely on outdated terminology, fragmented authorities, and assumptions about park use that no longer reflect current legislative requirements or contemporary park management practices.

Across British Columbia, many regional districts have undertaken reviews of long-standing parks bylaws to improve clarity, consistency, and enforceability, and to better align regulatory frameworks with current provincial legislation. Modernizing the Regional District's parks bylaws supports clear authority, consistent interpretation, and effective management of regional parks, while maintaining flexibility to respond to evolving park uses and community expectations.

This report brings forward for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George (RDFFG) Board's consideration of a new Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 3408, 2026, which would repeal and replace the existing Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 793, 1986, and repeal the Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Bylaw No. 724, 1986 and Park Use Permit Delegation Bylaw No. 2246, 2005. The existing bylaws no longer reflect current park management practices or the present legislative framework.

Committee Recommendation to Board: Item No. 5.3

1. THAT "Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 3408, 2026" be introduced and given first and second readings.
(ALL / 1 DIRECTOR / 1 VOTE / MAJORITY)
2. THAT "Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 3408, 2026" be given third reading.
(ALL / 1 DIRECTOR / 1 VOTE / MAJORITY)
3. THAT t "Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 3408, 2026" be adopted.
(ALL / 1 DIRECTOR / 1 VOTE / 2/3 MAJORITY)
4. THAT "Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Repeal Bylaw No. 3411, 2026" be introduced and given first and second readings. **(ALL / 1 DIRECTOR / 1 VOTE / MAJORITY)**
5. THAT "Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Repeal Bylaw No. 3411, 2026" be given third reading.
(ALL / 1 DIRECTOR / 1 VOTE / MAJORITY)
6. THAT "Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Repeal Bylaw No. 3411, 2026" be adopted.
(ALL / 1 DIRECTOR / 1 VOTE / 2/3 MAJORITY)

Respectfully submitted,

Chair
Environment and Parks Standing Committee