



# REGIONAL DISTRICT of Fraser-Fort George

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## REPORT FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION

TO: Chair and Members, Environment and Parks Standing Committee

FROM: Gina Layte Liston, Senior Manager of Environmental Services

DATE: March 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Modernization of Regional Park Bylaws

SUMMARY: Purpose: Consider adoption of Bylaws

File No.: PK BYL 1.1

Attachments:

1. Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Bylaw No. 724, 1986
2. Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 793, 1986
3. Park Use Permit Delegation Bylaw No. 2246, 2005
4. Proposed Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 3408, 2026
5. Proposed Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Repeal Bylaw No. 3411, 2026

Previous Reports: None

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

1. THAT the report dated March 4, 2026, regarding “Modernization of Regional Park Bylaws” be received for information.
2. THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that “Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 3408, 2026” be introduced and given first and second readings.
3. THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that “Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 3408, 2026” be given third reading.
4. THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that “Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 3408, 2026” be adopted.
5. THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that “Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Repeal Bylaw No. 3411, 2026” be introduced and given first and second readings.
6. THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that “Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Repeal Bylaw No. 3411, 2026” be given third reading.
7. THAT the Committee recommend to the Board that “Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Repeal Bylaw No. 3411, 2026” be adopted.

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**ISSUE(S):**

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 As a result, several provisions within the existing bylaws rely on outdated terminology, fragmented authorities, and assumptions about park use that no longer reflect current legislative requirements or contemporary park management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 Environment and Parks Standing Committee's consideration 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.

### **Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 793, 1986**

Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 793, 1986 was adopted under the former *Parks (Regional) Act* and reflects regulatory assumptions, terminology, and enforcement tools that predate the current *Local Government Act*. The bylaw is structured primarily through a single schedule that combines general regulations, park-specific rules, and permit provisions, resulting in a framework that is difficult to interpret, apply consistently, or update as park use and legislative requirements evolve.

Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 793, 1986 contains limited definitions, relies on outdated statutory references, and does not clearly distinguish between administrative authority, enforcement powers, and user obligations. Enforcement provisions are limited and are not aligned with contemporary bylaw enforcement tools, including compliance orders, bylaw notices, or modern ticketing frameworks now commonly used by local governments. Permit provisions are also narrowly defined and rely on Regional Board approval for many routine activities, reducing administrative flexibility and operational efficiency.

In addition, the Bylaw does not adequately address emerging park uses, accessibility expectations, environmental protection standards, or contemporary issues such as wheeled conveyances, commercial park use, organized events, or modern risk management practices. Park-specific regulations are embedded within the bylaw schedule, making updates to individual parks cumbersome and increasing the likelihood of inconsistencies over time.

The proposed Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 3408, 2026 replaces Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 793, 1986 with a modernized and consolidated regulatory framework that clearly separates definitions, administration, enforcement powers, general park regulations, permit systems, and park-specific provisions through schedules. This approach improves clarity, supports consistent interpretation and enforcement, and aligns the Regional District's parks regulatory framework with current provincial legislation and contemporary local government practices. As part of the development of proposed Bylaw No. 3408, a legal review was undertaken to ensure compliance with applicable legislation, consistency with current regulatory frameworks, and enforcement provisions.

### **Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Bylaw No. 724, 1986**

The Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Bylaw No. 724, 1986 was adopted under legislative provisions that were repealed in 2015, when the former *Parks (Regional) Act* was consolidated into the *Local Government Act*. The current legislative framework no longer requires or contemplates designation of an "official" regional parks plan by bylaw. Repeal of the Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Bylaw No. 724, 1986 removes an outdated statutory reference, reduces regulatory duplication, and clarifies the Regional District's current authority to establish and manage regional parks through service establishment bylaws, regulation bylaws, and Board-approved planning documents. This repeal is administrative in nature and does not affect existing park lands, service levels, or the Regional District's ability to plan for, operate, or protect regional parks.

Repeal of the Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Bylaw No. 724, 1986 also aligns with Environmental Services' broader bylaw modernization program, which focuses on reviewing and updating legacy bylaws to ensure consistency with current legislation, plain-language drafting standards, and contemporary governance practices. As part of this program, bylaws that reference repealed statutes, duplicate authority now provided elsewhere, or no longer serve a clear regulatory purpose are being identified for consolidation or repeal. Removing the Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Bylaw No. 724, 1986 improves overall clarity within the Regional District's regulatory framework while maintaining flexibility to guide parks planning through Board-approved strategies and plans aligned with the *Local Government Act*.

**Park Use Permit Delegation Bylaw No. 2246, 2005**

The Park Use Permit Delegation Bylaw No. 2246, 2005 currently establishes the framework for the issuance and administration of park use permits within Regional District parks. The repeal of this bylaw is administrative in nature and does not result in the removal of any substantive authority. The provisions respecting park use permits have been incorporated into the proposed Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 3408, 2026 to provide a consolidated and clearly structured regulatory framework. Repeal of the existing bylaw eliminates duplication, reduces potential confusion, and ensures that park permitting processes are governed under a single, modernized regulation.

**RELEVANT POLICIES:**

1. Regional District authority under the *Local Government Act*:
  - Pursuant to Part 2 and Part 3 of the *Local Government Act* (RSBC 2015, c. 1), the Regional District has the authority to establish, operate, regulate, and protect parks and park facilities within its jurisdiction.
  - The Regional District may, by bylaw, regulate, prohibit, and impose requirements in relation to the use of park land and facilities, including matters respecting public safety, protection of property, environmental stewardship, and the preservation of public order.
  - The Regional District may establish fees and charges for the use of parks and park facilities in accordance with applicable legislation.
  - The Regional District may designate enforcement officers and establish penalties for contraventions of park bylaws as authorized under the *Local Government Act* and related provincial legislation.

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ALIGNMENT:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Indigenous and Intergovernmental Partnerships | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Organizational Strength and Adaptability | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality Community Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Stewardship and Climate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness and Engagement                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory or Routine Business            |  |   |

**SERVICE RELEVANCE:**

The Regional Parks service is responsible for providing safe, accessible, and well-managed park spaces for residents and visitors. Adoption of a modernized regulation bylaw supports effective stewardship, public safety, and consistent enforcement across the regional parks system.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):**

There are no significant financial implications for the introduction of this bylaw. Ticketing penalties and fines are not intended to provide an expected revenue stream but do help to offset costs for in-house notice of bylaw violation dispute adjudications and municipal ticket information court costs.

**OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):**

Related bylaws, such as the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 3249, 2022, will require administrative updates to align with the new bylaw numbering and structure following adoption.

**DECISION OPTIONS:**

1. Approve recommendations. Recommendations will be made to the Board that:
  - Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 793, 1986 be repealed and the proposed Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 3408, 2026 be adopted and be effective as of the date of adoption.
  - Official Regional Park Plan Designation Bylaw No. 724, 1986 be repealed.

- Park Use Permit Delegation Bylaw 2246, 2005 to be repealed.

Other Options:

- a. Do not approve recommendations, which would result in the Regional Parks bylaws being outdated and not aligned with the current regulatory framework and park management practices.

**COMMENTS:**

This report brings forward for the Committee's consideration a modernization of the Regional District's parks regulatory framework through repeal of outdated bylaws and adoption of a new Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw. The existing Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Bylaw No. 724, 1986, Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 793, 1986, and Park Use Permit Delegation Bylaw 2246, 2005 were adopted under a legislative framework that has since changed, including repeal of the Province's former *Parks (Regional) Act* and consolidation of relevant authorities into the *Local Government Act*. As a result, the current bylaws no longer reflect contemporary legislative requirements, park management practices, or enforcement tools.

The proposed Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 3408, 2026 establishes a modernized, consolidated, and clearly structured regulatory framework for Regional District parks. The repeal of Park Use Permit Delegation Bylaw No. 2246, 2005 is administrative in nature, as the authorities and provisions currently contained in that bylaw are incorporated into the proposed Bylaw No. 3408. Similarly, the repeal of Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Bylaw No. 724, 1986 is administrative and removes an outdated statutory reference, while maintaining the Regional District's authority to plan, operate, and manage regional parks through service establishment bylaws, regulation bylaws, and Board-approved planning documents. Collectively, these actions enhance clarity and consistency, support effective stewardship of Regional District parks, and align with the Regional District's strategic priorities related to organizational adaptability, modernization, and governance best practices.

Respectfully submitted,

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER-FORT GEORGE

BY-LAW NO. 724

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A BY-LAW TO REVIEW, ESTABLISH AND DESIGNATE AN OFFICIAL REGIONAL PARKS PLAN

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WHEREAS pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 of the Park (Regional) Act, 1979 R.S. Chapter 310, the Regional Board of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George has, by By-law No. 465, dated November 12, 1981, adopted an Official Regional Parks Plan for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George;

AND WHEREAS the said Official Regional Parks Plan has set out provision for periodic review and amendment;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board desires to review the Official Regional Parks Plan by passage of this By-law, having due regard to the requirement of Section 13 of the Park (Regional) Act;

NOW THEREFORE the Regional Board of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. "Official Regional Parks Plan Designation By-law No. 465, 1981" is hereby repealed.
2. Schedule 'A' attached to and forming part of this By-law, is hereby designated as the Official Regional Park Plan for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.
3. This By-law may be cited as "Official Regional Parks Plan Designation By-law No. 724, 1986".

READ A FIRST TIME ON THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 1986.

READ A SECOND TIME ON THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 1986.

READ A THIRD TIME ON THE 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 1986.

APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF LANDS, PARKS & HOUSING ON THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 1986.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED ON THE 19TH DAY OF JUNE, 1986.

  
CHAIRMAN ✓

  
SECRETARY

Certified a true and correct copy of By-law No. 724, 1986 as adopted on the 19th day of June, 1986.

  
D. Anne Hogan, Deputy Secretary

OFFICIAL REGIONAL PARKS PLAN

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SCHEDULE 'A'

TO OFFICIAL REGIONAL PARKS PLAN DESIGNATION BY-LAW NO. 724

1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Legislative Framework

1.1.1 This Official Regional Park Plan for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George is prepared and adopted under Section 17 of the Park (Regional) Act.

1.1.2 The Regional District is empowered with the Regional Parks function as set out in Division 7 of the Letters Patent, and is thus established as a Regional Park District.

1.1.3 This Plan is designated, by By-law, as an Official Regional Parks Plan, with the approval of the Minister of Lands, Parks & Housing.

1.2 Purpose of Plan

1.2.1 The purpose of this Plan is to set a general framework for the acquisition, development and operation of Regional Parks, including Regional Trails, within the Regional District.

1.2.2 This involves describing through a series of policy statements the following:

- (a) defining the role of the Regional District in providing outdoor recreation opportunities in Regional Parks;
- (b) setting out a general programme for overall acquisition and capital development, including consideration of financing;
- (c) identifying the areas of priority from the viewpoint of geography and types of Regional Park facilities;
- (d) identifying and designating existing and proposed Regional Parks.

1.3 Timeframe and Review

1.3.1 This Plan is not designed to be specifically applicable for a given period of time. Rather, it takes a medium-long term view of the Regional Parks function, so that the programmes and proposals for the future development of Regional Parks can be put into a more detailed timeframe on a year-by-year basis, taking account of all relevant considerations.

1.3.2 This Plan is adopted by By-law, and amendments may only be made by By-law.

1.3.3 The Regional Board first adopted an Official Park Plan in November, 1981 (By-law No. 465), and By-law No. 724 constitutes the first review of the Plan. Further reviews will be done as needed, or generally in about 5 years from the adoption of this review.

2.0 A FRAMEWORK FOR THE REGIONAL PARKS FUNCTION

2.1 Basic Purpose and Objectives

2.1.1 There is a very wide range of agencies involved in the provision of outdoor recreation opportunities. It is generally recognized that there is a role for local government at a Regional level to provide outdoor recreation areas for the population of the region. These opportunities are day use oriented, and serve both urban and rural populations. It is this role which the Regional Parks Act defines for Regional Districts, and the Regional Board accepts and administers the function as one which is regional in nature.

2.1.2 The Regional Board considers the basic purpose of the Regional Parks function as expressed in the following overall objective:

To provide residents of (and visitors to) the region with a range of outdoor recreation opportunities within developed park areas which are designed primarily for day use, and which are representative of the region's natural environment, recreation and heritage resources.

2.1.3 The function of providing Regional Parks as expressed in this overall objective involves many different factors - from population growth to financing. The most important aspects are recognized below in a series of statements of objectives which give direction to the function.

2.1.4 The objectives of the Regional District with regard to the Regional Parks function are:

- (a) to relate the amount of Regional Park development to the overall populations being served;
- (b) to take advantage of those natural environments and specific features which are best suited to recreation use and park development;
- (c) to relate the amount and location of Regional Park development to other existing and planned outdoor recreation opportunities;
- (d) to provide Regional Parks on a reasonably balanced geographic basis throughout the Regional District;
- (e) to reserve and preserve land which may be required for future Regional Park development;
- (f) to have a cost-efficient approach to development and operation of Regional Parks such that the cost to the taxpayer is reasonable.

2.2 Regional Parks within an Outdoor Recreation System

- 2.2.1 The range of outdoor recreation opportunities in the region make an overall system, of which Regional Parks are one part. Parks and other facilities provided by various government agencies and recreational activity groups, and commercial recreation facilities, are also part of the system. They provide different services and facilities to some extent, but in some cases there can be some overlap.
- 2.2.2 It is the policy of the Regional District that Regional Parks will not be developed where they would duplicate facilities provided by another agency, or where another agency has developed a park which serves the same role as a Regional Park.
- 2.2.3 The existence of a Park implies that there is some level of development associated with the outdoor recreation opportunities provided, and the majority of people prefer and require some developed facilities - if only a parking area, trails and sanitary facilities. The level of development (e.g. gravel/pavement, pit privies/flush toilets) required depends upon the role of the Park within the overall outdoor recreation system and the amount of use of the Park.
- 2.2.4 The policy of the Regional District is to provide a level of development within Regional Parks which allows easy and convenient use and provides basic required facilities, without providing the highest development standards unless the type of park or amount of use justify higher standards.
- 2.2.5 Regional Parks are intended as day use recreation areas, so that overnight camping facilities are not provided.
- 2.2.6 It is the policy of the Regional District that Regional Parks shall be for day use only, except that special approvals may be given for organized group camping.
- 2.2.7 While the emphasis in the Regional Parks function is evidently on outdoor recreation, the region's heritage is an aspect of the rural areas which can be closely related to provision of recreation opportunities. This is mainly because some heritage resources, such as trails and certain locations on rivers, have high recreation values as well.
- 2.2.8 It is the policy of the Regional District that consideration of the region's heritage is an important and valid part of defining programmes and priorities for the Regional Parks function, where the protection and presentation of heritage resources can be combined with good opportunities for outdoor recreation.
- 2.2.9 In summary, it is the policy of the Regional District to view Regional Parks as one part of the overall system of outdoor recreation opportunities in the region, and to prepare development programmes in this context.

2.3 Defining the Need for Regional Parks

- 2.3.1 It may be considered that, with the large areas of wilderness in Central B.C., there are almost unlimited recreation opportunities available to the region's residents. However, for a large majority those areas do not provide the right type of recreation - with easy access for a short outing for a fairly leisurely walk, picnic, or swim. Regional Parks serve this role, but it is difficult to quantify the need for such parks, especially because of the large size and geography of this Regional District. Such information as population and land area designated as park is complemented by a qualitative approach.
- 2.3.2 It is a general policy of the Regional District to view the provision of Regional Parks as being needed on the basis of adding to the quality of living for residents of the region.
- 2.3.3 Population, and anticipated future population growth, is an important factor in planning for Regional Parks. The population statistics show significant growth trends from the mid 60's to early 80's, and the introduction and early stages of the Regional Parks function occurred during a period of quite high growth. Future growth is generally anticipated to be at a low level, but steady, and there is always the possibility of significant growth arising from expansion of the region's employment base.
- 2.3.4 It is the policy of the Regional District to monitor population growth and relate the Regional Park development programmes to growth trends in a general way, and to retain flexibility to be able to adjust its programmes as conditions warrant.
- 2.3.5 The geographical aspect is also important, and the Regional District can be broken down into 3 areas - Prince George area, Mackenzie area, and Robson Valley. The need for Regional Parks is greatest in the Prince George area - largely because this area contains about 85% of the regions population, but also because much of the rural land base is alienated.
- 2.3.6 It is the policy of the Regional District to focus the Regional Parks function upon the Prince George area on the basis that it is generally the area of highest need, but since the function is regional in nature the Regional District will also take account of park needs in the Mackenzie and Robson Valley-Canoe areas.
- 2.3.7 In addition, the Regional District will as a policy consider the park needs of rural communities in defining its Regional Park programmes.
- 2.3.8 The Regional District may also as a policy consider the establishment and maintenance of public access to lakes as Regional Parks, where there are specific conditions which the Board feels warrants such action, but this is not a policy or commitment to assume responsibility for public accesses to lakes generally.

2.4 Finances - Development and Operations

- 2.4.1 For some years up to and including 1980, money was raised through local taxation for park development, and this money is in a Regional Park Development Reserve Fund. This fund is the major source of financing for capital development projects, and management of this fund is critical to the future availability of financing for park development. The policy below is fully subject to annual budget decisions, and serves as a general guide.
- 2.4.2 The policy of the Regional District with regard to the Regional Park Development Reserve Fund is to maintain the fund at as high a level as possible to accrue significant interest, and generally to not have the fund fall below a level of about \$100 - \$125,000, so that this amount is potentially available as a reserve to cover unforeseen development costs or acquisition opportunities.
- 2.4.3 Other than the Reserve Fund, there are no specific sources of funds for Regional Parks land acquisition and development. A Provincial Grant programme was used for some existing parks, but that programme was cancelled in 1981.
- 2.4.4 The Regional District will as a policy attempt to raise Regional Park development funds from other sources such as grants and private industry, with full recognition of such sources.
- 2.4.5 Expenditures for operation and maintenance of the parks are separate from development expenditures. The annual operating budget is evidently related to the number of developed parks, and it is recognized that additional park development implies an increase in the annual operations budget.
- 2.4.6 It is the policy of the Regional District that the Regional Parks function will be supported by an operational budget sufficient to ensure a satisfactory level of service and maintenance is provided in the developed parks.
- 2.4.7 It is the policy of the Regional District that land proposed to be developed as a Regional Park or Regional Trail be secured prior to expenditure of development funds.

2.5 Operations and Management

- 2.5.1 Rules and regulations governing the operations, management, etc. of a Regional Park are established by a separate Regional District by-law. This section sets out some general policies about the operation and management of Regional Parks.
- 2.5.2 It is the policy of the Regional District to establish a by-law to govern the operations of Regional Parks, and that by-law may provide flexibility and establish different regulations for different parks.
- 2.5.3 While recognizing the general public use of Regional Parks, it is the policy of the Regional District to generally permit organized community events or use by community groups, including occasional overnight use, provided that the park facilities are suitable for the use, and the operations by-law may set out procedures and regulations to obtain specific permission for such events.
- 2.5.4 Similarly, it is the policy of the Regional District that occasional commercial concessions to serve park visitors may be permitted, with procedures and regulations to obtain specific permission set out in the operations by-law.
- 2.5.5 With regard to more permanent commercial concessions, which may only be granted by lease or rental by by-law, it is the policy of the Regional District that such concessions will only be considered where the service provided is essential to the overall operation and concept of the Regional Park in which it is located.
- 2.5.6 As a principle guiding the operation, management and development of Regional Parks, Regional District policy is to maintain the natural environment as much as practical within the objective of providing for safe and enjoyable recreation use.
- 2.5.7 The operation, management and maintenance of Regional Parks will generally be administered directly by the Regional District, however it is a policy that an agreement may be made with a community organization or a Municipality to pass on the responsibility for control and development of a Regional Park, provided no authority beyond that of the Regional Parks function is assumed.
- 2.5.8 Where a part of a Regional Park is not used or intended to be used or developed as part of the Park, it is the policy of the Regional District that it may make an agreement with a local community association for the use and development of the land for general community recreation use.
- 2.5.9 It is the general policy of the Regional District to not charge admission fees to the Regional Parks, although where an agreement has been made to pass control of a specific facility or building within a park on to a community group, then that group may be given the authority to charge admission.
- 2.5.10 It is the policy of the Regional District to promote public awareness and appreciation of the region's outdoor recreation opportunities through, in the context of Regional Parks, information and interpretative brochures and publications, including those prepared by other agencies or community groups.

2.5.11 Regional District policy is to develop Regional Parks giving consideration to easy and convenient use by all members of the public, including seniors and the handicapped, to the extent practical.

2.5.12 Where the Regional District has acquired (ownership or lease) land for future Regional Park development, then all or part of that land may be declared by resolution of the Regional Board to be not dedicated for public use and enjoyment; i.e. not open to the public.

2.6 Acquisition and General Implementation

2.6.1 The majority of land proposed for future Regional Park and Regional Trail development is Crown land, and it is the policy of the Regional District to ensure that the status of these Crown lands reflects the designation as proposed Regional Park. This may occur by:

- (a) where short or medium term development of a substantial nature is anticipated, the Regional District having or obtaining a full tenure on the land - preferably fee simple title but alternatively a long term lease;
- (b) where short or medium term development of a minimal nature (e.g. trails only) is anticipated, the Regional District having or obtaining a lower level tenure on the land (e.g. easement, License of Occupation); or
- (c) where short or medium development is not anticipated, a Reserve or notation of interest in favour of the Regional District being established.

2.6.2 Where a Regional Park or Regional Trail proposal involves the acquisition of private property, whether full purchase or establishment of easements, it is the policy of the Regional District that all decisions relating to initiation and finalization of negotiations with a property owner shall be made by the Regional Board.

2.6.3 It is the policy of the Regional District that it may take advantage of unexpected and unplanned opportunities to acquire land with high recreation values which is suitable for Regional Park use, even if that land is not designated as a Regional Park in this Plan.

2.6.4 It is the policy of the Regional District to develop its plans, programmes and specific development proposals with full involvement and consultation from the public, interested groups and government agencies.

2.6.5 As a general policy, the implementation of the park proposals in this Plan will occur through the preparation of a development plan by the Regional District prior to development work being commenced, including phasing and cost estimate details where necessary.

2.6.6 In general, the implementation of this Official Regional Parks Plan is through annual decisions made by the Regional District on budget allocations and definition of work programmes.

3.0

A REGIONAL PARKS PLAN

3.1 Designated Regional Parks

3.1.1 Those areas or trails shown on Maps 1 to 13 are hereby designated as Regional Parks pursuant to Section 4(a) of the Park (Regional) Act, which is authorization for the land to be acquired or held by the Regional District for park development and use. The exact boundaries shown on the maps may be subject to change after more detailed review in the future.

3.1.2 The designation of an area as a Regional Park does not commit the Regional District to any future action with regard to that area. Specifically, the designation does not commit the Regional District:

- (a) where an area is not held by the Regional District, to future acquisition of that area; or
- (b) where an area is held by the Regional District, to future development of that area.

3.1.3 The Regional Parks designated in this Plan vary with respect to land status, development status, and the degree of possibility for future development and/or acquisition. Each Park is described from this view point in the Background Report which accompanies this Plan (but is not part of By-law No. 724).

3.1.4 Included on the following Maps is the identification of land which is presently, or may in the future be, considered surplus to Park needs. The Regional District may consider sale or other disposal (including the return of leased Crown land to the Province) of the land in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

3.1.5 Map 1 - Wilkins Regional Park

3.1.6 Map 2 - Berman Lake Regional Park

3.1.7 Map 3 - Ness Lake Regional Park

3.1.8 Map 4 - Harold Mann (Eaglet Lake) Regional Park

3.1.9 Map 5 - Koeneman (McBride) Regional Park

3.1.10 Map 6 - George Hicks (Valemount) Regional Park

3.1.11 Map 7 - Giscome Portage Regional Park

3.1.12 Map 8 - McMillan Creek (Prince George) Regional Park

3.1.13 Map 9 - Vivian/Verdant Lakes Potential Regional Park

3.1.14 Map 10 - Fort George Canyon Potential Regional Park

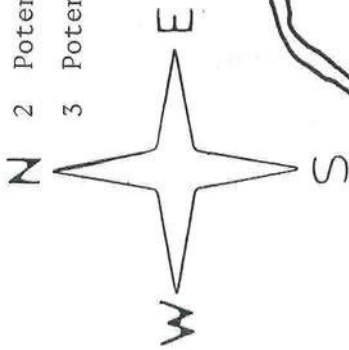
3.1.15 Map 11 - Tabor Lake Potential Regional Park

3.1.16 Map 12 - Eskers Potential Regional Trail

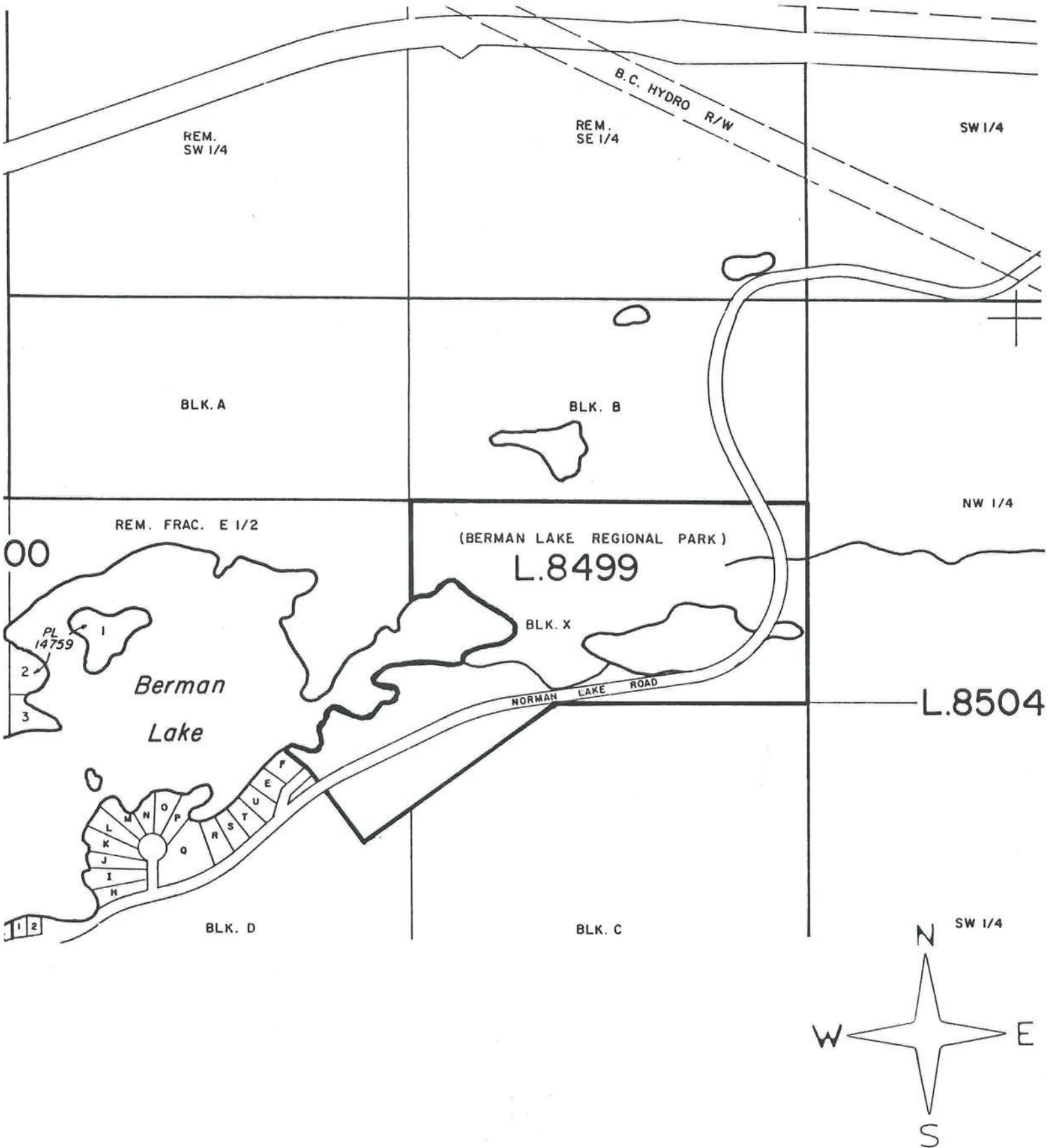
3.1.17 Map 13 - Riverfront/Cranbrook Hill Potential Regional Trails

3.1.5 Map 1 - Wilkins Regional Park

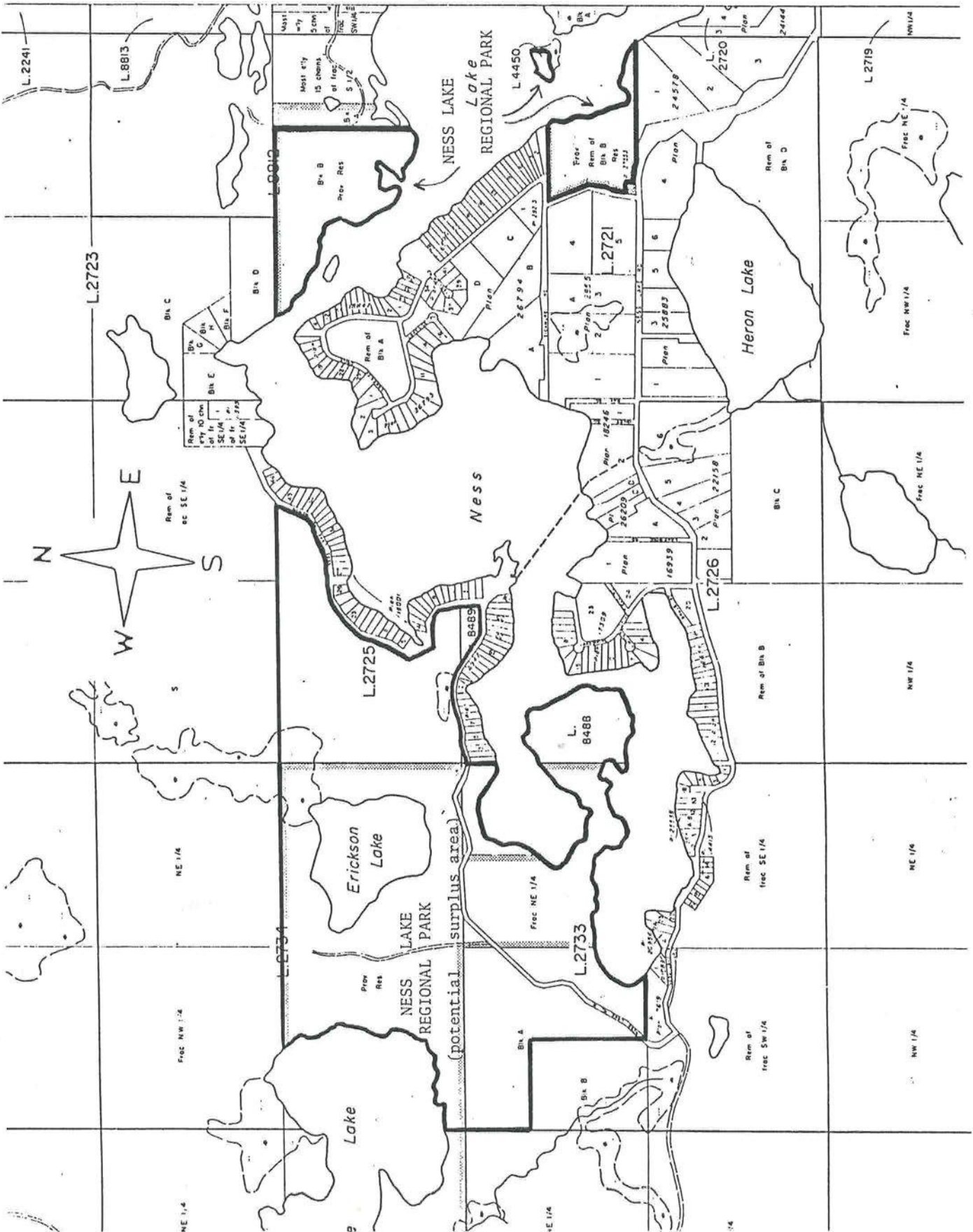
- 1 Potential Surplus Area
- 2 Potential Land Exchange
- 3 Potential Expansion



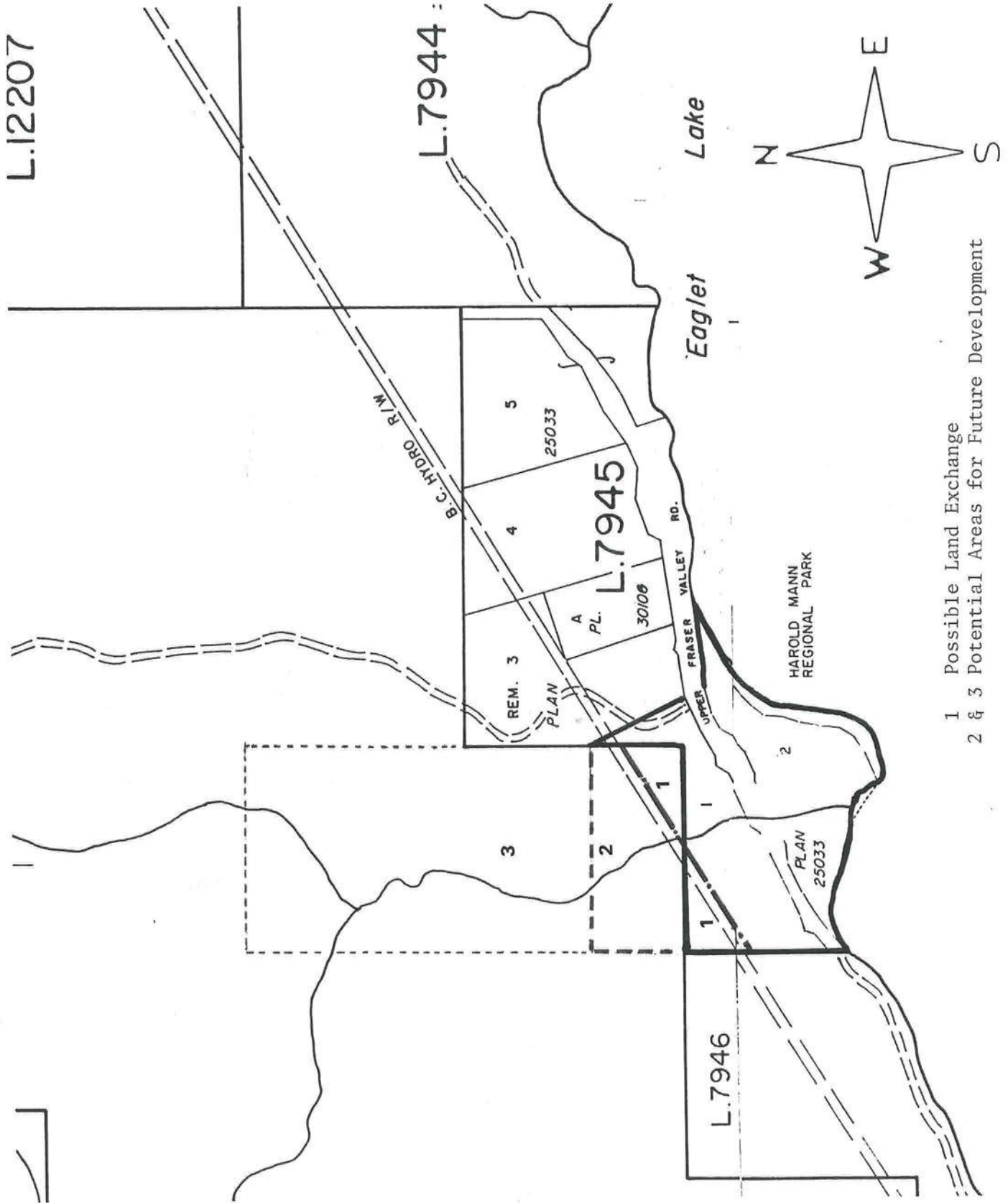
3.1.6 Map 2 - Berman Lake Regional Park



3.1.7 Map 3 - Ness Lake Regional Park

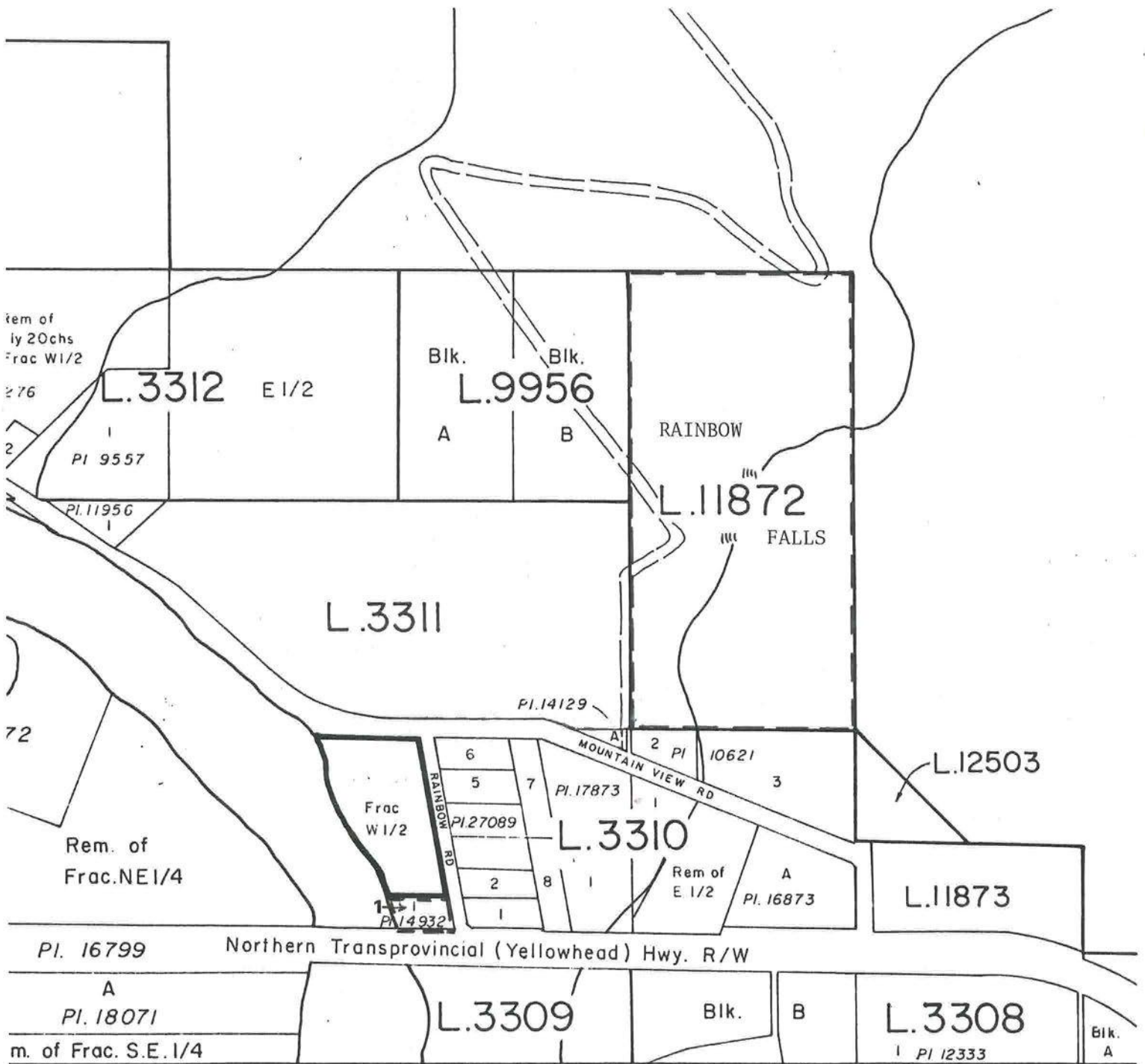


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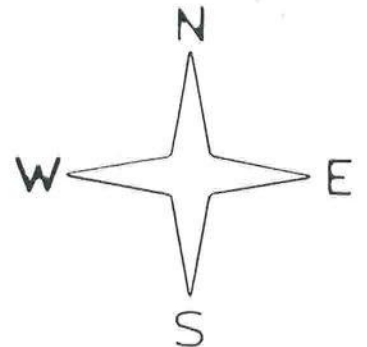


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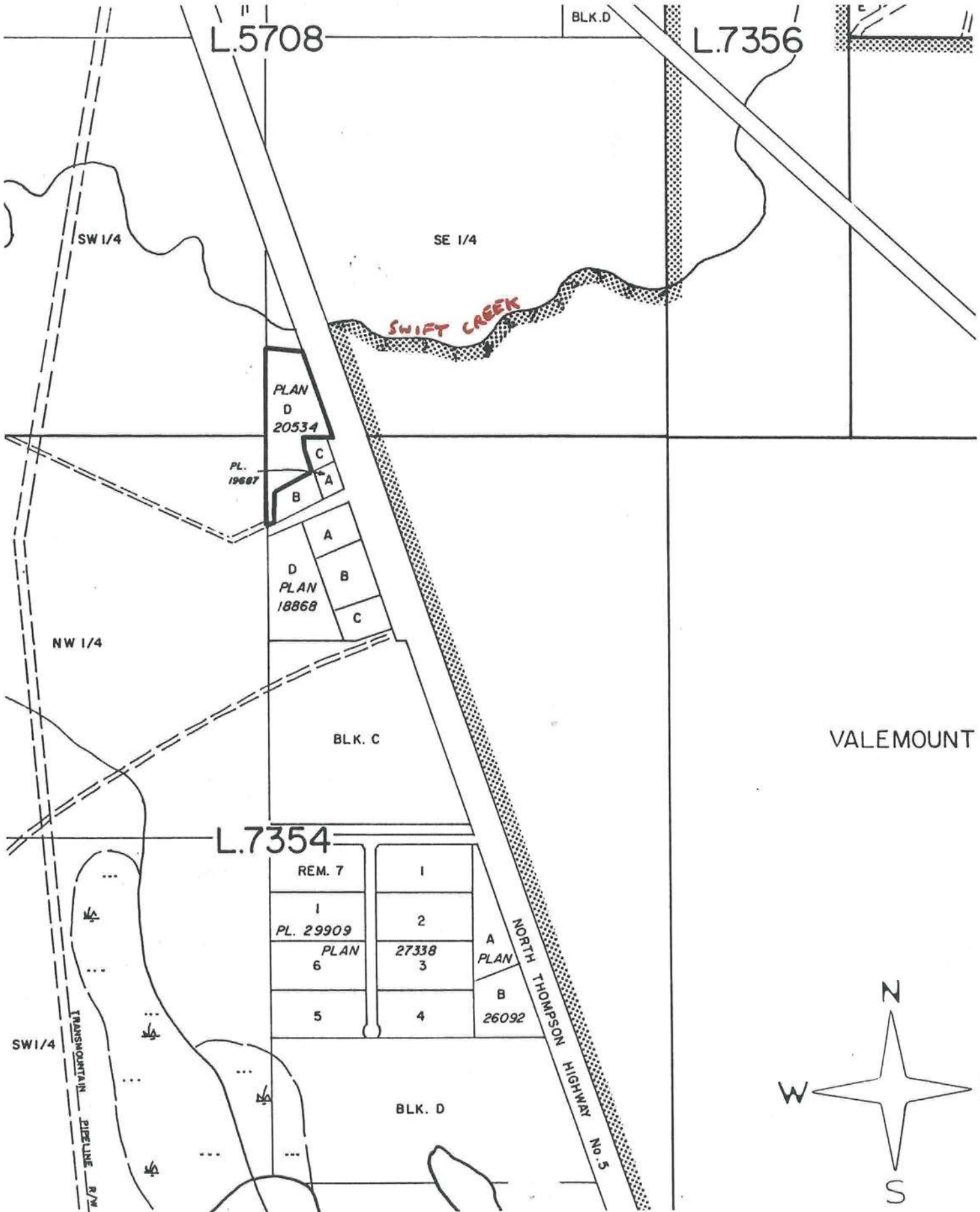
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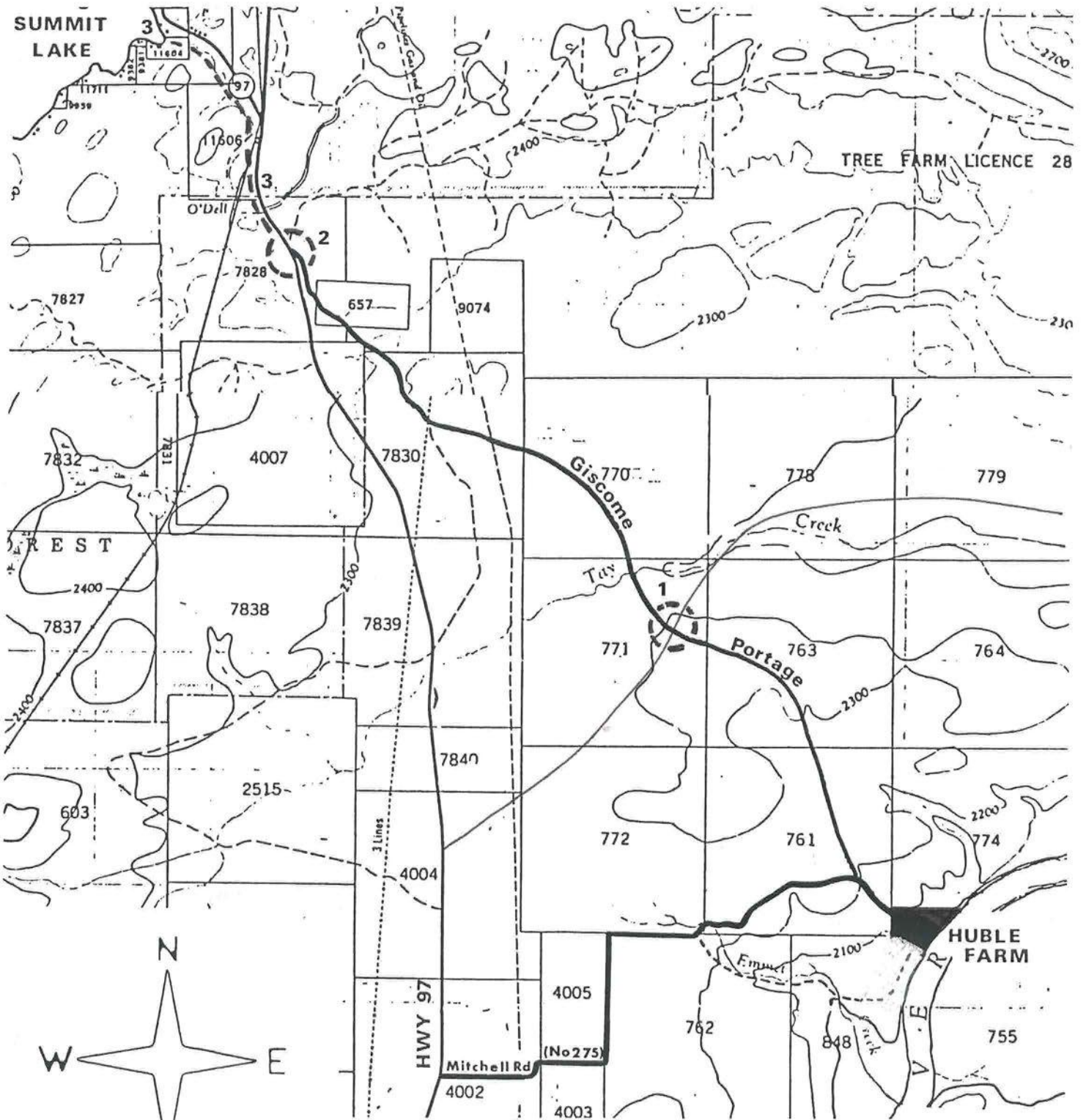
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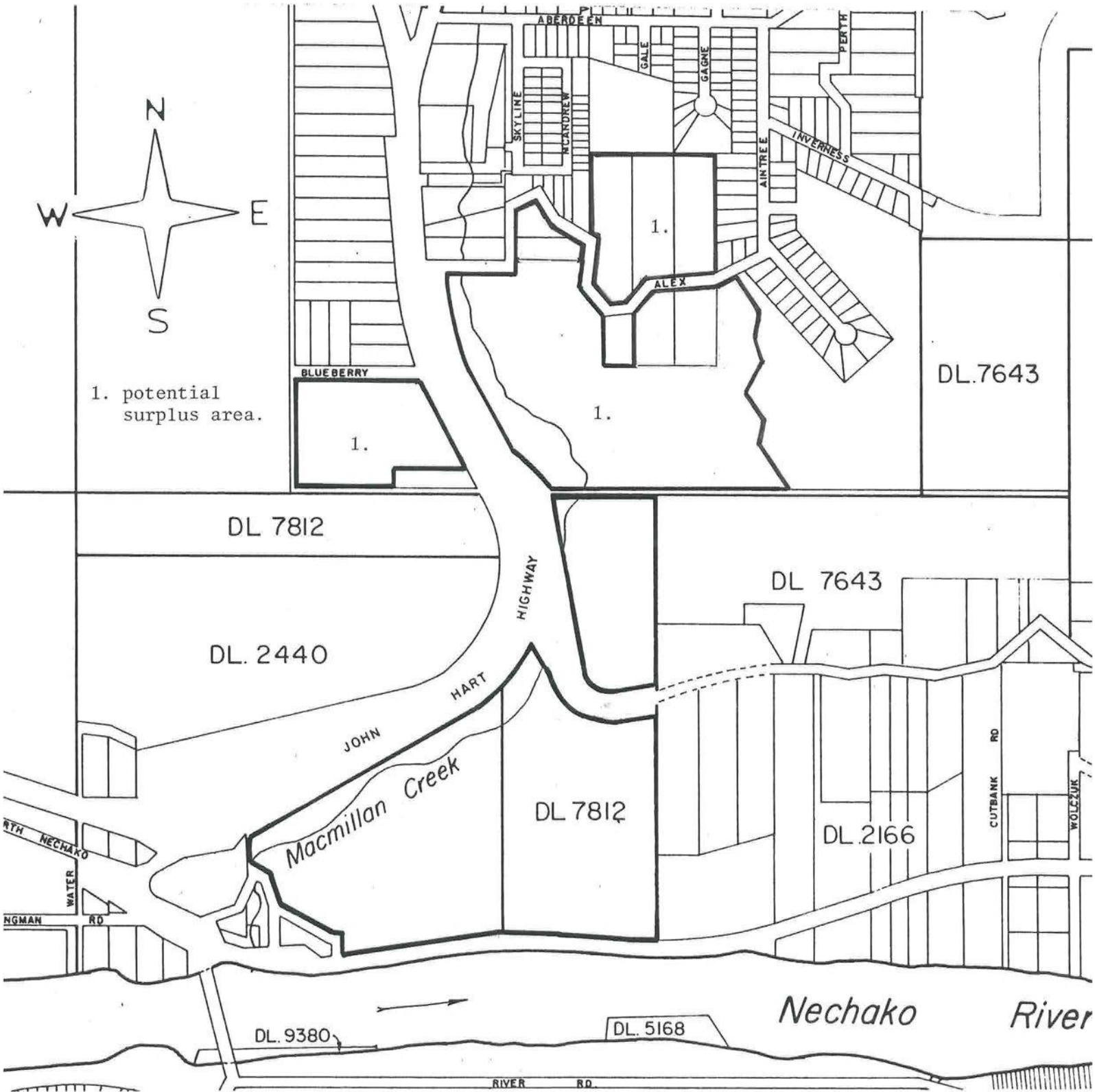


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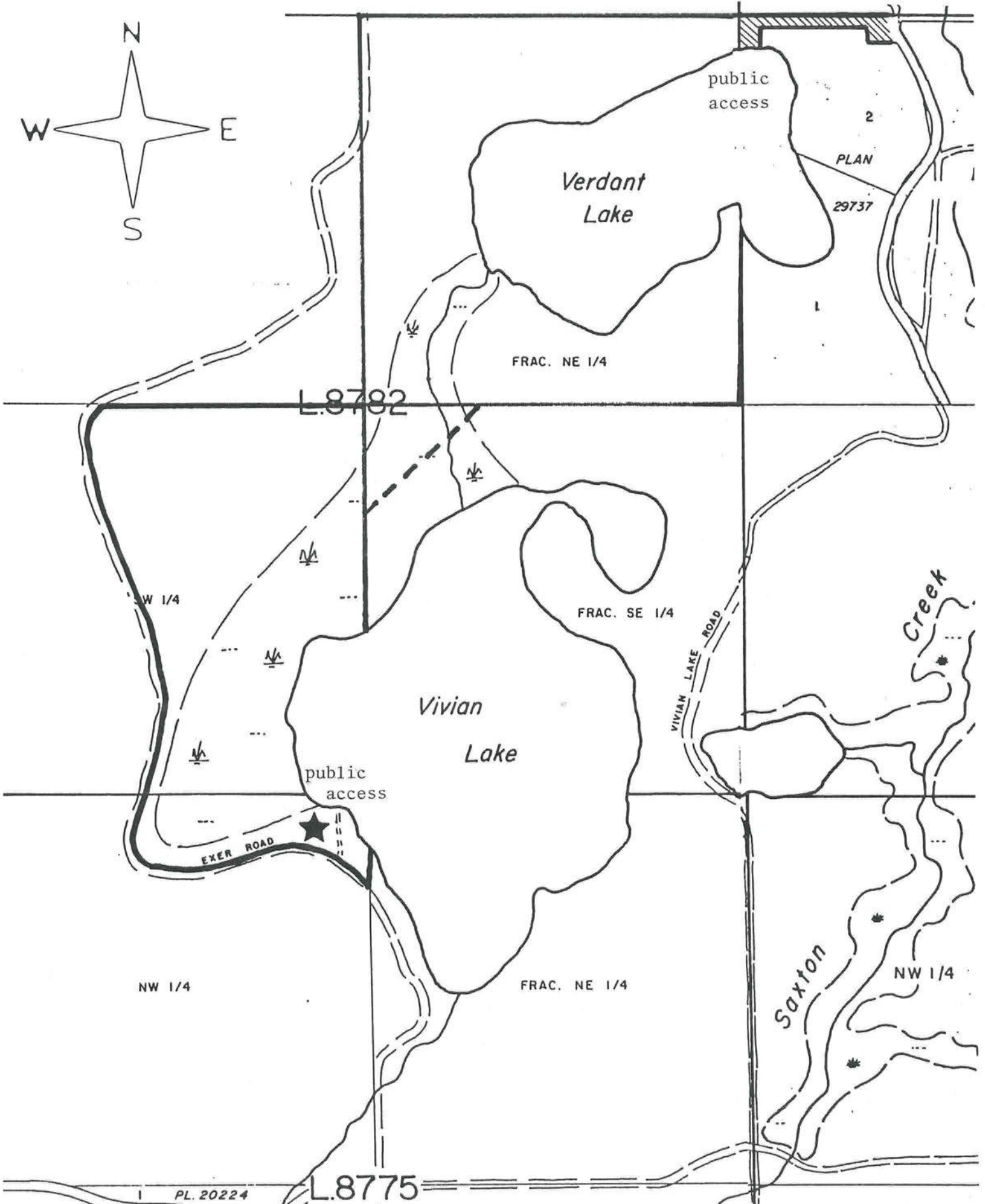


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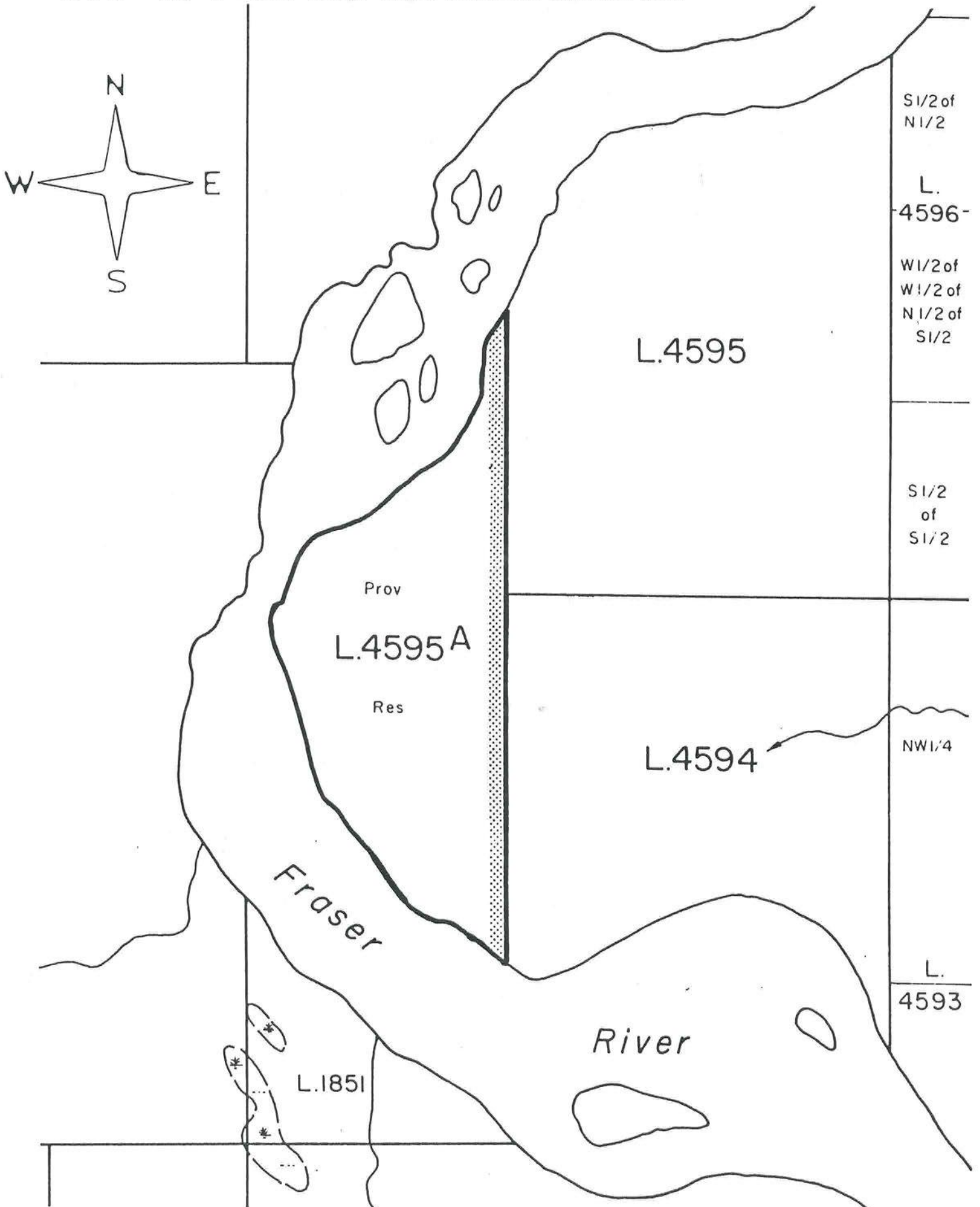
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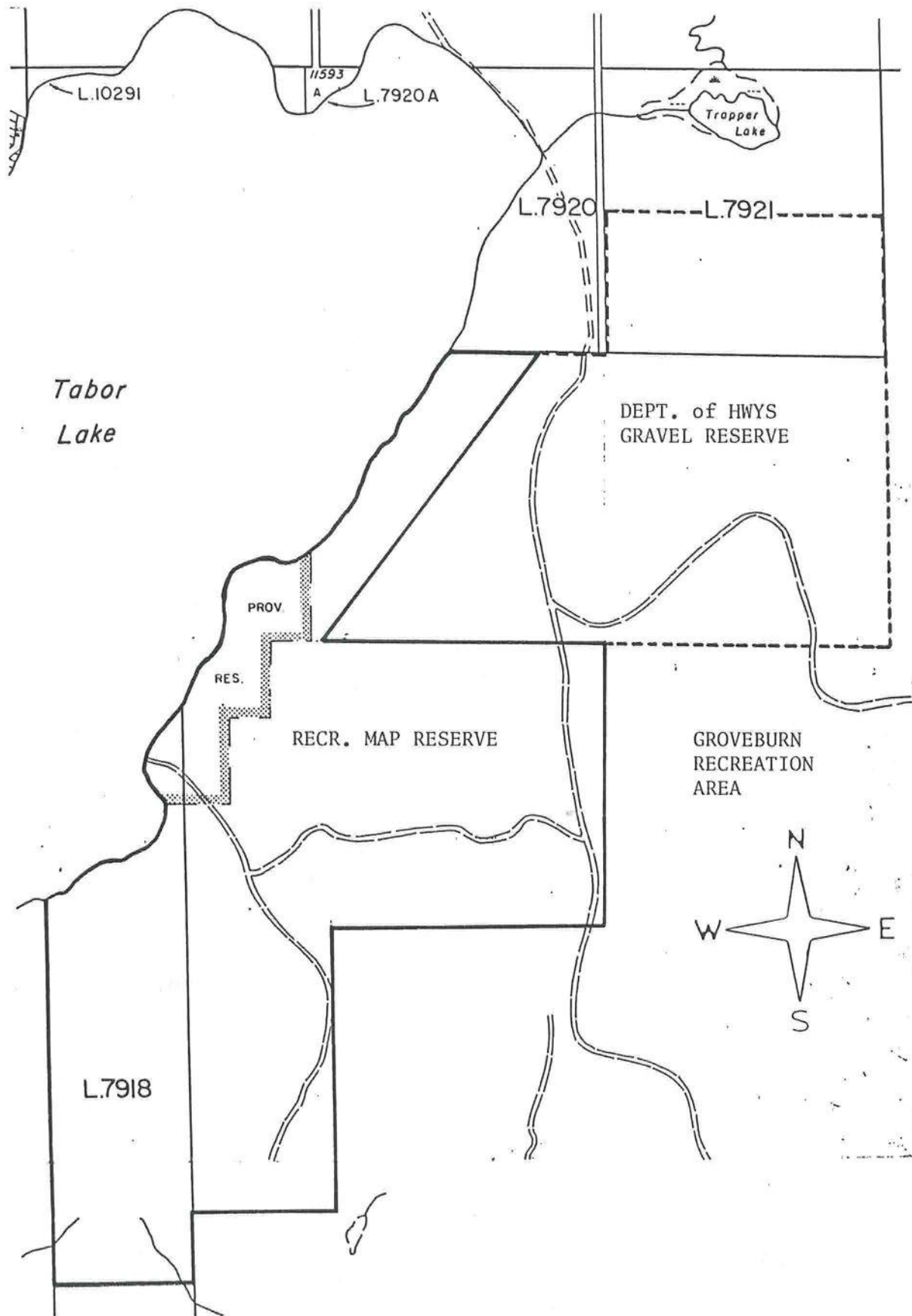
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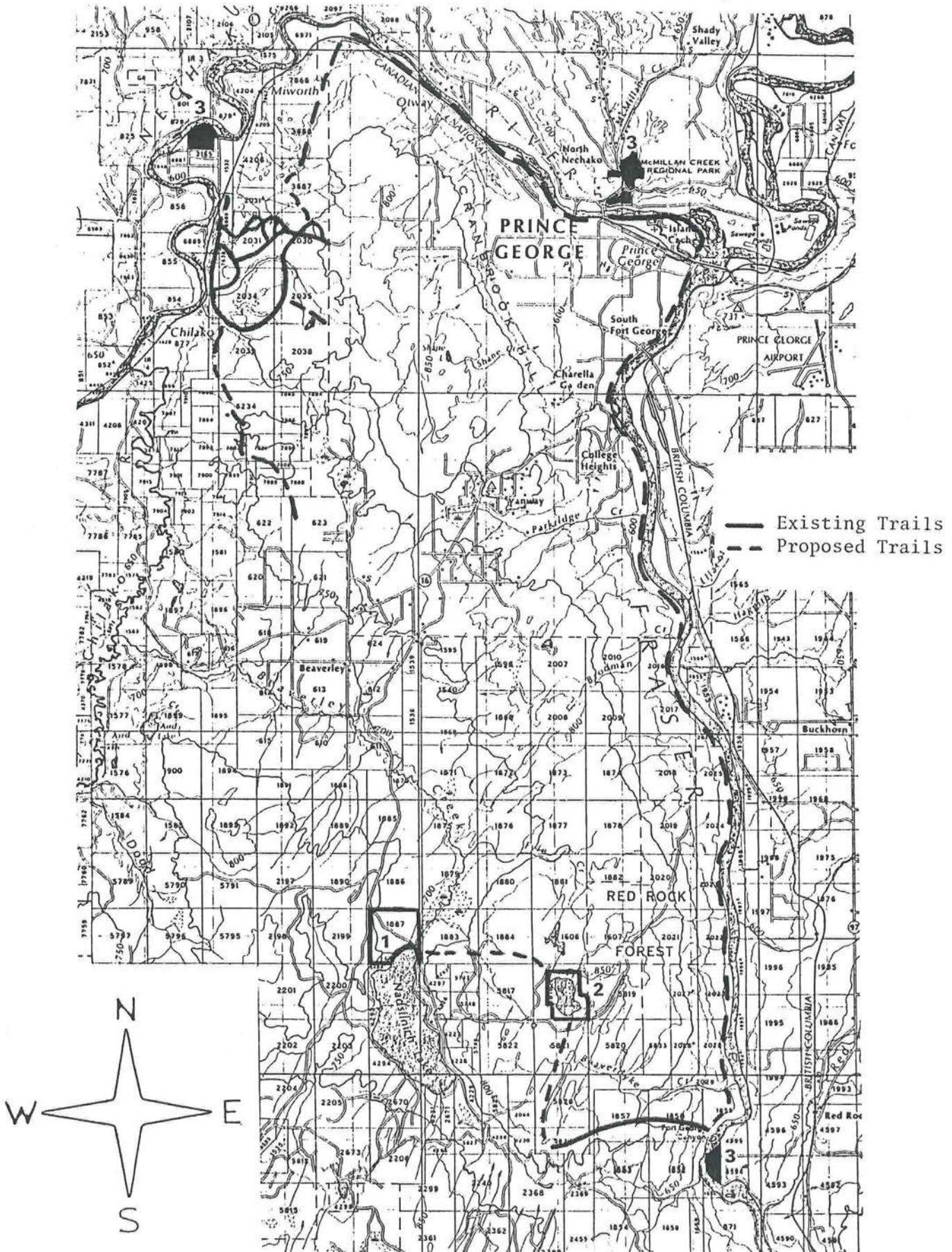
3.1.15 Map 11 - Tabor Lake Potential Regional Park





3.1.17 Map 13 - Riverfront/Cranbrook Hill Potential Regional Trails

- 1 Provincial Park    2 Proposed Forestry Recr. Site    3 Regional Parks



3.2 General Development Priorities - Existing Regional Parks

- 3.2.1 As of March 1986, there are basically 6 Regional Parks which are developed and open to the public. They are: Wilkins, Berman Lake, Ness Lake, Harold Mann, Koeneman, and George Hicks (Maps 1 to 6, respectively). These parks are not all developed to their fullest potential, but have the facilities required to accommodate the present levels of public use. Additional development (such as new trails, picnic facilities, beach, parking areas) in these existing parks generally does not involve major expenditures, so that the priorities can be quite flexible.
- 3.2.2 The Regional District will consider the priority of additional developments to existing Regional Parks on a specific basis, and will set out this work in an annual capital programme in relation to other development work.
- 3.2.3 Other Regional Parks designated in this Plan range from definite high priority proposals to low priority possibilities, with the common feature that they have recreation values which may make them suitable for future Regional Park development.
- 3.2.4 The Regional District's highest priority for development is the Giscome Portage Regional Park, which will involve major expenditures over the short term. This Park has a major heritage theme, and consists of 3 parts - the main area on the Fraser River around the site of the Huble Farmhouse, the Regional Trail following the route of the Portage, and the Summit Lake end of the Portage.
- 3.2.5 McMillan Creek Regional Park is a fairly high priority for development over the short-medium term. This Park is within the City of Prince George and would complement park development along the Nechako cutbanks proposed by the City.

3.3 General Development Priorities - Potential Regional Parks

- 3.3.1 Potential Regional Parks fall into 2 categories. First are a few locations which are designated on the Maps because they are considered to be a more definite part of the long term park programme. Second are some locations which are not designated on the Maps, but which may be considered.
- 3.3.2 The designated potential Regional Parks are generally considered as a low priority, part of a medium-long term programme, for which any acquisition and development will depend upon future conditions. These are:
- (i) Vivian/Verdant Lakes - establishing the public access to these lakes may be a short term priority.
  - (ii) Fort George Canyon - has heritage values as well as recreation.
  - (iii) Tabor Lake - could be a lakeside park and a base for summer/winter recreation on Tabor Mountain, but is a low priority.

- (iv) Eskers and Riverfront/Cranbrook Hill Regional Trails - the possibility of longer trails is recognized but is a low priority, partly because they would serve a relatively small segment of the region's population and to some extent such opportunities are being provided by other agencies. However, Board policy is to support the reserving of land for such Regional Trails where possible, and to consider opportunities for trail development which would link recreation areas and communities (e.g. across Cranbrook Hill between Miworth and Beaverley, and along the Nechako to tie in with Prince George's Riverfront trail system).

3.3.3 There are many potential park locations within the Regional District, which is why there is flexibility built into this Plan to be able to take advantage of unforeseen opportunities for acquisition and to account for changing priorities. Two potential Regional Parks, which are not formally designated since there is a low likelihood of their being acquired are:

- (i) Hixon-Fraser River - although no specific property is identified, the possibility of establishing land on the Fraser River in the Hixon area as a Regional Park is recognized.
- (ii) McBride-Rainbow Falls - the Falls are a popular local attraction located on private land. There is generally no intention to acquire the property at present.

#### 3.4 CONCLUSION

3.4.1 This Regional Parks Plan sets out the Regional Board's general policies and proposals for the Regional Parks function. The provision of outdoor recreation opportunities is an important aspect of living in the Fraser-Fort George Region, and it is hoped that this Plan will provide a realistic framework for the Board to contribute its part to the overall outdoor recreation system.

Certified a true and correct copy of Schedule 'A' to By-law No. 724.

  
D. ANNE HOGAN, DEPUTY SECRETARY



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June 10, 1986

Chairman Arthur Stauble and  
Members of the Board  
Regional District of Fraser Fort George  
987 Fourth Avenue  
Prince George, B.C.  
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Dear Chairman Stauble and Members of the Board:

It is with pleasure that I approve the adoption of Bylaws No. 724 and No. 793, pursuant to Sections 17 and 4, respectively, of the Park (Regional) Act.

When the Board has reconsidered and adopted these bylaws, please arrange for certified copies to be sent to Division Headquarters, Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division of my Ministry.

Sincerely,

Jack J. Kempf  
Minister

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF FRASER-FORT GEORGE

BY-LAW NO. 793

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A BY-LAW TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS WITHIN REGIONAL PARKS

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WHEREAS the Section 4 of the Park (Regional) Act, 1979, R.S. Chapter 310, provides for the making of rules and regulations governing the management, maintenance, improvement, operation, control and use by the public of Regional Parks and Regional Trails;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Board desires to review existing regulations, having due regard to the requirement of Section 13 of the Park (Regional) Act;

NOW THEREFORE the Regional Board of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, in open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

1. "Regional Parks Regulation By-law No. 362, 1978" is hereby repealed.
2. The rules and regulations applicable to Regional Parks and Regional Trails within the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George shall be as set out in Schedule 'A', attached to and forming part of this By-law.
3. This By-law may be cited as "Regional Parks Regulation By-law No. 793, 1986".

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 1986.

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 1986.

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 20TH DAY OF MARCH, 1986.

APPROVED BY THE MINISTER OF LANDS, PARKS & HOUSING ON THE 10TH DAY OF JUNE, 1986.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED ON THE 19TH DAY OF JUNE, 1986.

  
CHAIRMAN

  
SECRETARY

Certified a true and correct copy of By-law No. 793 as adopted on the 19th day of June, 1986.

  
D. ANNE HOGAN, DEPUTY SECRETARY

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REGIONAL PARKS REGULATION BY-LAW NO. 793

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SCHEDULE 'A'

TO REGIONAL PARKS REGULATION BY-LAW NO. 793

1.0 GENERAL PROVISIONS

1.1 Basic Provisions

- 1.1.1 The authority of the Regional Board to enact these regulations lies pursuant to Section 4 of the Park (Regional) Act.
- 1.1.2 No person shall use, or carry on any activity in, a Regional Park in contravention of these regulations.
- 1.1.3 Enforcement of these regulations is administered by the By-law Enforcement Officer, appointed by the Regional Board.
- 1.1.4 Any person who is guilty of an offence against this By-law may, upon summary conviction, be liable to a penalty or fine of not more than two thousand dollars (\$2,000) and not less than five hundred dollars (\$500), plus the costs of prosecution, plus the costs to the Regional District of repairing any damage caused as part of the contravention.

1.2 Interpretation

- 1.2.1 No provision in this By-law shall be construed to replace, or remove the need for approvals under, any other Act or regulation which applies.
- 1.2.2 In this By-law, reference to "Regional Park" includes "Regional Trails", unless otherwise specified.
- 1.2.3 In this By-law, reference to "Regional Board" means the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.
- 1.2.4 The provisions of this By-law are fully consistent with the policies of the Regional Board set out in the Official Regional Parks Plan.

1.3 Application and Control

- 1.3.1 The regulations in this By-law apply only to land which is owned, leased, or held under another tenure, by the Regional District for the purposes of Regional Parks.
- 1.3.2 The regulations in this By-law respecting public access and public use shall not apply to any land acquired for Regional Park purposes which, pursuant to Section 4(a) of the Act, has been declared by resolution of the Regional Board to be not dedicated for public use.
- 1.3.3 The Regional Board may, by means of a written agreement, pass control of all or part of a Regional Park, including improvements, on to a registered non-profit society or a municipality, for the purpose of making that agency responsible for management, maintenance and improvement of the property.
- 1.3.4 The regulations in this By-law shall not apply to an employee or agent of the Regional Board for the purpose of exercising their duties.

2.0 REGULATIONS - GENERAL

2.1 Accessibility to the Public

- 2.1.1 Except where otherwise specified, all Regional Parks shall be open to the public, except from 11:00 PM each and every day to 6:00 AM of the following day.
- 2.1.2 No person shall enter, or remain in, a Regional Park when that Park is closed to the public.
- 2.1.3 Notwithstanding Section 2.1.1, where a gate across an access road to a Regional Park is closed, then that Park shall be closed to vehicular access beyond the gate.
- 2.1.4 No vehicle is permitted to remain in a Regional Park during those hours when the Park is closed to the public, or is permitted to remain beyond a gate across an access road which is closed.
- 2.1.5 Where an unsafe or dangerous condition exists, or may exist, all or part of a Regional Park may be closed to the public at any time, for any period until that condition is removed. Decisions under this provision shall be the responsibility of Regional District staff.
- 2.1.6 When an unsafe or dangerous condition exists, or may exist, permanently, then part of a Regional Park may be closed to the public permanently, by resolution of the Regional Board, or as set out in this by-law.
- 2.1.7 A Regional Park may be closed to the public on a seasonal basis on resolution of Board.

2.2 Vehicles

- 2.2.1 No person shall drive or otherwise operate any mechanical or motorised vehicle within a Regional Park except on roadways (including parking areas) provided for that purpose, and shall not contravene any directions or orders posted within the Park regarding traffic flow or parking locations.
- 2.2.2 No person shall operate or leave a motorised vehicle within a Regional Park during the hours that the Park is closed to the public.
- 2.2.3 Except where otherwise regulated, the maximum speed for motorised vehicles shall be 30 km/hour.
- 2.2.4 No person shall wash, repair, or carry out maintenance on, a motorised vehicle within a Regional Park.
- 2.2.5 Motorised vehicles shall be parked only in designated locations, and for a period of time not exceeding any maximum parking period which is designated and posted.
- 2.2.6 Notwithstanding the regulation established in Section 2.2.1, specific trails or areas within a Regional Park may be identified and posted for use by all-terrain vehicles, or snowmobiles, as designated in Section 3 of this By-law or by resolution of the Regional Board.

2.2.7 Vehicles used for the movement of disabled persons are exempted from the regulations established above.

2.3 Animals

2.3.1 No person shall ride or lead a horse within a Regional Park, except on roadways, or on trails specifically identified and posted for that purpose, as designated in Section 3 of this By-law or by resolution of the Regional Board.

2.3.2 No person shall ride a horse in a manner which is a nuisance or unsafe to other users of the trail.

2.3.3 In all Regional Parks, pets shall only be permitted if kept on a leash.

2.3.4 No person shall allow animals under their control to go onto a designated beach area.

2.3.5 No person shall set any snare or trap, or catch or kill by any means, or purposely disturb or injure, any wild bird or animal within a Regional Park. This regulation does not apply to Conservation Officers exercising their powers and duties.

2.4 Littering and Vandalism

2.4.1 No person shall, in any Regional Park, throw or deposit any litter or other waste materials, except into containers provided for such purpose.

2.4.2 No person shall remove, damage or destroy any tree or other vegetation in a Regional Park, including the cutting of live or dead trees for firewood, except wood provided for firewood which may be used for that purpose, but not removed from the Park.

2.4.3 Any area which contains newly planted or seeded vegetation may be identified and prohibited from public entry for the protection of the area.

2.4.4 No person shall remove soil or gravel from, or deposit soil or gravel in, any Regional Park.

2.4.5 No person shall remove, damage, deface or destroy any building, sign, gate or any other fixture or improvement within any Regional Park.

2.4.6 No person shall climb, walk or sit upon any wall, building, fence or other structure within any Regional Park except park furniture provided for that purpose.

2.4.7 No person shall make or light a fire in any Regional Park except in firepits provided for such purposes, and no lighted or burning matter shall be discarded to the ground or in a garbage container. Where a fire ban is established by the Ministry of Forests, no fires are permitted.

2.5 General Use by the Public

- 2.5.1 No person shall sell, advertise or expose for sale any food, goods or merchandise in any Regional Park, and no posters, handbills or other form of advertisement shall be posted or distributed.
- 2.5.2 No person shall carry, fire or discharge any firearm in any Regional Park, nor shoot any bow and arrow, nor use or explode any fireworks or other explosive materials.
- 2.5.3 A person or persons who makes or lights a fire in a firepit shall not leave that fire unattended.
- 2.5.4 No person shall stage, provide or perform any ceremony, concert or other performance in any Regional Park.
- 2.5.5 No organized recreation, sports, instructional or other general community or group event or use shall be staged in any Regional Park.
- 2.5.6 Swimming shall be permitted only from beach areas identified and posted for that purpose, as designated in Section 3 or by resolution of the Regional Board. The Regional Board may request the establishment of regulations respecting the use of water adjacent to a beach area through legislative means available.
- 2.5.7 No person shall build or erect any temporary or permanent structure within a Regional Park.

3.0 REGULATIONS - SPECIFIC REGIONAL PARKS

3.1 Wilkins

3.1.1 Land described as Remainder of Block A, DL 2165, C.D., owned by the Regional District, is hereby named Wilkins Regional Park.

3.1.2 Wilkins Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 2.1.

3.1.3 The gate across the access road may be closed, and the Park closed to vehicles, generally during the period October - April, and from dusk to dawn during the period May - September.

3.1.4 The roadway loop within Wilkins Regional Park is hereby designated for one-way travel, and the maximum speed for motorised vehicles on the one-way portion of the road shall be 20 KM/hour.

3.1.5 Notwithstanding that the gate may be closed, the roadways are hereby designated for use by snowmobiles.

3.1.6 Part of Wilkins Regional Park lying between Flint Road and Lot A, Plan 22413 and Lots 1-4, Plan 17197 is subject to an Agreement with the Miworth Community Association. The Agreement passes the control and operation of that area to the Association for the purpose of developing a community hall and recreation facilities, and the regulations in this By-law do not apply to that part of the Regional Park.

3.2 Berman Lake

3.2.1 Land described as Block X, DL 8499, C.D., held under lease by the Regional District, is hereby named Berman Lake Regional Park.

3.2.2 Berman Lake Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 2.1.

3.2.3 The gate across the access road to the parking area may be closed, and the park closed to vehicular traffic, generally during the period September - June, and from dusk to dawn during the period July - August.

3.2.4 The developed beach area is hereby designated as the only swimming area.

3.3 Ness Lake

3.3.1 Land described as Rem. Block B, DL 2721, and Block B, DL 8812, and Parts of DL's 2725, 2734, 2733, 8488 and 8489, held under lease by the Regional District from the Province is hereby named Ness Lake Regional Park.

3.3.2 Ness Lake Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 2.1.

3.3.3 The gate across the access road to the parking area may be closed, and the park closed to vehicular traffic, from dusk to dawn during summer.

3.3.4 The developed beach area is hereby designated as the only swimming area.

3.4 Harold Mann

3.4.1 Land described as Lots 1 and 2, Plan 25033, DL 7495, C.D., owned by the Regional District, is hereby named Harold Mann Regional Park. Adjacent Crown land for which a tenure may be acquired would also be part of this Park.

3.4.2 Harold Mann Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 2.1.

3.4.3 The developed beach area is hereby designated as the only swimming area.

3.5 Koeneman

3.5.1 Land described as Frac. W 1/2, DL 3310, C.D., owned by the Regional District is hereby named Koeneman Regional Park. Adjacent Crown land for which a tenure may be acquired is also part of this Park.

3.5.2 Koeneman Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 2.1, except as provided for below.

3.5.3 Part of Koeneman Regional Park, specifically the Koeneman House and surrounding grounds, is subject to an Agreement with the Robson Valley Community Arts Council. The Agreement passes the control and operation of the building and land to the Arts Council for the purpose of using the facility as an Arts Centre, and the regulations in this By-law do not apply to that part of the Park.

3.6 George Hicks

3.6.1 Land described as Lot D, Plan 20534, DL 5707, C.D., owned by the Regional District, is hereby named George Hicks Regional Park.

3.6.2 George Hicks Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 2.1.

3.6.3 George Hicks Regional Park is subject to an Agreement with the Village of Valemount. The Agreement passes control and operation of the Park to the Village for the purpose of developing parking, picnicking and other facilities to allow public viewing of salmon spawning areas in Swift Creek.

3.7 Giscome Portage

3.7.1 Land described as Block A of DL 774 and Block A of DL 848, owned by the Regional District, is hereby named Giscome Portage Regional Park.

3.7.2 The Giscome Portage Regional Trail from this Park to Summit Lake, which is to be held by the Regional District under easement/license of occupation is also part of the Giscome Portage Regional Park.

3.7.3 Giscome Portage shall be open to the public as set out in Section 2.1.

3.7.4 Trails within the Giscome Portage Regional Park are hereby designated for use by horses.

3.7.5 Part of the Giscome Portage-Huble Farm Regional Park, specifically buildings within the Park, is subject to an Agreement with the Giscome Portage Historical Society. The Agreement passes the control and operation of buildings and land over to the Society for the purpose of developing a heritage park, and the regulations in this By-law do not apply to the operation of the heritage buildings within the Park.

3.8 McMillan Creek

3.8.1 Land described as Part of DL 7812, C.D., held under lease by the Regional District from the Province is hereby named McMillan Creek Regional Park.

3.8.2 McMillan Creek shall be open to the public as set out in Section 2.1, except as restricted by Section 3.8.3.

3.8.3 That part of McMillan Creek Regional Park consisting of the 'cutbanks' shall be closed to the public, for the protection and safety of the public.

3.8.4 No person shall cross any fence constructed for the protection and safety of the public.

3.9 Verdant/Vivian Lakes

3.9.1 Land containing public access to Verdant and Vivian Lakes within NW 1/4, DL 8783 and NW 1/4, DL 8775, respectively, together with Crown land within DL 8783 for which a tenure may be acquired, is hereby named Verdant/Vivian Lakes Regional Park.

3.9.2 The Verdant/Vivian Lakes Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 2.1.

3.9.3 Land within the Verdant/Vivian Lakes Regional Park is hereby designated for use by snowmobiles.

4.0 PERMITS

4.1 Notwithstanding any other regulations established in this By-law, a Permit may be issued to allow any of the uses listed below in Section 4.7.

4.2 A request for a Permit shall be made in writing to the Regional District, and shall be accompanied by the following information:

- (a) a description of the proposed use;
- (b) the number of persons anticipated to be involved;
- (c) its date and duration;
- (d) proof that any other required approvals have been obtained or applied for; and
- (e) proof that the organization holding the event has sufficient liability insurance, and saves the Regional District harmless from any liability.

4.3 A request for a Permit shall be received at the Regional District no later than 45 days before the date of the proposed use, and the Regional Board shall have no obligation to consider a request received after this time.

4.4 The Regional Board may refuse to issue a Permit for reasons it deems sufficient.

4.5 A Permit shall be issued in writing by Regional District staff, upon the authorization and at the discretion of the Regional Board, or as delegated.

4.6 In conjunction with issuance of a Permit, conditions may be made relating to the following:

- (a) provision of traffic or parking control;
- (b) clean up of litter or of facilities;
- (c) provision of supplies used for general park operation;
- (d) repair of any damage or removal of any structures or signs;
- (e) the duration of the use; and
- (f) any other matter deemed to be relevant to the effect of the proposed use on the park, or use of the park by the public.

- 4.7 A Permit may be issued for any of the following uses of a Regional Park:
- (a) the sale of food and refreshments to serve users of the Park;
  - (b) the sale of merchandise to users of the Park in conjunction with a specific event;
  - (c) the construction of temporary structures or tents in conjunction with a specific event;
  - (d) the staging of a non-commercial ceremony, concert, fireworks display, performance or other similar event;
  - (e) the holding of non-commercial organized sports, recreation, social or community event including overnight group camping;
  - (f) the construction of any structure, recreation facility or interpretative material which is for general public use.
- 4.8 A Permit issued for a use over an extended duration may be cancelled by the Regional Board at any time.

Certified a true and correct copy of Schedule A to By-law No. 793,

  
D. ANNE HOGAN, DEPUTY SECRETARY



**REGIONAL DISTRICT  
of Fraser-Fort George**

**BYLAW NO. 2246**

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**A BYLAW TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PARK USE PERMITS**

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**WHEREAS** the Regional Board may issue permits to allow certain activities within a regional park in accordance with Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 793, 1986.

**AND WHEREAS** the Regional Board may, pursuant to section 176 of the *Local Government Act*, delegate authority to its officers and employees, including authority for the issuance of park use permits;

**AND WHEREAS** the Regional Board desires to expedite the issuance of park use permits in some circumstances;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. The authority to issue park use permits is hereby delegated to the following employees:
  - (a) General Manager of Environmental Services
  - (b) Operations Leader
2. The authority delegated in Section 1 applies only to park use permits which are necessary to allow:
  - (a) the construction of temporary structures or tents in conjunction with a specific event;
  - (b) the holding of non-commercial organized sports, recreation, social or community events including overnight group camping; or
  - (c) the staging of non-commercial ceremonies.
3. For clarity, the authority delegated under this bylaw includes the authority to establish conditions related to the issuance of a permit in accordance with Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 793, 1986.
4. Applications for park use permits, whether or not they meet the delegation criteria specified in this bylaw, shall be forwarded to the Regional Board for consideration if so requested by an applicant or if issuance is refused by the authorized delegates.


5. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Park Use Permit Delegation Bylaw No. 2246, 2005".

**READ A FIRST TIME THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005**

**READ A SECOND TIME THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005**

**READ A THIRD TIME THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005**

**ADOPTED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2005**


Chair



General Manager of Corporate Services



**REGIONAL DISTRICT  
of Fraser-Fort George  
BYLAW NO. 3408**

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**A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH REGULATIONS WITHIN REGIONAL PARKS**

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**WHEREAS** the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George may, by bylaw, establish regulations, prohibitions and requirements with respect to the management, maintenance, improvement, operation and use, including establishing a system of licenses, permits and approvals with or without terms and conditions, with respect to regional parks, trails and other land the Regional District holds for the purpose of regional parks;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Regional Board of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, open meeting assembled, hereby enacts as follows:

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**PART 1: DEFINITIONS**

“**Animal(s)**” means any member of the *animal* kingdom, other than a human being, and includes a *pet*.

“**Authorized Person**” means an employee of the RDFFG, *bylaw enforcement officer*, *peace officer*, or Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).

“**Beach**” means the areas designated as beaches in Schedule “A” to this Bylaw.

“**Board**” means the *Board* of Directors of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

“**Bylaw**” means this Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 3408, 2026.

“**Bylaw Enforcement Officer**” means a *person* appointed or employed by the *Regional District* to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw.

“**Camp(ing)**” means to occupy a campsite, to set up a tent or other shelter or to remain overnight.

“**Commercial**” means any trade, industry, employment, occupation, activity or special event carried on in a park for profit, gain, fundraising or *commercial* promotion, but does not include an undertaking carried out in a park by a charitable organization, or by an organization or individual on a non-profit basis.

“**Commercial Park Use Permit**” means a written authorization issued in accordance with this Bylaw.

“**Compliance Order**” means a compliance order issued by an *authorized person* under this Bylaw.

“**Dangerous Device**” means any device that is dangerous, potentially dangerous or otherwise harmful to *persons*, *natural park features*, *regional park property*, or *animals* and includes but is not limited to a knife, sword, slingshot, bow, cross-bow, rifle, shotgun, handgun, spring gun or other device that propels a projectile by means of an explosion, compressed gas or spring.

“**General Manager**” means the *Regional District’s General Manager* of Environmental Services, or such other *person* as may be appointed to act in the place of the *General Manager* from time to time, or as designated.

“**Hunt**” means shooting at, attracting, searching for, chasing, pursuing, following after or on the trail of, stalking or lying in wait for *wildlife*, or attempting to do any of those things, whether or not the *wildlife* is then or subsequently wounded, killed, or captured,

- a. with intention to capture the *wildlife* or,
- b. while in possession of a firearm or other weapon.

“**Illegal dumping**” means the intentional disposal or abandonment of solid *waste*—household, yard, construction, appliances, furniture, and similar material—in locations where disposal is unauthorized or prohibited under local bylaws and/or provincial law.

“**Leash**” means a rope, chain, cord, leather strip, or other physical tether, which is used to restrain a *pet* whereby one end is secured to the *pet* and the other end is held by a *person*,

- a. is a length not exceeding four metres when fully extended.

“**Liquor**” means a drinkable liquid that is intoxicating and that is declared to be *liquor* under the *Liquor Licensing and Control Act*.

“**Livestock**” means any other *animal* that is kept for agricultural purposes, but does not include cats, dogs or other *pets*.

“**Motor Vehicle**” means a vehicle, not run on rails, that is designed to be self-propelled and includes an *off-road vehicle*, but does not include a motor-assisted cycle and is pursuant to the *Motor Vehicle Act*.

“**Natural Park Feature**” means a tree, shrub, herb, flower, grass, turf, or other plant or fungus and all soil, sand, silt, gravel, rock, mineral, wood, fallen timber, waterbody, or other park resource in a *regional park*;

“**Off-Road Vehicle**” or “ORV” as defined in the Off-Road Vehicle Regulation under the *Off-Road Vehicle Act*, SBC 2014, c 5.

“**On-site Garbage**” means cans, bottles, papers, charcoal, food, discarded or disused matter, any matter that is destroyed, damaged or dismantled and other similar matter or things that originate in connection with or during a *person’s* conduct or activities within a *regional park* or the use or occupation of *regional park property*.

“**Park Hours**” means between the hours of 6:00 and 23:00, or such other permitted hours of use that are designated by a *posted notice* or as set out in Schedule “A” attached hereto.

“**Park Use Permit**” means a written authorization issued in accordance with this Bylaw.

“**Permit Fee**” means the applicable fee and the refundable security deposit that may be required to carry out a planned event, activity, or service, as permitted by a *park use permit*.

“**Pet**” or “Companion *Animals*” means an *animal* that is kept primarily for the purpose of companionship but does not include *wildlife*.

“**Person**” means any individual, corporation, partnership or party, and the personal or other legal representatives of an individual to whom the context can apply according to law.

“**Picnic Area**” means any area designated by the *Regional District* as such by sign or *posted notice*.

“**Posted Notice**” means any written sign, pictograph, notice, brochure, or map in a *regional park*, or on RDFFG website, giving notice of uses, activities, prohibitions, restrictions, regulations, terms, or conditions on conduct or activities within a regional park or the use or occupation of *regional park property*.

“**Real Property**” means land, with or without improvements so affixed to the land as to make them in fact and law a part of it.

“**Recreational Fire**” means any outdoor fire started, maintained, or gathered around or near by a *person* or *persons* for warmth, enjoyment, or cooking.

“**Regional District**” or “RDFFG” means the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George.

“**Regional Park**” means the parks and regional trails listed in Schedule “A” and any other lands owned by the RDFFG in fee simple or held by the RDFFG by way of statutory right of way, easement, lease, license or agreement and managed as a *regional park*.

“**Regional Park Property**” means any movable or immovable property of RDFFG including but not limited to building, sign, gate, fence, locks, bolts, seats, bench, notice, structure, or other fixture or improvement within any *regional park*.

“**Smoke**” or “**Smoking**” means the inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying of a lighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, hookah or other lighted smoking equipment burning tobacco, cannabis or any other similar substance.

“**Under Control**” means a *person* in possession of an *animal* in a *regional park* always has a clear line of sight to the *animal* and the *animal* immediately returns to the owner when called or signaled.

“**Vape**” or “**Vaping**” means the operating of an electronic vaping device that heats up and/or otherwise vaporizes a liquid or solid into an aerosol mist intended to be inhaled and exhaled.

“**Vessel**” includes any ship, boat, seaplane, parasail, sailboard, kite board, canoe, kayak, rowboat, paddle boat or other device used or designed to be used for navigation on, in or under water.

“**Waste**” includes refuse, debris, trash of any kind, including household, *commercial*, agricultural, industrial, *animal* feces and organic *waste*, and other similar matter or things that are not *on-site garbage*.

“**Wheeled Conveyance**” means a device having any number of wheels that is propelled by human power or a combination of human power and an electric motor, and on which a *person* may ride including a bicycle, skateboard, roller skates, in line skates and similar conveyances but not including a wheelchair.

“**Wildlife**” means raptors, threatened species, endangered species, game or other species of vertebrates prescribed as *wildlife* under the *Wildlife Act*.

## **PART 2: GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Except as otherwise defined in this Bylaw, words and phrases used herein have the same meaning as in the *Local Government Act*, the *Community Charter* and the *Interpretation Act* as the context and circumstances require. A reference to a statute refers to a statute of the Province of British Columbia unless otherwise indicated, and a reference to any statute, regulation, code or bylaw refers to that enactment as it may be amended or replaced from time to time. Words in the singular include the plural, and words in the plural include the singular.

The headings to the clauses in this Bylaw and table of contents have been inserted as a matter of convenience and for reference only and in no way define, limit, or enlarge the scope or meaning of this Bylaw or any provision of it.

The provisions of this Bylaw shall apply exclusively to lands owned, leased, or otherwise held by the *Regional District* or that acquired after the adoption of this Bylaw for the purpose of establishing, operating, or maintaining *regional parks*.

The intent of this Bylaw is to regulate the use of *regional parks* in a manner that balances the *Regional District's* responsibility to provide for stewardship of *regional parks*, as public assets of the community which provide opportunities for outdoor recreation and enjoyment, and to regulate *regional parks* in a manner which is consistent with the purposes of these public assets, with individual rights under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, including the rights of freedom of assembly, freedom of expression, and security of the *person*.

The *Regional Board* may, by means of a written agreement, pass control of all or part of a *regional park*, including improvements, on to a registered non-profit society or a municipality/local government, for the purpose of making that organization responsible for management, maintenance and improvement of the property.

This *Bylaw* shall not be interpreted as impairing or preventing the *Regional District* or its employees, contractors, or agents, including but not limited to any *authorized persons*, from carrying out maintenance, development, or construction work within or for the benefit of any *regional park*.

### PART 3: ADMINISTRATION OF BYLAW AND ENFORCEMENT POWERS

The *General Manager* is the delegated authority to designate *authorized persons* and to exercise the administrative powers of the *Regional District* relating to the management and use of the *regional parks* and *regional park property*.

Enforcement of these regulations is administered by the *General Manager*, and in so doing may be assisted by an *authorized person*.

Where a *person* contravenes, or is reasonably believed to be contravening, this *Bylaw* or a *park use permit*, an *authorized person* may:

- (a) remove, or order the immediate removal of, any matter or thing from a *regional park*, and all costs, fees, or charges incurred by the *Regional District* as a result shall constitute a debt due and owing to the *Regional District of Fraser-Fort George*; and
- (b) order the *person* to take any action the *authorized person* considers necessary or reasonable to stop the contravention or prevent a further contravention, including, without limitation, issuing a *compliance order* prohibiting the *person* from entering, re-entering, being in, or remaining in any *regional park*.

No *person* shall obstruct, hinder or impede an *authorized person* acting in the performance of their powers, functions and or duties under this *Bylaw*.

A *person* must give the *authorized person* all reasonable assistance to ensure compliance with this *Bylaw* and exercise any power conferred by this *Bylaw*. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, a *person* must:

- (a) provide, immediately upon request, that *person's* correct name, address, and proposed or actual activities in the *regional park*;
- (b) provide, within a reasonable time, identification verifying that *person's* correct name and address;
- (c) produce, immediately upon request, a *park use permit* if the *person's* use, activity or conduct is authorized by a *park use permit*; and
- (d) comply with any order issued by an *authorized person* pursuant to this *Bylaw*.

A *person* must not make a false or misleading statement, whether orally or in writing, to an *authorized person* who is carrying out the *authorized person's* duties or functions under this *Bylaw*.

### PART 4: REGULATIONS - GENERAL

#### 4.1 Public Conduct and General Use

- 4.1.1 A *person* must comply with all *posted notices* regulating, prohibiting, or imposing requirements on uses, activities or conduct in a *regional park* or the use or occupation of *regional park property*.

- 4.1.2 A *person* must not, except with a *park use permit* authorizing that activity, enter, be, or remain in a *regional park*, or use or occupy *regional park property*:
- (a) other than during *park hours*;
  - (b) in any area or facility of a *regional park* that is closed to public access; or
  - (c) in a *regional park* or area of a *regional park* that is closed temporarily, as indicated by *posted notice*.
- 4.1.3 A *person* must not possess or consume *liquor* within a *regional park* unless the possession or consumption of *liquor* is authorized under, and in compliance with:
- (a) a license issued under the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*, SBC 2015, c. 19, and
  - (b) a *park use permit*.
- 4.1.4 A *person* must not obstruct or interfere with any *person's* use, activity or conduct that is authorized by and carried out in compliance with a *park use permit*.
- 4.1.5 A *person* must not:
- (a) act or engage in disorderly, dangerous or violent conduct, or act or engage in any conduct or activity that may endanger, or otherwise harm *persons*, *animals*, *natural park features*, or *regional park property*; or
  - (b) act or engage in any conduct which could cause a public disturbance or constitute a public nuisance and includes engaging in any activity or behaviour that could reasonable be expected to obstruct or impede other members of the public from using the *regional park*, or a portion of feature of a *regional park*, for its intended purpose.
- 4.1.6 A *person* must not possess, use or discharge a *dangerous device* while in a *regional park*.
- 4.1.7 A *person* must not, except with a *park use permit* authorizing that activity, operate equipment, machinery, generators, power tools, or anything having a motor, in a *regional park* that an *authorized person* has reasonable grounds to believe:
- (a) is causing a disturbance or potential disturbance to the peace, enjoyment or comfort of other *persons* in the vicinity;
  - (b) is causing a disturbance or potential disturbance to a wild *animal*; or,
  - (c) is likely to create a dangerous situation within the *regional park*.
- 4.1.8 A *person* must not cause, construct, erect, or create an obstruction on a roadway or trail.
- 4.1.9 A *person* must not conduct or engage in any procession, parade, march, drill, performance, ceremony, concert or other similar group gathering except in accordance with a *park use permit* authorizing that activity.
- 4.1.10 No *person* shall *smoke* or *vape* within a *regional park* except in areas designated as *smoking* or *vaping* areas by *posted notice* and shall at all times adhere to the prohibitions set out by any regulations or bylaws of the *Regional District*.
- 4.1.11 No *person* shall, without the prior written permission of the *Regional District*, bring into or possess in a *regional park* any pallets, fencing, lumber, plywood, drywall, insulation, or any other construction material, generators, extension cords, or power tools.

- 4.1.12 No *person* shall abandon any property or goods in a *regional park* and shall ensure that all property or goods brought into a *regional park* are removed from such *regional park* prior to the end of the *park hours* on the day on which such property or goods were brought into said *regional park*.

**4.2 Accessibility to the Public**

- 4.2.1 Except where otherwise specified, all *regional parks* shall be open to the public during *park hours* every day.
- 4.2.2 No *person* shall enter, or remain in, a *regional park* outside of the *park hours* or when that *regional park* is otherwise closed to the public.
- 4.2.3 Where a gate is across an access road to a *regional park*, then that *regional park* shall be closed to vehicular access beyond the gate. The *park hours* for each *regional park* with a gate is outlined in Schedule "A".
- 4.2.4 Where an unsafe or dangerous condition exists, or may exist, all or part of a *regional park* may be closed to the public at any time, for any period until that condition is removed. Decisions under this provision shall be the responsibility of the *authorized person*.
- 4.2.5 When an unsafe or dangerous condition exists, or may exist, permanently, then part of a *regional park* may be closed to the public permanently.

**4.3 Camping**

- 4.3.1 There is no *camping* permitted in *regional parks* unless written authorization or a valid *park use permit* has been obtained.

**4.4 Regional Park Property**

- 4.4.1 No *person* shall remove, damage, deface, or destroy any *regional park property*.
- 4.4.2 No *person* shall alter, create, or modify trails or routes not authorized by the *Regional District*.
- 4.4.3 No *person* shall build, place or install any permanent or temporary structures or facilities within a *regional park* without the written permission of the *Regional District*.
- 4.4.4 No *person* shall let off, turn on, or discharge water out of any tap, pipe, hose or other fixture within a *regional park* so that water is wasted.

## PART 5: MOTOR VEHICLES, OFF-ROAD VEHICLES, WHEELED CONVEYANCES, AND VESSELS

### 5.1 Motor Vehicles

Except as authorized by a *park use permit*, a *person* must not operate any *motor vehicle* within a *regional park* except on and within a roadway or parking area provided for that purpose and shall not contravene any directions or *posted notices* within the *regional park* regarding traffic flow or parking areas.

- 5.1.1 A *person* must not park a *motor vehicle* in a *regional park*:
- (a) anywhere other than in a location designated for the parking of *motor vehicles*;
  - (b) anywhere that parking is prohibited by *posted notice*;
  - (c) leave the *motor vehicle* in a *regional park* when it is closed to vehicular traffic according to the *posted notice*;
  - (d) in an area, lot or a stall designated by *posted notice* as accessible parking without a valid accessible parking permit displayed on the *motor vehicle*;
  - (e) on any public road or right of way in such a manner as to impede the proper use such road or right of way or in such a place or manner as to damage a *natural park* feature or so as to otherwise restrict or inhibit the public recreational use of the *regional park*; or,
  - (f) anywhere designated by *posted notice* as service or emergency vehicle parking or access.
- 5.1.2 Except where otherwise regulated, the maximum speed for motorized vehicles shall be 30 km/hour.
- 5.1.3 No *person* shall wash, repair, or carry out maintenance on a *motor vehicle*, *ORV*, or *vessel* within a *regional park*.
- 5.1.4 Every *person* operating a *motor vehicle* shall comply with all traffic control devices within a *regional park* and with all other regulations, prohibitions, policies, or requirements for the use of a *regional park* or a *motor vehicle* or which have been identified on signage posted within a *regional park*.
- 5.1.5 No *person* shall operate, drive, or ride an *off-road vehicle (ORV)* within a *Regional Park* unless identified in Schedule "A". This section does not apply to emergency vehicles or authorized park maintenance.
- 5.1.6 An *authorized person* may tow, cause to be towed, or order the immediate towing of an *off-road vehicle* or a *motor vehicle* that is in a *regional park* in contravention of this Bylaw, and any costs that the *Regional District* incurs will be a debt due and payable immediately upon *Regional District's* demand.

### 5.2 Vessel

- 5.2.1 No *person* shall, in a *regional park*, launch or remove a *vessel* from waterbody except by using a designated boat launch ramp, floating dock, or by physically carrying and not dragging the *vessel* to and from the water.

- 5.2.2 No *person* shall operate a *vessel* within a designated swimming area or in a way that interferes with other members of the public.
- 5.2.3 No *person* shall interfere with any *natural park features* in the operation or launching of a *vessel*.
- 5.2.4 No *person* shall leave a *vessel* in a *regional park* outside of the *park hours* except as a holder of a *park use permit* specifically authorizing this.
- 5.2.5 No *person* shall moor a *vessel* to dry land, other than from a designated boat *beach* area, or a buoy, anchor, or sign.
- 5.2.6 Any *vessel* in violation of this Bylaw may be deemed abandoned and removed from the *regional park* for the purposes of disposal.

### **5.3 Wheeled Conveyance**

- 5.3.1 No *person* shall operate a *wheeled conveyance* below the natural boundary of a body of water within a *regional park*, off the designated public roadways or right of ways, or in such a manner as to disturb a *natural park feature*.
- 5.3.2 No *person*, except *authorized persons* in the operation of their duties, shall operate any *wheeled conveyance* in a *regional park* except on public roads or trails designated for such use, including but not limited to any multi-use paths designated by *posted notice*.
- 5.3.3 No *person* shall leave a *wheeled conveyance* in a *regional park* outside of *park hours*, and any *wheeled conveyance* remaining in a *regional park* outside of *park hours* shall be deemed abandoned and removed from the *regional park* for the purposes of disposal.
- 5.3.4 Every *person* operating a *wheeled conveyance* shall comply with all traffic control devices within a *regional park* and with all other regulations, prohibitions, policies, or requirements for the use of a *regional park* or a *wheeled conveyance* or which have been identified by *posted notice*.
- 5.3.5 Except where otherwise regulated, the maximum speed for *wheeled conveyances* shall be 30 km/hour

## **PART 6: PROTECTION OF THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE**

### **6.1 Natural Park Features and Vegetation Protection**

- 6.1.1 No *person* shall remove, cut down, prune, damage, or destroy a *natural park feature* within a *regional park*, including the cutting of live or dead trees for firewood.
- 6.1.2 Any area which contains newly planted or seeded vegetation may be closed to public access for the purpose of ecological protection and restoration.

### **6.2 Waste and Illegal Dumping**

- 6.2.1 A *person* must not deposit or leave *on-site garbage* in a *regional park* except in a receptacle designated by label or *posted notice* as being for deposits of that kind of *on-site garbage* or recyclable material.

- 6.2.2 A *person* must not bring in, deposit, illegally dump, or leave *waste* in a *regional park* or on *regional park property*.
- 6.2.3 A *person* must not deposit any material into *waste* receptacles provided by the *Regional District* for onsite refuse other than rubbish reasonably generated by that *person* during their time in the *regional park*.
- 6.2.4 A *person* must not *illegally dump*.

### 6.3 Wildlife Protection

- 6.3.1 No *person* shall *hunt*, harass, chase, frighten, capture, trap, snare, injure, or kill any *wildlife* within a *regional park*, except where permitted by law (e.g., lawful fishing in accordance with provincial and/or federal regulations.) This restriction does not apply to Conservation Officers acting in the lawful exercise of their powers and duties.
- 6.3.2 No *person* shall feed any *wildlife* or deposit food that may attract *wildlife*, including birds and waterfowl. Both intentional and unintentional feeding of *wildlife* is strictly prohibited.
- 6.3.3 No *person* shall release, abandon, or bring any live or dead *wildlife* into the *regional parks*.
- 6.3.4 No *person* shall damage, disturb, or alter any natural feature that constitutes *wildlife* habitat, including nesting areas, burrows, den sites, or shoreline zones.

## PART 7: ANIMALS IN REGIONAL PARKS

- 7.1 Subject to the *Guide Dog and Service Dog Act*, SBC 2015, c. 17, a *person* who has care and control of an *animal* must not cause, permit or allow the *animal* to enter upon or remain in any of the following:
- (a) in any part of a *regional park*, or on *regional park property*, where *animals* are prohibited by *posted notice*.
- 7.1.1 A *person* with care and control of an *animal* in a *regional park* must:
- (a) have the *animal under control* at all times;
- (b) have the *animal* on a *leash*, where posted;
- (c) not allow an *animal* to be on a designated *beach* or *picnic area*, except for the purpose of passing directly through the *beach* or *picnic area* without stopping, at which time it must be on a *leash*;
- (d) not allow the *animal* to damage park property or *natural park features*;
- (e) not allow the *animal* to injure or disturb any *person* or *wildlife*;
- (f) not allow the *animal* to enter any area where prohibited by sign or *posted notice*, and;
- (g) immediately *leash* the *animal*, whereby one end is secured to the *animal*, and the other end is held by a *person*, when approaching horses.
- 7.1.2 No *person* shall leave *animal waste* uncollected in any *regional park*. *Animal waste* must be bagged and placed in a designated *waste* container, if one is provided.

Where no container is available, the *waste* must be carried out of the *regional park* and disposed of appropriately.

- 7.1.3 *No person* shall ride or lead a horse within a *regional park*, except on roadways, or on trails specifically identified and posted for that purpose.
- 7.1.4 *No person* shall ride a horse in a manner which is a nuisance or unsafe to other users of the *regional park* or trails therein.

## **PART 8: FIRES, FIREARMS AND FIREWORKS**

- 8.1 *No person* shall ignite or maintain a fire in any *regional park* except within designated facilities or areas provided for that purpose. The disposal of any burning or smoldering material on the ground or in garbage containers is strictly prohibited.

During an active fire ban issued by the Ministry of Forests, all fires are prohibited.

- 8.2 The *General Manager* may also restrict or prohibit *recreational fires*.
- 8.3 *No person* shall possess, store, or use in a *regional park* a barbeque, stove, gas or electric heater, or any appliance or improvised device, if its operation requires or involves spark or flame, or a propane tank, gasoline container, or any flammable gas or liquid, unless such appliance, and any associated fuel source, is used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, is certified for outdoor use by the Canadian Standards Association, is located at least two (2) meters from any building or structure, and where the fuel source is held in a container or tank, such container or tank does not exceed five (5) kilograms in weight.
- 8.4 *A person* must not leave unattended a *recreational fire*, stove, barbecue or other flame producing cooking device of any kind while it is lit or turned on.
- 8.5 *No person* shall remove, cut down, prune, damage, or destroy any natural park feature within a *regional park*, including the cutting of live or dead trees for firewood.
- 8.6 Only firewood that has been supplied and designated for use within the *regional park* can be used. Such firewood must not be removed from the *regional park*.
- 8.7 *A person* must not possess or discharge any firearm in a *regional park*.
- 8.8 *No person* shall ignite, discharge, or possess fireworks, firecrackers, or any other explosive materials within a *regional park*.

## **PART 9: PARK USE PERMITS**

- 9.1 Without limiting other sections of this *Bylaw* and despite the prohibited uses, conduct, and activities in this *Bylaw*, the *General Manager* is authorized to establish a system of *park use permits* allowing, regulating, and imposing conditions on any use, conduct, or activity, including doing any one or more of the following:
- (a) establishing terms and conditions of, or terms and conditions that must be met for obtaining, continuing to hold, or renewing a *park use permit*;
  - (b) granting, refusing, suspending, amending, or cancelling a *park use permit*;
  - (c) providing for the effective period of a *park use permit*;
  - (d) limiting the number of *park use permits* that may be issued;
  - (e) authorizing temporary exclusive use or occupation of a *regional park*, *regional park property*, or portions thereof, which may include the temporary closure of a *regional park*, *regional park facility*, *regional park property*, or portions thereof; and

- (f) regulating and imposing conditions of use, conduct, or activities that the *General Manager* deems reasonable.
- 9.2 A request for a *park use permit* shall be received at the *Regional District* no later than fifteen (15) days before the date of the proposed use, and the *General Manager* shall have no obligation to consider a request received after this time.
- 9.3 A person issued a *park use permit* under this *Bylaw* must:
- (a) comply with the terms and conditions stated in *the park use permit*;
  - (b) comply with all other laws, enactments, bylaws and regulations applicable to the use, conduct or activity for which the *park use permit* is issued;
  - (c) have the permit available for review and inspection when exercising the privileges granted by the permit;
  - (d) produce the *park use permit* upon request of an *authorized person*; and
  - (e) obtain any applicable permits and approvals from federal, provincial, local government, and regulatory authorities.
- 9.4 The *General Manager* may refuse to issue a *park use permit* for reasons they deem sufficient.
- 9.5 Without limiting any other rights or remedies available by law, the *General Manager* may require a person who is issued a *park use permit* to pay for any costs, damages, restoration, clean-up, or repairs arising out of or in connection with any breach or non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the *park use permit* or this *Bylaw*.

## **PART 10: COMMERCIAL PARK USE PERMITS**

- 10.1 Except in compliance with a valid *commercial* use permit issued to the *person*, a *person* must not carry on any business, trade, profession, *commercial* activity or occupation, including activities on a non-profit basis, by:
- (a) selling, bartering, or displaying for sale any goods, services, food, refreshments, or other similar services, matter or things;
  - (b) using a *regional park* or *regional park property*, whether that business, trade, profession, *commercial* activity, or occupation is conducted or carried out within or outside of a *regional park*, or paid for in advance of, during or after the activity;
  - (c) posting, delivering, painting, publishing, or distributing any advertisement, sign, placard, or handbill in connection with a business, trade, profession, *commercial* activity, or occupation;
  - (d) operating or parking a *motor vehicle*, equipment, or machinery for the purpose of advertising or promoting in connection with a business, trade, profession, *commercial* activity, or occupation; or
  - (e) operating equipment, machinery, or other device that is capable of visual projection or amplified sound for the purpose of advertising or promoting in connection with a business, trade, profession, *commercial* activity, or occupation.
- 10.2 A *person* applying for a *commercial park use permit* must apply in the prescribed form and pay the *permit fee* upon approval of the application.
- 10.3 The *General Manager* may require a *person* who is issued a *commercial park use permit* under this *Bylaw* to do one or more of the following:

- (a) obtain insurance and to indemnify the Regional District of Fraser Fort George, its *authorized persons*, for any injury or damage to property or loss or injury to *persons* that may result from an activity or use carried out under the park permit;
- (b) reimburse RDFFG for any expenses that the *Regional District* incurs in providing additional or specialized services; and
- (c) pay *Regional District* for the use of additional *regional park property*.
- (d) pay a security deposit in addition to paying the fees otherwise applicable

## **PART 11: ESTABLISHMENT OF FEES AND FEE EXEMPTIONS**

- 11.1 *Permit fees* are prescribed and payable as set out in Schedule "B".
- 11.2 A *person* must fully pay all fees and charges, plus applicable taxes except as otherwise specified as tax included, before the commencement of the use, conduct, or activity for which the fee or charge is required; a *park use permit* is automatically cancelled and invalid if any fee or charge required to be paid is not paid.
- 11.3 Fees paid under this *Bylaw*, except as otherwise stated, are not refundable.

## **PART 12: ENFORCEMENT**

### **12.1 Offences And Penalties**

- 12.1.1 Without limiting any part of this *Bylaw*, every person who
  - (a) violates a provision of this *Bylaw*;
  - (b) permits, suffers or allows any act to be done in violation of any provision of this *Bylaw*;
  - (c) who fails to comply with any order or notice issued by an *authorized person*, or
  - (d) neglects to do anything required to be done under any provision of this *Bylaw*, commits an offence and where the offence is a continuing one, each day that the offence continues is deemed to be a separate offence.
- 12.1.2 This *Bylaw* may be enforced by *bylaw enforcement officers* designated by the *Regional Board* in accordance with the Officer Position Establishment Bylaw No. 3073, 2018.
- 12.1.3 A person who commits an offence that is prosecuted under the *Offence Act* is liable to a fine of not more than \$50,000 or imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both.
- 12.1.4 Nothing in this *Bylaw* limits the *General Manager* or the *Regional District* from utilizing any other provision of this *Bylaw* or remedy available at law.

### **12.2 Compliance Order**

- 12.2.1 If an owner or occupier of real property has trespassed onto a *regional park* or failed to comply with this *Bylaw*, a *Bylaw enforcement officer* may issue that person a *compliance order* notifying and requiring that person, or their agents, to remedy the contravention within a specified period of time.
- 12.2.2 A *compliance order* issued to a *person* shall be in writing and shall include the following:
  - (a) the name of the *person* or *persons* who are subject to the *compliance order*;

- (b) a description of the *regional park property*;
  - (c) a direction to remedy the contravention;
  - (d) the date by which they must act; and
    - i. a warning that failure to do so may result in employees or contractors of the *Regional District* conducting the work at their expense, and that the costs of this work, if unpaid by December 31 in the calendar year in which they are due and payable, the *Regional District* may recover the costs, as a debt; or
    - ii. by adding the costs to the taxes payable on the *real property* as taxes in arrears.
- 12.2.3 A *compliance order* shall be served on the owner or occupier against whom it is issued, and on any owner of the real property not named in the compliance order, which service must be effected:
- (a) personally; or
  - (b) in the case of an occupier, by being posted on the front door or other prominent place on the real property, or mailed by regular mail to the real property regardless of whether that mail is accepted by the recipient; or
  - (c) in the case of an owner, by regular mail sent to the address of the owner of the property as shown on the last revised property tax assessment roll, or if there is no such address, to the address listed on the title to the real property, regardless of whether or not the regular mail is accepted by the recipient.
- 12.2.4 Service of a *compliance order* under subsection 12.2 is deemed to be issued the earlier of the date:
- (a) personal service is effected;
  - (b) the notice is posted on the real property; or
  - (c) seven (7) calendar days following the *compliance order* being sent by regular mail to the *real property*.
- 12.2.5 If a *person* fails to take action required under section 12.2 of this *Bylaw*, then *authorized persons* may, at any reasonable time, enter the *real property* and remove and dispose of any and all items to remedy the contravention in the *regional park* at that *person's* expense.
- 12.2.6 If a *person* fails to pay the costs specified in this *Bylaw* by December 31st in the calendar year in which they are due and payable, the *Regional District* may recover the costs:
- (a) as a debt; or
  - (b) by adding the costs to the taxes payable on the *real property* as taxes in arrears.

### **12.3 Ticketing**

- 12.3.1 The *Regional District* Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw 3201, 2020 also applies to offences committed under this *Bylaw*.
- 12.3.2 If an offence against this *Bylaw* is of a continuing nature then each day it continues shall constitute a separate offence.

**PART 13: SEVERABILITY**

If any part or provision of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid or unenforceable by a decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, that decision of the court shall be applicable only to that part or provision, and the invalid portion must be severed and the remainder of this bylaw is deemed to have been adopted without the severed part or provision.

**PART 14: REPEAL**

The following bylaws and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed:

- a. "Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 793, 1986"; and
- b. "Park Use Permit Delegation Bylaw No. 2246, 2005".

**PART 15: CITATION**

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as "Regional Parks Regulation Bylaw No. 3408, 2026".

**PART 16: SCHEDULES**

The following Schedules are attached and form part of this Bylaw:

- a. Schedule "A" - List of Regional Parks and Specific Regulations and Use; and
- b. Schedule "B" - Fees and Charges.

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General Manager of Legislative and  
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## SCHEDULE "A"

## LIST OF REGIONAL PARKS AND SPECIFIC REGULATIONS AND USE

**1. Berman Lake**

Land described as Block X, DL 8499, C.D., held under lease by the *Regional District*, is hereby named Berman Lake Regional Park.

Berman Lake Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 4.1.2.

The developed *beach* area is designated as the only swimming area.

**2. Cedarside**

Land described as Block D DL 7365 SE ¼, held under lease by the *Regional District*, is hereby named Cedarside Regional Park.

Cedarside Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 4.1.2.

The developed *beach* area is designated as the only swimming area. The swimming dock is for seasonal use only.

**3. George Hicks**

Land described as Lot D, Plan 20534, DL 5707, C.D., owned by the *Regional District*, is hereby named George Hicks Regional Park.

George Hicks Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 4.1.2.

**4. Giscome Portage**

Land described as Block A of DL 774 and Block A of DL 848, owned by the *Regional District*, is hereby named Giscome Portage Regional Park.

The Giscome Portage Regional Trail from this Regional Park to Summit Lake, which is held under lease by the *Regional District* from the Province is also part of the Giscome Portage Regional Park.

Trails within the Giscome Portage Regional Park are hereby designated for use by horses.

Giscome Portage Regional Park and Trail shall be open to the public as set out in Section 4.1.2.

The Huble Homestead Historic Site shall be open to the public as set out in the Cultural Plan and Park Operations Service Agreement – Huble Homestead/Giscome Portage Heritage Society.

Part of the Giscome Portage Regional Park is subject to a Park Operations Service Agreement with the Huble Homestead/Giscome Portage Historical Society. The agreement passes the operation and maintenance of Huble Homestead Historic Site and land over to the Society for the purpose of developing, operating and maintaining a heritage park, and the regulations in this *Bylaw* do not apply to the operation of the heritage buildings within the *regional park*.

**5. Harold Mann**

Land described as Lots 1 and 2, Plan 25033, DL 7495, c.o., owned by the *Regional District*, is hereby named Harold Mann Regional Park.

Harold Mann Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 4.1.2.

**6. John Dahl (Mackenzie)**

The trails identified within the lands described as

Lot 1, District Lot 12463, Cariboo District, Plan 21253 [PID 009-562-257]

Lot A, District Lot 12463, Cariboo District, Plan 23081 [PID 008-642-532]

Parcel A District Lot 12463 Cariboo District Plan PGP44613 [PID 024-589-314]

District Lot 4890 Cariboo District [PID 015-114-554] are hereby named John Dahl Regional Park.

John Dahl (Mackenzie) Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 4.1.2.

**7. Koeneman**

Land described as Frac. W 1/2, DL 3310, c.o., owned by the *Regional District* is hereby named Koeneman Regional Park.

Koeneman Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 4.1.2.

**8. Kristian Winther**

Land described as NE ¼, DL 7711, C.D. and SE ¼, DL 7711 C.D., owned by the *Regional District*, is hereby named Kristian Winther Regional Park.

Kristian Winther Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 4.1.2.

**9. McMillan Creek**

Land described as Part of DL 7812, C.D., held under lease by the *Regional District* from the Province is hereby named McMillan Creek Regional Park.

McMillan Creek shall be open to the public as set out in Section 4.1.2.

That part of McMillan Creek Regional Park consisting of the 'cutbanks' shall be closed to the public, for the protection and safety of the public. No *person* shall cross any fence constructed for the protection and safety of the public.

**10. Ness Lake**

Land described as Rem. Block B, DL 2721, and Block B, DL 8812, and Parts of DL's 2725, 2734, 2733, 8488 and 8489, held under lease by the *Regional District* from the Province is hereby named Ness Lake Regional Park.

Ness Lake Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 4.1.2.

The developed *beach* area is hereby designated as the only swimming area.

**11. Wilkins**

Land described as Remainder of Block A, DL 2165, C.D., owned by the *Regional District*, is hereby named Wilkins Regional Park.

Wilkins Regional Park shall be open to the public as set out in Section 4.1.2.

The gate across the access road will be open during the following hours:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Hours</b>
May	9 am – 9 pm
June	9 am – 10 pm
July	9 am – 10 pm
August	9 am – 9 pm
September	9 am – 9 pm
October	9 am – 8 pm

Part of Wilkins Regional Park lying between Flint Road and Lot A, Plan 22413 and Lots 1-4, Plan 17197 is subject to an agreement with the Miworth Community Association. The Agreement passes the control, operation, and maintenance of that area to the Miworth Community Association for the purpose of a community hall and recreation facilities, and the regulations in this Bylaw do not apply to that part of the *regional park*.

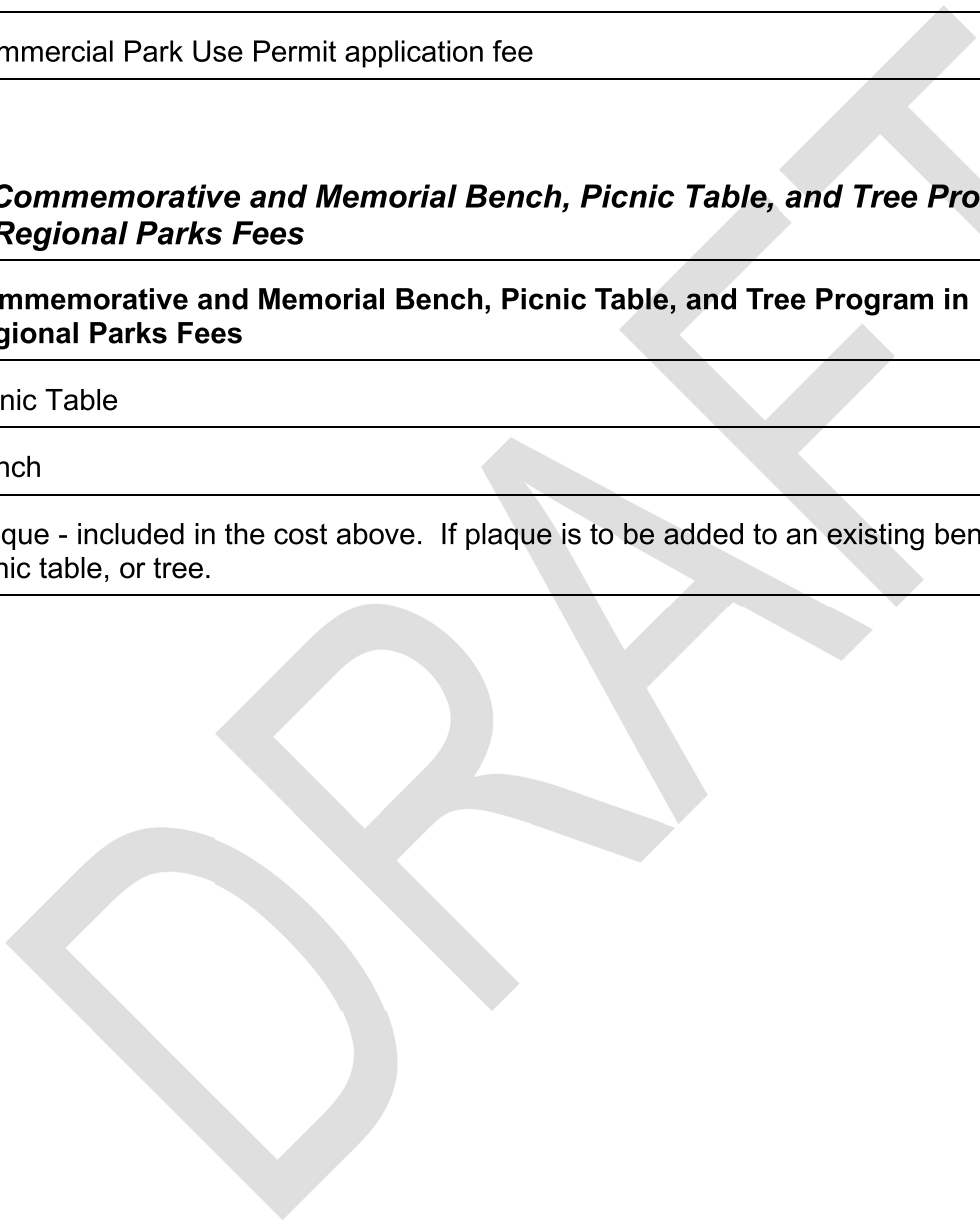
**SCHEDULE "B"  
FEES AND CHARGES**

**1. Commercial Park Use Permit Fees**

<b>Commercial Park Use Permit Fees</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Commercial Park Use Permit application fee	\$200

**2. Commemorative and Memorial Bench, Picnic Table, and Tree Program in Regional Parks Fees**

<b>Commemorative and Memorial Bench, Picnic Table, and Tree Program in Regional Parks Fees</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Picnic Table	\$4,750.00
Bench	\$3,250.00
Plaque - included in the cost above. If plaque is to be added to an existing bench, picnic table, or tree.	\$250.00





**REGIONAL DISTRICT  
of Fraser-Fort George  
BYLAW NO. 3411**

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**A BYLAW TO REPEAL BYLAW NO. 724, 1986**

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**WHEREAS** Bylaw No. 724, 1986 cited as the “Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Bylaw No. 724, 1986,” designated Schedule “A” as the Official Regional Parks Plan for the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George pursuant to the *Park (Regional) Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** the *Park (Regional) Act* has since been repealed and replaced by provisions of the *Local Government Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** the Regional District now establishes, regulates, and manages Regional Parks through service establishment bylaws, regulatory bylaws, and Board-approved plans and policies adopted under the *Local Government Act*;

**AND WHEREAS** the Board of Directors considers Bylaw No. 724, 1986 to be outdated and no longer required for the continued planning, operation, and management of Regional Parks;

**AND WHEREAS** the Regional District desires to repeal Bylaw No. 724, 1986 by passage of this bylaw;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

**1. Repeal**

“Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Bylaw No. 724, 1986,” and all amendments thereto is hereby repealed.

**2. Continuity of Authority**

The repeal of Bylaw No. 724, 1986 does not affect the Regional District's authority to plan for, regulate, operate, or manage Regional Parks under the *Local Government Act* or any other applicable legislation.

**3. Citation**

This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Official Regional Parks Plan Designation Repeal Bylaw No. 3411, 2026.”

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