



# Regional Board Report

**TO:** Regional Board

**FROM:** Murray Kopp  
Director of Parks Services

**DATE:** May 21, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Joe Rich Community Hall Operating and Recreation Programming Agreement

**Voting Entitlement:** *All Directors - Weighted Vote - Simple Majority - LGA 210.2*

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**Purpose:** To seek Board approval to renew the operating and recreation programming agreement with the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society for the Joe Rich Community Hall.

## Executive Summary:

The Regional District owns a facility in the Central Okanagan East Electoral Area known as the Joe Rich Community Hall. The Regional District currently contracts with the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society to operate and maintain the community hall. The expiry date of the current agreement was the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2018, it has been extended on a month-to-month basis as the Society and the Regional District negotiated a new contract.

## RECOMMENDATION:

**THAT** the Regional Board approve renewing the Joe Rich Community Hall Operating Agreement with the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society for a term of three (3) years commencing upon the date of execution of the agreement and terminating on the 31<sup>st</sup> of December 2021.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Director - Parks Services

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Approved for Board's Consideration

Brian Reardon, CAO

**Implications of Recommendation:**

Strategic Plan:	The recommendation is consistent with the Regional District's Strategic Priority #2 – Ensure Asset, Service and Financial Sustainability and Strategic Priority #4 – Protect and Promote Our Environment and Lifestyle. The contract with the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society makes use of the volunteerism within the Joe Rich community to offer recreation programming while maintaining the current tax rate. The recreation programming offered is tailored to the desires of the Joe Rich residents, helping maintain their rural lifestyle.
General:	The Joe Rich Community Hall Operating and Recreation Programming Agreement will support continued involvement of the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society (JRRATS) in the operations and recreation programming of the community hall to the benefit of the community and citizens of Joe Rich.
Financial:	The 2019 – 2023 RDCO Five Year Financial Plan and specifically, the Joe Rich Community Hall Service Program budget has allocated sufficient funds in the operating budgets to support the proposed contract.
Legal/Statutory Authority:	Regional District of Central Okanagan Joe Rich Community Hall Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 1127, 2005.

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**Background:**

In 1977, the Regional District acquired the building that houses the Joe Rich Community Hall and the Joe Rich Fire Department. Funding for the Community Hall was originally from the function of the Joe Rich Fire Department, which over the years paid for the utilities and some of the upgrades on the Community Hall. Until 2005 the Community Hall was funded through the Eastside Parks and Fire Department budgets.

The Eastside Parks budget is funded by both Joe Rich and Ellison residents and in 2005 it was decided that this was no longer an equitable method of funding the Community Hall since the Ellison area operates its own hall paid for solely by Ellison residents. In addition, added amenities at the Joe Rich Community Hall, such as the sport rink, meant that a stable, secure source of funding was required.

In 2003 and 2004, the Regional District went to the electorate through the alternative approval process. In both instances the required amount of petitions were signed to send the bylaw to referendum. In 2003, the Regional Board decided not to go to referendum and the 2004 alternative approval process was not resolved by the Regional Board.

In 2005, a referendum was held and residents of Joe Rich voted to adopt Bylaw No. 1127 to establish a service area within Joe Rich to operate and maintain the Joe Rich Community Hall.

In 2006, the Regional District entered into an operating agreement with the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society for a five (5) year term. The Society has been involved in the operation of the Community Hall since the 1990s.

The Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society executive have continued to operate the Community Hall providing recreational, educational, social and cultural events and activities that improve lives through shared opportunities for personal and community health and enrichment.

The Regional District staff and Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society executive have worked together on a focus of delivery of recreation programs at the Joe Rich Community Hall that will help build “community” in Joe Rich. The agreement includes operational metrics that will ensure that a wide range of recreation programs are delivered to children, youth, adults and families at the Joe Rich Community Hall.

Regional Parks Services staff and the Society have negotiated the attached agreement summarized as follows:

- Three year term terminating on December 31, 2021 with retroactive payment capacity for the period extending between January 1, 2019 – June 30, 2019;
- Society schedules all activities in the hall;
- Society is responsible only for the hall, no longer responsible for grounds maintenance or maintenance of the adjacent sport rink;
- Society provides and pays for all the operations and maintenance of the hall including janitorial services;
- The Regional District is responsible for Major Capital improvements of the hall;
- Society can create a reserve account for future capital and operating expenses;
- Society must be accountable to the Regional District for all financial obligations and will provide monthly hall use reports and bi-annual financial statements;
- The maximum annual 2019 funding increased by 2% from the funding supplied in 2018 and will increase by 2% annually until December 3, 2021;
- all other legal requirements normally found in a Regional District agreement including insurance and indemnification requirements.

**Financial Considerations:**

As part of the operating agreement, the Regional District pays the Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society a facility programming fee. The facility programming fee was approved by the Regional Board as part of the RDCO Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw. For the period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021 the maximum annual funding provided by the Regional District shall be \$23,154 in 2019, \$23,617 in 2020 and, \$24,089 in 2021.

***Considerations not applicable to this report:***

- Organizational Issues
- External Implications
- Alternative Recommendation

**Attachment(s):**

- Joe Rich Community Hall Operation and Recreation Programming Agreement (2019 – 2021)