



Regional Board Report

Request for Decision

To: Regional Board
From: Murray Kopp, Director – Parks Services
Date: November 24, 2022
Subject: Ellison Heritage Community Centre Fees and Charges Bylaw

Voting Entitlement: *All Directors – Weighted Vote – Majority (LGA s.210)*
Bylaw Adoption – Weighed Vote - 2/3 Majority (LGA s.228)

Purpose: To consider adopting a bylaw to set fees and charges for the use of the Ellison Heritage Community Centre.

Executive Summary:

Day to day operations and recreational programming services delivery at the Ellison Heritage Community Centre, located in Electoral Area Central Okanagan East of the Regional District of Central Okanagan, were, until spring 2022, provided by the Ellison Parks and Recreation Society (EPRS) through a operating and recreational programming agreement with the RDCO. The EPRS dissolved in mid-2022, and the RDCO Parks Services Department has now undertaken all aspects of community centre operations, including community centre rentals and recreation programming. To support future operations of the community centre, a comprehensive framework that provides rationale for fees and recreational programming benefits as well as an accompanying fees and charges bylaw has been prepared for RDCO Board consideration.

Recommendation #1: *(All Directors – Weighted Vote – Majority (LGA s.210))*

THAT the Regional Board approve the User Fees and Charges Framework for Ellison Heritage Community Centre as attached to the Report from the Director – Parks Services dated November 24, 2022;

AND THAT the Regional Board give first, second and third readings to Regional District of Central Okanagan Ellison Heritage Community Centre Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1512, 2022;

Recommendation #2: *(Bylaw Adoption – Weighted Vote - 2/3 Majority (LGA s.228))*

THAT the Regional Board adopt Regional District of Central Okanagan Ellison Heritage Community Centre Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1512, 2022.

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Murray Kopp", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Murray Kopp, Director – Parks Services

Prepared by: Isabella Hodson, Supervisor – Parks Community Relations & Visitor Services

Attachment(s): 1. RDCO User Fees and Charges Framework for Ellison Heritage Community Centre
2. Regional District of Central Okanagan Bylaw No. 1512

Strategic Plan Alignment:

Priorities: Environment, Sustainable Communities

Values: Good Governance, Relationships

Background:

In concert with entering into a 20-year series of Operating and Recreational Programming Agreements with the RDCO, the Ellison Parks and Recreation Society (EPRS) previously planned recreation and community activities at Ellison Heritage Community Centre (EHCC). However, when the EPRS dissolved as a society in mid-2022, the RDCO Parks Services Department subsequently undertook day to day responsibilities for all aspects of community centre operations, which includes both facility rentals and community programming initiatives.

RDCO staff are currently receiving a high volume of hall rental inquiries and requests for programs; as such, a framework aligned with the National Recreation Framework has been prepared to support a proposed fees and charges schedule for the community centre that will now be fully operated by the RDCO. This framework provides a basis for the annual calculation of fees and charges for EHCC and establishes user and facility rental categories, a rationale for fees and charges using a benefits continuum model, recovery rates, and a fees and charges schedule.

The Rental Fees and Charges for EHCC have been reviewed by Parks staff and well positioned with comparable fees charged by local public and non-profit community facility providers. The fees collected by EHCC rentals will be used to offset the annual local service area tax requisition associated with the delivery of EHCC services.

Considerations:

Financial:

- The draft 2023 – 2027 budget for the Ellison Heritage Community Centre has been prepared by Parks Department staff and includes revenue and expenses estimates based on the fees & charges rationale and rates identified in the RDCO User Fees and Charges Framework for Ellison Heritage Community Centre.

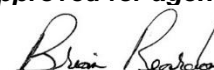
Legal/Statutory Authority:

- *Local Government Act* - Imposition of fees and charges s.397

Considerations not applicable:

- Organizational/External
 - Alternative Recommendations
-

Approved for agenda



Brian Reardon, CAO