

NANAIMO LADYSMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION PUBLIC MEETING ACTION SHEET

DATE: June 26, 2024
TO: Board of Education

FROM: Mark Walsh, Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT: License of Use and Occupation of Extension School Board Lands for Community Use

Recommendations:

That the Board of Education of School District No. 68 (Nanaimo-Ladysmith) approve the Licence of Use and Occupation for Regional District of Nanaimo for the use of Extension School parcels for community use subject to final execution by Secretary-Treasurer.

Reference:

- Licence of Use and Occupation Extension School Board Lands for Community Use
- Schedule A SD68 Extension School Property maps
- Schedule B Extension Community Park Draft Concept Plan
- Schedule C Repair and Maintenance

Discussion:

The RDN previously held a rental agreement, commencing on or about 2007, for the use of the closed site for community recreation purposes. During that time the RDN had considered expanding its use to include the building, unfortunately those plans did not come to fruition. During that period the district applied for and received funding to demolish the dilapidated facility and ensure the lands were free of hazards and contaminants.

After demolition was completed, the District re-evaluated the need for the land as part of a comprehensive review which included projected area population increases and the future need for land for school purposes. The review has concluded that, long term, it is premature for the District to abandon this property. While construction of a school is not anticipated in the short term, interim use of the land through the Board's authorization to the RDN and/or the Extension Recreation Society for recreation use, involving participation to a large extent of students, is anticipated.

The attached agreement includes a map of the property indicating both the parcels with subject to a crown revertor and the parcel owned outright by the board. All lands comprising the Extension "school' site are included in the agreement.

Further the agreement includes a concept for the RDNs use of the property.

The agreement for 10 years less 2 days anticipates and 'expressly permits the Licensee may enter into an agreement with Extension and District Recreation Commission (the "Commission"), for the operation of the Lands or a portion of the Lands in accordance with the terms of this License.'

This agreement would see the RDN acting as steward of the land minimizing the districts costs/efforts maintain the lands and provide use for community recreation purposes for the short and medium term.