



Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District

BOARD POLICY

Title:	Park Land Policy
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1. PURPOSE

The Skeena Queen-Charlotte Regional District (SQCRD) has acquired, and from time to time acquires, as a result of subdivision or other means, lands that are being used as, or have the potential to be used as, regional or community parks. The SQCRD has not established a regional or community park service and therefore wishes to clarify the SQCRD's limited role with respect to the inspection, use, management, improvement, operation and control of SQCRD Park Lands.

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Policy, the term "SQCRD Park Lands" means any property that:

- 2.1. the SQCRD has ownership of, or possession and control over, pursuant to section 303, 904 or 941 of the *Local Government Act*;
- 2.2. for the purposes of park, the SQCRD holds in fee simple, by lease, license, permit, covenant, statutory right of way, easement or occupancy or access agreement;
- 2.3. the SQCRD acquires possession or control of for the purposes of park, subsequent to the adoption of this Policy; or
- 2.4. is vested in the SQCRD, whether or not within the designation of lands potentially useable for parks.

3. POLICY

- 3.1. The SQCRD will establish an inventory of all SQCRD Park Lands and will update the inventory from time to time as new SQCRD Park Lands are acquired or identified.
- 3.2. Unless the SQCRD Board establishes, by bylaw, a regional or community park service, SQCRD staff, agents and contractors will not be obligated to inspect, manage, improve, develop, repair, operate or control SQCRD Park Lands.
- 3.3. All public inquiries with respect to SQCRD Park Lands, including the use and condition thereof, will be directed to the SQCRD Chief Administrative Officer.

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- 3.4. All persons who use or enter upon SQCRD Park Lands will be required to accept and use SQCRD Park Lands at their own risk.
- 3.5. Where SQCRD Park Lands may be readily accessible to the public, the SQCRD may, at its sole discretion, erect signage for the purpose of notifying the public that by using and entering the SQCRD Park Lands they are doing so at their own risk and that the SQCRD has not made any warranties or representations respecting the suitability or condition of those lands.
- 3.6. The SQCRD may, at its sole discretion, erect signage, fencing or other structures for the purpose of delineating environmentally sensitive areas within SQCRD Park Lands or for the purpose of prohibiting access to or use of environmentally sensitive areas within SQCRD Park Lands.
- 3.7. This Policy shall not be interpreted as impairing or preventing authorized personnel for the SQCRD from carrying out inspections, maintenance or park development work, as the Board may, from time to time, deem appropriate in its sole discretion.

4. SCOPE

This Policy applies to all SQCRD Park Lands.