

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

**TO:** Area F Parks and Recreation Commission

**FROM:** M. Woods, Senior Manager of Community Services

**DATE:** December 5<sup>th</sup> 2023

**RE:** Faulder/ Meadow Valley Community Park Planning

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### **Purpose:**

To seek input from the Area F Parks Commission to determine the preferred location for establishing a community park in the Faulder/Meadow Valley area to accommodate a play park. This report aims to solicit guidance and direction from the commission in making a well-informed decision regarding the optimal park space for the community.

### **Next Step:**

The Commission makes a recommendation to the Director for a preferred location to pursue.

### **Background:**

The Community of Faulder, supported by the Electoral Area F Parks and Recreation Commission has expressed an interest in the addition of a community park. The proposal would see a dedicated public access park established within the Faulder area. The proposed play park space would be centrally located and may include amenities such as climbing/ play structures, benches and picnic tables, a gazebo, and trash receptacles.

### **Summary:**

Considering the objectives of a "pocket" play park concept, the available budget, and the proximity in the community, the choice between these locations ultimately depends on the relative importance of visibility and accessibility, available space, potential costs, and timing. Both options present good opportunities for unique public access park spaces, but Location 1 is a more achievable option.

### **Analysis:**

After reviewing the area, 2 primary publically owned parcels exist that may be options for further review.

1. **Location 1** - KVR Rail Trail and adjacent Right Of Way at Kettle Place
2. **Location 2** - District Lot 2558, 200-300 block of Fish Lake Road

### Location 1 (Kettle Place):

#### Pros:

- High visibility: Central location within Faulder, promotes community engagement.
- Accessibility: Existing road infrastructure and parking areas.
- Amenities: Proximity to KVR offers public trails and the potential for a future small public washroom.
- Utility access: Proximity of electrical and water services
- Provincial License: Existing Provincial License of Occupation would speed the acquisition process.

#### Cons:

- Limited Space: Smaller area, linear track of land.
- Cost: Added expenses for clearing, leveling, and track removal.
- Competition: RDOS's non-exclusive license, requires consultation with other license holders.



Timeline:

- 0-16 months
- Work could be done at the site immediately if done within the existing tenure area.
- Additional space could be acquired through a more expedited process than the typical Provincial tenure process, due to our existing agreement.

**Location 2 (District Lot: 2558):**

Pros:

- **Larger Space:** Located with a large Crown Land parcel, provides more opportunities for various park uses.
- **Cost:** Potentially lower costs for clearing, existing naturalized flat open space.
- **Private:** Offers a quieter area away from the busy KVR.
- **Location:** Situated on Darke Creek. Lengthy access off of Fish Lake Road.
- **Landscape:** Mature landscape, existing vegetation, creek access, naturalized environment.

Cons:

- **Low visibility:** Further from the Faulder center, potentially limiting public awareness.
- **Accessibility Challenges:** Requires careful consideration of road access.
- **Regulatory challenges:** The Provincial licensing process may take multiple years and involve extensive consultation requirements.
- **Competition:** Existing tenure holders (grazing). There may be others.

Timeline:

- 24-36 months
- This location would require a Front Counter BC application that would begin a tenure application process.
- Due to the consultation requirements, this could be an extensive and long process.



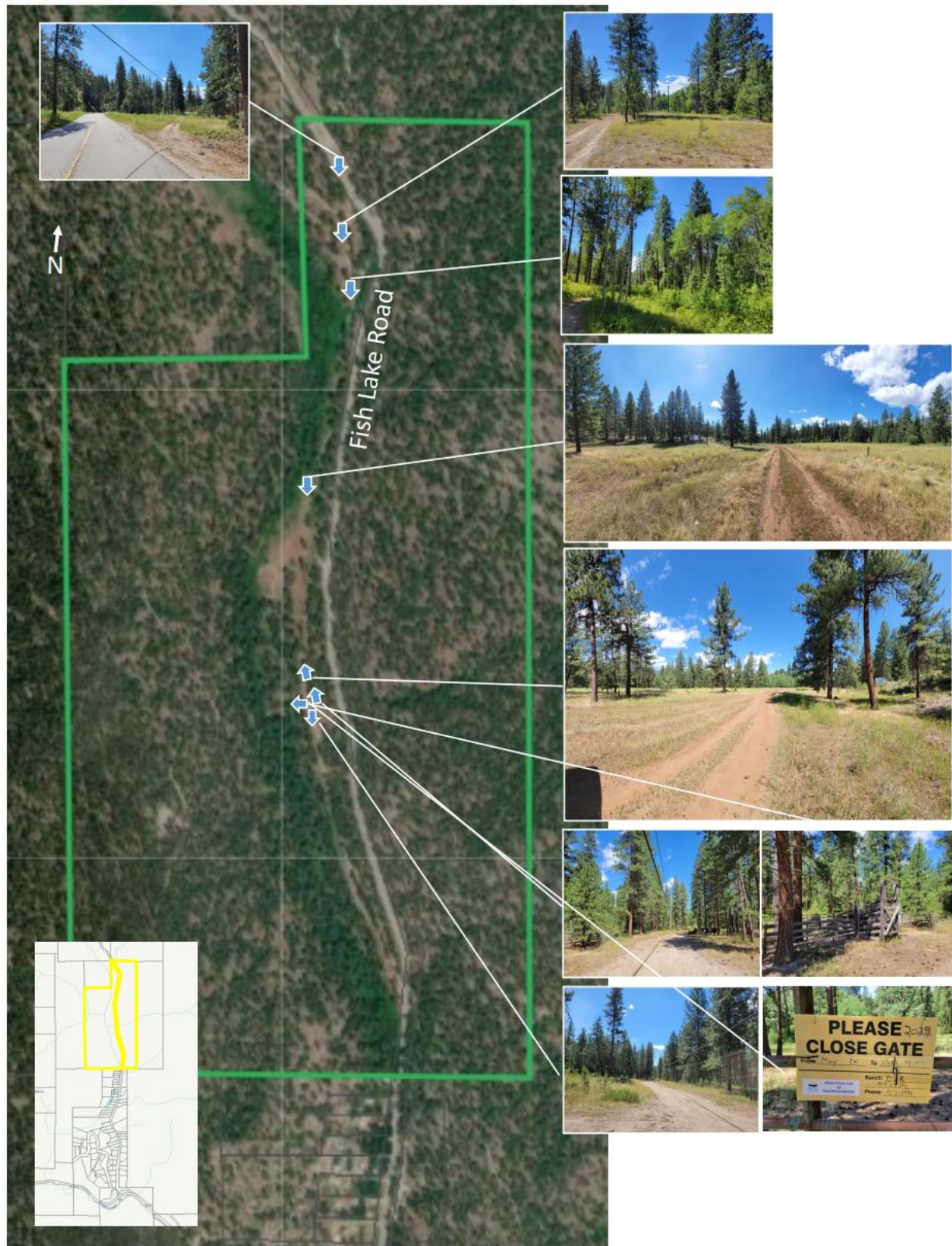


Photo 2: Crown Lot ~2.7km on Fish Lake Road north of Summerland Princeton Roa