



Policy No. 4-2016 (BP- Pemberton and District Recreation Service Turf and Sports Field Maintenance Policy)

Pemberton & District Recreation Service Turf and Sports Field Maintenance Policy

Intent

To establish the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District's policy for turf and sport field maintenance of Pemberton and District Recreation Service Parks and Open Spaces.

Definition of Terms

“**Turf**” means the upper layer of ground that is made up of grass and plant roots.

“**Park and Open Space**” means any park and open space operated by the Pemberton and District Recreation Service, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, currently includes the Meadows Field, Gates Lake Park, and the Pemberton and District Community Centre Spray Park and adjacent outdoor area; and

“**Regional District**” means the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District.

“**Season**” means the time that the fields and parks are open for use to close (typically April to October).

Procedure

Community Parks Maintenance Standards:

Gates Lake Park:

- Grass Cutting: Approximately once per week during the Season
- Grass Trimming: Approximately once per week during the Season
- Debris Removal: As required
- Turf Height: 2.75 to 3.5 inches recommended
- Aeration: None
- Top Dressing/Seeding: As Required
- Fertilization: None
- Weed Control: Herbicide Spraying (if necessary)

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Pemberton and District Community Centre Spray Park and adjacent open spaces:

- Grass Cutting: Approximately once per week during the Season
- Grass Trimming: Approximately once per week during the Season
- Debris Removal: As required
- Turf Height: 2.5 to 3.25 inches (recommended)
- Aeration: Once per year
- Top Dressing/Seeding: As required
- Fertilization: Four times per year
- Weed Control: Herbicide Spraying (if necessary)
- Irrigation: As required and allowable during watering restrictions

Sports Fields Maintenance Standards:

Meadows Field:

- Grass Cutting: Approximately twice per week during the Season
- Grass Trimming: Approximately twice per week during the Season
- Debris Removal: As required
- Turf Height: 2.75 to 3.5 inches (recommended)
- Aeration: Once per year
- Top Dressing/Seeding: As required
- Fertilization: Three times per year
- Weed Control: Herbicide Spraying (if necessary)
- Line Marking: User groups responsibility
- Sports Equipment Storage: User groups responsibility
- Sports Equipment Maintenance: User groups responsibility
- Irrigation: As required and allowable during watering restrictions; irrigation reel will be stored at the water source after each use.

The Regional District employs contracted services to perform the majority of turf maintenance.

The “as required” maintenance items in the policy will be identified by the contracted services during the regular maintenance schedule or upon complaints from users.

The level of maintenance outlined in this policy takes into consideration the current practice and operational budget capacity. The level of service aligns with the resources available within the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Pemberton and District Recreation Service.

Please also reference the Pemberton and District Recreation Service Park Inspection Procedure - Policy No. 6.16 which is an inspection policy established for the inspection and documentation of Pemberton and District Recreation Service Parks and Open Spaces for the purposes of increasing public safety and minimizing hazards or risks.

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