

## City concludes RFP process seeking two-year operator for Skaha Marina

(Penticton, BC – March 28, 2019) – In advance of the Skaha Lake Park Master Plan process, Council took steps during its January 22 Regular Meeting to update the City-owned Skaha Marina’s expired License to Use and Sub-License of Occupation Agreement by directing staff to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the purpose of seeking a company interested in operating the facility for a period of two years, followed by an optional one-year extension, if needed.

The outcome of the RFP process is now completed with Randy and Karen Gallagher receiving the highest score for their proposal.

A total of four submissions were received and scored based on criteria which included – business and financial plans, along with experience.

“We look forward to seeing the Skaha Marina in operation this year. The proposal submitted provides for quality short-term investment into the facility,” said Director of Development Services, Anthony Haddad. “We recognize the important role that parks play in our community as a significant, natural and recreational public asset and look forward to working with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee in commencing the visioning and community engagement process for the long-term Master Plan for Skaha Lake Park this year.”

Skaha Marina’s operators for 2019, the Gallagher’s, are long-term residents with deep roots in the community and support various not-for-profit groups through their Wibit Waterpark business.

“We are excited to begin working on immediate upgrades and amenities to the marina, including a valet and storage service for marine vessels, a non-licensed coffee bistro, boat rentals, surf and charter services and infrastructure improvements,” said Randy Gallagher.

Existing marina slip holders should contact Mr. Gallagher to secure space for 2019 by emailing [info@skahalakemarina.net](mailto:info@skahalakemarina.net)

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