BRIEFING NOTE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF APEX RECREATION AREA AND MINERAL RESERVE REQUEST

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- 1) OIC 1344/May 18, 1961, established a Class C Park, called Apex Mountain Park. This Park covered that portion of the present day Recreation Area lying to the south of the Hedley-Penticton Road and therefore did not include the Billy Goat and Shamrock claims. According to correspondence on file, staking was not permitted in Class C Parks at time of establishment. There were at least three Crown Grants in the Park when it was established as there is reference in correspondence to Quit Claims being negotiated for three Crown Grants. (Note OIC's respecting staking and exploration in Parks refer specifically to Class A and B Parks. Perhaps no staking permitted in Class C Parks prior to that time was because of small size of C Parks. First OIC respecting mining activity in A and B Parks restricted activity in A's and B's less than 5,000 acres.)
- 2) OIC 316/February 9, 1965, adds to the Apex Mountain Park, Class C, and includes the clause "subject however to the prior rights of the holders of Mineral Claim Lots 3122 and 3123", as these claims were then included in Park.
- 3) OIC 492/March 4, 1980, rescinds above orders and reestablishes entire Park as a Recreation Area, deleting some of the area along the northeastern boundary apparently for the road right of way. No reference to prior rights of Mineral Claims.
- 4) The files in both the Mineral Titles office and the Land Use office respecting Apex Recreation Area were pulled from their offsite locations. These files contained memos recommending that a mineral reserve not be placed because of the high mineral potential of the area. John Baine's memo of July 7, 1983, summarizes requests to that date and is last correspondence in either file.



MEMORANDUM

To: John Clancy

Chief Gold Commissioner

Date: 7 July 1983

Re: Proposed No Staking Reserve - Apex Mountain Recreation Area

A Mineral and Placer Reserve was first requested for this area (D.L. 395s) in May 1980. At that time K. E. Northcote recommended that the request be denied due to: claim conflicts, difficulty in expanding existing claim areas and a need for more data regarding mineral potential. An additional request was received from John Johnston, DM, Parks Division on April 10, 1981.

Subsequent to the second request Gorden White, District Geologist, Kamloops was asked for his assessment of this area. His short reply indicates the Recreation Areas has high mineral potential with possible porphyry environments at depth (e.g. 2000'). In addition, there are numerous mineral claims and several mineral occurrences in the immediate area bearing copper, gold and silver.

Consequently, it is recommended that this request be denied.

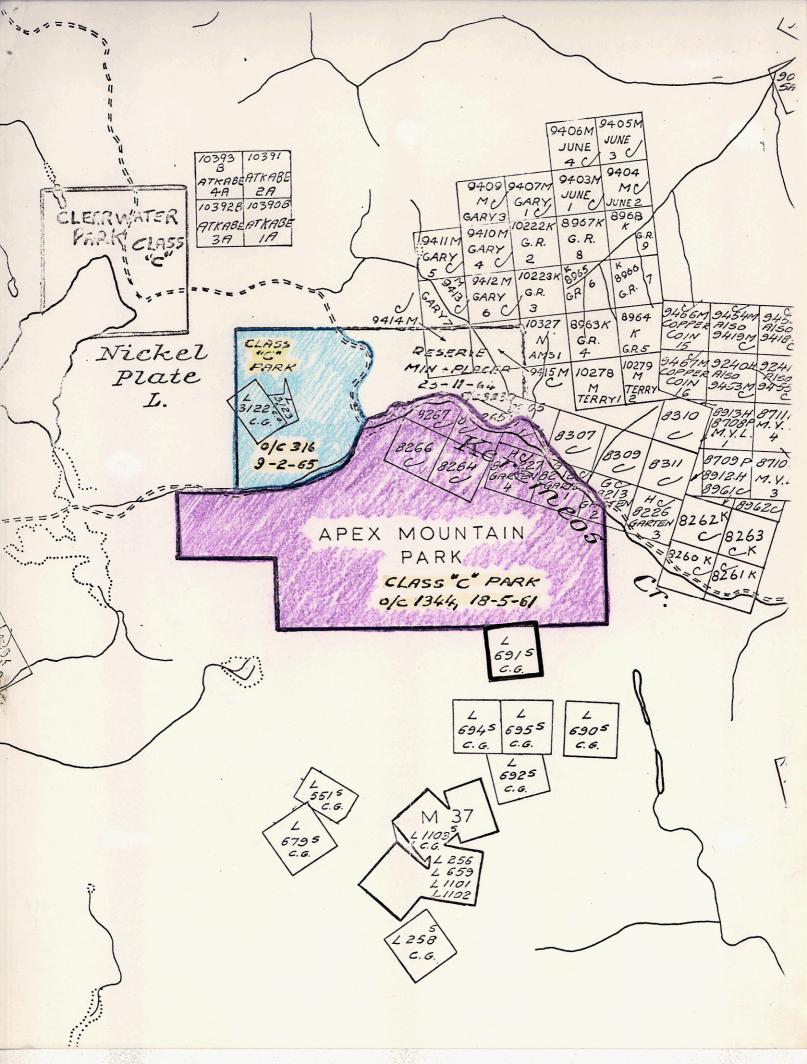
This recommendation is further supported by the fact Apex is a designated Recreation Area. Consequently, no new mineral claims are being accepted for recording if they are located within the boundary. This constitutes a de facto reserve imposed by Lands, Parks and Housing, making a formal reserve superfluous.

Yours truly,

John Baine Land Use Office

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On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant-Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that

- Order in council 1344 approved May 18, 1961 be rescinded; (a)
- Order in council 316 approved February 9, 1965 be rescinded; (b)
- the regulation as set out in the attached schedule be made. (c)

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1. The Crown land described in Schedule A is hereby established as a recreation area and the name by which it shall be known is hereby declared to be Apex Mountain Recreation Area.

Schedule A

All Crown land within Similkameen Division of the Yale District:

Commencing at a point on the westerly boundary of Iot 2964, said point being 46 metres south of the northwest corner of said lot; thence due South 945 metres; thence due West 2696 metres; thence due North 604 metres; thence due West 805 metres; thence due North 604 metres to the southerly limit of the public road right-of-way shown on Field Book 785/17 Traverse, filed in Surveys and Land Records Branch; thence in a general easterly direction along the said southerly limit to a point thereon, said point being 1207 metres East and 382 metres South of the southeast corner of Lot 33165; thence due North 1328 metres; thence due East 825 metres to the westerly limit of the road right-of-way of the Nickel Plate Lake Road; thence in a general southerly direction along the said southerly limit of Nickel Plate Lake Road to the westerly boundary of Lot 4101s; thence southerly along the westerly boundary of Lot 4101s and continuing southerly and southeasterly along the westerly and southwesterly boundaries of Lot 145 to the westerly boundary of Lot 395s; thence southerly and easterly along the westerly and southerly boundaries of said Lot 395s to the westerly limit of the right-of-way of the Hedley-Princeton Road; thence in a general southerly direction following the said westerly limit of Hedley-Princeton Road to the point of commencement and containing the Princeton Road right-of-way.

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THAT the following described lands have been reserved for the use, recreation and enjoyment of the public.

> Commencing at a point on the Northerly limit of the right-of-way of the public road between Hedley and Penticton, said point being 60 chains East and 18 chains South more or less of the Southeast corner of Lot 3316⁸ S.D.Y.D.; thence North 66 chains, thence East 41 chains more or less to the Westerly limit of the right-of-way of the Nickel Plate Lake road; thence Southerly slong the said Westerly limit to its intersection with the Northerly limit of the right-of-way of the Hedley-Penticton road; thence Westerly along the said Northerly limit to the point of commencement and containing 290 acres more or less; subject however to the prior rights of the holders of Mineral Claim Lots 3122 and 3123.

AND THAT the above described lands have been examined and found to be suitable and needed for park purposes.

AND TO RECOMMENT THAT under authority of the Department of Recreation and Conservation Act, the boundaries of Apex Mountain Park (Class "C") be extended to include all of the above described lands.

DATED this

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"W. K. Kiernan" Minister of Recreation and Conservation.

APPROVED this

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"W. A. C. Bennett"

Presiding Member of the Executive Council.

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recommend that, pursuant to subsection (5) of Section 12 the "Mineral Act", Chapter 244, Revised Statutes of British Columbia, 1960, as ded by Chapter 39, Statutes of British Columbia, 1961, and Chapter 39, Statutes ritish Columbia, 1962, and Section 11 of the "Placer-Mining Act", Chapter 285, sed Statutes of British Columbia, 1960, no person may locate or mine upon the owing described area in the Osoyoos Mining Division for any mineral therein:

All that parcel or tract of land situated in Similkaneen Division of Yale District more particularly described as follows: Commencing at a point on the northerly limit of the old Hedley-Fenticton Road, said point being 30 chains due North and 27 chains more or less due West of the north-west corner of Lot 2964, Similkaneen (formerly Osoyeos) Division of Yale District; thence due North a distance of 45 chains, thence due West a distance of 80 chains more or less to the easterly limit of the road to Clearwater Provincial Park; thence in a general southerly and easterly direction along the easterly limit of the road to Clearwater Provincial Park and the northerly limit of the old Hedley-Penticton Road to the point of commencement and containing 300 acres more or less.

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report:

THAT the following described vacant Crown lands have been examined and found to/ be very valuable for public recreation:

> Commencing at the most Westerly corner of Lot 33768, S.D.Y.D., thence West 40 chains; thence North 30 chains, more or less to the Southerly limit of the public road right-of-way between Penticton and Hedley; thence in an Easterly direction along the said Southerly limit to a point due North of the most Westerly Northwest corner of Lot 2964, S.D.Y.D., thence South 51 chains, thence West 134 chains, thence North 30 chains more or less to the point of commencement.

AND TO RECOMMEND THAT under the authority of the provisions of the Department of Recreation and Conservation Act, the above described lands be constituted a Provincial Park of Class "C" to be known as APEX MOUNTAIN PARK.

DATED this

18th

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May

1961, A.D.

"E.C. Westwood"

Minister of Recreation and Conservation.

APPROVED this

18th

day of

May

1961, A.D.

"W.A.C. Bennett"

Presiding Member of the Executive Council.