

## **Requirements when applying for a Park Use Permit for more than one (1) park**

BC Parks requests that you only apply for those parks that you believe are necessary for the successful operation of your business. This will assist BC Parks in processing your Park Use Permit application and reduce the potential for delays that can occur when multiple parks are listed in the Park Use Permit application.

**If you are applying for a Park Use Permit with more than one park, please provide the following information for each individual park:**

- describe why access to each park is important to your business
- describe the anticipated frequency of your activity in each park on an annual basis
- identify the expected number of client days in each park on an annual basis

NOTE: If this information is already included in the Proposal (Management Plan) you will be attaching to the application, you are not required to provide it again.

## **First Nations Consultations**

### **Consulting with First Nations**

The Province of British Columbia's legal duty to consult with First Nations arises from section 35 of the *Canadian Constitution Act*, which recognizes and affirms aboriginal and treaty rights. The duty to consult arises when the Crown has knowledge, real or constructive, of the potential existence of the Aboriginal right or title and contemplates conduct that might adversely affect it. Consultation with First Nations will be guided by principles of good faith, and meaningful dialogue with the intent to fully understand the nature and scope of the aboriginal right, the potential to adversely affect that aboriginal right, and address those potential impacts to an aboriginal right while balancing societal interests.

### **Agreements with First Nations**

In many locations, the Province has agreements with First Nations. These agreements may be referred to as Collaborative Management Agreements, Reconciliation Protocol Agreements, Memorandum of Understanding or simply Working Agreements. In some cases the Province and Canada have entered into a treaty with a First Nation, which contains certain provisions regarding treaty rights within parks and protected areas. Modern treaties contain provisions to address those treaty rights in the management of parks and protected areas where a treaty right exists.

These agreements apply to a variety of parks and protected areas and conservancies and include obligations by the Province to discuss operational delivery of programs in addition to information associated with applications for park use permits with a First Nation. These discussions provide the First Nation and the Province with an opportunity to raise any questions or concerns associated with a park use permit application and/or the proposed activity in relation to aboriginal rights or title.

### **Important Considerations for Park Use Permit Applications**

Applicants for park use permits should be aware of the Province's consultation obligations with First Nations and associated time requirements to seek meaningful consultation. There may be occasions when BC Parks may require additional, detailed information to allow for the necessary review of an application. It is important that applicants provide the necessary, detailed information as requested on the application form in order to avoid a longer than anticipated period of time to evaluate the application.