



CITY OF BLACK DIAMOND
October 9, 2025 Council Special Meeting Agenda
Council Chambers, 25510 Lawson St.
Black Diamond, WA 98010

THIS IS OFFERED AS A HYBRID MEETING AND MAY BE ATTENDED IN PERSON AT THE ABOVE NOTED ADDRESS OR BY JOINING VIRTUAL/TELEPHONICALLY. CALL IN AND JOINING INFORMATION FOLLOWS:

Zoom link to join meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/4454477047?pwd=eGxRY3ZEeU14SVM2cGRBcUxCSjdmZz09>

(Note: You do not need a web cam to join the meeting, but you will need audio to hear the proceedings.)

Meeting ID: 445 447 7047 Password: Council

Telephone dial in options: +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 206 337 9723 US (Seattle) Meeting ID: 445 447 7047

6:00 P.M. CALL TO ORDER, FLAG SALUTE, ROLL CALL

COMMUNITY MEETING:

1) Topic of Discussion - Lake Sawyer Safety and Access

ADJOURNMENT:



Community Meeting

THURSDAY
OCT. 9TH

6:00-8:00 P.M.
25510 LAWSON ST
BLACK DIAMOND, WA



Topic of Discussion



Lake Sawyer Safety and Access

The City of Black Diamond invites residents and lake users to share their input on safety and parking concerns at Lake Sawyer. We are committed to keeping Lake Sawyer a safe and enjoyable place for recreation, and your voice matters.

This is a listening session for City staff and City Council to hear directly from the community. We want to understand your concerns, experiences, and ideas to help shape future decisions around Lake Sawyer's safety and access. Let's work together to ensure Lake Sawyer remains a safe, welcoming space for all to enjoy.

Below is a summary of the issues and possible discussion points received from community members so far:

1. Boating and Water Safety Concerns

- **Overcrowding/Congestion:** A noticeable increase in boat and PWC (personal watercraft) has led to safety concerns. PWC, in particular, are operating too closely to boats and other riders. Congestion makes it harder for boaters to spot swimmers, paddleboarders, or kayakers, raising risk of accidents.
- **Unsafe Entry for Paddlers:** Many paddlers are launching from the beach, which lacks signage and directs them into the narrowest part of the lake, creating risk.
- **Boats beaching at park:** This occurs at the swimming/beach area of the park. There are no buoys or defined swimming area to prevent this from occurring.
- **Wakeboard boats:** Large wakes damaging property and shoreline.

2. E-Foil Usage

- E-foils are currently being used during non-speeding hours, which technically violates our code but is considered safer due to reduced boat traffic.
- **Considerations for use:**
 - Stay 100 feet away from any boat, swimmer, or paddler
 - Avoid use during peak boating days (visibility of fallen riders is poor)
 - Avoid use inside the buoy line when possible
 - Stay out of shallow water
 - Stay out of swimming zones or near shoreline crowded with non-motorized users. E-foils should yield to non-motorized watercraft.
 - Always wear a life jacket/whistle
 - Age requirement?
 - US coast guard has regulated these, but few local lakes have.

3. Boat Launch Congestion and Parking

- **Ongoing issues include:**
 - Overflow parking on side streets
 - Inadequate space for vehicle turnaround.
 - Not enough trailer parking.

Community suggestions so far:

- Install safety and rules signage at the beach
- Direct paddle sport launches to the Regional Park
- Designate specific days for jet ski use; similar to Lake Meridian
- Consider a seasonal trial for any new regulations
- Shut down boat launch once parking is full
- Swim line to prevent vessels from beaching
- No parking signs along side streets (similar to Lake Tapps)

