

Since the publication of band grades last October, it was indicated to the BCPA that some bands were unhappy with their assigned grades.

After making its recommendation to the board, the BCPA Grading Committee communicated to the board that it did not wish to review any requests for re-consideration which might arise. Nor did it wish to give any future recommendations regarding band grading.

Indirectly related to these issues, it came to light by way of a conversation with the BCPA's honorary legal counsel that the wording of the grading publication last October was not entirely correct according to BCPA bylaws.

Therefore, the BCPA board endeavored to create a new committee for band grading recommendations by December 31st. By mid-December, it was clear that this was not feasible logistically.

The Board's solution was to solicit the opinions of several expert adjudicators both within and outside of our jurisdiction. Their opinions were unanimous in relation to the single band promotion within our jurisdiction. The board had an ad-hoc grading meeting on December 30 and the following motion was passed unanimously.

“All BCPA bands within the BCPA jurisdiction are assigned the same grades for 2008 which they had in the 2007 season, with the following exception;

The Triumph Street Pipe Band is promoted to grade 1 for the 2008 season.”