

COMMUNITY FUND OF NORTH KOOTENAY LAKE SOCIETY (CFNKLS)  
Supporting Thriving and Resilient Communities

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR JUNE 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

This is the first time we have held our AGM here at the Heritage Hall and the first time inside after three years at the park. I would like to acknowledge all our board members for their support, commitment and dedication. We all learned how to enjoy meetings on zoom and will continue doing so in the cold months of winter.

Last year the finder of the box in our annual Treasure Hunt was Evan Steinmann. He donated the fund total (\$2,900) to the Hospice Society of North Kootenay Lake and Kootenay Lake Historical Society split 50/50. Catherine Whitehead, our vice-president, placed an ad in the Pennywise with his photo as well as a list of donors. We are again having the treasure hunt with Catherine announcing the start at the end of the AGM. We needed to update our brochures, you will find one with your grant cheque. We hope you enjoy the new look and up to date information.

With director Joe Johnston leading the way we continued to work on the creation of a Disaster Recovery Fund. We are at the final stages with paperwork, being looked after by Osprey Community Foundation, to be signed. What does this mean? If there is a disaster...earthquake, flood, fire.... that affects the north end of Kootenay Lake, CFNKLS has a fund available to pour donations into. The federal and provincial governments are at the forefront of providing resources when there is a disaster and when the time for recovery funding is needed CFNKLS will have it to provide thanks to donations received.

We continue to award Small Grants from CFNKLS, separate from the Grants awarded annually. The maximum awarded is \$100. We have granted 3 x \$100 for 2022. Catherine Whitehead continues to receive applications and, after discussion amongst the board, decisions are made re the awarding of the small grants. Please check our web site for photos of those who have received a grant and sent a photo to us.

Donna Butt, who maintains our website and is our current treasurer, created an email that reaches all board members. [cfnkls.info@gmail.com](mailto:cfnkls.info@gmail.com) This has taken pressure off any one board member to forward emails to the rest of the board. And makes it easy, we hope, for members and the public to connect with us. She also updates our web site throughout the year as needed. Again, do check the site out! There are lists of grant recipients from previous years.

Our secretary, Maggie Staples, attended the Governance and Priority Setting webinar offered by CBT. This has helped her keep board members on track in covering the priorities that arose from our Strategic Planning Session in 2021. We have now completed all our goals.

On November 29<sup>th</sup> CFNKLS partnered with VHKAS (Victorian Hospital of Kaslo Auxiliary Society) at the thrift store for Giving Tuesday. This gave us an opportunity to reach out to members of our community and create greater awareness of who we are and what we do. And perhaps, recruit new volunteers.

Honora represented CFNKLS on the Community Services Recovery Funds (CSRF) administered by Osprey on behalf of Slocan Valley and North Kootenay Lake as well as Nelson and area. Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) received funds from the federal government and were allocated to

Foundations across Canada. We distributed \$181,000 throughout our combined regions. These funds were to support technical improvements due to COVID. There were two applications from our area. One was partially funded.

The other announcement from the federal government early in January was that non profits (non qualified donees) will be able to apply directly to community foundations for grants. It will take until next granting season for CFC, Osprey and CFNKLS to make the necessary revisions to bylaws to allow this to happen. Keep your fingers crossed all goes smoothly!

Our director Mark Gingrich maintains our Facebook page. CFNKLS uses this page to provide information and post photos to increase our visibility in the community.

CFNKLS decided to not pursue becoming a foundation. The founding paperwork did not make allowance for this. We will continue with our harmonious relationship with Osprey as an affiliate organization.

Which brings us to this years granting season. We had three members of the community and three members of the board on the granting committee. Successful grant applicants will be placed on our web site after the AGM. Grants will be disbursed after the election. We ask that each recipient share a few words. If an organization received a grant in prior years there will have been a project report completed prior to being able to apply this year or in the future.

The board members whose term is up this year are Maggie Staples, Mark Gingerich and Donna Butt. All are willing to stand for a two year term whose. Joe is stepping down in the middle of his term so there is a one year term needing to be filled. Tom Humphries is willing to stand for a two year term and Penny Yeo is willing to stand for the one year Joe is vacating. All are members of CFNKLS and whose membership is in good standing.