

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR JUNE 10th, 2024

Welcome to our AGM here at the Heritage Hall for the second time in two years. I would like to acknowledge all our board members – Catherine Whitehead, Vice-President; Maggie Staples, Secretary; Penny Yeo, Treasurer; Donna Butt, Web Site; Tom Humphries, Treasure Hunt; Kendrick Lawless, Facebook - for their support, commitment and dedication. Mark Gingrich needed to step down at the end of 2023 due to work and family. We continue to enjoy meetings on zoom during cold months and are meeting in one another's homes when weather cooperates.

Last year the finders of the box in our annual Treasure Hunt was Stephen Fawcett and Rick Galbraith. They donated the fund total (\$2,185) to the Community Services - Kaslo Food Hub and Kootenay Lake Historical Society split 50/50. Catherine Whitehead placed an ad in the Pennywise with their photo as well as a list of donors. Catherine will announce the start of this year's Treasure Hunt at the end of the AGM today.

A reminder that CFNKLS has a Disaster Recovery Fund. 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 we will have it available. Cheques are written to Osprey Community Foundation and deposited into the Disaster Recovery Fund.

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 2023. 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 small grant and sent a photo to us.

During this winter the board reviewed all policies and procedures and adjusted as needed.

Donna Butt, who maintains our website, created an email that reaches all board members. 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, continues to maintain our minutes. These are available on the web site. We have managed to cover all the items from our Strategic Planning Session in 2021. On the agenda for the upcoming year will be the timing for the next one.

On November 28th CFNKLS set up a table at the KSCU to display our new brochures and reach out to the community on Giving Tuesday. Our hope is to create greater awareness of who we are and what we do. And perhaps, recruit new volunteers and donors.

The announcement from the federal government early in January 2022 that non profits (non qualified donees) will be able to apply directly to community foundations for grants did not happen in 2023.

Unfortunately non profits still needed a sponsor this year. And we, Community Foudations of Canada, Osprey and CFNKLS, still need to make the necessary revisions to our bylaws to allow this to happen. Keep your fingers crossed that 2025 will be the year!

Which brings us to this years granting season. We had two 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 during the AGM. 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.

We have one board member who is interested in attending the B.C. Community Foundations Gathering Oct.1-3 at Delta Hotels, Burnaby. If we receive a grant to cover travel and accomodation, we will pay the \$100 fee to register. Those of us who have attended have found it beneficial.

The board members whose term is up this year are Honora Cooper, Catherine Whitehead, Maggie Staples and Penny Yeo. All are willing to stand for a two year term. Donna Butt and Tom Humphries are halfway through their two year term. Kendrick Lawless was welcomed onto the board in the late fall and needs to be elected to complete half of a two year term. All are members of CFNKLS and their membership is in good standing.

Respectfully submitted
S Honora Cooper
President, CFNKLS