

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR JUNE 16th, 2025

Welcome to our AGM at the Heritage Hall. I would like to acknowledge my fellow board members – Catherine Whitehead, Vice-President; Maggie Staples, Secretary; Penny Yeo, Treasurer; Tom Humphries, Treasure Hunt; Kendrick Lawless, Facebook; John Cathro, Disaster Recovery Committee - for their support, commitment and dedication. We continue to enjoy meetings on zoom during cold months and meeting in one another's homes when weather cooperates.

Last year, after ten clues, the Treasure Box was found by Paul Hoeffler and Kari Koshiol. They donated the fund total (\$3,145) to KORTS. Kendrick updated the Treasure Hunt web site to be more user friendly. Catherine had a holiday this year and Tom took up the task of spearheading the hunt. Tom and 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 CFNKLS Disaster Recovery Fund. Catherine attended the Foundation gathering in Vancouver where there was an information session on Disaster Recovery. She also attended the affiliates gathering in Slocan.

We continue to award Small Grants, separate from the Grants awarded annually. The maximum awarded is \$100. We granted (2x\$100)\$200 for 2024. Catherine Whitehead continues to receive applications and, after discussion amongst the board, a decision is made. We have given our first community small grant in 2025 to support a workshop on bike safety. Osprey has Neighbourhood Small Grants that can be applied for.

Donna Butt continues to update our web site as needed. Our email is cfnkls.info@gmail.com. This makes it easy, we hope, for members and the public to connect with us. Do check the site out! There are lists of grant recipients from previous years as well as a few photos of small grant recipients. You will also find copies of our board meetings listed by year.

On December 3rd, CFNKLS set up a table at the KSCU to display our brochures and reach out to the community on Giving Tuesday. Our hope continues to create greater awareness of who we are and what we do. And, recruit new volunteers and donors.

Which brings us to this year's granting season. We had one member of the community and four members of the board on the granting committee. Successful grant applicants are placed on our web site. Grant cheques are distributed 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 are sad that Pennywise is no longer a resource in our community though delighted we were able to get our AGM notice in the final edition (April 7th).

The board members whose term is up this year are Tom Humphries, Kendrick Lawless and John

Cathro. Tom is stepping down though will assist with the Treasure Hunt again next year. Kendrick is also stepping down though will continue to assist with the Treasure Hunt. John Cathro will be standing for a two year term. The board are all fully paid up members of CFNKLS.

Respectfully submitted
S Honora Cooper
President, CFNKLS