

Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake

Board Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2025 Residence Catherine Whitehead/Zoom

In attendance: Catherine Whitehead, Maggie Staples, Honora Cooper, John Cathro, Penny Yeo

Guests:

Meeting convened: 5:04 pm

Approval of Agenda: Penny

Approval of the Meeting Minutes: Catherine moved, AIF

**Correspondence:**

**Received from Kootenay Restorative Justice** with an inquiry as to Grant cycles, and Honora responded and let them know it would begin in spring 2026, and that the project must be in the RDCK Area D.

**Received from Tina Choi:**

“Our revised purposes have been accepted by CRA and we have filed the amendment with Corporations Canada. We will now begin revising granting policy and documents to reflect our ability to grant to non qualified donors. The board will most likely choose to grant only to registered societies and other qualified donors and to Neighbourhood Small Grant recipients. We will not be accepting applications from businesses and individuals.

Osprey community grants open up in March and we should be in a position to begin granting to registered societies. Slokan opens up in January and will have to continue to use sponsors. That said, if your organization would like to continue to use charitable sponsors rather than grant to NQDs that is also an option.

Once we have confirmed our new policy and process, most likely early in the new year, I will schedule a meeting so that we can discuss the changes.” Tina Choi. Discussion, Honora said that CFNKLS will then need to update their policies to mirror what will be required by Osprey.

**Received from Paige Thurston, Living Lakes Canada:**

“Thank you again for the CFNKLS grant for our project "North Kootenay Lake Climate Resilience and Fire Suppression Project in Argenta"

I wanted to reach out regarding the timelines for that project. As you may have heard, Rik Valentine of ASAP was involved in an accident, so he was unable to support the field data

collection this fall. As such, it is not likely that the wildfire aspects of the project will be completed by the end date of May 2026.

I am wondering if we could be granted an extension into September 2026 to enable Rik to complete the field work, and our GIS team to produce the maps? We have been able to complete the long-term water monitoring deliverables as planned.”

Honora made the motion that they either return the funds and re-apply, or use the funds and complete their project later and consequently not apply for a grant in 2026, AIF. She will notify them in writing by email.

2024 Final Grant Reports - Healing Arts Society is now defunct, no longer a society. Rachel at Osprey has been informed.

Peter Schramm - under the umbrella of the Quaker Society in Argenta has been contacted regarding their 2024 Grant Report.

**Old Business:** Prospective board members - Honora has spoken with Susan Thom, who is in Area D Ainsworth, and has expressed interest. Penny will contact Eva Kelemen in January.

**Treasurer's Report:** Penny will report, the current financials are circulated by email to the Board.

**New Business:** Christmas lunch December 8th Bistro. Catherine to book the Heritage Hall for the June 2026 AGM, and also a reservation at the Bistro for the 8th of December.

Next Meeting Date: January 19

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Zoom

Meeting Adjourned: 4:55 PM