

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

PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR JUNE 8th, 2026

Welcome. From myself and Catherine Whitehead, Vice-President, Penny Yeo, Treasurer; John Cathro and Lorna Lynch, Treasure Hunt Coordinator. We work as a team and I appreciate the dedication, commitment and support of one another. We continue to enjoy meetings on zoom during cold months and in person when weather cooperates. Our volunteers include Facebook administrator, Pauli Twardowski, Website administrator, Donna Butt and Treasure Hunt collaborators, Tom Humphries and Ken Butt.

Last year the treasure box was found by Marie-Ange Fournier-Beck. She donated the fund total (\$2,835) to Kaslo & District Public Library. This year Tom Humphries once again helped coordinate the treasure hunt with board member Lorna Lynch assisted by Catherine and Ken Butt. John Cathro will announce the start of this year's Treasure Hunt at the end of the AGM today with the first clue.

We continue to award Small Grants throughout the year, separate from the Grants awarded annually. The maximum awarded is \$100 and are intended for individuals or small groups who have a project that will support or inform our community. Catherine Whitehead has received the applications, presented them to the board who then approved them. Each year we have had a budget of \$300. Osprey also has Neighbourhood Small Grants that can be applied for early in the year.

Our email is cfnkls.info@gmail.com Our web site is nklcommunityfund.org. We hope this aids members and the public to connect with us. 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 as well as policies, procedures, bylaws and information of the growth of our endowed funds. This year our total grants awarded from interest to December 31st, 2025 is \$605,000.

Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) generously donated \$50,000 to our endowed general fund earlier this year. They also donated the same amount to Osprey and the two other affiliates located in Salmo and the Slocan. We have thanked them for their generosity.

This granting season we had two members of the community and four members of the board on the granting committee. Successful grant applicants will be posted on our web site after the AGM. We ask that each recipient share a few words here. 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 member whose term is up this year is Honora. Catherine (10 yrs as a board member) and Penny (3 years), are stepping down. John Cathro is completing the second year of a two year term. Lorna Lynch stepped into the vacant position created by Maggie Staples (5 years) when she needed to step down in December. The election for a two year term – Honora Cooper, Christine Remple and Wanda Aamon. One year term is Lorna Lynch. The board are all fully paid up members of CFNKLS. We continue to seek a secretary for the board.

Respectfully submitted
Honora Cooper
President, CFNKLS

