

COMMUNITY FUND OF NORTH KOOTENAL LAKE SOCIETY (CFNKLS) -
Supporting thriving and resilient communities
PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR THE AGM JUNE 21st, 2021

Our second year of having the annual AGM in the park due to Covid. Barney announced the start of the Treasure Hunt at the end of the AGM in 2020. Heather Steinmann located the treasure and choose the Hospice Society of North Kootenay Lake (HSNKL) to be the recipient of a \$1065 donation.

In July 2020 the first Emergency Covid Funds were made available from the Federal government liaising with Community Foundations of Canada (CFC). The deadline for applications was July 27th, 2020 and the amount available was \$8000. The two organizations who received funding for projects were North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society, NKLCSS, (\$6,000) and Victorian Hospital of Kaslo Society, VHKAS, (\$2000). The Argenta Community Association also applied and were funded directly by CFNKLS since we still had grant funds available.

In August 2020 Kootenay Upper Lake Youth Network (KULYN) were able to hold the Pride celebration they received funding for from the RBC fund in 2019 in partnership with CFC with CFNKLS choosing the recipient.

The second round of Emergency Funding with CFC working with the federal government had a October 31st deadline and \$4200 available. The recipients were NKLCSS (\$1200) and Lardeau Valley Community Club (LVCC), \$3000. The Argenta Community Association received funding (\$480) directly from CFNKLS from the last of the grant funds.

Our Small Grants initiative supports non profits and individuals and awarded \$100 to SLIDE (Supporting the Learning of Inclusivity, Diversity and Empany) for books to be available to the community. We also awarded \$25 to an individual who promotes our community with quilted postcards.

In October 2020 Barney resigned from the board and Maggie Staples took on the role of secretary. While we miss Barney we are delighted to have Maggie on the board of directors.

Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) sponsored 80% of the cost for a strategic planning session for the Board of Directors. John Cathro was engaged to lead the sessions which were completed by the end of March 2021. The board appreciated these sessions and we are looking forward to implementing the results throughout the upcoming year.

I would like to acknowledge the grant committee volunteers, Dawn Lang, Elaine Toffan and ML Thompson. Along with three board members, they had the challenge of helping decide the recipients of this years grants. The deadline for grants was April 30th and on Saturday, May 5th the grant committee met via Zoom and made their choices. The CFNKLS board ratified those choices and the spread sheet was sent on to Osprey for their board to confirm our decisions. The total amount of requests were \$50,796.50 and we awarded \$45,096.50 from the \$45,330.08 available. \$5105.11 was from the Kootenay Savings Community Foundation (KSCF) who has a fund with CFNKLS. Their logo, as well as CFNKLS, was sent to the three recipients who received funding from them. The McKinnon Family Bursary was awarded to Conan Dwyer (\$916.66 plus \$103 unspent from prior years). The KDPL received \$916.66 and VCHC \$1,833.31 from the McKinnon Family Fund. The total grants and bursary this year equal \$48,763.13.

This year KSCF choose to allocate their generous donation to flow through funding for 2021 grants. The board was allocating a portion of the donation that we have gratefully received in years past to operating funds so we are looking at alternative ways to fund our expenses. One of these is having Osprey pay directly for large expenses from administration rebate funds from Vancouver Foundation. We have chosen to spend the rebate from 2020 on brochures, advertising, treasure hunt, grants and a contribution to endowed general funds. Reasearch is being undertaken into the viability of becoming a foundation. If the board decides this is an option we will bring this to the 2022 AGM for a vote.

CFNKLS, Slocan Legacy Fund and Osprey will be sharing advertising costs in the Valley Voice this summer. There will be a full page color ad in July and a half page ad in August.

I would personally like to thank Donna Butt for her active monitoring and updating of the CFNKLS web site, Aiko Jackson for her role as treasurer and Facebook site promoter, Catherine Whitehead and Maggie Staples (with support from Barney Gilmore) for the treasure hunt, Joe Johnston and Mark Gingerich for putting up the banner, provided by Aiko, the keeper of the banners.

Thank you for your support of the CFNKLS Board and our communities.

Honora Cooper
President, CFNKLS