

Appendix B: Public Consultation Summary

Consultation Update, July 2012

In the spring of 2012 the Province of BC offered to renew the City's License of Occupation for the Nature Park for a period of 30 years. A condition of this renewal was the need to review and update the KNP management plan. Members of the KNPS Planning Committee carried out this review in June and a draft copy of the new version of the plan was posted on the KNPS website for public comment in July. Finalization of the plan will occur in the fall of 2012.

Consultation Update, February 2009

In 2008 the KNPS Planning Committee, in consultation with City Councillor Bob West-Sells, reviewed and update the Nature Park Management Plan. A draft version then posted on the Nature Park website and the public was invited to submit their comments. In January 2009, the KNPS Planning Committee incorporated the public feedback into the document. AT the January 29th, 2009 monthly KNPS membership meeting, a motion was passed to accept the amended plan and forward it to the City of Kimberley. The Plan was then submitted to and accepted by the Province of BC.

Public Consultation 2002-2003

The preparation of the original version of this plan involved consultation over a 15-month period with a wide variety of groups and individuals including neighbouring landowners, government agencies, various experts, community groups and the general public.

Two public meetings were held at Selkirk High School, one on June 20th 2002 to refine a list of major issues to be considered and another on May 15th 2003 to discuss the draft management plan.

A two-page questionnaire was created and distributed in October 2002 seeking public feedback on a number of issues. Copies of the questionnaire were placed at the Kimberley Public Library, the Snowdrift Café, Bavarian Hardware, Techno Sport, Loon Lake Café, Marysville PetroCan, the Bean Tree and the Barking Gecko. Eighty-four responses were received and considered.

In 2002 and early 2003 the planning team arranged field trips and/or meetings with the following experts to discuss aspects of the plan:

Steve Levitt - MOF Fire Protection,
Rob Walker - Parks Canada, Vegetation Management Specialist
Peter Davidson - MWLAP, Biologist
Larry Becker and Al Collinson – Kimberley Fire Department,

Kevin Paterson – RDEK Weed Control Officer,
Irene Teske – MWLAP, Biologist
Nancy Henderson – Recreation Trails Master Plan Consultant

A public consultation draft of the plan was created in April, 2003 and copies were given to :

- City of Kimberley Council and Senior Staff
- Ktunaxa
- School District #6
- Blarchmont School
- McKim School
- Selkirk School
- Marysville School
- Lindsay Park School
- Kimberley Community Development Society
- Rocky Mountain Naturalists
- Kimberley Teachers Association
- Techno Sports Store
- Bavarian Hardware
- Kimberley Nordic Club
- Kimberley Alpine Resort
- Trickle Creek Golf Resort
- Kimberley Rotary Club
- Kimberley Lions Club
- Teck/Cominco
- Kimberley Boy Scouts Association
- Kimberley Search & Rescue
- Kimberley Fire Department
- RCMP
- Bavarian Society (Chamber of Commerce)
- Kootenay Outdoor Club
- Kimberley Volksmarch Club
- Canadian Mountain Cabins.
- Kevin Paterson, RDEK Weed Control
- Rob Walker, Parks Canada
- Steve Levitt, MOF
- Peter Davidson, MWLAP
- Irene Teske, MWLAP
- Mike Gall, BC Parks
- Don Gayton, Forrex
- Dennis Petryshen, MOF
- Nancy Henderson

The Draft Plan and a comment sheet were also placed in City Hall, the Public Library, Snowdrift Café, Loon Lake, Barking Gecko , Black Bear Books and Video, Downtown Deli, Owl and Teapot, Lee Haskell Youth Centre. The Draft Plan was also posted on the Kimberley Nature Park Society website.