



**Kimberley Nature Park Society
Monthly Board Meeting
Jan. 29, 2026
McKim School, Room 137**

Present: Jessica Harvey (Chair), Eva Boehringer (via Google Meets), Tim Chapman, John Henly, Hasi Muhandiram, Maurice Frits, Sharon Moorcroft, Dave Hale, Ryan McKenzie, Sue Cairns

Regrets: Andree Powers, Schaun Goodeve

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Adopt minutes of Nov. 27, 2025 meeting

- a. Motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting, motion seconded
- b. Motion carried

2. Adoption of Agenda

- a. Agenda accepted as presented (motion; seconded).
- b. Motion carried

3. City Liaison Report — Sue Cairns

- a. City 5-year financial plan underway; project documents available on Engage Kimberley.
- b. Quarterly Administrative Update (Oct–Dec) released; provides overview of City projects.
- c. Community transportation survey launched by Selkirk High School/SPARK; data to support advocacy and solutions.
- d. KNPS raised invasive weeds management responsibility under LOO; City identified as landowner responsible; Jim Hendricks confirmed as City contact.

4. KTS Report — Ryan McKenzie

- a. Winter grooming in good condition; ~10 new groomers trained; snowdogs stationed at Lois Creek, Forest Crowne, and main entrances.
- b. ‘Dead of Winter Challenge’ running in February; low-impact, distributed participation. Temporary flagging to be removed post-event.
- c. Discussion on trail-use contributions and passes; KTS uses negotiated contribution model.

5. Financial Report — Jessica with notes from Andree Powers

- a. Treasurer email e-transfer auto-deposit established.
- b. \$200 donation received from member
 - **Action:** thank you note to be sent by Maurice
- c. Need clearer tracking of restricted vs. discretionary funds and grant-allocated funds.



6. Correspondence / Communications

- a. Letters of support in progress for Round the Mountain, Freewheelers, Shred Sisters; donation language to be included.
- b. Flagging concerns raised by member; Board supports biodegradable flagging and prompt removal.
- c. Safety concern re: rebar signage posts; will be addressed in new signage project (ReDi grant application in progress)
- d. Complaint re: winter trail clearing; Board noted that only a small portion of the park is groomed in the winter, and the remainder of the park remains wilderness to meet mandate of conservation.
 - **Action:** response to be drafted by Ava.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Grants & Funding: ReDi grant application for signage and multi-use education concept under development.
 - Horsebarn Valley boardwalk grant submitted (~\$10k); decision expected in March.
 - Long-term grant report due Feb 15; Andre/Jess to compile.
- b. Website: New website live; memberships and donations enabled; further content updates pending.
- c. Trails: KNPS–KTS MOU to be revived and finalized (Jess to lead).
 - RTM winter clearing request declined due to limited capacity and wildlife considerations.
 - **Action:** Dave to send reply to inform of Board decision.
 - QR code on bulletin boards needs replacement stickers
 - **Action:** Maurice to get stickers printed and replace on kiosks
- d. Events: 2026 events proposed: movie night, wine fundraiser, summer BBQ, Bear Aware, AGM, markets presence.
 - Movie night options under review; decision to follow by email.
 - Permit for Teck land events: for the very occasional need, KNPS can get permission under KTS permit, but need to make sure this is done well prior to event; Board needs to clarify process and include thresholds in KNPS–KTS MOU.

8. New Business

- a. Newsletter will be launching monthly; includes board profile, wildlife content, stats, and events.
- b. Exec role emails will be established for continuity.
- c. Need for more Board and volunteer members discussed; recruitment and volunteer cultivation to be emphasized.
- d. Firewood program needs more info on what is being taken and where
 - **Action:** Jess/Dave to set up meeting with Andy or arrange for a presentation to the Board.



9. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn
- b. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 9 pm.