



## Kimberley Nature Park Society Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

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| <b>Date &amp; Time:</b> | 24 June 2026 – Wednesday, 7:00pm                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Location:</b>        | Marysville Pub (MVP) Games Room, 447 304th Street                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Call-in Link:</b>    | <a href="https://meet.google.com/wkz-ofvk-kax">https://meet.google.com/wkz-ofvk-kax</a>                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Attendance:</b>      | Present: Sharon Moorcroft, Andree Powers, Jessica Harvey, Eva (Ava) Boehringer, John Henly, Hasi Muhandiram, Tim Chapman, Schaun Goodeve (remote), Rain Noakes, Sue Cairns (CoK), Ryan McKenzie (KTS)<br>Regrets: Maurice Frits, Dave Hale |

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### Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 19:03

### Adopt Minutes of May 27, 2026 Meeting

- Motion: Andree; Second: John; motion passed (all in favour)

### Accept the Agenda as Amended (attached)

- Motion passed (all in favour).

### City Liaison Report — Sue C.

- Update on Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT); official application expected from Tourism Kimberley.
- The municipal election is coming up in the autumn.
- The official municipal financial plan has been publicly released.

### KTS Report — Ryan M.

- KTS operations are at full capacity, utilizing both the professional trail crew and volunteers across the entire network.
- Substantial preparation was undertaken for Round the Mountain (RTM) festival on June 20; RTM trail route is officially closed and not recommended for general recreation this year due to ongoing ski lift construction.
- A thorough clean-up of the Coral Root trail was completed recently, focusing on removing loose rocks.
- Lois Creek and CanFor logging plan consultation: KTS has officially submitted a trail impact assessment to the provincial government that establishes a framework for potential trail remediation or compensation post-logging.
- Surveys for the joint Economic Impact Assessment are actively underway.
- Routes for the Black Spur Ultra race are currently being updated.

### Financial Report — Andree P.

- The Society's financial statements were presented and reviewed.
- RTM Event Table: Merchandising efforts generated \$400 from sales of t-shirts, stickers, and park maps.
- Andree will be away until October; Board members should direct all financial items to treasurer@email so that the account can be monitored and managed.

### Correspondence/Communications

- Wildlife Camera Management: A volunteer request was issued to fill vacancies, and two new volunteers have stepped forward to manage two of the camera sites that were given up by others; Laura has agreed to take over the third camera site.



- Joint Trail Use Protocol: Ava presented a proposal from the Executive Administrator at KTS to compile a joint guide for user groups navigating trail events across KNC, KTS, and KNPS tenures. The guide aims to clarify conflicting requirements and multi-jurisdictional trail maps.
- The board agreed to provide the Society's existing event policy for integration rather than conducting a full policy overhaul.
  - **Action Ava/John:** Review KNPS event policy before issuing to KTS.
- Institutional Engagement: Social Studies Department Head at Selkirk Secondary School reached out to explore opportunities to connect Grade 9 students with land-based learning, sustainability, and environmental stewardship projects.
  - **Action Jess:** Draft a formal response to coordinate student engagement opportunities for the upcoming autumn school term.

## Unfinished Business

### Trails

- MOU with KTS Update — Jess: No progress was made this month; the action item will carry over.
  - **Action Jess:** Continue working on edits to the KTS Memorandum of Understanding.
- Ktunaxa Language Signs — Jess: No response from the teacher who made the initial inquiry, but this signage project could potentially be tied into the Selkirk Secondary School collaboration moving forward.
  - **Action Jess:** Coordinate the Ktunaxa language sign funding pathways with the school portfolio.
- Sunflower Hill (SFH) and Creek Trail Maintenance — Rain submitted a comprehensive list of potential works and management queries based on May 8 site visit.
  - **Action Ryan:** Resend the KTS parking assessment.
- Erosion and rare plant sensitivities along the Flume and Creek trails are under review
  - **Action Rain:** conduct a site visit and trail assessment on June 27/28.
- Plans to replace the non-motorized trail signage at the bottom of the Powerline trail.
  - **Action Maurice:** Get a quote from Big Magic for updated non-motorized trail signs (incorporating electric motorbike restrictions) and check if they have existing design templates from Lois Creek or the Nordic Centre.

### Wildsight Ecosystem Enhancement Project

- Invasive species assessment as SFH was completed by EKISC; the report is in preparation,
- Industry trucks will be parked around SFH as forestry data is being collected
  - **Action Ava/Tim:** discuss Wildsight social media strategy for this project as it relates to KNP.

### Community Engagement — Maurice (via email)

- June Newsletter: Maurice is actively working on drafting the upcoming newsletter publication.
- Farmers' Market: KNPS has secured a couple of operational booth slots but requires active board and volunteer presence to staff them.
- Kimberley Outdoor Recreation Committee (Outdoor Kimberley): The survey was completed by Ava on behalf of the society; no further updates, as the scheduled June meeting was postponed.

## Committee Updates

### Governance

- No active updates.

### Grants

- Ecosystem Assessment HCTF Grant — Ava: Received a formal response from Canfor confirming that Canfor has no logging operations planned within the park boundaries for the next five years. Future harvesting would strictly prioritize wildfire risk mitigation or habitat rehabilitation. Canfor offered to supply an official memo confirming they will only operate within the park in direct cooperation with KNPS.



- **Action Ava:** Secure the official memo from Canfor to support future HCTF grant eligibility applications
- Invasive Species Funding: Feedback indicated past grant submissions focused too heavily on assessments rather than direct environmental action.
- ReDi Grant for Signage — Jess: No official decision has been received yet by KNPS, though KTS has received a response.
  - **Action Jess:** Follow up regarding the status of the ReDi grant application.
- AllTrails Grant: The application deadline is July 17, focusing explicitly on trail infrastructure.
  - **Action Rain:** Lead the AllTrails grant submission with administrative support from Ava and Jess as needed.

#### Natural History Committee (NHC) & Interface Fire

- Dave Hale was away; no major updates. Tim noted a query regarding the intent of pink marking ribbons observed at Sunflower Hill.
  - **Action Tim:** Gather clarification from Will Booth regarding the purpose of the pink ribbons at Sunflower Hill.

#### Horse Barn Valley (HVB) — John

- The boardwalk installation and rip-out party is officially scheduled for Saturday, July 4; John will secure volunteers.
- The new structural boardwalk will be extended in length to cleanly cover the active wetland area.

#### Events Update — Hasi

- June 14 Bear Aware Event: The presentation in partnership with WildSafeBC saw a small turnout of nine participants, but was highly successful for community engagement, merchandise sales, and cash donations; the City confirmed that there is no requirement to notify them if KNPS events start from non-KNP entrances, but standard procedure is to provide informational courtesy notices to City and KTS.
- Summer Wilderness Walks: Hasi is meeting with Nicole on June 24 to finalize details for the upcoming August Bat Walk. Birgitta has volunteered to host a July event, though specific logistics are still being determined.
  - **Action Ava:** Follow up with Maurice to locate the physical Square reader for processing card payments at summer events.
  - **Action John:** Locate and provide the key for the old historical donation box to support future event logistics.
- Free Spirit Adventures has expressed an interest in collaborative programming
  - **Action Hasi:** follow up with Corinne H. to gather details.
- External Collaborations: The board discussed a potential joint event with Wildsight situated outside the official park boundary, but because KNPS liability insurance does not extend beyond park borders, the society cannot co-host.
- RTM (June 20) table was a success; Andree, Sharon, and Ava staffed it; all the new T-shirts were sold.

#### **New Business**

- Wildlife Kills within Park Boundary — Jess: Discussion arose surrounding proper protocols for managing carcasses inside KNP. Conservation Officers (COs) only manage carcass extraction on provincial land; city or private landowners hold responsibility otherwise.
- The board noted that a recent notification photo utilized by KTS regarding a bear encounter generated negative feedback due to the graphic nature of the photo.
- The board agreed that graphic wildlife notices should not be posted publicly; instead, the society will publish a standard, educational social media post focused on wildlife awareness.
  - **Action Jess:** Establish a formalized procedure and designate a single point of contact for managing wildlife carcass notifications inside the park.
- Membership Integration: To streamline revenue streams, the board approved a digital modification to place the 'Purchase KNPS Membership' option as the primary first line on all future event sign-up landing pages. Changes will be deployed directly to the website layout.
- City Liaison Succession: Sue Cairns' official term as city council representative is ending in September. The board agreed that her continued presence is immensely valuable to the society.



- **Action John:** Draft a formal letter to Council thanking Sue for her dedicated service and requesting her return for a subsequent term.

## **Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn the regular meeting: Moved by Sharon; Seconded by Andree; motion passed.*

## **Upcoming Meeting Schedule**

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| <b>September 30, 2026</b> | Regular Board Meeting – Marysville Pub Games Room |
| <b>October 28, 2026</b>   | Regular Board Meeting – Marysville Pub Games Room |
| <b>November 25, 2026</b>  | Regular Board Meeting – Marysville Pub Games Room |

*No regular board meetings scheduled for July or August*