

**Kimberley Nature Park Society
Annual General Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2021, via Zoom**

Meeting called to order at 7:01pm by President Naomi Humenny

1. Determine quorum (3 members): 19 members present when called to order

2. Confirm agenda: confirmed

3. Adopt 2019 AGM Minutes: No objections; 2019 AGM minutes were accepted

4. Treasurer's Annual Report:

- At year-end in October 2020, we had \$6,679 in revenue, \$3,310 in expenditures, and total assets of \$25,790
 - No objections were brought forward
- Motion to approve: carried

5. Executive Report: The Year in Review: Naomi Humenny

- 9 new directors, 6 returning directors
- COVID-19 meant cancelled meetings, one outdoor meeting, lots of email conversation and voting
- Chris Ferguson resigned after many years of service on the KNPS Board and many contributions. Thank you, Ferg!
- No formal hikes, but there were several smaller, less formal hikes (including the annual Larch Hike) with an educational pamphlet created by Struan Robertson
- A small group, including two directors, participated in an invasive weed pull organized by East Kootenay Invasive Species Council
- The Board has learned how to use Zoom!

6. Election of Officers and Directors:

President: Naomi Humenny

Vice President: John Henly

Secretary: Heather van der Hoop

Treasurer: Ingrid Musser-Okholm

Directors-at-Large: Gary Hicks, Frank O'Grady, Cliff Erven, John Henly, Matt Thompson, Dave Hale, Laura Duncan, Rand Davis, Susanne Baldwin, Liz Royer, Mitch Tom

- Board was elected as presented

7. Other Business:

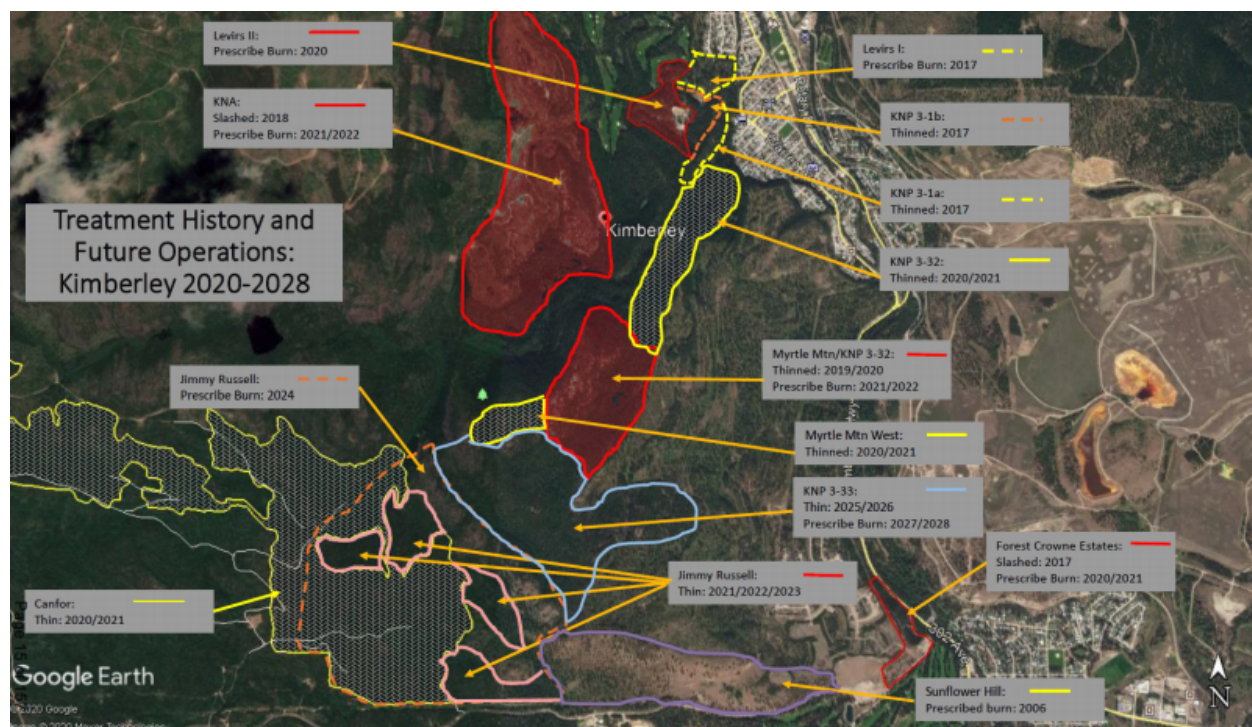
Report: Year-end fire mitigation work: Kent Goodwin

Kent described the three kinds of fire mitigation work done in the Nature Park:

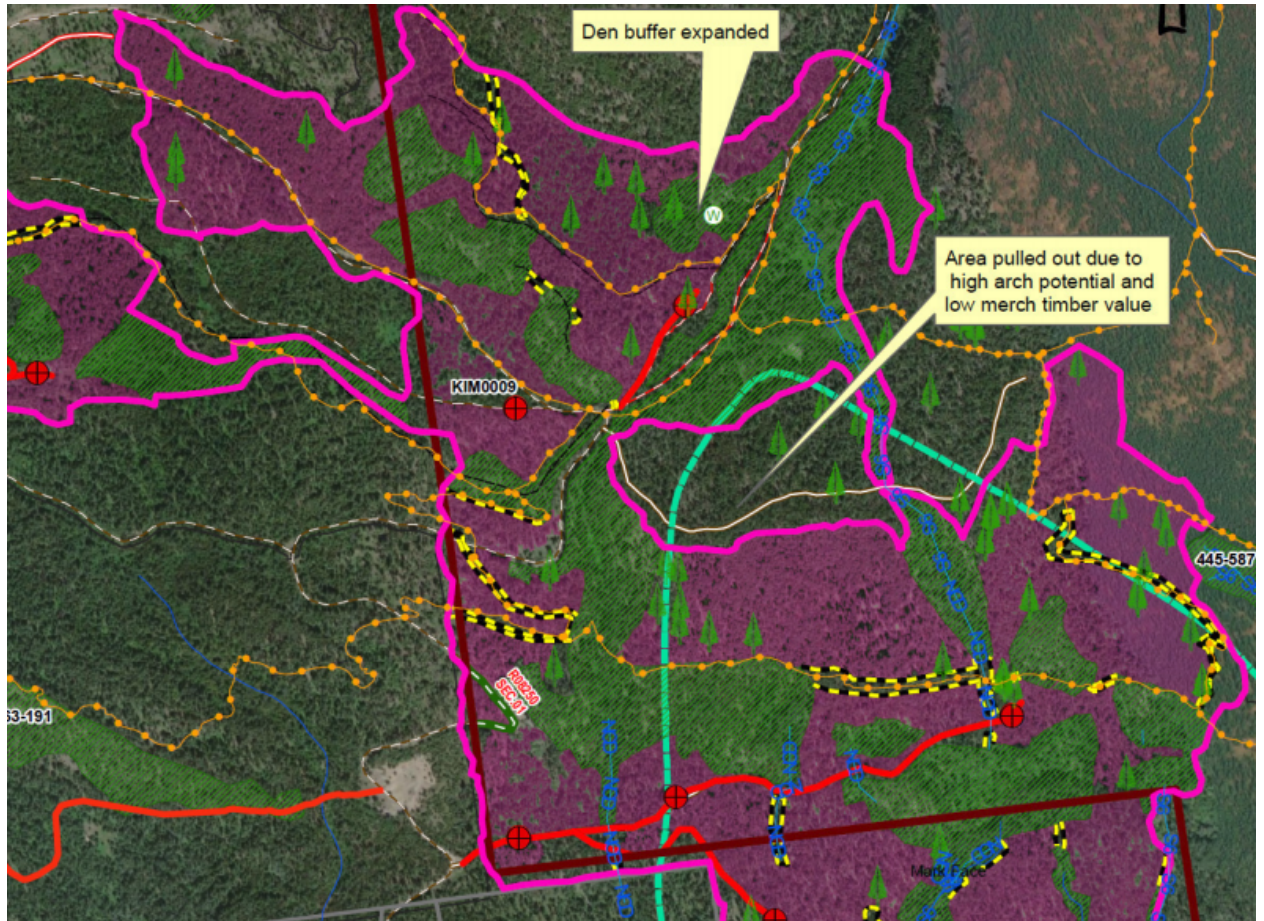
1. Prescribed burning: e.g., 2006 on Sunflower Hill; several planned for 2021 (see below)
2. Pile and burning: quite a bit of this strategy done in fall/winter, with some piles still needing to be burned
3. Mechanized logging: The major project on the west side of the park over the winter is nearing its end.

Kent also shared a map of past and planned treatment areas made by Bob Gray, the fire ecologist. This year's plan includes prescribed burns on the south face of Myrtle Mountain, the Levirs area, and the Kimberley Nordic Club area.

- A few areas that Bob Gray recommended the city thin near Jimmy Russell/Canfor logged area are up in the air because the city no longer has funding (this area is too far from housing). Bob would like to do a prescribed burn in this area afterwards, but would need this work done first.



- Kent shared a map showing the planned logging area (outlined in magenta) as well as areas that were actually logged (purple shaded area; the green areas are unlogged wildlife tree patches, riparian areas, etc.).



- A 5-person committee worked closely with Canfor to create this map and outline areas to avoid. It looks like a bit of a mess still, but tree spacing looks much more natural. Canfor isn't done; they need to reclaim roads, landings, and skid trails, rehabilitate hiking trail intersections, and deal with slash piles. This work should start in May, once weight restrictions come off St Mary Lake Road. The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development has asked Canfor to leave the skid road near the bottom of the park for potential additional work; Kent will meet with the ministry in the coming weeks to learn more. Once those roads are no longer needed, they'll be recontoured and seeded.
- Kent is working on confirming who will coordinate this handoff between the Ministry and Canfor
- In 2008, the only known nesting pair of Williamson's Sapsuckers (WISAs) were found in the area around Skid Rd and Duck Pond Trail. At the time, they were the only known nesting pair in the Kootenays. This sighting resulted in the BC government establishing a Wildlife Habitat Area for the WISA. The pair have not

been spotted for about 10 years, but this week, several members saw them again. The WISA habitat is one of the green areas on the map above.

Report: Year-end trail management: Ryan McKenzie

Ryan described the work done in 2020 to maintain and improve the trails, which saw increased use as more people stayed local. Highlights include:

- A small sustainability upgrade on Richardson's
- 553 tree down/all-clear reports, which works out to at least 225 downed trees cleared. Ryan noted that Trailforks is a great way for the public to report downed trees because it includes the GPS data, so the trail crew knows exactly where the problem is (as opposed to less clear directions such as "partway down Duck Pond"). Users can also include photos in a Trailforks report, which helps the trail crew know what equipment they'll need to clear the issue. Trailforks is free for your local area.
- Romantic Ridge reroute was the major project for the year. The old trail still needs to be rehabilitated, but the new one is working well.
- Winter grooming with the SnowDog was successful and popular. This year, volunteers extended the loop slightly to include the full Duck Pond trail. Work continues to remind people of how to care for the groomed trail by turning around if they're postholing while walking/running, and not walking on nordic ski tracks.
- Ryan has connected with the Ktunaxa Nation Council to suggest new names for Apache trail
- Ryan has requested that Canfor work with professional trail builders when rehabilitating skid roads to ensure trail sustainability

8. Next AGM: The 2021 AGM will be held in Fall 2021.

John Henly moved to adjourn; motion was carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.