

Friends of Kootenay Lake

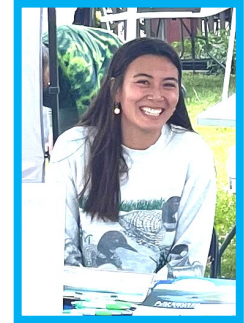
Stewardship Society

Update from the Executive Director To end of June 2023



Staff Update

- Joelle left on May 3—went to Neighbours United
- Received Canada Summer Jobs grant—May 10, 2023
 - interviewed and hired Dayna Eldridge
 - Stewardship & Outreach Assistant
 - started June 1, 2023
 - interviews for EOC on June 5/6
 - Hired Jesse Letford as new Environmental Outreach Coordinator
 - starting July 10, 2023
- Ad for Ecological Projects Manager will be out by July 5—changing the job title and the job description somewhat so we may be eligible for EcoCanada funding for a new position
- Hope/expectation to have a new EPM hired to start by September 1 at the latest



Harrop II 2022

- followup monitoring of success of both toads and materials planted last fall – survival rates, etc. – still ongoing
- Final planting of shrubs completed - May 2023
- One final grant report left on this project – Moriah will do up the bulk of the writing before she leaves
- Currently recruiting volunteers to do the amphibian monitoring
- Dayna will take care of volunteer management and data receiving/updates
- Gwen to take care of the financial reporting part of the final report
- CKISS is on board to head up the plant success monitoring and potentially to do some further invasive species removal (thistles, etc) – I (Gwen) have met Laurie and am happy/able to collaborate with her on this, but she will be heading up most of the remaining work.



Project Updates

Harrop III 2023 REQUESTED: \$114,000 AWARDED: \$61,168

- Still enough to proceed with next phase – one more basin excavated and planted
 - Robin Anchild and Miranda from Rewilding Water & Earth are lined up to oversee the entire project from planning through construction
- We have had a preliminary meeting with Rewilding – they are preparing an estimate for their work



- Moriah has already been out with them to do a preliminary review of the site
- I will provide guidance and liaison for them, but anticipate significantly less staff input will be required than was with last year's project
- I will also be connecting with Brenda (Kinseed) regarding planting /seeding

Osprey Monitoring 2023



- Recently completed and released [1997-2021 data report](#)
- Both myself and Dayna have accompanied on one of the June dates, so we will be prepared to carry out the July survey dates with volunteer assistance
- Dayna will provide volunteer management
- Not enough \$ to do an in-person workshop, but we thought we could run one of the previously recorded training sessions. Could even be added to the website as long as proper permissions were given. - not yet planned - first task for Jesse

Kokanee - McDonald's Landing - 2022

- Final drone Lidar mapping completed in April
- Final report completed for FWCP grant
- Will be releasing a public report in summer

Kokanee - Bonaventure - 2023 REQUESTED: \$23,000 AWARDED: \$8000

- Lagoon was dug by previous landowner a number of years ago
- Land owner has given verbal assent that they will NOT add any new docks (although one dock was completely rebuilt spring 2023)
- Preliminary site and data analysis begin completed by Alan Thomson
- Fortis, BC Hydro, etc. seem reluctant to fund any work in the lagoon—ie. Do not want to take responsibility for the denatured Redds.
- See attached Project Summary for more details

Water Quality Monitoring - 2022

- A summary of the data for the 20 streams that have been completed to date is being completed by Moriah and Dayna
- Will be posted and published once completed

Water Quality Monitoring - 2023 REQUESTED: \$49,500 AWARDED: 23070.83

- All 3 of us (myself, Dayna & Jesse) will take the CABIN field training so that we can sample this summer
- CABIN training set for July 18-19 - trainers in place - 9 registered (15 spaces)
- Moriah has detailed the process of choosing streams for sampling and how to prepare for the sampling
- Dayna will head up this process and recruit volunteers as well as setting up dates for each of the streams
- Dayna will lead August sampling - Gwen will lead September sampling



Beach Cleanups - 2023 REQUESTED: \$4250 AWARDED: \$5467.11

- Dayna and I will select a beach for August and one for early September
- Jesse will head up planning once she arrives/starts
- Will be looking at some beaches in north arm as we got some funding from there
- Most funding from Nelson, so focus can be there

Capacity Building - 2023 REQUESTED: \$31,308 AWARDED: \$20,000

- 3 focii - i. member/donor database ii. Charitable status iii. Fundraising consultant and 5 yr fund raising strategy
- purchased the Little Green Light database - researched by Joelle - data entry has started
- Meeting with David Reid next week regarding details of steps to proceed with Charitable status application - in a (lengthy) conversation with David he suggested that there was no need for a lawyer - so may be less expense for the lawyer with David's assistance/direction - however, I still feel that having a lawyer on retainer is necessary
- Will contact the accountant (to get taxes up-to-date) and get CRA access early July - not likely to require 50 hrs. that was originally quoted in the application
- Biggest cut will be in the Fundraising consultant/plan - can perhaps do some webinars for free or reasonable fee - signed up already for a free webinar with CBT Capacity Building - "Fundraising with your Board" - Mon July 10.



**2022 Annual
Report**

- Written by Kayla, Moriah & Joelle
- Design completed by Joelle
- Waiting on approval and insertion of 2022 financial report
- Can be completed and released early in July

