



2019 Local Government Forum
“Tools for Conservation in the Kootenays – A Local Government Approach”
March 13, 2019, Creston, BC

About the Forum

Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) is working with local government representatives to deliver a Forum on tools for enhancing conservation benefits for communities in the Kootenays. This Forum is especially designed for local elected officials and staff to bring you up to speed on many of the new voluntary and regulatory tools that have been successfully used in BC to promote conservation and sustainability in local government activities. It's also a great opportunity to network with other local government elected officials and staff, and local organizations.

Why Does This Forum Matter to Local Governments?

Conservation is integral to living sustainably, having communities of all sizes be fire and drought resilient, and positioning our communities for climate change adaptation. As well, constituents of the Kootenays value nature ecosystems and conservation. The latest market research¹ in the Kootenays has found that:

Nearly all residents (95%) agree that it is important to protect the natural ecosystems and plant and wildlife species.

Concern over loss or extinction of fish and wildlife species rates very high (80%) with local residents

71% of residents agree that local and regional governments should do much more to conserve wildlife and their habitats on private land.

What You Will Gain?

- ✓ Learn more about regulatory (e.g. bylaws, development permit areas, zoning), planning, and voluntary (outreach and resources) options for private land conservation
- ✓ Be the first to learn more about the latest market research results in the Kootenays with important insights into what matter most for retaining our Kootenay way of life
- ✓ Find out more about how local governments can be involved in conserving clean water, fish, wildlife, habitats and other important values of local residents
- ✓ Provide your input into the tools, resources, and actions that are key for your success

Who Should Attend?

- Local government elected officials including Mayors, Directors, Councilors, and Elected Chiefs
- Local government staff including CEO/CAO, planners, development services managers, and park supervisors
- Organizations that provide direct resources and services to local governments for conservation

¹ 900 telephone polls conducted in the Kootenays in November, 2018. *In preparation*



AGENDA

NOTE THAT CRESTON WILL BE IN PACIFIC TIME

PRE-FORUM Tuesday, March 12, 2019, Ricky's Restaurant (1809 BC-3A, Creston)

7 to 9 pm PDT NIBBLE AND NETWORK

Enjoy the opportunity to network with other elected officials and local government staff from throughout the Kootenays. Enjoy a complimentary dinner and drink.

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, Creston Community Complex – Creston Room

(312 19 Ave N, Creston)

Time (PDT)	Speaker	Topic	About
8:30 to 9 am		<i>Registration and Coffee</i>	Enjoy a hot coffee and baked good while you peruse the display booths
9 am	Derek Petersen, KCP Chair Ramona Faust, RDCK Director and REFBC Board	Welcome and Introductions	
9:10 am	Juliet Craig, KCP	Setting the Stage: The Importance of Private Land Conservation	Why does this information matter to local governments? How does conserving natural resources benefit and support services provided by local government?
9:20 am	Roundtable Introductions	Who is here today?	Quick introductions of Name, Title, Local Gov/Town
Regulatory Tools for Local Government Conservation			
9:30 am	Deb Curran, University of Victoria	Development Permit Areas, OCP's and Bylaws – How to Best Utilize these Tools for Conservation	Including protecting wetlands and riparian areas, lakeshores, aquifers
10:15 am	Questions		
10:30 COFFEE BREAK			
Working Together for Landscape Conservation			
10:45 am	Scott Boswell, Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program	Creating a multi-jurisdictional wildlife and landscape corridor	The 60km Ecological Corridor in the Okanagan encompasses the use of EDPA's, OCP's, and bylaws, and works with First Nations and many levels of government, to support conservation through many jurisdictions.
11:05 am	Dr. Michael Proctor, Trans-Border Grizzly Project	Kootenay Connect: Key landscape	Key regions for multi-jurisdictional planning in the Kootenays to conserve wildlife

		corridors in the Kootenays	
11:25 am	Questions		
11:40 am	Juliet Craig, KCP	Local Conservation Fund: Successes and Opportunities	Find out voters' values in the Kootenays from the latest market research polling, and the process of implementing a Local Conservation Fund
12:00 LUNCH (provided)			
Local Conservation Funds: An Innovative Approach for Local Governments			
Breakout Session: What Matters to You?			
1 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		What are the needs, gaps, interests, opportunities and challenges of local governments to integrate conservation and protect ecosystem services?
2:30	REPORTING BACK		
2:45 COFFEE BREAK			
Highlighting Local Resources			
3 pm	Lynn Campbell, Ministry of Environment	Update from the Species and Ecosystems At Risk Local Government Working Group	Remote Presentation
3:10 pm	Various	Showcasing local resources for local governments	
3:30 to 4 pm	NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN		Door Prizes

ABOUT KOOTENAY CONSERVATION PROGRAM

KCP is a partnership of over 80 conservation, industry, government and business organizations dedicated to conserving natural areas for Kootenay communities. Our vision is to have landscapes in the East and West Kootenay that sustain naturally functioning ecosystems that can in turn support economic and social well-being. We envision vibrant communities that demonstrate the principles of environmental stewardship for future generations.

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