



2019 Local Government Forum
“Tools for Conservation in the Kootenays – A Local Government Approach”
March 12 and 13, 2019, Creston, BC
DRAFT AGENDA

About the Forum

Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) is working with local government representatives to deliver a Forum on tools for conservation in the Kootenays. This Forum is targeted to local elected officials and staff in the Kootenays. The Forum will showcase examples of voluntary and regulatory tools that have been successfully used in BC to promote conservation in local government activities. *Specifically, the goal of the Forum is to identify specific tools/resources required by local governments of the Kootenays to integrate conservation principles.* The Forum will scope needs, gaps and interests of local governments in the Kootenays for conservation tools and techniques.

About the Kootenay Conservation Program

Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) is a partnership of over 80 conservation, industry, government and business organizations dedicated to conserving natural areas for Kootenay communities. The partnership coordinates and facilitates acquisitions, covenants and stewardship projects on private land. In addition, we work to build the organizational capacity of all of our partner organizations. 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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Tuesday, March 12, 2019, Ramada Inn

6:30 to 9 pm NIBBLE AND NETWORK

Enjoy the opportunity to network with elected officials and local government staff from throughout the Kootenays.



Wednesday, March 13, 2019, Creston Community Complex

	Speaker	Topic	About
8:30 to 9 am		<i>Registration and Coffee</i>	
9 am	Derek Petersen, KCP Chair	Welcome and Introductions Setting the Stage: The Importance of Private Land Conservation	
9:15 am	Roundtable Introductions	Who is here today?	Quick introductions of Name, Title, Local Gov/Town
Tools and Resources 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
10:20 am	Questions		
10:30 COFFEE BREAK			
Collaborative Approaches to Landscape Conservation			
10:50 am	Scott Boswell, Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program	Creating a multi-jurisdictional wildlife and landscape corridor	The 60km Ecological Corridor connecting Okanagan Mountain and Kalamalka Lake Provincial Parks encompasses the use of EDPA's, 4 OCP's, bylaws to support conservation and multi-jurisdictional planning.
11:10 am	Michael Proctor, Trans Border Grizzly Project	Kootenay Connect: Key landscape corridors in the Kootenays	Highlighting key conservation corridors in the Kootenays for landscape connectivity
11:30 am	Questions		
Local Conservation Funds: An Innovative Approach			
11:45 am	Juliet Craig, KCP	Local Conservation Fund: Successes and Opportunities	Find out the latest market research results of residents in the RDCK and RDEK about their environmental values and support for a Local Conservation Fund.
12:05	Questions		
12:15 LUNCH			
1 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS		What are the needs, gaps, interests, opportunities and challenges of local governments to integrate these activities?
2:30	REPORTING BACK		
2:45 COFFEE BREAK			
Integrating Conservation Into Local Government Activities			
3 pm	TBD		
3:15 pm	Lynn Campbell, Ministry of Environment	Update from the Species and Ecosystems At Risk Local Government Working Group	Remote Presentation
3:30 to 4 pm	NEXT STEPS & ADJOURN		