

BECOME A BOARD MEMBER MAKE A DIFFERENCE



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DO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Do you want to contribute to a **partnership** that aims to cooperatively **conserve the biological diversity and naturally functioning ecosystems of the region?**

OVERVIEW OF KCP

Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) is a broad partnership of land and water conservation and stewardship groups, First Nations, other government agencies, educational institutions, and agricultural producers working throughout the East and West Kootenays.

The partnership seeks to cooperatively conserve the biological diversity and naturally functioning ecosystems of the region through land conservation and stewardship while sharing knowledge and expertise, building financial support, and promoting collaboration.

The mandate of KCP is to coordinate and facilitate landscape-level and local conservation efforts focusing on private lands, share conservation knowledge and expertise, and build support and resources for this effort. The priorities of KCP are to:

1. Promote **collaboration** amongst an engaged network of conservation partners;
2. Share **technical knowledge and build financial** tools for partners to undertake land conservation and stewardship activities;
3. Increase the effectiveness and coordination of **stewardship** activities taking place in the Kootenays; and,
4. Increase the effectiveness, collaboration and coordination of private **land conservation**.

KCP BOARD

The role of the KCP Board is to provide leadership to KCP and to make decisions on behalf of the partnership.

The KCP Board balances the desire for decision-making that is as inclusive as possible with the need to prioritize limited resources and the need to respond quickly to changing circumstances and emerging opportunities.

Additionally, attention must be paid to balancing the goals and interests of the collective partnership with those of the individual participating organizations.

The membership of the Board should also be balanced between First Nations, national, provincial, regional and local organizations from both the East and West Kootenays.

The KCP Board welcomes dedicated people who want to make a difference in building a stronger organization and better Kootenay environment.

WHY CONSIDER BEING A BOARD MEMBER?

As a Director, you will be part of a diverse and strategic Board that serves in a leadership role in the Kootenays. Board members are asked to commit to a two-year term, with approximately four board meetings per year (typically remote) requiring a small amount of preparation time. In addition to these meetings, members are expected to participate in the annual Fall Gathering and AGM. Time and expenses are reimbursed, and compensation is provided for participation. KCP reserves seats for four Directors that represent local First Nations knowledge, values, and perspectives.



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WHAT MAKES A STRONG DIRECTOR?

Guiding principles are necessary for an effective partnership and for the successful achievement of KCP's desired outcomes.

KCP is a network of autonomous partner organizations that have different goals and priorities, yet each partner sees the value of collaboration and comes together around the following set of guiding principles:

- Focusing on a 'one river, one watershed' approach to conservation in the region and work towards a shared vision.
- Apply the spirit and intent of the Principles of Reconciliation, United Nations Declaration on The Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA).
- Maintain a commitment to conservation that respects Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultures, values, rights and practices.
- Be accountable and maintain credibility as a partnership.
- Promote collaboration and facilitate communication.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT

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BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- Guide the implementation of KCP's strategic priorities;
- Develop and adopt processes and procedures that are necessary for KCP to function effectively and efficiently in achieving its mandate and priorities;
- Recommend priorities and direct KCP in response to changing conditions and circumstances through development and adoption of annual work plans;
- Charter and coordinate committees as appropriate to complete the work of KCP;
- Make budget and expenditure decisions; and
- Evaluate the structure and function of KCP on a periodic basis.

HOW TO BECOME A DIRECTOR

1. Ensure your organization is a program partner with KCP;
2. Complete a nomination form and submit to KCP by September 1;
3. Be willing to stand for election at the KCP AGM.

KCP respectfully acknowledges our work and lives are situated in the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Ktunaxa, Secwépmc, Sinixt, and Syilx Okanagan peoples who have stewarded this land, water and all living things since time immemorial, and whose values and cultures continue to inspire and guide stewardship of this region.