

**NORTH OKANAGAN PARKS & NATURAL AREA TRUST**  
**ANNUAL REPORT OF DIRECTORS FOR 2018**  
**for the eighteenth Annual General Meeting – April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Officers and Directors**

Officers:

President -	Al McNiven	Secretary -	Joanne Osborn
Vice-President –	Hew Kidston	Treasurer -	Bill Wagner

Board Members:

Clare Kooistra -	Director
Marnie Williamson -	Director
Jeff Ward -	Director
Joe Dueling –	Director
Julie Melanson -	Director
Gina Le Bel -	Director
John Ensing –	Director

**General Meetings held in 2018**

February 19, March 19, April 16 [directors meeting plus AGM], May14, September 10, October 15, and November 26 [directors mtg. plus extraordinary mtg.]

**Conservation Covenants**

**Clerke Nature Reserve (Vernon)**

- Director Osborn conducted the annual monitoring of the property in October, 2018.
- There was no significant changes in the condition of the property.

**Woodland Haven Bird Sanctuary (Spallumcheen)**

- Director Osborn conducted the annual monitoring of the property in October 2018.
- There were no significant concerns noted and the covenant property appeared to be in good shape. . After the date of the annual monitoring a tree that had come down across the path had to be dealt with. Required action was taken by the property owner with approval of NOPNAT and TLC.

**Miller property (“Windfalls Nature Conservancy”, Middle Shuswap River)**

- Monitoring of this property was completed in the spring of 2018 by Directors Ensing and Kooistra. No significant issues were reported. .

**Tassie Properties ("Phina Tassie Conservation Area", Coldstream Creek)**

- Annual monitoring of both Tassie properties was led by Director Le Bel with the assistance of other Directors in late October.
- There has been no action taken on the construction of a proposed trail on the property. .

**Anne Tchvyl Covenant (Coldstream Creek)**

- The first annual monitoring of this covenant area was completed in October 2018 led by Director Le Bel.

### **Covenants in Process**

NOPNAT continued its work with landowners towards creating a new covenant on a parcel in the BX area. Consultants prepared a report on the soil conditions on the property [suitability for agricultural purposes] as well as the significant conservation values. The covenant process is moving forward as anticipated. The proposed covenant has been referred to the Agricultural Land Commission for their review.

### **Promotion of NOPNAT**

- Printing of any new promotional material will not proceed until the new name for the trust is official.

### **Administration**

- The Board continues to work on development of a covenant template to be used as a guide when entering into future covenants. Directors Kidston and Wagner have thoroughly reviewed previous drafts and are at the point where the document requires legal review of specific articles before being brought forward for consideration by the Board
- The revised constitution and by-laws were adopted by the Board at an extraordinary meeting held November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and the new document was registered with the Registrar of Companies December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Some of the changes in the new by-law include ; the maximum number of Directors was increased to 14, the Naturalist Club is no longer required to appoint Directors to NOPNAT, Directors may now participate in meetings by tele conference, the Directors may appoint an auditor [ not shall], the positions of secretary and treasurer are now separate, and the clause giving consideration to the Naturalist Club, Outdoors Club and Allan Brooks Nature Center when appointing directors to the Society has been deleted. Additional amendments will be proposed at the AGM. The proposed amendments are included in eth AGM agenda package. The constitution and by-laws are compliant with the new Societies Act.
- The proposal to change the name of the Society to NATURE CONSERVANCY OF THE NORTH OKANAGAN SOCIETY will be considered at the Annual General meeting.
- The Directors have done a preliminary review of the Strategic Plan making note of work in the plan that has yet to be completed. The Directors will be setting priorities for 2019 at the next Directors meeting.
- A meeting was held with representatives from The Land Conservancy of B.C. in June. TLC is now in a position where they would consider partnering on additional covenants however the organization does have capacity issues. The TLC currently has 240 covenants in the province. NOPNAT agreed to continue monitoring NOPNAT/ TLC covenants. Other points of discussion included; covenant breaches, Gardom Lake, and Caravan Farm. TLC is also working on a covenant template which they will share with NOPNAT.
- Directors Osborn, Kidston, and Melanson are resigning from the Board due to other commitments.

NOPNAT appreciates the continuing financial support of the Greater Vernon Services Commission [North Okanagan Regional District].