

Friends of Dallas-Barnhartvale Nature Park

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A group dedicated to the continued well-being of a valued community resource.

Park Recognized by City of Kamloops

To long-time residents of Dallas and Barnhartvale, the Park “has always been there.”

But was it really?

The Dallas-Barnhartvale Nature Park came into existence, as far as we have been able to determine, in 1984 when an institutional Crown Grant was issued to the city for the purpose of a park.



However, until recently the park was not officially recognized by the City in the same way as, say, the Kenna Cartwright Nature Park.

There was no budget for dangerous tree removal, trail improvements, or general maintenance.

This came to light to members of the Dallas Community Association in 2009, when a request for small improvements to the Dallas park entrance was denied, as “there was no budget for the park.”

As we looked further, we became concerned for the long-term security of the land for park use. To address this issue, the Dallas Community Association, partnered with the Barnhartvale Community Association and the Barnhartvale Horse & Hiker Trail Preservation Society, began researching park history and gathering information to lobby the City to give the park “official” status.

It appears our voices and concerns were heard, as we were informed in the Spring of 2010 by Parks and Recreation representatives that the park had been

awarded the same status as Petersen Creek and Kenna Cartwright Parks. There is no “new money” so progress will be slow, but that means there is time to give careful thought to the scope and sequence of park improvement in coming years..

We can have a voice in Park Management.

The Friends of D-B Nature Park provides residents of Dallas & Barnhartvale the opportunity to guide park development in a way that reflects the values of our two communities.

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Plans for a website are under way.



The Name Game:

Parks & Recreation would like us to suggest a name for the main trail that connects the two communities.

