

Friends of Dallas-Barnhartvale Nature Park

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Kamloops Natural Areas Advisory Committee

Recent public meetings for the Kamloops Parks Master Plan made one thing perfectly clear: Kamloops residents place a high value on their Natural Area Parks and are concerned about preserving their natural condition while allowing safe passive recreation for the public.

In response, Kamloops Parks & Recreation invited interested citizens to attend an organizational meeting last November 30 to form a stewardship group for Kamloops Natural Area Parks. Over eighty residents attended that initial meeting and KNAAC was born.

What is KNAAC? The silly answer is that KNAAC is a FLA. That is, a Five Letter Acronym that stands for Kamloops Natural Areas Advisory Committee. A serious answer is that KNAAC is a "broadly-based inclusive group of Kamloops residents working together to help shape the design, operation and maintenance of Kamloops Natural Areas in a sustainable manner for all."

KNAAC was launched by the City of Kamloops Parks Department to assist in the development of an "umbrella" Management Plan for all natural areas in the City, with specific plans for each of the Natural Area Parks such as Kenna Cartwright, Peterson Creek, Valleyview, and our own Dallas-Barnhartvale Nature Park, among others.

The over-arching, general plan will contain Vision, Goals and Objectives, Policies and Procedures that apply to all natural areas and address the **Management Issues** identified in the sidebar.

Specific park plans will focus on issues particular to each park; for example, Dallas-Barnhartvale Nature Park will be "horse-friendly" so its management plan will contain user etiquette protocols so all can safely and responsibly enjoy the trails. The Barnhartvale landfill is another issue peculiar to the D-B Nature Park, creating concerns about access to the under-utilized Western section.

Management Issues

Vegetation

- controlling erosion
- controlling invasive plants
- protecting endangered plants
- managing fire risk
- maintaining forest health

Wildlife

- resolving human-wildlife conflicts
- protecting habitat
- protecting endangered species

Human Users

- resolving user group conflicts
- minimizing environmental impact
- managing risk

Development of New Natural Areas

Check the sidebar **Member Groups** to determine which members best represent your interests. Since KNAAC is destined to be the grass-roots clearinghouse for ideas, thoughts and recommendations to the City of Kamloops, they will be your best voice for directing long-term concerns about park management.

Milt Stanley, Yvonne Prokopetz and Gary Major have formed a trails committee to plan a coordinated trails network in the Dallas-Barnhartvale Nature Park. When completed, the proposed trail network plan will be posted on our website for all to examine and critique. As other issues are addressed in the preparation of a final document, members will be invited to participate through emails and website information.

This is a great time to be a member of the Friends of Dallas-Barnhartvale Nature Park. We can all have a voice in shaping a sustainable management plan to ensure all will enjoy this fabulous community recreation resource for years to come!

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