

# Friends of the South Slopes

January 2018



January 9, 2018—Looking south from Lost Lake Trail

Box 28011 RPO East Kelowna, Kelowna BC V1W 4A6

## **FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH SLOPES – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**EECO CENTRE, KELOWNA**

**FOSS** very much appreciates those of you who braved the blizzard to attend the AGM! It was well worth it! Herb Blamire gave a wonderful presentation: **FOSS in REVIEW** – beginning at the beginning and progressing through the years to the present day, highlighting the major bridge and trail work undertaken in the last few years in response to Mother Nature’s fury – and giving us a glimpse of our busy future! We also had an opportunity to say thank you and farewell to Ryan Elphick, our BC Parks Area Supervisor for the past 5 years who is moving to another area, and to be introduced to and welcome our new Supervisor, Ed Atkinson, and our FULL TIME Park Ranger, Christian Morrissette. Ed comes to us from (E.C.) Manning (Provincial) Park and Christian has served in the Canadian Military for over 20 years (thank you!). **FOSS** very much looks forward to working with these gentlemen!

**FOSS** sincerely thanks the following businesses for their generous donations to our draw: **Save-On Foods Orchard Plaza, FORTISBC, Diamond H Tack, The View Winery & Vineyard, Kitsch Wines, and Okanagan Wildfire Honey.** Thank you! You made a few people VERY happy! And a special thank you to Marilyn Westlake for organizing the goodies for the evening – perfect!

### **FOSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS for 2018:**

ISABEL PRITCHARD (incumbent)

BRAD WRIGHT (incumbent)

TERESA MACKENZIE (incumbent)

PETE SPENCER (incumbent)

DAPHNE RICHARD (incumbent)

And we warmly welcome JANE BLAMIRE and GORD DETTA!

**FOSS** would like to acknowledge the members of the Board stepping down at this time: Jay Darbyshire (Board member since 2013 and President 2015 through 2017) and Andrew McIntosh (Board member for 5 years) both having made such significant contributions over the years. Thank you VERY much! We know we can count on your continued support!

We can have up to 12 members on our Board, and are hoping that a few of you may consider joining us?! We are enthusiastic, forward-looking – and have a passion for our ‘backyard’!

At **FOSS’** AGM, Brad Wright, 2017 **FOSS** VP, spoke to the importance of our volunteer base: **FOSS** is run by volunteers; **FOSS** needs volunteers; **FOSS** welcomes volunteers. We need assistance with (endless!) trail maintenance, event planning, communications/information systems, etc. If you are hesitating because you

are unsure of what is required, please know that we will work with you and support you every step of the way – one of our stated goals for 2018. You only give what time you have; we just ask for your participation and thank you for considering our request. More information can be found on our website: [foss-kelowna.org/](http://foss-kelowna.org/) and follow us on Facebook: **FOSS-Kelowna**.

**Our Vision:**

*To enhance the area known as the South Slopes of Kelowna for recreational use by the public, while respecting and protecting natural eco systems and wildlife.*

**Our Mission:**

*F.O.S.S. will work collaboratively with BC Parks and the other land managers in an environmentally responsible manner to create a legacy of sustainable and accessible trails on the South Slopes of Kelowna for the benefit of our community.*

**2018 FOSS memberships: Thank you to all of you who have renewed your FOSS**

**membership!** If you haven't done so, you can complete the attached membership form and mail it in, or pay your membership on-line at: <http://foss-kelowna.org/> (under membership/donate tab)

**Adopt a Trail Sponsors**—your membership fee is included in your annual sponsorship fee.

Sponsorship fees for 2018 will be invoiced in March.

*Friends of the South Slopes Society*  
*2018 Membership*

Annual Membership (\$20.00) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

\*You will be issued a tax receipt for donations of \$10 or greater

Please make your cheque payable to:

**Friends of the South Slopes Society**

And mail to FOSS at: Box 28011 RPO East Kelowna, Kelowna, BC V1W 4A6

**Membership Information:**

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please leave blank if you do not wish to receive information electronically)

I wish to receive my FOSS newsletter electronically in pdf format: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Affiliation: Club/Organization (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_