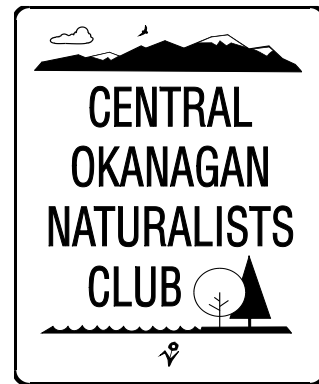


Attachment 3: Central Okanagan Naturalists Club Letter of Support

Central Okanagan Naturalists Club
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3 February 2016



City of Kelowna
1435 Water St.
Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 1J4
Attention: Mr. Andrew Reeder, Utility Planning Manager

Re: Support for City of Kelowna Application to OBWB for Wetland Habitat Restoration for American Avocets

The Central Okanagan Naturalists Club has been involved as a partner with the City of Kelowna since 1998 actively seeking information and methods to perpetuate the presence of the largest and only consistently used American Avocet colony in British Columbia.

The motto of our club is "To Know Nature and To Keep It Worth Knowing". As a volunteer group, we are involved with Christmas Bird Counts and other Citizen-Science initiatives to gather information on and to conserve birds. As such we have continued to monitor the local avocet population annually since 1997 and worked with the City of Kelowna to find ways to maintain their presence at Kelowna in the face of the ever continuing use and expansion of the Central Okanagan's only landfill into Alki Lake.

We wholly support this application by the City of Kelowna and continue to look forward to working with them on the conservation of avocets in the Kelowna area in the upcoming years.

Sincerely,

Les Gyug
Avocet Program Leader
Central Okanagan Naturalists Club

cc. Rick Gee, CONC President