

KNOX MOUNTAIN PARK UPDATE REPORT TO COUNCIL



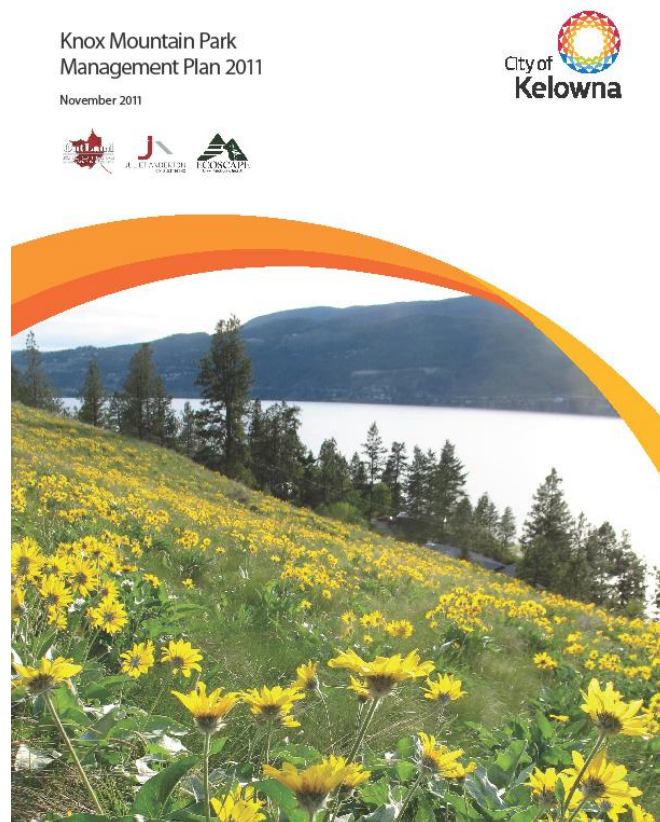
BACKGROUND



Photo credit (deer, bear and owl chicks) Mark Goddard – Park Caretaker

KMP MANAGEMENT PLAN 2011

- ▶ Endorsed by Council Resolution on November 14, 2011 directing staff to use the Management Plan as a guide to follow in future planning for the park;
- ▶ and directing staff to consider that appropriate priority to be given to the management of Knox Mountain Park in the development of the new long-term capital plan.



CAPITAL PROJECTS - TO DATE

Priority ID'd in Mgmt Plan	Capital Project	Status
1	Apex Trail Restoration	completed
2	Rezone all parcels to P3 Parks and Open Space	completed
5	Install vehicle gate above lower Crown Lookout	completed
6	Establish designated MTB network – in process	in process
8	annually install park perimeter fencing – in process	in process
9	remove playground and parking area	in process (playground removed)

APEX TRAIL RESTORATION -

- ▶ Improvements made over 3 years
- ▶ Completed in 2013
- ▶ Successful recipient of federal CIIF grant



2013



2014



2015



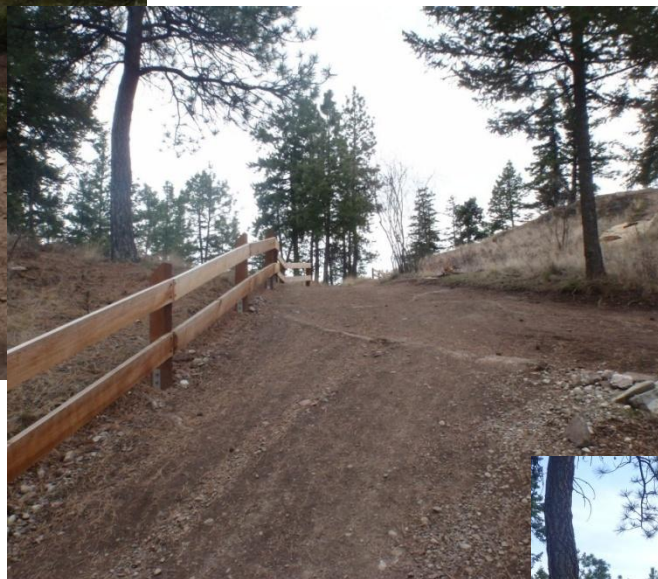
BEFORE AND AFTER LOWER APEX TRAIL

Regrading for erosion control
and trail decommissioning

2013



2014



2015



BEFORE AND AFTER UPPER APEX TRAIL

Regrading, water bar and
guardrail installation

BEFORE AND AFTER - APEX LOOKOUT



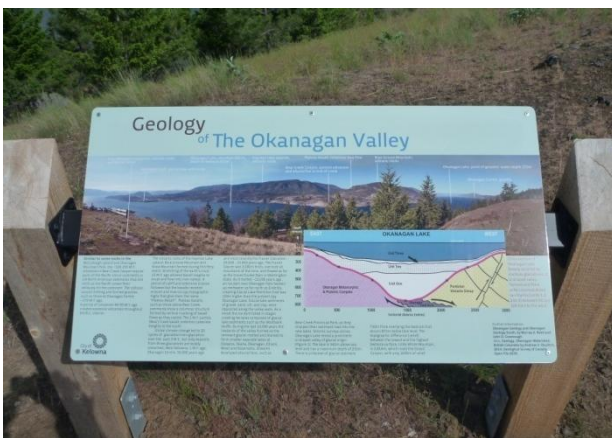
2014



2015

Access control fencing

PARK SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING



POWER LINE REMOVAL ON THE FRONT FACE - 2012

- ▶ the power lines at the park entrance and 8 power poles, between Broadway Avenue and the front face water reservoirs were removed.
- ▶ Fortis brought this to our attention that this was a redundant line, and took care of the removals.



PARK PERIMETER FENCING - 2012 / 2013

- ▶ 300 l.m. installed behind in 15 residences on the east side of Rio Drive South in 2012.
- ▶ Access control fencing at Knox Mountain East to discourage unauthorized motorized vehicle use



TRAIL MAINTENANCE AND DRAINAGE 2013

- ▶ Roadside drainage was improved in several areas along Knox Mountain Drive
- ▶ Washout along Paul's Tomb Trail was repaired
- ▶ Drainage along trails was redirected and water bars added



DEDICATED MTB TRAIL NETWORK - MULTIPLE PHASES

- ▶ work with MTBco to determine scope of improvements
- ▶ When complete will include adaptive, downhill and cross country routes
- ▶ Key Objectives include:
 - protection of parkland from erosion by rogue MTB trails
 - reduction in conflicts between trail user groups



DEDICATED MTB TRAIL NETWORK- PHASE 1 - 2014

- ▶ Balsam Root Bluff Trail ([moderate](#) shared use)
- ▶ Upper Shale Trail ([moderate](#) / [difficult](#) downhill MTB'ers only)
- ▶ Porcupine Path ([easy](#) shared use) loop suitable for adaptive mountain biking (handcyclists, paracyclists)
- ▶ Simpson Trail ([easy](#) MTB'ers only)



DEDICATED MTB TRAIL NETWORK-

PHASE 2 - 2015

- ▶ Lower Shale Trail (moderate / difficult downhill MTB'ers only)
- ▶ Work to began in late September

PHASE 3 - TBD

- ▶ Kathleen Lake Loop (moderate cross country shared use)

PROJECTS PLANNED IN KMP FOR 2016 - PENDING COUNCIL APPROVAL



REMAINING PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS



ANNUAL STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

- ▶ a means to formally engage interested stakeholder groups and share information on what is planned in the park for the upcoming year.



SUSTAINABILITY SCORECARD

- ▶ An annual monitoring program.
- ▶ Follows measuring criteria established in 2012.
- ▶ Volunteers from the CONC are critical in conducting measurements.



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THANK YOU!