

Kinnaird Bluffs

At the January 27, 2016 KMC Executive meeting, a motion was passed to provide financial support towards the purchase of **Kinnaird Bluffs** by The Association of West Kootenay Rock Climbers (TAWKROC), that will see the KMC match funding contributions made by individual KMC members up to a maximum of \$1,000. Receipts for tax deductions will be issued.

The Kinnaird Bluffs, located in the south end of Castlegar in the Emerald Green subdivision, is one of the most historically significant climbing crags in the province. People have been practising rock climbing and developing mountaineering skills on it since 1956. It's been a playground for KMC members since the club's inception. There are currently 70+ traditional and sport rock climbing routes on the bluffs. TAWKROC's end goal is to work with civic and provincial bodies to create a park that can be used by hikers, rock climbers and outdoor enthusiasts in perpetuity.

To make the acquisition, TAWKROC secured an interest-free loan to purchase the property outright (subject to removal of the conditions of the offer), which means the property is well on its way to becoming a rock climbing destination and park for generations to come. However, fundraising efforts continue in earnest as all loans have to be repaid.

TAWKROC is currently going through the motions of becoming a stand-alone non-profit society to allow it to be named on the title when the offer goes through on February 14th. There will not be a private individual listed on the title.

Even though KMC individual members' contributions may total in excess of \$1,000, the club must limit its matching contribution to \$1,000. The KMC executive may only expend up to \$1,000 on unbudgeted items without holding a vote at a Special Meeting or the AGM.

If you would like to donate to this purchase, please follow these steps:

- Go to <http://access-society.ca/> and click the "Donate" button in the middle of the screen
- Enter the amount you wish to donate
- Click the "Log in" to Paypal button, OR if you do not have or wish to open a PayPal account, you can pay with a credit card. In that case click "continue".
- After you review donation: On the left, underneath "Climbers' Access Society of BC" you'll see "Add special instructions to the seller." Click that. In the field that opens, type "For Kinnaird Bluffs purchase."
- Click the "Donate" button at the bottom of the screen.
- The Climbers Access Society of BC (CASBC) will issue the tax receipt.

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For more info about the project, see: <http://tawkroc.org/>.