

## **Brief History**

In March 1995 **Kaslo and Area Hospice** (KAH) was created. KAH was loosely affiliated with Nelson and District Hospice Society (NDHS) retaining its own bank account and treasurer within its Advisory Committee.

In September 1999 KAH formally joined NDHS as a satellite hospice organization. Early in 2000, Kaslo and Area Hospice conceived the idea and fundraised the cost of a designated palliative care room at the Victorian Hospital of Kaslo, which has been used for both palliative and respite care for the last 15 years.

In July 2012 the KAH decided to incorporate as a society dedicated to serving the needs of Kaslo and Area D residents. The name chosen for the new society was the **Hospice Society of North Kootenay Lake** (HSNKL). HSNKL incorporated in August 2012 and in February 2013 an executive director was hired.

Since 2013 HSNKL has become a highly recognized and valuable service in Kaslo and area. Community events including fund raising, educational activities and volunteer training are well attended.

## **The Opportunity**

The Hospice Society of North Kootenay Lake provides an invaluable service to the communities of Kaslo and North Kootenay Lake. HSNKL makes hospice care (non-medical) available at no charge to all who need and desire it. The society also works to build community awareness of issues surrounding life-limiting illness, palliative care and grief and loss. HSNKL aspires to act as an advocate for improved services to patients and their families and friends. These services are very well received in the community placing increasing demands on staff, volunteers and the board of directors.

Our current executive director is retiring after two years in the position and HSNKL is seeking the services of a new executive director to lead the organization. The executive director manages the volunteers, oversees all financial and administrative functions, including grant writing and grief support. A complete job description is attached. Please note that with possible additional grant funding, the executive director position may have increased hours, above the contracted 18 hours per week, to also coordinate public events and provide grief support.

HSNKL is seeking resumes from qualified individuals for this important position in our community. Our new executive director will begin work on April 05, 2022 with the support of one month of overlap training with our out-going executive director.