

Members Approve Club's Participation in the Mill Creek Adopt-A-Stream Program

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The members of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise will soon be attiring themselves with rubber boots, hip waders, and gloves, with clippers, chainsaws, and machetes in hand, as they commence with the cleaning of a portion of Mill Creek through the Adopt-A-Stream program.

On October 25th, 2013, following a presentation by club member Bruce Brown on the merits of the program and the club's responsibilities that must be assumed to be an active participant in the program, members of the club voted in favour of proceeding with the Mill Creek Adopt-A-Stream Program for at least two years. The section of Mill Creek that the club will be responsible is within an area that is bordered by Dilworth Drive, Leckie Place and a railway to the north, and which includes Mill Creek Linear Park.



Using a PowerPoint presentation, Brown shared that the purpose of the program was to partner with the City of Kelowna, the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Trout Unlimited Canada and other local partners in the Mill Creek Adopt-a-Stream Program to develop and maintain a portion of

Mill Creek that is environmentally friendly for wildlife species, and that is aesthetically attractive within the community.

He expressed that the specific goals of the program included:

- (1) The adoption of a portion of Mill Creek, situated in an area off Dilworth Drive and Leckie Place for at least two years;
- (2) The development and maintenance of a healthy stream for the purpose of providing a quality habitat for a variety of wildlife species, and an environment which supports spawning and rearing of local fish through the "Yellow Fish Road Program;"
- (3) The provision of a safe, well maintained, natural environment for the appreciation and use of families in the community; and
- (4) If agreed by the City of Kelowna, perhaps the expansion of the project at a future date to develop the designated area, now named Mill Creek Linear Park, as a Rotary Park for public use and enjoyment.



In assuming the partnership, the club will be required to remove man-produced debris, including pollutants and litter, remove excessive natural debris, including fallen trees that disrupt the flow of the stream causing flooding and stream bank erosion during high levels of water flow, remove noxious weeds and encroaching shrubs and small trees, and paint YELLOW FISH on storm drains.

Brown expressed that the club could start immediately in the first stage of the clean-up; and that he was fully prepared to provide the necessary leadership.

To view a pdf formatted version of the PowerPoint presentation, go to the Site Page "Service Areas and Committees" which is located on the left side of this Home Page; then advance to the Related Page "Community Service Committees," followed by further advancement to "Community Service News" where you will find the Download "Mill Creek Adopt-A-Stream Project."