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The Kluane National Park Management Board (KNPMB) was established with the signing of the Champagne & Aishihik First Nations (CAFN) Final Agreement in 1995. Kluane First Nation (KFN) joined the Board in 2003, when they ratified their Final Agreement. The KNPMB is an advisory body that makes recommendations and provides advice to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, Parks Canada officials, CAFN and KFN.

New Board members were appointed in October 2016 and June 2017, and since July 2017, the Board has been meeting on a regular basis.

The period from July 2017 to March 2018 was marked by the completion of numerous essential administrative tasks, allowing the Board to fulfill its mandate and take on its role as an advisory body once more. The KNPMB now has a fully functional office, which is open to the public two afternoons per week, a complete website and a Facebook page for the latest news and updates.

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New administrator and office space

In November 2017, the Board completed the hiring process for a part-time office administrator to handle the Boards day-to-day administrative and financial operations.

That same month, the KNPMB moved back into its old office space at 117 Auriol Street. The office is open to the public on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Public outreach

Being an important vehicle for facilitating public discussion and understanding of KNP&R management goals, the Board has taken important steps to increase public awareness and become more accessible:

- The Board co-hosted an open house organized by the Alsek Renewable Resources Council in Haines Junction in December 2017.

- The KNPMB has also re-established its online presence by creating a new website allowing the public to find information about the Board, access the latest news, project updates and meeting minutes, and how to contact the Board. A Facebook page was also created to reach a greater audience for all news and updates.

Operating Procedures

The Board has been working on its operating procedures for several years. By March 2018, most of the document had been reviewed and updated and the new operating procedures have been adopted by the KNPMB in April 2018.

KNP&R Management Plan

Since November 2017, the KNPMB has been involved in the development of a new management plan for KNP&R. This plan will provide strategic management direction to Parks Canada for the next 10 years. It is the role of the Board to ensure that the creation and implementation of the plan takes into account the Land Claims Agreements and to act as a conduit for local people to be involved.

After these productive initial nine months, the Kluane National Park Management Board Members are looking forward to the projects for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. As the KNP&R management plan will continue to be developed and consultations will be initiated, Board members will participate in the process with renewed effort, and will take on new files on other matters pertaining to the management of KNP&R.