**BCIA Kamloops Branch Chair’s Report**

**Rae Dunphy, PAg., Chair**

The Kamloops Board of Chairs would like to acknowledge that they live, work and facilitate BCIA events on the beautiful territory of the Secwepemc Nation.

The 2023 Kamloops Board of Chairs consisted of the following excellent members:

* Rae Dunphy, Chair
* Andrew Nielsen, Vice Chair
* Mairi Jones, Secretary
* Chanda Moody, Treasurer
* Ben Sampogna, Articling Coordinator
* Kathryne Cunningham, Professional Development Coordinator
* Cynthia Robinson, Director
* Adam Courtenay, Director
* Chad Lishman, Director

The Board of Chairs met several times in 2023 to budget and plan for professional development. We were also involved in the planning and coordination of the BCIA Provincial AGM in April.

**The Kamloops Branch Executive put on the following events in 2023:**

This year we were able to many in person events as well as webinars!

* April
  + Kamloops branch hosted the BCIA Annual Conference & AGM
    - City of Kamloops Field Tour
    - Grasslands Restoration Tour
    - New Afton Mine Field tour
    - Variety of workshops
* July
  + Invasive plant field event with TNRD and TNPMC
* August
  + Kamloops Food Hub Facility including the butler Farm Garden, the Gleaning Abundance Program
* September
  + Kamloops Resource Recovery Centre Tour
  + Lunch and Learn Application of the BC Cumulative Effects Framework in the Thompson Okanagan Region

Moving forward in 2024, we will continue to focus on providing our Kamloops members with professional development opportunities with a mix of virtual and in-person gatherings.