

## Nomination Bios for NKLT | 2017-18 AGM

### ACCOMMODATION REPRESENTATIVE

**Name:** Debra Hamilton

**Business:** Wing Creek Resort & Residences

**About Me:** I have been running Wing Creek Resort & Residences since moving to the area in 2004, following a 20+ year career in publishing, business development, and marketing -- including work for the tourism sector with BC Parks and Parks Canada. In addition to acting as the Kaslo board member while NKLT was being developed and for the following term, I have also acted in various capacities for the Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce, including three years as president, as well as on the Kaslo infoNet board and the North Kootenay Lake Arts & Heritage Council for numerous years each.

**Why I Would Like To Be On The Board:** Working with the current board has proven to me how much value there is in having a diverse board representing Accommodators and all the businesses of various types and sizes in all areas of our region focused on promoting tourism, bringing important tourist dollars into our communities, and developing a stronger sustainable economy.

### MEMBER AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE

**Name:** PETER MOYNES

**Business:** Kootenay Mountain Culture

My name is Peter Moynes, I have been a resident of Nelson for the last 20 years. I publish Kootenay Mountain Culture, and Coast Mountain Culture Magazines.

In business, we work directly with other marketing DMOs throughout the Pacific Northwest, providing insight on challenges and experiences that we too might experience here.

I am passionate about our region, and would like to do my part by volunteering my time to help-out on the NKLT board.

### WINTER SECTOR REPRESENTATIVE

**Name:** Rebeckah Hornung

**Business:** Whitewater Ski Resort

Please accept my letter of interest to represent the Winter Season outdoor/adventure activity sector of the Nelson Kootenay Lake Tourism (NKLT) Board. Having been a part of the Nelson Kootenay Lake community over the past eight years, with four of these six years being as a part of the NKLT Board, has really enabled me to grow a solid understanding of the tourism potential for the area and my passion for the destination as a whole.

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I would be excited to be a part of the Tourism Board to assist in growing the Destination Marketing Organization and ultimately the entire region.

Thank you for the opportunity and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have.

### FOOD AND BEVERAGE REPRESENTATIVE

**Name: Robert Little**

**Business:** Adventure Hotel

Please accept this letter for my name to be submitted for the Nelson Kootenay Lake Tourism Board. Specifically, I would like to be considered for re-election as the Food and Beverage representative.

Currently, I am the General Manager of The Adventure Hotel, in Nelson, BC. Our property, and my management responsibilities include overseeing, 40 guest rooms, a banquet facility that can host groups of up to 130 people, Louie's Steakhouse and Lounge, an 80 seat upscale casual dining facility, The Uptown Sportsbar, a gastro bar with 120 seats, Empire Coffee, a 60 seat coffee house, and The Grand Liquor Merchants, a full service private liquor store.

Some of my previous employment includes, being the General Manager of the Vance Creek Hotel at Silver Star Ski Resort, the flagship hotel of Silver Star Mountain with 144 Guest rooms, 3 restaurant facilities, and a banquet room that facilitated 350 guests. The General Manager of The Hollies Golf Course in Port Alberni, a 9 hole facility with full restaurant. The General Manager of Unwined Restaurant and Bar in Yaletown Vancouver, a 100 seat restaurant facility. With this experience, and my previous tenure on this board as the Treasurer, I feel that I can positively influence tourism in our area.

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**Name: Karine Begin**

**Business:** West Coast Grill – Le Petit Café

It would be an honor to be on the board of NKL representing the Food and Beverage sector.

I always say that I am the luckiest women alive, I live in the most beautiful place in the world, work by the water and can play outside year-round. For a 10000 people community, we probably have the best restaurants around BC. I always say that Nelson is the new San Francisco when we talk about food, wine, beer and spirit. We are surrounded by passionate and knowledgeable restaurant owner who are not scared to develop, create new menus. As well as make innovation with funky beer and crazy cocktails. Selling the Food and Beverage sector in the Nelson Kootenay region is an amazing opportunity for me.

- Work  
Prestige Hotel Food and Beverage Nelson and Cranbrook, that include The Vault Sports Lounge, West Coast Grill, Le Petit Café, Don Cherry's, The Grind Café, Prestige Nelson Catering Department, Prestige

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Cranbrook Catering Department.

I have been evolving in the Food and Beverage industry for 25 years, this is my passion! I

- Experience

I have 3 degrees related to Food and Beverage: Nutrition and Dietary degree, Hospitality business degree, Tourism Management degree, giving an experience to our guest is my mission.

- Why I would like to be on the board

I live in BC for 11 years, there is so much potential in our amazing community, I would love to be involved in the tourism growth of the Nelson Kootenay Lake region.