

## News Release

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### East Kootenay Community Credit Union (EKC) Welcomes a New Board Executive

EAST KOOTENAY - 2022 marks the 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of East Kootenay Community Credit Union (EKC). The Annual General Meeting was held on April 27, 2022, and welcomed a new Board Executive to the table. Lynnette Wray of Cranbrook now holds the Chair position, with Barb Nunes of Sparwood joining her as the Board's new Vice Chair. Stephen Fairbairn of Elkford was re-elected as the Board Secretary.

A new Director has also been named to the Board. Denine Milner has been appointed to her first term and comes with a diverse background in governance, policy and contract negotiations.

A special thanks to outgoing Chair Jean-Ann Debreceni for her 25 years serving on the Board to date as she steps into her role as Director for the EKC Board.

#### Current Board:

Lynnette Wray – Chair (Cranbrook)  
Barb Nunes – Vice Chair (Sparwood)  
Stephen Fairbairn – Board Secretary (Elkford)  
Jean-Ann Debreceni – Director (Cranbrook)  
Diane Byford – Director (Cranbrook)  
Jose Galdamez – Director (Cranbrook)  
Russ Pask – Director (Ferne)  
George Freitag – Director (Cranbrook)  
Denine Milner – Director (Cranbrook)

The EKC Board continues to focus on strategic priorities, including retention and recruitment.

"We have an excellent team at EKC, including staff, management, and Board members, and we strive to make a positive difference in the lives of our employees and promote diversity, equity and inclusion. We love to support our communities by providing excellent financial services as well as through our community giving. We appreciate each of our members, and if you're not a member yet, we would encourage you to come to talk to us about the benefits of joining our credit union," states Lynnette Wray, EKC Board Chair.

Jody Burk, CEO of EKC, says, "We invest our hearts and minds to power our member's financial goals and dreams. We are continually looking to increase our workforce with many opportunities available currently. We encourage anyone interested to please visit our website at [EKCCU.COM](http://EKCCU.COM) or our [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/EKCCU)."

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2022 BOARD MEMBERS



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Cranbrook



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**About EKC**

EKC was established in 1950 and has grown to over \$456 million in assets. It serves over 11,034 members throughout the East Kootenay. EKC is a community-based financial cooperative that offers a full range of banking, financial planning (EKC MoneyWorks) and general insurance (KIS Ltd) services. Our community branches are located in Cranbrook, Elkford, Fernie, and Sparwood. Please visit us at one of our branches, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#) or at [EKCCU.COM](http://EKCCU.COM)