

MGABC 2018 Provincial AGM
Saturday, September 22, and Sunday, September 23, 2018
Kamloops, BC

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Saturday, Sept 22

11:00-12:00 Tour of Dufferin Wetland with **Kirsten Wourms**. The Wetlands are located next to Dufferin Elementary School and the address of the school is **1880 Hillside Drive**.

- **Kirsten Wourms** is a City of Kamloops nature parks crew leader who instigated and designed the project of returning the long lost Dufferin Wetland to a natural ecosystem.

Lunch on Saturday is not arranged but there are many options available in Kamloops (see below)

1:30-2:30 Guided Tour – Secwepemc Museum and Heritage Park located at **200–330 Chief Alex Thomas Way**, \$10 per participant (paid at Museum)

- Cultural displays extend into a 5-hectare Heritage Park. More than a kilometre of trails lead visitors through the archaeological remains of a 2,000 year old winter village site and the unique Ethnobotanical Gardens, which feature informative markers about the traditional use of plants and their value.

4:30-6:30 Meet and Greet Social – The Noble Pig, 650 Victoria Street (own expense)

Sunday, Sept 23

Thompson Rivers University, 805 TRU Way

Room IB 1015 (International Building) www.tru.ca/map.html

Parking is free on weekends

10:00 Welcome, Registration, Coffee

10:30 Soils Legacy of BC's Past Climates & its Ecological Evolution: Crystal Huscroft, TRU and **Percy Folkard**, Range Policy Specialist, BC Govt

- **Crystal Huscroft**, presently Senior Lecturer, Geography and Environmental Studies, at Thompson Rivers University, is a geomorphologist who maps the geology of the sediments found above bedrock. Her passion is reconstructing the interactions between climate, landscape behaviour, and soil development in both British Columbia and the Yukon.
- **Percy Folkard**, is a cattle rancher, as well as a Range Policy Specialist for BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

11:45 Lunch (Included in Registration) Catered by TRU Catering

Choice of Sandwiches/Vegetarian Wrap, Sweet, Coffee and Tea

12:45 MGABC AGM

2:00 Summary of 2017 Citizen Science Pollinator Survey - Elaine Sedgman

- **Elaine Sedgman**, TSMGA Citizen Science Coordinator, is bee-sotted by pollinators. She advocates for native bees and their needs and hopes that Citizen Science can be pollinated in other Chapters!

2:25 Door Prizes

2:30 Tour of Horticultural Gardens at Thompson Rivers University, **Ian Robertson, TRU Floriculturist**

Registration cost \$15/person, through the MGABC Website, using Karelo link as in the past.

Accommodation:

We have secured a group rate for 6 rooms for Friday and Saturday at the **Hospitality Inn - 500 Columbia St.** The cost is \$89.00 per room per night, based on double occupancy. The code to book into the group rate is 7713. Phone 250-374-4164.

We also have 6 rooms being held at the **Best Western Plus Hotel, 660 Columbia Street** until September 14. The cost is \$135 per room per night, based on double occupancy. Please state you are with MGABC. Phone 250-374-7878.

Both The Hospitality Inn and The Best Western Plus are 5 minutes by car from the Thompson Rivers University (where the AGM will be held). They are central to all amenities in Kamloops and have restaurants located within 5 minutes by car or a short walking distance.

Restaurants:

Nandi's Flavors of India restaurant is located right by the Hospitality Inn.

The Chopped Leaf, Starbucks, Tim Hortons, Wendy's, Earls, etc. are all in this area.

Downtown Kamloops also boasts many restaurants, bistros and coffee shops along Victoria Street (a five minute drive from the hotels).

All of our venues and events are no more than 15 minutes driving across town.

We plan on giving out a packet of information on Kamloops at registration on Sunday - with some packets at events for Saturday participants.