



# BOW RIVER TROUT FOUNDATION

## A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

February 2019

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Policeman's Flats Revitalization

Active voice in the Bow River Access Plan stakeholder consultation process

Member of the Calgary River Users' Alliance stakeholder consultation consortium to secure alternative access to Harvie Passage

Engaged with Alberta Environment & Parks (AEP) on fish population studies to improve future fishery management

Engaged with TransAlta and the Government of Alberta (GOA) on river flows with the long-term objective to revise the flood and water management policy for the Bow River Basin

Successful fundraising – received a grant from the Alberta Conservation Association and initiated two annual events

### WHO WE ARE

Founded in May of 2017 as an Alberta Not-For-Profit Society by a group of like-minded individuals who were committed to supporting the health and longevity of the Bow River for the years of enjoyment it had given to them.

Bow River Trout Foundation began by representing the angling community on river access initiatives and advocating for support of the world class Bow River fishery.

In its first two years of existence, the Bow River Trout Foundation has experienced rapid growth and success. We are outgrowing our current mandate and objectives and have begun to strategically plan to ensure our long-term sustainability.

### WHERE WE WANT TO GO

We have established a long-term planning committee and are currently in the process of formulating a longer range goal focused on fishery conservation that extends into the upper reaches of the Bow River Basin.

We envision pursuing research initiatives that lead to improvements in water and fishery management of the Bow River Basin and will continue to engage with the Government of Alberta, the electrical regulator and TransAlta to ensure that water management policies are revised to accommodate the most current scientific studies and best practices for a healthy and sustainable fish population.

We will also continue to enhance or create access along the length of the Bow River so that it reduces impacts at any one location.

### HOW ARE WE GOING TO GET THERE

To align with this strategic direction, the Bow River Trout Foundation will complete several short term objectives while it works on defining the bigger picture:

#### **Undertake internal organizational tasks to prepare for the future**

- Review/revise current mission, vision and bylaws
- Clarify roles, responsibilities & job descriptions of Board
- Define committees & internal needs



*Policeman's Flats Revitalization*



*Floating Calgary's inner-city reach*

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### **Maintain engagement with current stakeholders**

- Angling Outfitters & Guide Association of Alberta
- Calgary River Users' Alliance
- Alberta Fish & Game Association

### **Identify engagement opportunities with other organizations that align with the Bow River Trout Foundation strategic direction**

- Bow River Basin watershed conservation group
- Local and provincial river recreation organizations

### **Identify projects in the short-term that meet current and future goals of the foundation**

- Policeman's Flats River Access will continue to be maintained
- Bow River Trout's, "The State of the Bow River Fishery" community engagement will continue

### **Identify funding options that will allow continued operations as well as support future projects**

## **Bow River Trout Foundation**

*"The Leading Voice of the Bow River Fishery"*

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