

# Vision Statement

This **Vision Statement** describes the future state and management regime that is desired for Kalamalka Lake Park over the next 25 to 50 years. The park vision provides long-term direction for park managers, while aiding them in making decisions regarding current issues. It is based on prevailing environmental and socio-economic attitudes concerning protected areas. It is, however, dynamic and conceptual and therefore allows for change due to evolving ideas regarding conservation and recreation and evolving ecosystems due to climate changes.

*With its stunning cyan-coloured waters, expansive grasslands, glacially sculpted terrain, biologically rich wetlands, and resilient forests, Kalamalka Lake Park remains one of the most prominent and revered natural legacies in the North Okanagan. With its original securement and protection shepherded by a passionate community, the spirit of stewardship for the park has been further strengthened.*

*Kalamalka Lake Park continues to be placed among one of the most popular day use destinations in the region, while retaining its intrinsic importance as a cultural and spiritual landscape for Indigenous peoples.*

*Steadily increasing park visitation, in all seasons, has created challenges; however, the implementation of strategic management approaches has greatly lessened impacts to park values. This has been achieved by not only increasing public awareness and acknowledgement of the park's unique and fragile ecosystem, but also by enacting strategies such as restoring and reclaiming sensitive grasslands, enhanced research and monitoring of species at risk, and deploying preventative measures to address issues associated with recreational impacts and carrying capacity.*

*Kalamalka Lake Park remains a visually stunning natural backdrop to the communities of Vernon and Coldstream. The park continues to support healthy populations of flora and fauna, while being enjoyed and appreciated by thousands of visitors each year. The success of the park's management is largely a result of the continued collaboration with park advocates and a dedicated public who share a common passion for this special protected place.*

