

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
BRITISH COLUMBIA TRACKING ASSOCIATION SOCIETY**

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The name of the Society is the BRITISH COLUMBIA TRACKING ASSOCIATION SOCIETY.

The overarching purposes of the BRITISH COLUMBIA TRACKING ASSOCIATION SOCIETY are to:

- a. Organize, direct, operate and over-see a non-profit volunteer organization that provides training and certification of trackers for search and rescue services in the province of British Columbia (BC);
- b. Establish, maintain and oversee proven and consistent tracker training standards;
- c. Facilitate recognized training opportunities;
- d. Train and provide qualified and certified trackers as may be needed in carrying out search and rescue operations in the province;
- e. Train, certify and monitor volunteer trackers and instructors in tracking techniques and skills;
- f. Promote and encourage the utilization of trained trackers in search and rescue operations;
- g. Inform user groups, government departments, police, BC Search and Rescue Association, individual Search and Rescue groups, and other related agencies as to the efficacy of tracking and how trained trackers can augment search and rescue operations, and evidence searches;
- h. As a primary goal: to have every certified ground search and rescue volunteer in the province of BC trained at least to the “Track Aware” level (first level of tracking);
- i. Assist and provide support services, as may be requested, for any other organizations involved in tracking for search and rescue operations and tracker training;
- j. Cooperate with other organizations, whether incorporated or not, which have objectives similar in whole or in part of the objectives of the Society;
- k. Solicit and raise funds for the purchase of training, course materials, equipment and tracking operations of the Society;
- l. Obtain or facilitate contracted advanced training and instruction in tracking-related skills and techniques, otherwise not available through the membership;
- m. Inform and educate the general public in the use of tracking as an essential search and rescue specialty; and
- n. Carry out activities as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purposes of the Society as stated herein.