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The coalition has been waiting for a match since January, and discovered that although there are plenty of government-sponsored Syrian refugees being fast-tracked into Canada’s large urban centres, the pipeline for private group and community-sponsored refugees has slowed to a trickle. With hundreds and hundreds of groups like the coalition across the country hoping to be matched with refugee families, cases were often spoken for within minutes of becoming available.

With a combination of patience, streamlined decision-making and technological tools, the Slocan Valley Refugee Coalition has been officially matched with a Somali refugee family living in Kenya.

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by Katrine Campbell

The Village of Slocan has embarked on Phase 2 of its project to enhance its amenities to attract and retain visitors. Phase 1 was the Owl Walk, completed last year. The Village was again successful in getting funding through the Job Creation Partnership to hire four people who will get 27 weeks of construction training and experience enhancing the waterfront and campground.

The Village of Slocan is transitioning from a mill town to an eco-tourism hub. Through the Job Creation Partnership program, it is getting more than $120,000 from the Ministry of Social Development and Social Innovation for Phase 2.

The 27-week project’s list of jobs is extensive, including the renovation of the breakwater and on-ramp, removal of the exiting berm, and installation of a 175-metre retaining wall and 40 metres of guardrails at the breakwater. The participants will also build 20 new campsites and provide water, power, and sanitation upgrades at Springer Creek RV Park and Campground, as well as pour 20 concrete pads for picnic tables and benches. The Village plans to hold an open house event to showcase the participants’ work to the public.

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Gnosis Music Festival organizers welcome feedback

by Jan McMurray

Gnosis Music Festival organizers are reaching out to the community after an article appeared in the July 13 Valley Voice about the event on Crown land just south of Hills. A letter from the organizers, the Lost Boys Collective non-profit society out of Nelson, is included in this issue’s ‘Voices from the Valley’ section. The letter includes an email address contact: officialgnosis.media@gmail.com.

Gnosis spokesperson Tomas Pelletier said in an interview that they had contacted “what little connections we as a collective had” in New Denver and Hills, and received only positive feedback, “prompting us to believe there was little to no backlash from the majority of the community’s population. In hindsight, this was an idealistic assumption and a mistake on our behalf. We were so concerned with executing Gnosis in a fashion that complied with our legal boundaries and to be done in such a way that was respectful to the land, patrons, and Slocan Lake, that it is clear our community outreach was nowhere near sufficient. For this, we sincerely apologize.”

Pelletier said the collective would like to hold the event in the same location next year, and is open to discussion with community members about their concerns. When asked about the parking concern, Pelletier said he would welcome ideas and suggestions from community members. “The idea of approaching a landowner with sufficient property and offering a set sum for use of their land is an idea that has been discussed frequently and still very much on the table,” he said. In the past, festival patrons have parked on the rail trail in Hills.

To access the site, the collective used two boats: a 20-foot boat with a newly serviced 150 hp four-stroke outboard, and an 18-foot boat with a four-stroke inboard motor. Pelletier said both vessels were operated by licensed and experienced operators at all times, and each boat was equipped with sufficient life jackets for all passengers, a fire extinguisher, and a two-way radio. The large boat was equipped with a full OFA level 3 first aid kit, and the small boat with an OFA level 1 first aid kit. Trips were minimized, and bringing your own motorized watercraft was strongly discouraged, he said.

To hold the festival at that location, the Lost Boys Collective had to follow the BC Land Use Policy regulating permission to use Crown upland and aquatic land, which came into effect May 8, 2014. Natural Resource officers checked in with the organizers on the site before and after the festival and found the event to be well organized, the site well cleaned up, and the organizers to be in compliance with the land use policy.

According to the policy, any non-commercial group can use Crown land for an organized event, with some conditions. The event can last for no longer than 72 hours from set-up to clean-up, and the land must be left in a safe, clean and sanitary condition. Attendance must be kept to less than 200 participants for non-motorized events and less than 100 for motorized events. No fees can be charged to participants unless the event organizer is a non-profit society or charity, and there must be adequate insurance coverage. The event cannot conflict with existing land use authorizations, so this must be checked beforehand.

It is possible for the ministry to designate ‘application-only areas,’ where a formal application to use the Crown land is required.

Anyone wishing to request changes to this policy must write to the Director, Land Tenures Branch, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

Peoples’ Pharmacy ‘returns it forward’

People’s Pharmacy in Nakusp is revolutionizing the bottle drive – making fundraising easier for local non-profits that deliver youth programs.

There is now a trailer at the glass recycling depot near the Village office, provided by Nakusp People’s Pharmacy, where people can dispose of their returnable containers. The local pharmacy will take care of the costs and logistics of sorting the containers and getting them to Encorp. All proceeds from the People’s Community Returnable Bottle Donation Program will go to the Nakusp and Area Community Foundation (NACF), which will distribute the funds to local groups through a simple application process, starting this fall.

Troy Clark, owner of Nakusp People’s Pharmacy, came up with the idea a couple of years ago when he noticed that fundraising was getting more and more difficult for volunteer groups. “To keep the programs affordable for families, non-profit groups have to raise funds, but it’s a challenge to fundraise on top of running the programs,” Clark said.

Based on input from local groups doing bottle drives, Clark estimates the program could bring in about $25,000 per year. All money raised from the program will go to NACF, which will keep the bottle drive funding separate from its other funds. Although only non-profit groups with charitable status can apply to NACF, Clark says Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services is willing to make applications on behalf of local groups.

The Valley Voice
July 27, 2016
Mori Trail improvements welcome, vault toilets not so much

by Jan McMurray

At last long, improvements to New Denver’s Mori Trail have been made possible, thanks to a $150,000 CBT Recreation Infrastructure grant. Plans were presented to the public on July 19 at Knox Hall.

“Bless CBT,” said Mayor Ann Bunka after explaining that previous applications for provincial and federal funding for the trail were unsuccessful. This was the third try for grant money for the project in the past five years.

Residents at the meeting were pleased with plans to widen and extend the trail, and to erect wayfinding and informational signage – but not so pleased about plans to install outhouse style toilets (Leko precast vault toilets), particularly at the bottom of the main street.

CAO Bruce Woodbury and Recreation and Cultural Services Coordinator Amanda Murphy explained that three rest areas with vault toilets and signage are planned along the trail. The largest rest area will be near the recycling depot at the Denver Canyon Trailhead. There will be parking and RV parking, and a large grassy area with tables, a unisex vault toilet, and signage. The Denver Canyon Trailhead rest area will be in place in time for Garlic Fest and Summer on the Trail, and two other rest area locations, slated for vault toilets and signage, are at the bottom of the main street on the north side of Creek Park, and at the end of Eldorado Street where Carpenter Creek enters Slocan Lake.

CAO Woodbury explained that vault toilets were chosen because they do not require septic and are relatively low cost at $10,000 per unit – compared to low-flow systems, which need septic and cost $35,000. Regulations require septic fields to be at least 100 feet back from creeks, lakes, and wells, making flush toilets impossible in all three locations chosen for the rest areas. Woodbury said vault toilets are also easy to install and maintain, and that the Village has a septic truck scheduled to come back from creeks, lakes, and wells, cleaning products that can be used to keep the septic system will need to be upgraded before putting in additional washrooms.

Mayor Bunka mentioned that another possibility in future is public washrooms at Knox Hall. A recent assessment of Knox Hall washrooms is $35,000.

Valerie Woodbury said this project is probably about 10 years off. An assessment of the Bosun Hall septic tank is, but not the septic field, and that the septic system will need to be upgraded before putting in additional washrooms.

Mayor Bunka promised that the vault toilets would be kept clean and well maintained, like the washrooms at Centennial Park. Murphy added that there would be hand sanitizers in the restrooms.

Woodbury commented that there are environmentally friendly composting toilets that can be used without water.

The trail itself is being widened to three feet on average, and will be given a compact aggregate surface. The crew of four will extend the trail on both ends – the north end will reach Bigelow Bay by fall; the south end will extend up along Carpenter Creek and across the highway to the recycling depot and the Denver Canyon Trailhead rest area.

The gateway signage at the pullout in the orchard will be replaced as part of the project. New signage will include a map of New Denver with a listing of attractions, a Slocan Valley map, and a local business directory.

Inclining Block Electricity Rates

The BC Minister of Energy and Mines has asked the British Columbia Utilities Commission (Commission) to report to the Government of BC on the impact of British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro) and FortisBC Inc.’s (FortisBC) residential inclining block electricity rates (often referred to as the Residential Conservation Rate or RCR) on customers in regions without access to natural gas.

If you are a residential electric customer of BC Hydro or FortisBC without access to natural gas, the Commission is seeking your comments on:

• the impacts you have experienced or identified from the residential inclining block electricity rates;
• your awareness of ways to mitigate any impacts.

Please provide your comments using the Commission’s Letter of Comment Form found online at http://www.bcuc.com/Register-Letter-of-Comment.aspx. All comments must be received in writing. Please send your written comments by email or mail to the Commission Secretary on or before Monday, August 15, 2016.

Email: Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com
Mail: Ms. Laurel Ross
Acting Commission Secretary
BC Utilities Commission
Sixth Floor, 900 Howe Street
Vancouver, BC V6Z 2N3

By providing a letter of comment in this process, you authorize your comments being placed on the public record and posted on the Commission’s website. All letters of comment are placed on the public record, posted on the Commission’s website and provided to the Panel and all participants in the proceeding.

All of the documents related to this matter are available on the Commission’s website at: http://www.bucc.com/ApplicationView.aspx?ApplicationId=506

For more information, please contact the Commission using the contact information above or by phone at 1-800-463-1385.

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We residents of Silverton would like to thank the logging operation for the quiet and sensitive passage through our neighborhood, especially in the very early morning. It is much appreciated.

Madeleine McCarthy
Silverton

Scammers

Are you looking for a place to rent in a large centre? Be careful! There are people posing as missionaries or people in other countries wanting to rent their condos, houses or apartments in Canadian cities. They could be scammers, preying on people who are travelling and new to the area. They also set up security passwords and processes to make it seem legitimate. Nobody rents out a home worth hundreds of thousands of dollars to someone they or their agents have not met, and have not done background checks on. Do not rent anything until you or someone you trust has checked it out. Above all, do not send money overseas unless you are prepared to say goodbye to it.

L. McLaren
Kaslo

Safety tips

I’ve spent a considerable number of years of my life in the ambulance service, and with various rural line departments. There are some seldom mentioned simple rules I learned that can prevent a lot of misery in our lives. I feel obliged to share just three that may make our lives better.

1. Cough or sneeze into your sleeve (or if you have time, into a disposable tissue). This will allow you to prevent the distribution of germs at home and in public. Coupe this with keeping your fingers out of your mouth, eyes, and nose, and you will substantially reduce colds and flu. Hand washes are required too, to prevent the spread of germs.

2. If you feel faint, lie face down on the floor, rather than the actual medical problem. Lying face down will help keep you airways open.

3. No deck barbequing, especially close to the house. Two out of three house fires statistically (and proven locally) are the result of deck BBQs.

Eric Faulks
Hills

New Denver needs a solar-powered composting toilet

With respect to the ongoing debate about what sort of toilet facility is best for the new trail, we have a terrific ‘Egyszer volt budan ktyavasar’ opportunity, as Hungarians say – a favourable moment that makes it possible to do something significant and beneficial.

The RDCK has a zero waste policy. We as a community can help to demonstrate the significance of that policy by figuring out how to use whatever wastes we produce, including human waste.

It’s already been proven it can be composted effectively. Humanity has been doing that since humans emerged. It can also be used to generate methane so the trail has free lights at night. Night walking safely on the trail – what a concept! Star gazing tours, anyone? Why not?

It’s as simple as that, isn’t it?

Everyone benefits. We put out less dough for materials, more people get to work on a fun gig, plus the ecosystem of the region benefits. Better results on every side. Could someone please tell me the downside?

Just because you haven’t seen this in action already doesn’t mean that it’s never been done.

A solar-powered composting privy ain’t rocket science: market-readiness has been proven. What’s stopping this community from being OK with a safe and easy employment of environmentally conservative, ecologically conservationist cutting-edge technologies measurably effective than the radical sum of those now in use?

RC Weintraub
New Denver

Efficiencies could be implemented to alleviate these summer line-ups with a motorcycle only lane at each ferry terminal. This would allow motorcycles to be requisitioned on an as needed basis to fill the gaps created during the loading process. These gaps occur between vehicles and in unused parking spots on the sides of the Osprey 2000 ferry and the MV Ballour.

This change in policy would allow the capable ferry attendants to implement these improvements and counter some of the negative publicity about motorcyclists, who are some of the most polite people on the roads because they rarely hold up traffic. See?

Patrick Mallie
Kaslo

Waxed apples

I recently bought some good looking apples in a netted bag in a supermarket in Vernon, because our home grown ones were finished. The apples came from our neighbouring state, Washington, and had a label on the bag: ‘Washed thoroughly before eating.’ I then took a closer look at the bag they had come in and read there: ‘Coated with food-grade wax or shellac for preservation.’

I washed some in hot water and the apples turned blotchy white. The white spots could not be washed off. Even rubbing them with a clean towel did not really take the white blotches off. Only my finger nails could scratch lines into the white – obviously wax.

So I went to my laptop and asked Google about waxed apples. There was lots of information on the subject, including that some so-called food-grade wax contains pesticides to prevent mould and rot. Aha – therefore the warning about thoroughly washing. But even hot water would not wash the stuff off.

Further reading brought me to the Environmental Group for Safe Foods, which issues a yearly list of the 12 most pesticide contaminated fruits and vegetables, the ‘Dirty Dozen,’ based on tests of the FDA (USA’s Food & Drug Administration), and found apples on top of the list. And: the wax they’re coated with contained 98% traces of pesticides. And: the USA’s CDC (Center for Disease Control) found that the average American child between the ages of 6 and 11 years carries unacceptable levels of organophosphorus, chlorpyrifos and methyl-parathion in their bodies, all of them known to have neurotoxic properties.

My wife then started peeling the remaining apples. I thought some of the best nutrients were in the skins of fruits – until now.

Richard Eichenauer
Fauquier
**100th Monkey**

Winlaw success

Of course it matters who shows up and how, and many and what happens and all that, but I think Winlaw’s success at keeping our school open also had a bit of the 100th monkey phenomenon at play too.

In this century the phenomenon was the conclusion of studies on monkeys in the late 1950s who, without learning it themselves, all of a sudden understood the meaning of something, understood as a complete species unit across a particular region without each and every monkey figuring it out, how to do something. (An apparently critical number aka the 100th learned the wasing of sweet potatoes on one island and then, without being taught anywhere else, monkeys on the surrounding islands – monkeys everywhere – were ‘doin’ it.) Like it – it’s a real enough ‘replicable’ phenomenon among humans as well, and not just in Winlaw.

When I saw “WINLAW SCHOOL... SAVED, THANKS” signs by the highway from Passmore to Slocan, it made me think of those who did shout out the truth and especially for those who will ‘keep at it’ (because of course thanks of course to those who doubt recognizing the 100th monkey)

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Crapper’s inventions – a total of six units – just in case there are more than two people with a bathm’s rush of one time. An added bonus is more parking for the customers of the merchants (the people who pay high taxes) downtown. Plant a few trees and put in a couple of nice benches in the park downtown so the tourists who are exhausted from spending their money can rest before going down the other side of the street and spending more. I am sure most people who pay taxes in Kaslo do want to pay for more of Mr. Crapper’s wonderful inventions.

Phil Trotter

Kaslo

**Nuclear waste retrieval’ rebuttal**

Whenever we hear the word ‘nuclear’, we are conditioned to think ‘BAD’.

In the letter ‘Nuclear waste retrieval’, ‘Vidley Voice July 13, 2016, Richard Eichensauer states 22 of Germany’s 39 nuclear power plants are abandoned and the nuclear disaster at Fukushima, Japan and the tsunami that destroyed three nuclear reactors built about 10 metres above sea level. The reactors survived the earthquake damage, but were destroyed by the tsunami because they were built too near the ocean. Japan has 52 nuclear reactors, many strong earthquakes, and has had no prior nuclear accidents prior to Fukushima. The reactors are programmed to shut down in the event of major earth movement. Because three reactors were less than 1.5 miles close to the ocean, Japan has shut down all but two of its reactors, and Germany followed. Maybe Germany’s nuclear power plants do not need to be dismantled. Then they wouldn’t be having these problems.

A lot can be learned from the German experience. Don’t dismantle all your reactors at once. Build future nuclear power plants so they can be more easily dismantled. Build the reactors near places like old mine sites where the waste can be disposed of and sealed to prevent contamination of groundwater. Using robots should not be much of a problem. Robots are used to handle nuclear waste and other metals. There are driverless cars on the roads.

To make up for the loss of electrical power from shutting down all the nuclear reactors, there is coal, natural gas, and maybe coal will be burned.

I recently read Stick Water by Andrew Nikiforuk. It is about fracking and what life is like on the oil patch for those not working there. If you want to read real damage to the environment and unregulated industry, read Stick Water.

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**Argenta Face**

The public meeting called by a logging corporation in early July to inform folks in Argenta/Johnson’s Landing about industrial road building and clearcut logging on the long-contested Argenta Face was a full house with a large banner outside the Argenta Hall that said, ‘Protect Argenta Face’.

Most vocal opposition. There are a few folks that want logging. They are the part most logging equipment.

We were informed by Regional Director Aimee Watson that no logging could happen just south on the Johnson’s Landing Face because of landslide potential, but no such restriction was in place for the Argenta Face.

She continued to inform the public meeting that the Argenta Face was a replacement logging area because of the following: (1) of protection of intact red cedar/hemlock forest and (2) of the importance of intact temperate rain forest to mitigate planet earth’s climate crisis.

After this info, I related to the meeting that the mountain community were likely to defend the five peacefull protesters that endured months of what appeared to be contracted violence (same corporation) from bad dudes were not to blame for logging now proposed for Argenta Face.

Our efforts to protect a small amount of intact ancient red cedar/hemlock forest in the upper Duncan/ West Kootenay drainages was a departure of what appeared to be contracted violence (same corporation) from bad dudes were not to blame for logging now proposed for Argenta Face.

It is important for us to stress the transparency of our operation with both the RCMP and the Conservation authorities, and the openness of our event, natural resource officers inspected the state of the land. Both of these inspections passed with flying colours.

It is important to us as an organization that the surreal land retrieval ‘Kootenay Geo-Engineering Watch’ group. I first witnessed ‘weather modification’ when I was in Arizona in 1998. Since then, there have been thousands of meetings from Phoenix to Berlin, and conferences in Los Angeles and Vancouver, BC. Many books, documentaries, scientific and government documents are also available to the public.

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**Response to rave article**

We here at the Lost Boys Collective Society would like to communicate to the residents of the Slocan Valley the due diligence performed by our organization in the planning and execution of Gnosis Music Festival.

As our name expresses, we are a registered non-profit society with the fundamental goals of increasing art and culture, and helping to de-stigmatize the perceived image of those plagued by drug and alcohol abuse.

It is important to emphasize the fact that all funds collected from patrons of Gnosis went entirely into our event, assisting the recognition and growth of local art and culture, and helping to de-stigmatize the perceived image of those plagued by drug and alcohol abuse.

We were inspired to talk about ‘geo-engineering / weather modification’ at the ‘Climate Action Town Hall’ in Nelson this past May 25. Unable to make it, First Street? There are lots of Mr. Trotter voice readers.

Hello my name is David Fisher. I am here on behalf of myself and the ‘Kootenay Geo-Engineering Watch’ group. I first witnessed ‘weather modification’ when I was in Arizona in 1998. Since then, there have been thousands of meetings from Phoenix to Berlin, and conferences in Los Angeles and Vancouver, BC. Many books, documentaries, scientific and government documents are also available to the public.

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**Weather modification and climate change**

David Fisher

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Village, possibly Brandon and the West Slocan Road area. This would require a referendum. In the meantime, Gordon proposed that the Village hire a ‘spot check’ animal control officer to assist in controlling dogs at the beach, providing that the CFO approves the expense. Council agreed and passed a resolution to this effect.

CAO Gordon also reported that she and Helma Rainey, Springer Creek RV Campground attendant, are working on an initiative to provide temporary dog tags for campground users. This would help the Village track dogs and make visitors aware of the need for leasing pets.

During public participation, there were several comments about the need for control at the beach.

• Village has received permission from Springer Creek Forest Products to extend the beach and boat launch access and parking. The north end of Harold Street will be open to traffic. The Village will encourage beach goers to access parking via Harold Street and bуют via Main Street. She said this is an experiment in an effort to end the traffic bottlenecks that have frustrated waterfront users.

• Council authorized staff to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society. The MOU states that the Village will lease the lots on Hume Street to the society for the long term; that the service fee would be the same as for rental property notice period and public hearing; and that the $500 joint OCP and zoning bylaw amendment fee plus the cost of advertising, and the $500 Development application fee are waived, and that the cost of advertising will all be waived for the society.

• Council discussed a proposal from Nelson Becker of Expression Theatre Café to provide a “free” Canadian movie in Expo Park. The movie would be free to the public but the Village would have to provide $625 plus GST either from Village funds or an RDCK Community Development grant to cover the costs. Although Becker was able to raise funds from local businesses, he was not able to raise funds for the Slocan event. Council directed staff to ask for community input.

• Mayor Lunn proposed that the Slocan Lake Festival and Perriere will represent the Village at this September’s UBCM convention in Victoria. Their registration, accommodation, and travel costs, estimated to total $3,500 for each councillor, will be covered by the Village. Mayor Jessica Lunn, who represents the Village on the RDCK board, will also attend the convention as a representative of both the RDCK and the Village. Her costs will be covered by the RDCK.

• In her report, Mayor Lunn highlighted a request from the RDCK board for increased transit service to the Valley – one extra weekly morning run. The mayor and Councillor Perriere attended the School District 8 meeting on July 5. Both Ward Electro and E-W Graham advised that the Village will need to operate park and ride at very minimal cost to provide service for rural schools.

• Staff was directed to ask Slocan residents and other local Villages whether they are interested in purchasing rain barrels. Rain barrels have become popular as a way to conserve water for food production. Coca Cola has offered to provide $625 plus GST either from syrup barrels) to Slocan, or to charge $50 per barrel for barrels with a spigot installed. CAO Gordon said another option was to ask the Village Council to install the spigots and charge for materials and labor.

• Councillor Perriere reported that the Slocan Lake Festival and Perriere has dissolved and its remaining funds of about $1,300 have been transferred to the Spirit of Slocan Committee. The 110th Birthday Committee had originally inherited funds from the Slocan Centennial 2001 account. During public participation, Dave Frederickson said he hoped that Slocan Lake would be able to celebrate its 125th birthday, money would be available to “kickstart” that effort.

• Council considered a request for a variance to allow the placement of a upright gravestone rather than the tablet style required by the cemetery bylaw. CAO Gordon reported that the bylaw had been passed to prevent heavy monuments and gravestones covers that sink into the ground, creating tripping hazards. She said the requested monument would not cause this problem and council approved the variance. Councillor Patterson left the meeting during this topic.

• A Slocan Lake Outsiders Association request for a Community Development Grant of $2,500 was referred back to staff to get further details. The SVOA wants to replace its riding arena. Mayor Lunn explained that the Village is allotted $90,000 annually in RDCK, Community and Deed Heritage grants, and is supposed to give out at least 50% of its annual allotment in grants to community groups. Over the years, the Village has given out all that it could and $54,471.57 had built up in the fund by the end of April. That excess is rapidly diminishing. Pending project grants for Community Development Committee $2,500, cemetery mapping $5,000, street sign upgrades $4,500, and Wellness Centre sign $10,000 will bring the fund down to $22,571.57. In addition, the Village has granted up to $10,000 to the WEG playground project.

• Council directed staff to include two items in the newsletter: information about the fall municipal election and details about the closure of the Fitness Centre August 14-16 for painting.
New Denver council, July 12: Energy programs introduced

by Katrine Campbell

• Community Relations Managers Trish Dehnel (Community Energy Association) and Mary Anne Coules (BC Hydro) appeared as a delegation to talk about community energy planning and programs. Dehnel explained the CEA is a charitable non-profit and “the first corporate plan we did was in this room.” The Village of New Denver was an early adopter and it and Kaslo are the only carbon-neutral local governments of 31 in the Carbon Neutral Kootenays project area. The Village reduced its carbon output through conservation and efficiency measures, and then bought credits from the Darkwoods Forest Carbon project to bring its footprint to zero.

Dehnel also talked about the electric vehicle strategy for the Kootenays. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities invited the CEA to apply for $1 million in funding, with the Regional Districts of East Kootenay, Central Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary each contributing $30,000. The project would create a network of electric vehicle charging stations, making it much more feasible for EV owners to travel in the Kootenays.

Coules reported that BC Hydro has invested a half-million dollars in its effort to eliminate transmission outages in the area, and is “making good progress.” She listed a number of programs that people can take advantage of, including a home energy rebate offer, energy saving kits, a free home energy assessment, and a new home program with up to $2,000 in rebates. There are similar programs for businesses.

• The BC Utilities Commission has been asked by the provincial government to report on the BC Hydro and FortisBC residential rates which are charged to customers without access to natural gas. The BCUC is to gather information on the impacts of the rates, and of customers’ awareness of ways to mitigate those impacts. Councillor Heather Fox asked that the public notice from the commission be posted on the Village’s website, newdenver.ca.

• Council received the Reading Centre’s annual report. Circulation and the number of members has dropped but three more volunteers have stepped forward. The number of volumes has remained steady at about 9,000; the centre will replace its print collection.

• The CBT grant and will increase the large print collection.

• A request to have a telephone installed, with the Village paying the costs, was approved. Telus has decided the Reading Centre is a ‘business’ and must pay $100 per month, instead of the $30 it is paying now. In the coming year, Village staff will explore options to reduce telecommunications cost in all municipal operations.

• Corporate Officer Catherine Allaway reported that three companies replied to the Request for Proposals for a new, triple combination fire engine. The bids ranged from $385,200 to $458,216; the CAO, fire chief and senior members of the fire department are reviewing the proposals to make a recommendation.

• Councillor Nadine Raynolds reported on the June 29 meeting of the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission. Kelvin Saldern from the Columbia Basin Trust updated the members on the Trust’s funding priorities and as economic development is one of them, there could be funding for the EDC in the next few years.

The second installment of funding for the Healthy Community Society’s Village Hearth Restaurant project was approved, although it was done by email several days after the meeting after commissioners had an opportunity to review the business plan. The EDC will focus on planning for the future at its next meeting in October.

• Council granted permission to Mel Sager to have plaques installed on two benches in the lower cemetery. Sager paid for the benches and their installation in 2015. The new plaques, which are in memory of Gwendolyn Bradshaw, will be inscribed ‘Come sit with us and remember.’ The Village will cover the installation, as the cost will be minimal.

• Council retroactively granted permission to the Kootenay Savings Credit Union to use parking spaces for a fundraising barbecue on July 8. Allaway noted councillors had been phoned before the event for a straw poll on the request. “If you need to use municipal facilities or a road closure, ask well in advance,” suggested CAO Bruce Woodbury.

• Work has started on the Mori Trail, with a crew cleaning and brushing.

WE Graham Community Service Society

Fun in the sun day camp

There are still a few spots left in Summer camp:

Adventure Weeks
July 25-29 (age 5-8)
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August 15-19 (Age 9-13)

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RDCK board, July 21: Crescent Valley Beach Park project underway

by Jan McMurray

• The Crescent Valley Beach Park project is underway and will continue through October 2018 as long as the funding falls into place.
• The phase of the project includes a second parking lot, washroom facilities, new trails, trail upgrades, signage, day use area enhancements, and heritage site improvements.

The total cost of this phase of the park development project is $599,500. A $200,000 Area H Community Works (gas tax) grant was approved at the RDCK board meeting. Grant applications have been submitted to Bike BC ($80,000) and the CBT Recreation Infrastructure Fund (approx. $149,500).

In kind contributions are also expected.

Additional funding sources will be needed to complete the entire project as detailed in the park management plan ($301,400). A later phase of the project will include installing a playground and washroom in the day use area.

Area H has $425,792 remaining in the Community Works fund after allocating this $200,000 to the Crescent Valley Beach Park project.

The RDCK board has approved a phased approach to the upgrade.

BC Hydro reverses Arrow Lakes levels downwards

This year’s early peak and draft is a direct result of the conditions this year, the utility says. Snowmelt runoff occurred earlier than normal, the snowpack is now depleted, and we have also been experiencing below average rainfall. As a result, the combined US and Canadian Columbia basin is experiencing drier conditions and inflows forecasts continue to drop to below average.

The latest runoff forecast is 90 percent of normal for April through September. Last year, the runoff was forecasting 100 percent of normal for the same period—the driest year on record. With two consecutive dry years, the reservoir’s ability to refill and retain storage are affected.

Under drier water conditions, BC Hydro is required to release more water under the terms of the Columbia River Treaty. Flows are currently at 1,840.5 cubic metres per second (65,000 cubic feet per second), and will increase to 2,038.8 cubic metres per second (70,000 cubic feet per second). BC Hydro does not expect to be able to modify Treaty discharge changes as the project puts the idea to the test by isolating our musicians in the mountains,” says the kickstarter page.

Musicians include Martine Denbok, Noel Fudge, Jeremy Down, J Battle, Dominique Fraisard, Fraser Black, Robin Silig, Betty Hendry, and a yet to be announced pianist. Several of these musicians are residents of the New Denver area.

Creative mountaintop music and film project worth supporting

We’ve all had crazy ideas, but this one has got me captivated. Nine musicians – many of them local – are doing a survey to find out where the Krestova water system. The project would involve reviewing studies already done on the system, examining the existing system infrastructure, doing a survey to find out where infrastructure encroaches on private property, conducting a hydrological overview to identify potential alternative water sources (excluding Slocan River), preparing preliminary concept drawings and cost estimates of the different options, and preparing a cost estimate for a phased approach to the upgrade.

• Area D is applying to the Community Energy Association to receive a green energy opportunities scan for Kaslo and Area D. The scan would identify opportunities for renewable energy projects, economic development and energy efficiency measures.

The committee concluded by participating in the confirmatory Agricultural Liaison Strategy Project with the Regional Districts of Kootenay Boundary and East Kootenay, and CBT. Funding of $60,000 per year for three years (2017-2019) will be earmarked for the project in the RDCK General Administration budget. The General Manager of Development Services will represent the RDCK on the steering committee.

rainfall from this point forward. Continued dry weather conditions could result in lower summer levels, although levels are expected to remain higher than 2015.

Producers of the CDs and DVDs are 3 Buttle, Tyrell Jordan and Joy Buttle. They are interested in recording and producing music for over 20 years, most recently through the studio he and Howard Bearman built in Rosebery, ‘Arrowsound Recording Studio.’ Moritz has a decade of experience in film and television production in the Lower mainland.

The producers are ready, the directors are present and the support crew is in place. Now all that’s needed is some financial support. Check it out at http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/9525817436/alps-alturas-mountaintop-top-sessions-a-documentary-f

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The RCMP is inquiring as to the immediate availability of residential property for sale in New Denver or Silverton. Property should be in good condition, have a minimum of 3 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, with preference to a property built 1988 or later and with a garage or detached out building.

Please provide street address, house and lot size, asking price, include Contact Name and telephone number, and possibility for a viewing sometime in August, 2016.

Information must be received by Friday, August 12th, 2016 at 4:00 PM.

Send to: Leifka Vissers Lease 604-318-4869 Email: Leifka.Vissers@pwgsc-tpsgc.gc.ca

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with Andrew Rhodes

Cheerful Eateries of the West Kootenays

with Andrew Rhodes

When I walked into RORY’S ON MAIN last week, the server immediately greeted me into the kitchen and gave me a one-square-foot area to stand in where I wouldn’t be knocked over by the very busy staff who rushed about taking good care of the customers and keeping the kitchen hopping’. In fact, the whole place was jumpin’ and somewhat loud due to the happy customers. Rory wanted me there to chat with her a bit while she busied herself with overseeing everything and frequently bursting forth with ‘Up Rorry’s: Laughter’! This is how it is at RORY’S ON MAIN.

Here is some of what she had to share with me:

“Hey, Andy, as usual, a pleasure to have you. Some points about Rorry’s. We use BC small farm raised beef and lamb; Four Seasons Greenhouse tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers; BC fruit where possible; locally grown nasturtiums (Andy and Val), and basil (Mick and Ruby); Sappho’s honey, garlic, burger buns; Fisherman’s Market BC halibut; Kelly’s handmade perogies (Winlaw); and our wine menu features BC and Canadian wine, and our beer and ciders include many BC brands. Local, local, local is this year’s theme.

“My idea is to make really yummy and flavourful food, with as much local base as possible. It’s important that we support our local economy, and support the local farmers, and support each other to help our lovely little community thrive is very dear to my heart.

“Rory’s seats up to 48 and I also do off-season catering.

“My staff is amazing, and I am so lucky to have them. I have eight part-time people working for me. Four people each night. All but one is local (and the one who isn’t is family!).

“The staff that included Elaine, Kerry, Susan, and Joe.

The food I was served on that glorious night:

1) Mini Fish Taco with salsa fresca, feta, chipotle mayo and slaw. Good way to start.

2) Mini Goddess Bowl which is Rory’s House Salad topped with avocado, chick pea, feta, sunflower, sesame and pumpkin seeds served with “The Best Salad Dressing Ever” – Caps and quotation marks are Rory’s! The salad was crunchy and scrumptious.

3) Mini Braised Halibut from Fisherman’s Market in Nelson. BC halibut wallowing in a rich creamy broth seasoned with mysterious herbs and spices. Try it, you can only LOVE it. I had it twice now.

4) Mini Thai Salad: Vermicelli rice noodles served on a bed of leaf lettuce with carrot, cucumber, snow peas, peppers, bean sprouts, mint and basil topped with crunchy peanuts and Rory’s beautiful homemade peanut sauce, local mint and basil. Add tofu or chicken or prawn. In fact... add anything you like.

5) Perogies: Handmade by Kelly out of Winlaw. Lots of sour cream. How can anyone say no to the word “perogies” is fun to say, but don’t say it with your mouth full.

6) Lamb Burger: THIS IS THE BURGER I WANTED ALL ALONG! IT CAN’T BE BEAT. EXCLAMATION MARK! BC-raised lamb served on a local Sappho’s bun, a gluten free bun free with lettuce, tomatoes, red onion, mayo, mustard and relish and choice of fries or house salad. Want cheese? Add a local BC amber ale cheddar. Sub yam fries with chipotle mayo. Say “LAMB BURGER.” You can even pronounce it “LAMBORGHINI” if you are in the mood to eat an old sports car. Quite filling either way.

7) And last but not least: Chocolate Mousse. I won’t tell you about it. You have to try it yourself.

So! Not the usual seven-course meal. Of course, some of the portions were named “Mini,” nevertheless, I ate and ate and had two lovely glasses of wine and got a ride home from my fearless publisher Dan Nicholson. Thanks Dan and thanks to Rory for a dinner to remember for a long time to come.

I LOVE RORY’S ON MAIN! I’ve eaten there many times, and I will eat there again and again. It’s always GREAT. GO THERE!
Everywhere there was evidence of ancient skills revived, from these handmade helmets to calligraphy, bead-making, weaving, instrument crafting and others. This woman displayed her medieval style tapestry skills at Nakusp Medieval Days.

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The hand-to-hand combat was carried out with a view to maintaining the values of chivalry.

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There was much splintering of lances at Nakusp Medieval Days.

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This merchant attracted an enthusiastic crowd for his “Irish style” whiskey at Nakusp Medieval Days.

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Our photographer attracts a baleful glare from the black knight at Nakusp Medieval Days.

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In the next few weeks, baby toads will be migrating from lakes across our highways at Summit Lake and Fish Lake between Nakusp, New Denver and Kaslo.

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Kaslo Jazz Fest celebrates 25th anniversary with eclectic lineup

by Art Joyce

When you’ve been around as long as Kaslo Jazz Etc. Festival, change is inevitable. But change can be rejuvenating, infusing new life into old ideas.

Paul Hinrichs, artistic director for the festival, is promising an eclectic lineup for its 25th anniversary that isn’t limited to innovative musical acts but extends to performance groups like the Circus Act Insomniacs, Slava Doval’s Dance Fusion and perennial comedy favourite Lucas Myers. Faced with declining ticket sales in recent years and an aging demographic for its traditional programming, Hinrichs saw an opportunity to broaden out.

“We had an interesting discussion on social media because CBC asked if Sarah McLachlan came to Jazz Fest, is it still a jazz festival?” says Hinrichs. “We’re trying to stay true to the roots of the festival but it’s important to start redefining jazz, and having performance art is very much a part of that. We also wanted to make sure the 30 to 50 crowd had something to appeal to them. And we’ve really stepped up the kids’ program because we wanted to make sure young families felt welcome.”

This year’s headline act Michael Franti and Spearhead first appeared at Jazz Fest 10 years ago and Hinrichs says they’ve been trying for three years to get him back. Other headliners include Delhi 2 Dublin, Frazey Ford and guitar virtuoso Oscar Lopez. But there’s plenty more of the musical cornucopia to sample, reflecting a broad palette of musical colours: the folk, roots and worldbeat mash-ups of Tequila Mockingbird Orchestra, Dirt Floor, Moontricks and Rising Appalachia; the New Folk/po-p crossover of the increasingly popular Shred Kelly; the soul, folk, Americana, rock, and reggae blend of Buckman Coe; the classical, Celtic, world and jazz stylings of local string combo Breakwater; and the electronica beats of Rabs and Mooves.

But ‘trad’ will always be cool, and for those wanting a bit of classic blues and jazz there’s still plenty to enjoy. Laura Landsberg, a Jazz Fest perennial, brings her Ray Charles Project, probing the soul, blues and gospel roots that underpin much of modern popular music. David Vest, a Maple Blues award winner, will keep toes tapping with his boogie-woogie piano groove. For those who like their jazz on the progressive-experimental side, there’s Odyssey 3, an improvising trio that explores “Music Without Borders,” and Canada, both of whom range far beyond the borders of traditional jazz, incorporating rhythms plucked from as far afar as Jamaica and India. “Velvety-voiced” pianist Elizabeth Shepherd’s debut album Start To Move was voted one of the top jazz albums of the year by the listeners of the Gilles Peterson Show on BBC Radio Worldwide in 2006. She will appear with musical innovator Michael Occhipinti, whose popular John Lennon tribute show Shine On will be performed August 3 at Nelson’s Shambhala Music and Performance Hall.

With a whole new generation of singer-songwriters coming up, the genre has experienced a resurgence since its early 1970s glory days. Get up close and personal at Jazz Fest with the Jenny Robinson Band, featuring noted local musicians Jesse Lee, Clinton Swanson and Craig Korth. And while Robinson has been writing

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original songs for 25 years, young duo Twin Bandit just released its debut album last year. The soulful pop duo of Haida-Tsimshian siblings Gillian and Robert Thomson, known as Sister Says, offer further songwriting magic. Jazz Fest has a long and honourable tradition of making room for the wealth of local talent we have in the Kootenays and this year is no exception. Brian Rosen will entertain at the Kindermusik Kids Tent while Rafferty Funksmith will hold court at the Friday Workshop Tent. (Check out the festival’s expanded schedule of workshops.) The Moving Mosaic Community Samba Band is sure to get hips swaying, and not one but two bands from the Kaslo area will perform: Lost Ledge and Red-Eyed Soul. Last but never least, the ever-versatile Clinton Swanson brings us his smooth horn sound at the Holland Stage.

Hinrichs says great effort has gone into relieving the pressure on limited local accommodations by partnering with non-profit groups to create four new campsites in Kaslo. Partly this was done in anticipation of the large crowds expected for Michael Franti, whose previous performance here had concertgoers scrambling for places to stay. Volunteers from the Kaslo Riding Club, the Kaslo Housing Society, and North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society will maintain the campsites during the festival. The Jazz Fest team has assembled a stellar smorgasbord of food vendors catering to the growing taste for wholesome, locally grown and world cuisine. As always, the festival strives for a ‘zero waste’ goal, so there will be composting stations for leftovers. The microbial system pioneered by MycrozBacteria Solutions a couple of years ago will return, with a local organic farmer happy to take the material. Kaslo Minor Hockey volunteers will take your recyclable cans and bottles. Coincidentally, the Nelson Brewing Company is also celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and after a decade-long lapse will once again be the featured brew on site.

"The reason we were able to make Jazz Fest successful this year is because this is a turnkey event, it was very well established," says Hinrichs. "So we really wanted to acknowledge Jimmie Holland by renaming the Upstage in his honour."
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New business offers easy way to the top

Idaho Peak Shuttle

by Katrine Campbell

Idaho Peak looms over New Denver, the restored fire tower at its very top beckoning people to drive up and take the two-kilometre Idaho Peak Lookout Trail to the tower.

But the gravel road from Sandon is steep, narrow, bumpy and winding, and some drivers find it intimidating. If they persist, they might reach the tiny parking lot to find it already filled. Others who would like to see the unobstructed 360° view have no way to get up there.

Until now.

John Matthews of Silverton has started a new shuttle service which leaves New Denver three times a day, allowing people to enjoy the ride and the scenery. Some will choose to take the shuttle back down, while others pack their mountain bikes or their para-sails and return on their own. Dogs are welcome and advice on making the most of the outing is cheerfully given.

Matthews is a professional driver with over 28 years experience; he holds a Class 1 drivers license and is licensed as a ‘Passenger Operator’ with the Province. He started Idaho Peak Shuttle this spring, and the first trip was on July 9. The 14-passenger van leaves from Knox Hall at 9 am, 1 pm and 5 pm. The return fare is $25 for adults, $17 for kids under 10, $35 for mountain bikers and $35 for dogs (9 am shuttle only). Those who want to ride, hike or fly down are asked to contact Matthews so he knows they’re safe and sound.

As of the time of writing, no one has yet booked the 5 pm trip. Matthews says he would be in no rush to get back; he hopes to stay until sunset, “until everyone is happy and got the [camera] shot they want.”

Since starting the service, he has been asked to service other areas - for example, to drop off and pick up canoeists and kayakers.

“I might look into that,” he says. “I would love to expand, but let’s see how this year goes.”

In addition to the scheduled service, Idaho Peak Shuttle is also available for charter for groups and parties – you could have your wedding on top of the world!

“I love going to work on the mountain every morning. It’s great! I walk to the tower every trip – I’m going to be the fittest guy on the planet!”

For more information on Idaho Peak Shuttle or on the peak itself, visit idahopeakshuttle.ca, email info@idahopeakshuttle.ca, or call Matthews’ cell at 250-505-4368.

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Nakusp council, July 11: Made in Nakusp parking regulations adopted

by Claire Parulis

It was standing room only in council chambers, with 14 citizens from Nakusp and area attending the public hearing prior to the regular council meeting to speak their minds about medical marijuana facilities and off-street parking requirements.

• The proposed changes to the off-street parking regulations garnered seven letters: four from residents of Nakusp, one from a resident of Bayview, one from the Nakusp and Area Bike Society, and one from the Nakusp and District Chamber of Commerce.

Four out of the five people who spoke at the meeting have businesses in Nakusp, and all five came with their opinions, information and ideas. The message was loud and clear: a solution for Nakusp needs to come from Nakusp, not from some bylaw developed for somewhere else.

Most speakers were in favour of opening up the parking requirements with an eye to future development, and brought examples from other municipalities and suggestions that they believed would fit in Nakusp.

After the public hearing, council decided to knock down then and there and hammer out new off-street parking regulations, line by line, that would be appropriate for Nakusp now and would also allow growth into the future. Ideas were introduced, discussed, accepted, rejected, and modified, and around 8 pm, the new regulations were adopted.

The new regulations decrease the parking requirements from what was originally proposed, increase the radius for the requirements, and add a provision for establishments unable to satisfy the parking requirements. New business owners who cannot provide the required number of off-street parking spaces will pay a one-time fee of $1,000 per space lacking. The funds will go towards future development of parking by the Village. The fee is applicable to new business owners only; all existing businesses are grandfathered in and exempt from the new parking requirements.

• Those there on the medical marijuana issue spoke in favour of allowing medical marijuana facilities to be developed in the Village’s RU1 agricultural zone, but without the proposed increases to setbacks. The Johnson family spoke about the difficulty producing different crops on the land that has been in their family for over 100 years. The soil doesn’t support crops other than hay, said Cheryl Johnson, and the family is now taking steps toward producing medical marijuana.

“I try to keep learning as we go. I never want to stop learning about how to be environmentally correct around the plants we sell to the public.”

Heritage Nursery, at 97 S Nelson Ave on the road to the marina, is a whimsical hidden gem, tucked into the trees and behind a tall wooden fence.

• In 2016, the ISCBC launched a new app that allows gardeners to identify plants they have had to pull from the community and as a result will phase out periwinkle, which they

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The fee is applicable to new business owners only; all existing businesses are grandfathered in and exempt from the new parking requirements.

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**Kaslo council, July 12: New portappities at Front Street Park**

- Railway Avenue will be renamed Higashi Way effective August 12, 2016.
- Councillors Holland, Gliozzo and Lang and CAO Smith were authorized to attend the UBCM (Union of BC Municipalities) convention in Victoria.

**Kaslo Airport receives provincial funding for security fencing**

The Province has committed $24 million over three years to the program, and is providing $8 million in funding this year.

**Correction**

In ‘Argenta/Johnson’s Landing Face logging looms again’ in our July 13 issue, we incorrectly reported that Richard Brenton “went on to talk about the 1992 CORE process, when ’the compromise’ was the establishment of the Purcell Wilderness Conservancy.” In fact, Brenton said that the 1992 CORE (Commission on the Resources and Environment) agreed to the establishment of a connectivity link between the existing Purcell Wilderness Conservancy and the working forest. The rationale behind this agreement was the face was already developed, while the proposed corridor was undeveloped wilderness, difficult to develop, with rototiller and rotary plow, as well as explanations about the tractor, the tiller, and plow come on a small trailer that can be towed behind any vehicle with a two-inch trailer ball. Rental fees for tractor and implements are listed at the Kaslo website, rental bookings will be handled by the Kaslo Food Hub and the tools must be picked up and dropped off at the storage location at Shuty Brench. When picking up equipment, someone will be there to give you a quick hands-on demonstration to show you how the tractor works.

If you have any questions about the tools, or are ready to book, contact the Kaslo Food Hub at 250-953-7120, patricksteinner@nkcss.org or dustineast@nkcss.org.

**Walking tractor/tiller available for farmers and gardeners**

The Kaslo Airport has received $52,500 from the provincial government’s BC Air Access program for a security fencing upgrade. Kaslo’s airport is one of 23 community and regional airports to receive funding this year through the cost-sharing program.

Through the BC Air Access Program, the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure’s cost-shares with public airports on projects such as lighting and navigational systems, terminal building expansion or upgrades, and runway improvements to allow airports to improve safety.

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Kaslo Jazzfest celebrates its 25th anniversary with the return of headliners Delhi 2 Dublin, seen here at their last Jazz Fest performance in 2011.
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Thought for Food: Food Policy Council

A joint project to create a regional food policy for the Central Kootenay has been announced by the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), Community Futures Central Kootenay and the BC Food Systems Network.

The Kootenays are abundant with food production and agricultural activities and this project aims to devise a made-in-the-Kootenays model of a food policy council that will more effectively link such endeavours across the food system, from social service agencies addressing hunger, to farming, from economic development to education, residents of the region will determine which model of council will best serve our communities.

Once established, the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council will enable effective and regular communications between local government, food initiatives, farming groups and other organizations and individuals engaged in the food system. This will help to shift the work on food systems in the region to more strategic, effective and efficient efforts, since it will be easier to identify redundant initiatives and to create effective partnerships.

“Supporting local food production is a natural fit for local government from an economic, social and health standpoint,” said RDCK-Area A Director Garry Jackman.

The council’s mandate will be broad, covering agriculture, community economic development, education, the environment, hunger, health and policy. Among members’ first duties will be to create and approve a work plan for 2017.

The project is made possible with funding from the Real Estate Foundation of BC, Interior Health, the Osprey Foundation, Community Futures Central Kootenay, and directors of the RDCK as well as the donation of time and expertise from many individuals across the region.

Improvements are coming to the Nakusp landfill this summer, as the RDCK installs a new weigh scale and develops a new public drop-off recycling facility. Currently at the Nakusp landfill, facility tipping fees are charged on the basis of the volume of waste delivered. Installation of the scale will allow the RDCK to implement weight-based charges, which are considered to be more fair to customers and will align the Nakusp landfill with industry best practices.

“We are excited about moving forward with this upgrade as it will improve service to the community,” says Ann Bunka, chair of the RDCK’s West Resource Recovery Committee. “The project will also help the RDCK to reach its zero waste goals.”

The construction contract has been awarded to KNC Construction Ltd. of Nakusp. Construction is anticipated to start August 9 with an estimated project duration of eight to ten weeks.

The Nakusp landfill will remain open throughout the construction period, and minimal disruption to the public is expected. A one-day closure of the site may be required in the late stages of the project.
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‘Still Discovering – New Ways to Play with Colour’ by Rabi’a will be showing at the Hidden Garden Gallery August 1 to 6. Rabi’a, born in Holland, came to her calling as a self-taught artist late in life and via many turns in the road; from carving river rocks, to mosaics, to glass and mirror, to ceramics, bronzes and textiles. One thing led to another and and through art we can express these feelings and understand them better and our relationship to them is altered. While creating, the peacefulness of the moment easily leads us to a deep state of education and receptivity bringing our mind and body into their natural state of balance and harmony.”

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West Kootenay Minor Lacrosse Midgets bring home silver

by Jan McMurray

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Gord Hicks
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The rolling stream of life rolls on,
but still the vacant chair
Recalls the love, the voice, the smile
of the one who once sat there
Forever in our hearts

— From everyone who knew and loved you

The Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society has unveiled its new logo, a website at www.svhousing.ca and a Facebook page.

Creation of the website was driven by the need to fundraise for the Slocan housing project, and specifically by the upcoming Hike or Bike for Housing.

“The online information, as well as our usual means of communication, all helps to raise awareness about seniors’ housing and our projects, and to promote the big Hike or Bike for Housing September 30-October 2,” said society president Rita Moir.

Board member Will Rimmer built the website, which enables people to register and raise pledges as a hiker or biker and to donate to the participant of their choice. The site includes information about the housing society’s programs, history, finances, upcoming events, and about the needs for seniors’ housing in the Slocan Valley. Tamara Smith, the society’s fundraiser/coordinator for the Slocan housing project,

created the Facebook page, which can be found at www.facebook/svhousing.

“The new logo, with a house complete with chimney and trees, gives a feeling of security and hominess,” said board member Penny Tees. “I love that it reflects our rural setting, and that our purpose and locale are prominent in the text. The board had a lot of fun honing in on what was important to include, and I think the new logo really hits the mark.”

When the finances are all in place, the housing society plans to build 12 units of affordable rental housing in the heart of Slocan, adjacent to the Wellness Centre and Library. Major funding applications are in the works, and the Hike or Bike for Housing will provide a huge impetus and show community support to all funders.

Two decades ago the society raised funds for the Passmore Lodge project with a very successful Hike for Housing. Some of those same hikers will hike again, along with many more people of all ages. This fall’s Hike or Bike should be a blast, with celebrations each day along the rail trail route.

For more information, go to www.svhousing.ca or email chair@svhousing.ca

The society wishes to thank the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission for its support and the funds for organizational work toward the Slocan project.

The Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society (SVHTS) will be doing maintenance and clearing along the Slocan Valley Rail Trail in the weeks and months ahead.

The most immediate work being done, which the community should be aware of, could begin as early as the week of July 25. Certified fallers, workers, vehicles and very noisy machinery will be present on the trail during these dates to clear marked trees encroaching along the tread-path.

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New website and logo for Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society submitted

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Student & Faculty Chamber Music Concert:
Thursday, August 4 @ 7:00 pm
Final Concerts: Friday, August 5
Percussion Showcase: 1:00 pm (Lucerne School)
Student Orchestra Concert: 4:30 pm
Trail Concert: 7:30 pm

Valhalla Summer School of Music: August 7-12
Opening Concert:
Sunday, August 7 @ 7:00 pm
VSSM Faculty Concert:
Tuesday, August 9 @ 7:00 pm
Final Concerts:
Friday, August 12 @ 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm

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The Slocan Lake Stewardship Society presents

AUGUST 6
Lakeshore Labyrinth
Geology, insects, and plants. Meet at the pullout on the west side of Hwy 6 (approx. 11 km north of New Denver). Look for the SLS sign.

Hills, 9 am -12 pm

AUGUST 13
Creatures - Big and Small
Bees, toads, insects, and plants. Meet @ the Fish Lake Rest Area on Hwy 31A.

Bear/Fish Lakes, 9 am - 12 pm

AUGUST 20
Mysteries of the Not So Deep
Aquatic insects, plants and riparian ecology. Meet @ the Expo Park parking lot in Slocan.

Slocan, 9 am-12 pm

She will be held at the

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