Slocan Valley publisher suffers catastrophic fire
by Art Joyce

Slocan Valley-based publisher Diane Morriss had been traveling in Vermont and New Hampshire with her friend and Sono Nis author Sylvia Olsen and learned of the disaster at the Montreal airport on her way home, after receiving an email from fellow Winlaw publisher Ruth Porter of Polarstar Calendars. As yet, no official report has been issued by RDCK Fire Chief Andy Bellerby. Arson has been ruled out by an insurance investigation.

Morriss’s husband Jim Brennan was returning home from running errands in Nelson when he “spotted a plume of heavy black smoke up on the mountain where we live and work, so he knew our house or the office building was on fire.” He’d left their two dogs and one cat in Morriss’s office so he rushed home to rescue the animals and call 911. Sadly the cat was hiding and did not survive. “If it was ten minutes later it could have been a different story,” says Morriss.

Brennan, with the help of several neighbours, managed to save their computers, files from two filing cabinets and other important paperwork, and some of Morriss’s artwork, including portraits of her father and grandfather by renowned Canadian artist Myfanwy Pavlicc.

The fire started in the carport, which is part of the Sono Nis complex in Winlaw that included a book warehouse, a guest suite for visiting authors and an art studio and workshop for her husband. “We used the building to store many personal items which were also lost in the fire.” The four-alarm fire burned for nearly eight hours with over 20 volunteer firefighters helping to extinguish the blaze. A water bomber was placed on standby in case flames spread to the nearby forest. Although Morriss had insurance, the tens of thousands of books lost in the fire were under-insured due to the high cost of commercial insurance.

Morriss says she was fortunate in that the business carried no debt, which will make recovery somewhat easier. With insurance, she will be able to reprint a good number of the titles and will seek alternative options for distribution. However, there are other victims of the fire – some 50 authors, many of whom rely on book sales for their livelihood. Local titles affected include The Slocan: Portrait of a Valley and The Garden That You Are by Katherine Gordon, The Third Crop by Rita Mor and Liminal, a first book of poetry by Jordan Mounteer which was due to be released in September. Sono Nis was also the distributor for Eileen Delahanty-Pearkes’ Sinixt history The Geography of Memory. Morriss lacks the capital to reprint all 150 titles that were in print, meaning many of those titles are now out of print.

Founded in 1968 by poet J. Michael Yates, Sono Nis Press was purchased in 1976 by Morriss’s father, Richard Morriss, who started Morriss Printing in Victoria with his father Charles Morriss in 1950. They became British Columbia’s best-known printer from the 1950s to the ’70s producing beautifully designed and finely printed books, many of which are highly collectable works of art. Sadly, Morriss’s large collection of those books and samples of printing were also destroyed in the fire. “It is tragic because those samples were a snapshot of Victoria in the ’50s, ’60s and ’70s. It’s a terrible loss.”

Diane took over Sono Nis when her father passed away in 1994. In 2002, she married book designer Jim Brennan and moved the business to his property in Winlaw using the money from the sale of her Victoria home to build her office and warehouse. She recently started up a knitting business called Saltbox Yarn Studio and that inventory is also lost. Despite rumours to the contrary, Morriss plans to continue Sono Nis and her yarn company. “I’m not closing the doors but will be doing things differently. It’s a new beginning. I’m not exactly sure how it’s going to shape up, but people in the book industry are coming out of the woodwork offering to help. They don’t want to see Sono Nis shut down. I’m so grateful and overwhelmed by everyone’s kindness and generosity.”

For more information visit http://www.sononis.com/about-sono-nis/press.

CBT grants $250K for Slocan Valley recreational greenway project

develop trails to join communities, schools, recreation areas, neighbourhoods, local business centres, larger trail networks and wild areas for the enjoyment of the Slocan Valley.

Craig Lawrence of the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society says, “This partnership demonstrates what can be achieved when local government and citizens work together for the betterment of their communities,” said Walter Popoff, RDCK Area H Director. “Thanks to this funding from the Trust, residents and visitors from around the region will have easier access to our incredible parks and trails system.”

The Slocan Valley will be improved and recreational opportunities in the lower Slocan Valley will be improved and expanded for park and trail users.

The CBT has awarded a $250,000 Recreation Infrastructure Grant to the Slocan Community Recreational Greenway Project, a unique partnership between the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure’s construction of a pedestrian underpass at South Slocan will provide a gateway to the Trans-Canada Trail.

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Free!
Western toad fencing project at Fish Lake promises some success

Things are hopping at Fish Lake, between New Denver and Kaslo on Hwy 31A. It’s migration time for the Fish Lake toad population. Fish Lake researchers Marcy Mahr, Cindy Walker and Wayne McCrory recently met with Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure staff to discuss the use of existing culverts or the construction of a new toad tunnel like the one at Summit Lake. Ministry officials let researchers know that any proposals for projects such as these have to be made soon, as Hwy 31A past Fish Lake will likely be re-paved next spring. "Things are moving along more quickly than we originally anticipated – this is good news for the toads!” McCrory commented.

The Fish Lake toad researchers built a temporary migration fence this season through the Fish Lake rest area. The fence directs the toads eastward to an underpass under the highway at the Goat Creek bridge. Just as the fence was completed two weeks ago, the rains triggered the first migration and thousands of toadlets used the new structure. "Much to our relief, the fence is working,” said McCrory. “Thousands of toadlets have been saved.”

However, the highway is not the only hurdle for the Fish Lake toad population. The adjacent 'Wagon Road trail' multi-use corridor also poses a mortality threat during the migration. McCrory reports that the Kaslo to Sandon Rails to Trails Society has approved short temporary closures of the trail after crossing under the highway at Goat Creek near the rest area. The largest migration of the Fish Lake toad population is at the wetlands at the west end of the lake. Here, there is no highway to cross, but there is an ATV bypass trail. Local landowner Gord Fitchett has kindly given the researchers permission to temporarily close the trail when the toadlets are migrating at this end of the lake, McCrory said.

Fish Lake researchers are also testing to see if toadlets will migrate through an existing small diameter dry culvert under Hwy 31A near the rest area. As toadlets don’t like to move through dark places, a string of LED lights has been installed in the culvert. Despite this effort, the toadlets don’t like the culvert much, McCrory says. McCrory reports that the temporary fence at Fish Lake was vandalized on August 15, when the traffic was held up due to a fatal motorcycle accident on Hwy 31A. He says that volunteer ‘toadlet ambassadors’ are now keeping a watchful eye and are helping to inform the public as well as to help monitor the toadlet migration. He says the fence will only be needed for another two to three weeks and once the toadlet migration is over, will be taken down.

“It’s sure attracted a lot of attention and public support,” McCrory says. “Hundreds of tourist and local residents are stopping at the rest area to marvel at the ecology and migratory behaviour of the toadlets.”

McCrory would like to thank the public and volunteers for their overwhelming interest and support for the project. This conservation work is being done with the support of the Columbia Basin Trust, the Valhalla Wilderness Society, Yellowstone to Yukon, and the Regional District of Central Kootenay through the Kootenay Lake Conservation Fund. YRB has donated a blue bin receptacle for returnable beverage containers at the rest stop. Proceeds go to the project.

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The Physician arrives in Nakusp through new provincial program

by Jan McMurray

A new doctor has arrived in Nakusp through the provincial Practice Ready Assessment BC (PRA-BC) program, bringing the community up to its full capacity. Dr. Oyetola has successfully completed the rigorous Practice Ready Assessment process and joins Drs. Lea, Goranson and Anchikoski at the Arrow Lakes Hospital and Saddle Mountain Medical Clinic.

Dr. Oyetola, his wife and their two young children have moved into the house purchased by the Arrow Lakes Hospital Foundation and Arrow Lakes Hospital Auxiliary in their efforts to assist with physician recruitment.

The PRA-BC program started up in 2015. It links rural and remote communities in need with internationally-trained family physicians. PRA-BC matches the internationally-trained physicians with a BC physician, who evaluates the candidate’s skills when delivering care to patients over a three-month period. Following this process, physicians are placed in communities in need.

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Physicians who have recently gone through the PRA-BC program have been placed in Nakusp, Trail, Enderby, Keremeos, and Logan Lake. This is the third cohort of physicians from the program.

$15 million for student transportation

The Ministry of Education has announced a new $14.7 million Student Transportation Fund. School District #8 (Kootenay Lake) is eligible for $419,602; School District #10 (Arrow Lakes) is eligible for $42,675.

School districts can apply for the funding to help parents with transportation costs and services, whether they use the usual yellow bus program or work with local transit operators. Districts that charge families transportation fees to be eligible for the funding and the money must be used for transportation. To be eligible, districts must submit a plan to the Ministry of Education by September 30 outlining how they will use the funding to help parents with transportation services for students and families. Districts will hear back shortly after they submit their applications on how much funding they will receive.

The amount of funding a district is eligible for is based on a formula tied to the Ministry of Education’s student location factor.
Cannings to host town hall discussions on electoral reform

MP Richard Cannings will host two town hall discussions in September, seeking views and ideas from area residents on electoral reform as part of the government’s consultations on that issue. One is in Castlegar, September 1 at 7 p.m. at the Fireside Inn Hotel & Conference Centre, 1810 8th Ave. The other will be in Penticton September 12.

“Today, I heard from a lot of constituents already about electoral reform and it is clearly a very important issue to Canadians,” said Cannings. “So I am happy to host these events in our riding and give everyone a chance to come out and be heard. I will take the voices of South Okanagan-West Kootenay back to Ottawa to be heard in this important, once-in-a-generation debate that will start in the fall.”

Those unable to attend in person who would still like to be part of these important conversations can send their views and ideas by email to Richard.Cannings@parl.gc.ca.

No plea for Skey

by Katrine Campbell

Denver Skey, charged with two counts of uttering threats to cause death or bodily harm, did not enter a plea in court August 8. The charges arose from the incident that led to the evacuation of Mt. Sentinel School and cancellation of the graduation ceremony in June.

Skey chose to be tried by judge without a jury. His lawyer, Ken Wylie, was present to summarize the issues and witnesses in Nelson court August 11. The judge will decide at a preliminary hearing whether there is enough evidence to proceed to a full trial.

MP Wayne Stetski gathers input on electoral reform

by Jan McMurray

MP Wayne Stetski stopped at the Bluebelle Café in Kaslo on August 16 on his tour through the Kootenay-Columbia riding to talk about electoral reform.

About a dozen residents gathered for lively discussion on alternatives to the First Past the Post electoral system, and on the pros and cons of mandatory voting, electronic voting, and lowering the voting age to 16.

Stetski began the session by asking the participants if they want electoral reform. The answer was a resounding yes. But the devil is definitely in the details on this issue. Four different models of proportional representation were discussed at the meeting, and participants agreed that an educational campaign is necessary.

In an interview after the group discussion, Stetski explained that the government is determined to have a different voting system in place for the 2019 federal election. “First Past the Post will not continue, and there will be no referendum,” he said. “The Conservatives are pushing for a referendum, but the Liberals say that the referendum took place at the last election on October 19, 2015, where 70% of Canadians voted for the Liberals, NDP or Greens – which all had proportional representation in their platforms.”

The government has established a Special Committee on Electoral Reform, with a mandate “to identify and study viable alternatives to the current federal electoral system, including preferential ballots and proportional representation, as well as mandatory and online voting.”

The Special Committee on Electoral Reform is accepting public input until October 7, and has a deadline of November 1 to submit a report to the House of Commons. The Liberal cabinet will then draft legislation on the proposed new electoral system. Stetski estimated that the bill would be introduced in the House in February.

The committee has invited all MPs to consult with their constituents on the issue, and to submit a report summarizing their constituents’ views. Hence Stetski’s tour to 14 communities in his riding. He says his report to the committee will include feedback that has come in via email and text as well as in person on the tour. “It’s wonderful to hear different perspectives and great ideas,” said Stetski. “My job is to be the voice for my constituents and I can only do that if I listen, so I am listening.”

MP Stetski can be contacted at wayne.stetski@parl.gc.ca, 250-354-2610 (phone), 250-354-2613 (fax), or House of Commons, Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6.

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Dear Lost Boys Collective

If you are serious about wanting feedback, please supply to this paper a postal address and telephone contact. Not everyone uses email! I have a brief letter ready for you which I don’t think needs to take up newsspace print.

Thanks

Eleanor Quirk
New Denver

No fear of nuclear power

Contrary to what Mr. Eichenauer says in his letter to the editor in the August 10 Valley Voice, there are ethics-minded nuclear engineers, and politicians who support them. In the long run, we have developed the Candu reactors, whose wastes cannot be used to make bombs. Thirty-two of the world’s 438 reactors are Candus. They use natural, from-the-minetium uranium, giving the cost of enriching it. You can safely hold a fresh Candu fuel bundle in your hands. I assume they are talking about a bundle made from natural uranium because they can also use spent fuel from another reactor, slightly enriched uranium, breed fuel from thorium, and burn weapons grade plutonium (Wikipedia). They are the most efficient of all reactors, using 15% less uranium for each MW electricity produced. They have a 60-year life expectancy with refurbishing after 30. Major components like fuel channels are accessible for repairs when needed. Maintenance and refueling can be done during on power operation.

There is also the Enhanced Candu 6 for replacements of old reactors fighting global warming like the CANDU. After Chernomy in 1986, support for nuclear energy in Germany turned negative. The immediate result was to terminate research and development in their nuclear program while Atomic Energy Canada continued with R+D+D and developed the Candus. If you have a problem accepting nuclear energy go to: hirohimsayondrome.com.

Ed Zak
Nakusp

Open letter to MLA Katrine Conroy re: chemtrails

For almost two months now there have been no chemtrails. The skies have been blue and clear and the clouds puffy and delightfully normal. My digestion healed, my sinuses cleared, my lips and mouth no longer tasted of metals and I thought: "Finally! They’ve stopped their geoengineering and have seen sense."

But no. On Friday, August 12, it started again. Chemtrails are once again laying the sky leaving a strange haze and once again my joints ache, my digestion is struggling and I am angry!

We need answers to this abusive assault on our bodies and the environment. The time for pretending is over. I want answers!

Why is the government allowing this? Who is behind this?

20 years ago when people started talking about this, I thought they were all fringe dwellers and neurotic. But now they have seminars about chemtrails at Simon Fraser and many doctors are labelling the symptoms I suffer as ‘chemtrail flu.’

I trust and respect you Katrine and I therefore request that you find some real answers to this pollution. The metals are poisoning the earth and us, and it needs to come out into the open and be discussed and not continually brushed away as rumours.

Constance A De Blasi
Nakusp

Recent Ad: “Request for Comments on Residential Inclining Block Electric Rates.”

For those of you who saw this ad and who, like myself, wondered what the heck this techno-jargon means... but suspected it might be seeking public input regarding our dramatic increase in BC Hydro rates some of us have experienced the past few years... and then went online to even more confused... yes, that is what this is all about!

Indeed, if you seek out “all of the documents related to this matter,” you’ll find that this was formalized on the British Columbia Utilities Commission website, to be prepared to be even more confused and frustrated. I am a professional biologist but I can tell you that you will need a PhD and several hours to understand really what they are seeking from the public. Talk about a public input process paid for by the taxpayer’s designer to, in my opinion, deliberately obfuscate, confuse and fail in its intent.

My letter of complaint to the Commissioner as to this flawed public input process fell on deaf ears but they did clarify, several days after the August 15 expiry date, what they meant by “Seeking comments on BC Hydro Inclining Block Electric Rates.” Here’s what they said:

“Residential two-tier electricity rates: Most residents in BC pay for electricity on a two-tier rate (known as a residential inclining block rate or a residential conservation rate). Under the two-tier rates, customers pay a lower price for electricity consumed up to a threshold and a higher price for electricity consumed above the threshold. These two-tier rates were implemented by BC Hydro and FortisBC between 2008 and 2012. Before the two-tier rates were implemented residents in BC paid one price for all electricity they consumed.

The BCUC’s RIB Rate Report Process: The BC Minister of Energy and Mines has asked the BCUC to report to the Government on the impact of these two-tier rates on customers in regions without access to natural gas. We are seeking comments from residents of BC who do not have access to natural gas and their awareness of ways to mitigate any impacts. Comments are requested by August 15, 2016.

BC Hydro and FortisBC will be filing reports on September 16, 2016 with their data on impacts. Parties with knowledge of the residential inclining block rates can become stakeholders. Stakeholders will be given an opportunity to comment on the utilities’ reports and on the BCUC’s draft report to government.

More information about the process is available at the following link: http://www.bcuc.com/ApplicationView.aspx?ApplicationId=506

Reluctantly at this attempt at clarification, they then sent me another email stating they for got to let me know the deadline had been extended to September 2. And, yes, then we can even become ‘stakeholders’ once we get this knowledge.

For me, it is a matter of BC Hydro introducing a new two-tier rate that has led to significant and unacceptable increases in BC Hydro bills for some of us compared to the single tier rate, and I gather this has happened to many. They also want us to provide suggestions/solutions. A good one might be to stop billing BC residential customers to pay for huge overruns and budget deficits engendered by the deferred hydro costs the government recently granted to mining companies.

Wayne P. McCorry
Hills
New Denver council, August 9: Council doesn’t budge on plan for vault toilets

by Katrine Campbell

• Three people attended the August 9 meeting to find out how council would handle the petition and a letter against the plans for a vault toilet at the bottom of Sixth Ave (Main St.) as part of the Trail Network Connections Project. They were disappointed and frustrated after the petitions were received with no action. At the end of the meeting, the three people, Brenda, Sterling, and Kelly Wright – asked why the mayor and council wouldn’t change their stance.

• “Many people have concerns,” said Becker. “I think the council should have a chance. I’m not happy with it and I wish council would reconsider.”

Mayor Ann Bunka said the original plan for the Mori Trail upgrades and trail construction was approved after “lots of discussions” with everyone.

“We listened to a lot of discussion. Council will not be moved from its decision.” She added she was surprised there wasn’t a lot of attention paid during the early stage of planning.

CAO Bruce Woodward also sounded frustrated when he said “People are not coming to council meetings, they’re not reading agendas, they’re not paying attention. Then when we start implementing programs, they say they didn’t know.”

Wright said she felt the core of the problem was in the language. “People didn’t understand what a ‘vault toilet’ is. They call them pit toilets.”

Parry suggested fundraising to buy all-terrain vehicles to flush toilets at the Bosun Hall.

“We’d be delighted!” said Bunka, “but we can’t guarantee it will happen in the next couple of years. The vault toilets are a stopgap.”

• Bunka reported on her recent activities. On July 29, she rode with Kevin Richter, assistant deputy minister from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and some local ministry staff on a tour of Hwy 6 between Rosebery and Silverton. She pointed out where the road was sloughing away towards the lake. They then met with Nakusp Mayor Karen Hanling, Silverton Councilor Leah Main and Village staff and discussed a plan to fix the highway “with the understanding that it could not be done all at once.”

She added “it was good to get them here – pushing on a bruise seemed to help.”

In September at UBCM she will meet with Minister Todd Stone. On July 30, Bunka and Councilor Heather Fox met with MP Richard Cannings and his wife Margaret and took the Nikkiet Intermemorial Centre.

• Council approved the recommendation of the Fire Department Committee to proceed with the purchase of a triple combination fire engine as per the proposal submitted by Azard Fire Trucks Ltd.

• Council authorized the mayor to sign the RCMP Annual Performance Plan, which outlines the Kootenay Boundry Regional Detachment’s performance and planned activities.

The Village will support the RDCK’s grant application for this season’s provincial wood stove exchange program, which provides residents with financial assistance to offset the cost of buying a new, efficient wood stove.

• Council received information about the report on the Trail Network Connections Project’s progress, the revenue and expense report, Water Smart Ambassador’s report and second quarter staff report.

RDCK board, August 18: West Kootenay Transit ridership up

by Jan McMurray

• Reports from BC Transit show an increase in ridership on the regional transit system. In 2015-16, ridership was up 9.6% on BC Transit services in the West Kootenay Lake system, and 25% on the Health Connection bus. Revenue increased 6.2%, and operating costs were up 4.4%.

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United Church joins Jumbo coalition in support of Ktunaxa

by Art Joyce

The Ktunaxa Nation Council is getting some help from the Kootenay Presbytery of the United Church of Canada in its legal battle to stop the Jumbo Resort development.

In what Kootenay Presbytery Chair Keith Simmonds well sees as a landmark move, the church is combining forces with the Canadian Muslim Lawyers Association and the South Asian Legal Clinics of Ontario to intervene on behalf of the Ktunaxa in the upcoming Supreme Court of Canada case.

A statement from the Canadian Muslim Lawyers Association explains: “As lawyers of faith, we think it is our duty to support the protection of fundamental religious freedoms for other faiths.” Lawyers are offering their services pro bono in the case.

Spirit of Slocan welcomes all to first Family Fair Day

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Although the Kootenay Presbytery had already issued a statement of support for the Ktunaxa in 2012, the current move goes beyond moral support. To consult,” says Powell. “The Ktunaxa view the sacredness of the Qat’muk... as a place with a park like setting... outdoor gathering and visitation... the core of the problem that was in... the heart of the human story that... a core system to... a council... the sacredness of the Qat’muk... as a place... to visit... People are not coming... to pay for the preferred option,... that’s possible to gain forgiveness.”

Ktunaxa Nation spokespersons were unavailable for comment by press time.

Parades will leave from Legion to Expo Park at 10:00 AM

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Foresty Worker Positions Available
Slocan council, August 8: Microhydro and seniors housing projects top of mind

by Barbara Curry Malecha

• Council decided the microhydro and seniors’ housing projects are the main issues to discuss with provincial ministers at the UBCM (Union of BC Municipalities) convention in September. Mayor Jessica Lunn commented that the microhydro project “seems to be stuck” with the Ministry of Forestry, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations. She said there had been “no movement for a year and a half” to approve permits for the project, and “we need to figure out why.”

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Mayor Lunn agreed and added, “The Valley school ‘really kind of bizarre.’

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- Members of the public in attendance at the meeting questioned the aboriginal acknowledgement that meetings are now opened with. Concern was strongly voiced regarding the possibility of it being used in future land claims. Council acknowledged concerns but pointed out the non-specific wording and its widespread use in local government.

- Council received Doug Morrison as a delegation, who presented his fears regarding acid rock drainage from the Willa Mine. Morrison is concerned about the creation of a low-grade pyrite ore, the mine is situated south of Silverton in Area H. Council leaching. The mine is situated south of Silverton in Area H. Council advised Morrison to take his concerns of Silverton to the Ministry of Energy and Mines, and the Ministry of Environment.

- Councilor Main reported that Kevin Richter, Ministry of Transportation Assistant Deputy Minister, accompanied New Denver Mayor Rick Miller on a high-speed tour of the area. Richter agreed that a multi-year plan is required to address the issues, with initial focus on repairing areas with serious erosion problems.

- The CAO reported that results of grant applications for the Silverton Gallery and playground projects will be known in September. Tennis court repairs have been completed, and the Tennis Court Repair Committee will disband at its next regular meeting.

- Mayor Clarke accepted an invitation from the Spirit of Slocan Foundation to attend a Labour Day parade and picnic in the Village of Slocan on Saturday, September 3. The parade will start on Harold Street at the old mill site at 10 am.

- The 2015 annual report and financial statements were adopted. The report highlights council’s work on asset management, including eco-assets and the continuing work on grant applications to re-open the Silverton Gallery and improve Village infrastructure. The Gas Tax Annual Expenditure Report showed a balance of over $379,001 in unspent funds.

- Village finances remain healthy.

- The Kootenay Boundary Regional Detachment RCMP 2016/17 performance plan was reviewed and endorsed by council. The report states that domestic violence remains a significant problem and that the RCMP is concentrating on property crime and the proliferation of illegal drug activity. The issue of road safety has also been identified as a community concern.

- The Quarterly Crime Statistics for the Slocan Lake area were released in the mayor’s report and corroborated the RCMP performance plan findings, with assaults, sexual offences, break and enters, thefts, and drug investigations all up over the year before.

- Council received correspondence from the Local Economic Development in BC 2016 Survey, which counted business retention and expansion as priorities, and lack of financial and human resources as the largest internal challenges to rural BC communities.

- The BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) is to report to the BC government on the impact of BC Hydro and Fortis BC’s residential inclining block electricity rates on customers without access to natural gas. The commission is gathering information from residential customers regarding awareness of the impacts and ways to mitigate them. Contact BCUC by phone at 1-866-633-1385 or by e-mail at Commission.Secretary@bcuc.com.

- The Village public works department hired a summer student for eight weeks of training and work experience through the 2016 Canada Summer Jobs program.
by Jan McMurray

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was a water main break between Advisory because an animal got into a secondary reservoir. The second incident was more serious – there was a main water break between the water treatment plant and the compressor. The CAO reported that Public Works had difficulty accessing the area to do the repair, so they will be addressing this access problem. Compressor equipment is between $5,000 and $10,000 had to be purchased to repair the break. The existing purchasing policy restricts the CAO and foreman to expenditures of $5,000; this policy will be reviewed.

Council agreed to set up a meeting with North Kootenay Lake Arts & Heritage Council, the Chamber of Commerce, and interested businesses to discuss the issue of public toilet access downtown. The CAO assured council that “interested businesses” would be contacted and invited.

Mountain Kings Service has applied for a Temporary Licence of Occupation for two parking stalls in front of the take-out food establishment. Councillor Smith has informed the owner by letter that the base annual cost per parking space is $500. There is also a one-time $100 application fee.

A letter from Sheila Claren堡es council’s attention to the potholes on 4th Street, and requests either paving of the street from the highway down to Birch Ave as well as of Birch Ave, or to return 4th Street to a proper dirt road until paving is possible. This letter was referred to Committee of the Whole Finance.

The CAO reported that there had been significant floor damage at the library from two recent flood events. The insurer has assessed the damage to be under $10,000 in value, with $5,000 deductible. Council agreed to withdraw $5,000 from the Reserve Fund, which had established in 2014, to cover the deductible. Council also agreed to replenish the Contingency Reserve Fund ($25,000) that the CAO asked council to consider whether or not $10,000 is enough for this fund, as there is a $25,000 deductible on more major repairs.

The Village nominated the Langham Cultural Centre Provincial Heritage Site as a Japanese Historic Place. This is a Heritage BC program.

A delegation from the Kootenay Smoke Free Coalition attended to ask council to consider creating a smoke-free bylaw. The coalition would help the Village develop the bylaw and create an information/education campaign. Council took no action on this issue at this meeting.

Council was advised that the first of two 2016/17 installments of Community Works (gas tax) funds would soon be transferred to the Village. This first installment is almost $48,000.

Kaslo council, August 9: Water main break occurs over long weekend

by Jan McMurray

The Kaslo Saturday Market was able to sign on to the Farmers’ Market Nutrition Coupon program this year. The program provides $15 worth of coupons to recipients from the Kaslo area every Saturday. The coupons are redeemable for fresh food at the Kaslo Saturday Market, and at any participating farmers’ market in the area.

“The we’re happy to be part of it,” said Patric Steinen, Food Security Coordinator at the Kaslo Food Hub. “It’s great for the recipients – they get $15 worth of fresh food per week for 16 weeks, so that’s $240 worth over the course of the summer. And it’s great for the farmers – we get extra into the Farmers’ Market with the coupon every week. So it works well for everyone.”

The program is focused on providing food of high nutritional value to lower-income families, pregnant women, and seniors. “That’s a stipulation of the program,” explains Steiner. “So even though there are other deserving people, we can only give the coupons to people from those three groups.”

The goal of the program is to make local farmers’ market a must be a member of the BC Association of Farmers’ Markets and must partner with a community organization that is working on fresh food issues. The community partner hands out the coupons to people participating in its food programs.

Steiner explained that the Kaslo Market and Food Hub tried to sign on a couple of years ago, but they were put on a waiting list because the program was full. This year, the province provided $1 million in extra funding to the program. Steiner says it’s thanks to the extra funding that Kaslo and five other Kootenay farmers’ markets were accepted into the program.

Last year, when Kaslo was still on the waiting list, the Food Hub decided to run its own market coupon program. Steiner said they received funding from the Village of Kaslo and area residents who were able to provide $10 per week per recipient. The program has been in place since January and administered by the Ministry of Health. This year’s extra $1 million was provided by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Kaslo Saturday Market participates in coupon program submitted by JH

Kaslo area residents will be able to make doctor appointments on Saturdays and Sundays as of September 3 and 4.

Emergency department hours, however, remain the same: Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. The expansion to the current weekday service at the primary care clinic at Victorian Community Health Centre is made possible through an agreement reached between local physicians, the Doctors of BC (BC Medical Association), and Interior Health.

Under the agreement, the weekend service will start Saturday, September 3, and be trialed for a four-month period. If all goes well during the trial period, Interior Health and the physicians will evaluate the service based on how often weekend primary care is being used and the physicians will evaluate whether or not it should continue into the future.

Individuals who wish to book an appointment to see their doctor on weekends, the weekend should contact Health Centre staff at 250-353-2291 ext. 5 during regular weekday business hours (9 am-5 pm, Monday to Friday). Weekend access to the health centre will be through the upstairs entrance to the site (off 7th Street). There will also be access to some walk-in appointments for non-acute medical issues on weekends. Depending on the number of booked appointments and same-day patients, physicians may not be able to see all patients who come to the health centre without an appointment. All efforts will be made to accommodate patients, but Interior Health urges people to book appointments through the regular practice number.

Kaslo and area residents who require emergency care outside regular weekday Emergency Department hours can call 9-1-1. If individuals are unsure of their care needs, they are encouraged to call HealthLink BC at 8-1-1 (24-hour service), to speak to a nurse.

Newfoundland film shows Kaslo how to get a doctor

by JH

The Canadian award-winning comedy film is about the townfolk of Tickle Head, Newfoundland, tricking a big-city physician into thinking she is his patient. The film, which has been well-received by critics, explores how to attract doctors to live here, you are encouraged to attend the AGM.

It’s also time to renew your membership, or become a new member, the cost is $10/year, sustaining membership $100/year, students are free. The society will soon launch its corporate sponsorship program. Annual membership costs have been increased to $500 silver, $2,000 gold, and $5,000 platinum. The funds raised will go to expenses such as rent, renovations and equipment upgrades.

Send a cheque to Box 1215, Kaslo, BC, V0G 1M0. Any donations in excess of $10 will receive a tax deductible receipt. If you have any questions, email kaslomed@yahoo.ca, or call 250-353-7755.

David Hugh Herbison

November 19, 1947- July 12, 2016

David Hugh Herbison was born on November 19, 1947 in Comox, B.C., the third child and only son of Agnes and Hugh Herbison. He grew up loving music and was musically talented and unexpectedly on July 12.

David’s childhood was spent on the B.C. coast and in Nelson, but from the age of 14, Agenta was his permanent home. He attended Jewett School and the Agenta Friends School. After attending Selkirk College David worked for the Vancouver Children’s Aid Society, at a transition house for troubled teenagers. The job equipped him with excellent inter-personal skills and for the Vancouver Children’s Aid Society, at a transition house for troubled teenagers. The job equipped him with excellent inter-personal skills and deepened his compassion for humanity, qualities that informed his attitude and actions for the rest of his life.

From an early age, music was an important part of David’s life. He was an accomplished boy soprano, and throughout his adult life sang as a tenor, enjoying both classical and traditional folk music. He was frequently heard in performances of Handel’s Messiah and the sang the roles of Rudolfo in Puccini’s La Boheme and Tamino in Mozart’s Magic Flute with the Nelson Community Opera, and performed several lead roles in productions of Gilbert and Sullivan operas in Agenta. He also enjoyed making music with his daughters and accompanied their fiddle tunes on guitar, often playing at local events and dances. He served as the Agenta Postmaster for 13 years, and whether as Postmaster, president of the Community Association, or for the Kootenay Lake Community choir, David was always interested in people, was a sympathetic listener, kindly to everyone and generous with his time. People loved David, and so did animals – he raised goats for many decades, and it was not uncommon to see David in the company of at least one dog. He was an enthusiastic hockey player, and his Sunday afternoon games were a highlight of his week. He was a central and beloved figure in the Agenta community.

David is survived and greatly missed by his partner Noemi Kiss, his daughters Brynne, Vida and Poppy, his former wife Rachel Ross, his sisters Katehe, Wendy and Brenda, Nancey, his nieces and great nieces and nephews.

A celebration of David’s life will be held at the Agenta Community Hall on September 2nd at 3:00 pm. All are welcome.
Microhomes present solution to housing affordability

by Jan McMurray

An emerging solution to the problem of housing affordability is the ‘microhome.’ One of these homes is currently being built in New Denver by Small House Innovation out of Argenta.

Small House Innovation owner Chandler Rogers started out as a timber framer in Meadow Creek. “I loved working with wood but I got tired of building huge homes that were often wasteful and left empty much of the time.” He decided to start his own company in hopes of attracting a clientele that shared his love of wood and small house living.

With the economy the way it is, Rogers thinks tiny homes are catching on in a big way. “As the boomers approach retirement, they are realizing they can’t afford that big retirement home anymore,” he said. The low dollar, coupled with the new building code requirements have sent construction costs through the roof.

Although the construction cost per square foot for a microhome are higher than for a larger home, the total building costs are obviously much lower. And due to high energy efficiency, the operating costs of a microhome are much lower, as well.

The building code and municipal bylaws are a source of frustration when designing and building microhomes, Chandler says. “It’s too bad they can’t get ahead of the curve a bit. These houses have a very small carbon footprint – they should be making it easier to build them. But instead, because the code is written for larger residences, it’s often challenging to make it work for smaller spaces.”


‘Mediterranean’ photography exhibit at Studio Connexion

submitted

Patrizia Menton’s fine art photography exhibition ‘Mediterranean’ runs from August 30 to September 17 at Studio Connexion Gallery in Nakusp. The opening reception will take place Friday, September 2 from 5 to 8 pm.

Menton was born in Italy and grew up there and in Germany. Not long after her post-secondary schooling in Milan, she moved to Canada and chose Hills as her home. There, she discovered her passion for photography, leading to her study of print making in Vancouver.

She has exhibited in Italy and Canada, and her work has been published in two photographic books. ‘Mediterranean’ will be her second solo show at Studio Connexion Gallery. The first, ‘Women,’ was a beautiful series of photographs of women from countries around the world. Curator Anne Béliveau says she was really pleased when the artist accepted her second invitation.

Menton explained the new show gives a special focus to the Italian and French Mediterranean region, its light and colours. She has compiled a large archive of photographs over many winters immersed in this Mediterranean landscape, and is particularly fond of architecture and drawn to the beauty of intimate details.

Studio Connexion Gallery, at 203 Fifth Ave NW, is an official venue of the ALFA Art Walk. Open Tuesday to Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm; private appointments can be arranged by calling 250-265-3586 or -8888. Follow the gallery at facebook.com/studioconnexion.
by Katrine Campbell

Twenty years after it was built, the replica Kaslo & Sandon railway station in Sandon will finally be put to use.

The grand reopening of the K&S station as a winter warming shelter took place August 20. The afternoon and evening celebration included historical guided walks, a kids’ scavenger hunt, a family bike ride, and a K&S mountain trail bike ride for more experienced riders. Participants were asked to bring a contribution for a potluck, and Freya (Martine DenBok and Noel Fudge) provided the music.

The building was constructed in 1996, one of the historic structures rebuilt in an aborted effort to bring the ghost town back as a tourist attraction. It is owned by the Province, and Mike Koolen of the North Slocan Trails Society says there was no problem getting permission to use it. Volunteers installed several church pews from the Turner Memorial Church in New Denver, tables and chairs, and a woodstove.

The society will co-manage the shelter with Recreation Sites and Trails BC, and will look after the maintenance.

“The building was boarded up for 20 years,” Koolen says. “Frank Barnes was grooming the trail in winter, with the help of the society and the Valhalla Hills Nordic Ski Club. We found a lot of people were coming up to cross-country ski, so we looked into opening the building as a warming shelter.”

Eventually, the society plans to install lighting for those dark winter afternoons. Members want to promote the historical value as well, with old photos on the walls and artifacts on display.

“Whether you’re skiing, hiking, biking, sledding or quadding, the K&S Station shelter is available for you to rest and warm up. It’s not set up for overnight use, though, and as it’s part of the community – the neighbours will be keeping an eye on it.”

Koolen paid tribute to the volunteers, particularly Sandon resident Frank Barnes and Cody resident Rob Kozarchuk for all the work they put in, as well as the Columbia Basin Trust for funding.

Volunteers provide warm welcome for cold skiers

Rosebery Regatta – the annual homemade toy boat race in Rosebery Bay!

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Rain or Shine! Bring lifejackets, lunch or snacks, an assorted fix-it kit and prepare to indulge in nautical antics! Come on out for one or all races to win the: Rosebery Cup, the Commodore’s Cup and other possible assorted maritime prizes.

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Trials beginning around 11 am. In accordance with Regatta tradition the decision of the judges may be final - depending on incentives offered!

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Another successful Valhalla Fine Arts season comes to an end

by Jan McMurray

It was another great season for the Valhalla Fine Arts programs in New Denver-Silverton this summer. These arts programs bring top-notch instructors to the community, offering exceptional opportunities for participants—and the public performances are a treat for all who attend.

The theatre, dance, and Music Explorer programs took place in July. The Suzuki Valhalla Institute (SVI) program ran the first week of August, followed by the Valhalla Summer School of Music (VSSM) the second week of August.

About 60 children participated in the dance and theatre programs, 12 in the Music Explorers program, 100 in the Suzuki program, and almost 100 in the VSSM program.

The Suzuki camp filled to capacity much earlier than usual this year. “It’s become very popular,” commented Miranda Hughes of SVI.

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“We have fantastic hikers and bikers like Lydia Kania, Don Currie, Corky Evans, and we expect a special appearance by Betty Windsor herself in her finest walking tweeds and crown. We have a great website at www.
vilhousing.ca where people can sign up to hike or bike or to make pledges. Or people can call me at (250) 226-7759 and we’ll get pledge sheets to them.

“You’d love people to come to the AGM, for the social with food and photos at 6 pm, and then for the meeting at 7 pm. The public’s involvement is crucial to our success.”

Seniors’ Housing Society promotes Hike or Bike at AGM

submitted

The upcoming Hike or Bike for Housing and updates on the Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society’s AGM September 13 at Passmore Lodge.

“We’ve moved so far on the Slocan project. We’re shovel ready if funds come through, and now the community is preparing to hike or bike to help raise money for the new housing,” said society president Rita Moir. “We are proud to run Passmore Lodge and its success punctuates the need for more seniors’ housing. There are only 20 units in the Slocan Valley, where half the population is over 50 years old.”

Along with many housing societies in BC, the Slocan Valley group has applied for new funds that have opened up through BC Housing, the first available for projects of this type in many years.

“We’ve done our homework, we’ve put in a very solid application, we have the support of all our local, provincial and federal representatives,” said Moir.

“We’re hopeful, but the competition and need is fierce for this first round of funds. We’re in this for the long term and it may take time.”

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The Valhalla Fine Arts Drama and Dance programs were held in July in New Denver-Silverton, with performances on July 15 and 22. About 60 children aged 6-15 participated, benefitting from professional instruction by actors Julie Lyne Mothesen and Mark Kunji Ikeda, and dancers Glynnis Waring and Slava Doval. The Music Explorers program also ran in July with 12 participants aged 4-6, with instruction by professional singer and music educator Holly Colbough and New Denver resident Julie Greenlaw.

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Can philosophy really exist in the 120-character Twitterverse? Is it possible to engage deep ideas in the context of a funny coming-of-age story? Ken Clatterbaugh, a retired philosophy professor from Port Townsend, Washington, thinks so. He will launch his novel, *The Freedom of Will*, at New Denver’s Knox Hall on September 6 from 7 to 9 pm.

William James ‘Will’ Tillit, the story’s protagonist, is an abandoned child from east Texas raised by his loving aunt and uncle, devout evangelical siblings who are determined to do their best by their young nephew. Will has his own conversations with God, but his god sounds nothing like that of his guardians. Will’s deity is insightful, but he’s also sarcastic, and downright grumpy.

Needless to say, Will keeps these conversations to himself. His name in the book’s title is a double entendre on a key concept debated by philosophers for millennia, but the focus here is on a well-told story.

“The one hand, the novel is a fun, light read,” says editor Kevin Miller. “On the other hand, it doesn’t shy away from deep philosophical and theological debate, and the humorous characters and situations leaven things just enough so that such moments do not feel heavy-handed or contrived.”

The day arrives for Will to leave home and make his own way in the world. His ticket out? A job at the Bible-inspired Galilee Theme Park in west Texas, run by none other than Reverend Shister. But Will’s passage to Galilee is far from a simple A to Z trip. Sideline by a tornado, a beautiful young woman, and a group of religious doomsday preppers bent on surviving – or ushering in – Armageddon, Will comes to realize that perhaps faith, like life, is not about the destination; it’s about the journey.

*The Freedom of Will* is an absurdly comic coming of age tale about falling in and out of faith and how we come to be who we are through the influence of those around us. Whether kindly aunts and uncles, a possibly atheistic hamster, lesbian nuns committed to social justice, likeable convicted felons, or a gourmet chef who claims to get his recipes from outer space, there’s something to learn from everyone, if only we have the grace to accept the people life throws our way, and the will to listen.

Ken Clatterbaugh has always been interested in the dynamic interplay between religion, society, and philosophy. He channelled that interest into a 46-year career as a professional philosopher, most recently at the University of Washington. Over the years, he has authored a monograph on Leibniz, two editions of a book on masculinity in modern culture, and a book on causation in 17th century philosophy. Now retired, he believes that people learn best by thinking carefully about the reasons they cherish certain ideas and by never forgetting to find the humour around them.

Ken and his wife Linda live in Port Townsend, a seaport artist community and shipbuilding town located on the Quimper Peninsula and have enjoyed summers in the Slocan Valley for the past 26 years. They share their home with a sometimes loving, often cranky cat named Sidney and the ghosts of many dogs, cats, guinea pigs, and a cockatilke, all of whom lived to a ripe old age and made Ken and Linda laugh and cry.

*The Freedom of Will* is Ken’s first novel.

To order the book online visit friesenpress.com/bookstore/title/1197340000024293577.
Nakusp to receive $10,000 Rural Dividend submitted

The Village of Nakusp will receive $10,000 from the BC Rural Dividend program. The money will be used for the fourth phase of the Spr建档立卡 (SDR) Conservation Action Plan, which will focus on the development of educational resources and community programs.

The Village of Nakusp is the only community in the Nakusp and Area Community Forest (NACFOR) to be part of the Rural Dividend program, and this is the first year Nakusp will receive funding under this initiative.

The Rural Dividend program is a provincial initiative that provides funding to communities to support local economic development and create jobs. The program is administered by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

Nakusp is a community of approximately 1,500 people located on Nakusp Lake in the Arrow Lakes region of British Columbia. The village is home to a number of local businesses, including a ski resort, a marina, and a variety of other services.

The Village of Nakusp is part of the Nakusp and Area Community Forest (NACFOR), which is a community-based forest management organization. NACFOR is one of the largest community-based forest management organizations in British Columbia, managing over 200,000 ha of forest land.

The Rural Dividend program is an important source of funding for communities in the Arrow Lakes region, and it is hoped that Nakusp will be able to use this funding to support local economic development and create jobs for residents in the area.

The Village of Nakusp is grateful for the support of the Rural Dividend program and looks forward to using this funding to support local economic development and create jobs for residents in the area.
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The Nelson & District Credit Union, Capital City Credit Union, Nelson & Area Kootenay Community Services, the Community Services Centre, the Kootenay Seniors Service Provider Group, a project of Nelson CARES’ Age Friendly Community Initiative.

It was launched last year, led by the Kootenay Seniors Services Provider Group, a project of Nelson CARES’ Age Friendly Community.

The fair is on Friday, September 2, there will be a dress sale from 10 to 3 with proceeds going to the Hidden Garden Gallery.

A reception for ‘Gender Transgressions and My (ut)opia at the Hidden Garden Gallery August 29 to September 3.

The Climate Leadership Plan will be further updated over the coming year, in response to work underway between the federal government and the provinces and territories to develop a pan-Canadian approach to climate action. That work, under the Vancouver Declaration announced in March, covers four different areas of climate action including: Clean technology, innovation, and jobs; Specific mitigation opportunities; Adaptation and climate resilience; and Carbon pricing mechanisms.

The Nelson & Area Kootenay Seniors Fair is an annual event celebrating Nelson’s seniors’ services including health, community services, transportation, housing, active living and social participation. There will also be on-site health services, participation in a production of dance and yoga demonstrations, transit orientations aboard a bus, musical performances and much more.

There are still vendor tables available for volunteers are needed to help on event day. For information about the 2016 Kootenay Seniors Fair, including inquiries about vendor tables or volunteering, please contact Corrine at 250-352-2708, ext. 11 or seniorsproject@nelsoncares.ca.

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**BUS ROUTES & TIMES**

If you are a new bus student or family and you have not already completed the online school survey, please contact your school directly between August 29 – September 2 to arrange for bus pickup at your child's stop and to register for bus transportation through the year.

**STUDENTS RIDING SCHOOL BUSES MUST BE AT THEIR STOP 5 MINUTES PRIOR TO POSTED BUS ARRIVAL TIME.**

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**VEHICLE OPERATORS: September 6, 2016 will be the official opening of school for & School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes) 2016/17 session. We would like to remind motorists to watch out for children walking to school or waiting for school buses.**

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Benefit reading for cyber-extorted author

submitted

A benefit reading August 26 aims to support a noted Nelson author and publisher whose computer was frozen and access to files blocked in April by cyber extortionists. The reading will feature Ernest Hekkanen, who has refused to pay the ransom demanded, as well as brief readings by three contributors to Hekkanen’s award-winning literary magazine, New Orphic Review. A local computer expert, whose career has included a stint as a disaster recovery consultant, will speak about how ransomware works and how computer users can protect themselves from it.

The benefit reading will be held at 7:30 pm in Room 310 of Selkirk College’s Kootenay Studio Arts building, 606 Victoria St., Nelson. Admission is by donation, with Hekkanen awarding a copy of one of his published books of fiction or nonfiction to anyone donating $20 or more. The money raised by the benefit will go to offset the costs of replacing Hekkanen’s computer, and of leasing a layout program to allow him to continue publishing the magazine.

Reading with Hekkanen will be Kootenay authors Linda Crosfield, a former featured poet in New Orphic Review, along with Ross Klatte, whose memoir Leaving the Farm was published in 2007. Also reading will be Diana Morita Cole, whose 2015 memoir, Sideways: Memoir of a Misfit, follows her life after being born in an Idaho internment camp for Japanese-Americans.

“He’d just finished emailing a friend on April 28,” Hekkanen said, “when hundreds of webpage images began to flicker at lightning speed across the screen. The icons on my desktop were seized by a mantis-looking thingamajig, followed by a message printed in white on a black background, informing me that my computer had been taken over and my files wouldn’t be returned to me without paying a hefty ransom.”

Hekkanen said the sum demanded was several thousand dollars. The extortionists’ message informed him that the longer he took to respond, the more money would be required to restore his computer.

Keeping history alive in the Slocan Valley

submitted

The Slocan Valley Historical Society invites residents to help keep their history alive. Formed in 2011, the society is dedicated to preserving and promoting the rich history of the lower Slocan Valley.

The society is undertaking a number of initiatives, including installing interpretive signage around the Village of Slocan at historically significant sites; developing a Slocan walking tour; publishing a book; expanding its website; hosting a presentation this fall on Slocan Valley sawmills; and creating a logo.

The society would like valley residents’ ideas on a logo concept. Submit your idea by September 30 to jaj@netidea.com; the winner will receive two books on local history.

Society members will participate in Slocan’s Labour Day celebration on September 3. Look for their float in the parade and stop by the table, where they’ll be selling books, bags and memberships for $10 per person. Drop by and talk to West Kootenay historian Greg Nesteroff.

For more information, please contact Joyce Johnson at jaj@netidea.com.