Busiest bear year in recent memory in the West Kootenay

by Jan McMurray

It’s an extraordinarily busy bear year for the Conservation Officer Service, with 20-60 calls coming into the RAPP line daily since mid-August for the West Kootenay zone.

“Not every year is like this,” said Ben Beetlestone, a Conservation Officer for 16 years in the area. “We’ve had busy bear years before, but only in certain areas – not throughout the entire West Kootenay region like we’re having this year.”

Beetlestone says it’s a combination of several factors that create the conditions for a year like this one. “There was a poor huckleberry crop at high elevations in most areas, and the rest of the vegetation that’s a natural food source for the bears is poor because of the dry conditions. There’s minimal natural food out there in the forest. It’s all dried up and has no nutritional value.

“When you have grizzlies coming into town, that’s unusual. That’s a sure sign that they are struggling to find food in the wild.”

The Conservation Officer Service (COS) has trapped five grizzly bears in our area so far this year – one male in Silverton, one sow in Meadow Creek, and a sow and two cubs in Glade.

The grizzly trapped in Silverton in the early morning of Friday, August 16 was relocated 100 kilometres away on Saturday, September 17. The Glade grizzlies were relocated in mid-August and have not been seen since. The grizzly trapped in Meadow Creek was moved 65 kilometres away but found its way back to the Meadow Creek spawning channel 12 days later.

West Kootenay COS Sergeant Cynthia Mann explained that they prefer to relocate grizzly bears within their territory, which is about 25 square kilometres. However, the Silverton and Meadow Creek grizzlies were relocated beyond the edge of their territories; the COS considered available natural food sources and the behaviour the bears displayed in the communities in making this decision. After they are trapped, the bears are tranquilized, and the adults are ear tagged and sometimes radio collared.

Beetlestone says Conservation Officers can issue orders and fines, but education is the most effective way to gain compliance from people to manage their attractants. “We’re trying to prevent bears from being destroyed – we’re not trying to issue fines,” he says.

After a black bear had to be euthanized in Edgewood this year, a resident was given a Dangerous Wildlife Protection Order (DWPO) to clean up his garbage and fruit trees. Failure to comply with a DWPO can result in a $575 ticket. There’s also a $230 fine that Conservation Officers can issue for attracting dangerous wildlife to land or premise. And in Nakusp this year, one person was ticketed for unjustified shooting of a bear.

“You can’t just shoot a bear because it’s in your yard or in your fruit tree. If it’s to protect livestock or life and limb, yes – just report it to us immediately,” he says.

A shot was fired by a Silverton resident while the grizzly bear was in his yard on the evening the bear was trapped. The bear wasn’t hit, but the incident is being investigated by the CO Service. RCMP Constable Shawn Chesterly reported that the Silverton resident was arrested and is in custody for firearm related offences.

“The last thing we want is the public to take care of it,” said Mann. “All kinds of things can go wrong, so we ask the public to call the RAPP line. We get the reports of threats to public safety right away and will respond immediately.”

Despite the high volume of calls, Beetlestone reports that very few bears have had to be euthanized so far this year – about 30 in the entire West Kootenay zone, from Grand Forks to Creston and north to Nakusp and the Landeau Valley. In our area, two bears were shot in Nakusp, one in Edgewood, one in the Slocan Valley, and one in Hills.

“Some people are hesitant to call because they think ‘we’ll come and kill the bear – but we really don’t want to destroy them,’” said Mann.

She says that Conservation Officers rely on information from the public and work with government wildlife biologists to assess whether or not a bear should be euthanized. “It’s a thoughtful process we use to make the right decisions, and our decisions are backed by science,” she says.

Mann explains that the COS don’t respond to reports of bears in fruit trees or compost piles. “A bear in a fruit tree is not unusual behaviour,” she says. “Where we draw the line is when the bear’s behaviour becomes threatening to public safety and personal property.”

She reports that a black bear was euthanized in Hills on August 15 because it broke into a vehicle. There was no food in the vehicle, but there was paint. “This is not normal behaviour. A bear shouldn’t be attracted to paint. Paint is not a food they will find in the wilderness,” said Mann.

Beetlestone reports that two bears were recently put down because they broke into houses – one in Trail and one in Rossland.

Mann says the COS wants people to report all bear sightings in residential areas to the RAPP line, even though they don’t respond to most of the calls because they are not about problem bears.

“Most of the callers are reporting a bear in a fruit tree. If we have time, we will call them back and ask if they would consider installing an electric fence or signing up for their local Harvest Share program. We partner with WildSafe BC to educate people on how to manage their attractants,” she said.

Check the WildSafeBC website or contact local WildSafeBC coordinator at newdenver@wilsafebc.com or kaslo@wilsafebc.com for more information and assistance with electric fencing.

Call the RAPP line to report bear sightings in residential areas: 1-877-952-7277.
Lemon Creek fuel spill case postponed until October

by Art Joyce

The course of true justice never ran smoothly. At the Nelson Courthouse the morning of September 13, federal lawyers John Cliffe and Angela Davies convinced the judge to postpone the trial date for the Lemon Creek fuel spill case to October 11.

Slocan Valley activist Marilyn Burgoon and a handful of supporters were disappointed but not deterred. Burgoon brought a private prosecution against Executive Flight Centre (EFC) and the BC government, leading to federal prosecutors eventually taking over the case. The federal lawyers cited requests from the defendants, the Province of BC and EFC, for further disclosure of information from the prosecution team.

“I’m glad the charges are proceeding,” Burgoon told reporters outside the courthouse. “Hopefully other people will be encouraged to move their issues forward, like the Mt. Polley mine disaster. This is a small community and if we can make justice happen for water then hopefully people throughout British Columbia and Canada can use that part of the code that gives individuals the right to prosecute.”

Burgoon reiterated her gratitude to retired federal fisheries biologist Otto Langer and West Coast Environmental Law, both of whom had helped fund her private prosecution. She alluded to the class action suit still proceeding, noting the human victims whose health or businesses were affected. Burgoon said Cliffe had helped lose her business as a result of the spill. Another Slocan Valley resident, Jim MacKay, was one of those evacuated in the 24 hours following the spill and said his health has been damaged. Yet he believes he has been “stonewalled” by government agencies, stating that repeated requests for his medical files have been turned down.

Burgoon says Cliffe has a long track record of success prosecuting environmental cases, and is impressed with the thoroughness of the federal prosecutor’s office. She noted that fuel truck driver Danny LaSante has been added to the charges, something she never contemplated. She says LaSante was actually the second driver to receive wrong instructions – or inadequate instructions – to the actual fuel delivery depot on the access road just north of Lemon Creek.

“There should be a pilot car for all vehicles delivering toxic substances,” said Burgoon. “These trucks should all have maps right in the cab. Why wasn’t that the case here?”

These are all questions the federal prosecutor will likely want to ask the defendants in this case. Burgoon also alluded to the confusion that reigned in the wake of the spill. Although the fuel tanker went into the creek at about 2 pm, it took until 4 pm before authorities were alerted.

“It’s really hard to get justice for the environment,” she said. “As humans, we have a voice. Many of the animals and birds that were affected by that spill aren’t here to have a voice.”

Hike or Bike for Seniors’ Housing

Sept. 30 - Oct. 2
On the Slocan Valley Heritage Rail Trail
A fundraiser for the Slocan Affordable Housing project Organized by the Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society

Friday, Sept. 30 Crescent Valley Trailhead to Passmore Hall for barbeque at noon

Saturday, Oct. 1 Passmore Hall to Appledale Hall for celebration with borscht and music at noon

Sunday, Oct. 2 Appledale Hall to Slocan Legion for 1 pm wind up party with music, food and draws!

Daily registration at 8 am; Hike or Bike starts at 9 am. No poches, please.

Registered hikers and bikers will be fed and watered at the end of each day’s hike! The public is welcome and is kindly asked to give a bit at the door.

For information or to offer support call Rita Moir at 226-7759, Sally Mackenzie 359-7984, Don Currie 355-2669 or Lynnda Moore 355-2267 or go to www.svhousing.ca.

Thanks to our great community!!!!
Standing room only at presentation on mid-elevation Arrow Lakes scenarios

by Claire Paradis

All seats were filled and more were needed as over 100 people from Burton, Faquier, Nakusp, and Arrow Park filled the Faquier community hall on September 12 for the Arrow Lakes Reservoir Mid-Elevation Scenarios presentation.

Lake levels are a hot topic not only because there have been very low levels two years running (current level is around 1410 feet), but also because of the serious ongoing effects of their roughly 66-foot-per-year fluctuation. Low levels and fluctuations in water levels have serious consequences for plants, fish and animals as well as humans, but unlike natural water systems, levels of the Arrow Lakes are controlled by decisions about damming.

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Oil pipelines
It is nice to finally have political leaders understanding that pipelines may be good, since the reality is that they are cleaner than other ways of transporting oil. The consumer demand is the problem, so don’t kill the messenger. Oil will go on trains if pipelines are not built. Trains are good for many goods, but they burn large amounts of fuel, plug up the rails for other goods, bother a lot of people along the way, and burn more when things go wrong. The kicker is that it costs more, so less revenue for us. Yes, to say no to pipelines is a beautiful thing – it won’t be an easy walk, but it’s one that must be made.

Ron Robinson
Nelson

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The problem with nuclear power plants
The problem with the operation of nuclear reactors for the production of electricity is simply that they are not economical. The dream of producing electrical power from tiny pellets of uranium shuttered in practice because of the real costs involved in their safe operation over time.

In Canada, the 19 still operating CANDU nuclear power plants have had their share of problems with unexpected material failures, years of downtime for repairs and “refurbishments” and cost-overruns by as much as 350%. The billions of debt accumulated over their service time have made public and private investors shy of further developments. There are plenty of plans but no new construction is in sight. It’s a similar story in the USA.

I quote from “How does nuclear power compare economically to other sources in Canada?”: “Based on the projected capital costs, and the low cost of fuel and in-service maintenance, in 1994 power from CANDU was predicted to be under 5 cents/kWh. In 1998, Ontario Hydro calculated that the cost of generation from CANDU was 7.7 cents/kWh, whereas hydropower was only 1.1 cents, and their coal-fired plants were 4.3 cents. As Ontario Hydro received a regulated price averaging 6.3 cents/kWh for power, the revenues from the other forms of generation were being used to fund the operating losses of the nuclear plants. The debt left over from the nuclear construction could not be included in the rate base until the reactors were declared in service, thereby deferring the total capital cost of construction with unpaid interest, at that time around $15 billion, and another $3.5 billion in debts throughout the system was repaid through a standing charge on electricity bills.”

And from “Ontario’s Stranded Nuclear Debt: A Cautionary Tale,” via the Ontario Clean Air Alliance, 1 March 2011: “In 1999, Ontario Hydro was broke and broken up and its generation facilities re-formed into Ontario Power Generation (OPG). In order to make the successor companies more attractive for private investors, $19.4 billion in ‘stranded debt’ was placed in the control of the Ontario Electricity Financial Corporation. This debt is slowly paid down through a variety of sources, including 6.7 cent/kWh tariff on all power, all income taxes paid by all operating companies, and all dividends paid by the OPG. Even with these sources of income, the amount of debt has grown, and in 2010 stood at almost $15 billion.”

“Darlington is currently in the process of considering a major re-build of several units, as it too is reaching its design mid-life time. The budget is currently expected to be between $8.5 and $14 billion, and will produce power at 6 to 8 cents/kWh. However, this prediction is based on three assumptions that appear to have never been met in operation: that the rebuild will be completed on-budget, that the system will operate at an average capital utilization capacity of 82 percent, and that the Ontario taxpayers will pay 100 percent of any cost overruns.” All these costs and debts do not even include decommissioning costs which are way higher than building the damn things in the first place.

In Canada, six CANDU reactors have been shut down. The service life-expectancies of the 19 CANDU reactors still in service are on the horizon and no new constructions are in sight. Life expectancies of 40 or even 60 years, as Mr. Zak mentions in the Valley Voice of August 24, are totally illusory. Nuclear power, completely apart from the danger and damage to life on earth, is simply not affordable by those that have to pay for it: we the electric ratepayers and general taxpayers. And yet the industry is still pushing CANDUs onto states where people still work for a handful of rice without any health and safety protection, where life is cheap and the power and profits are in the hands of big corporations. Similar to the asbestos story.

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No Justice in the Slocan

I don’t want to get into another telling of one more bear story. Let me just say it’s been a long, terrifying week living with a 400-lb grizzly bear in my yard every day and night.

It has been very difficult to get anything done with the threat of a bear attack always on my mind. No matter what I did, the bear would not leave. When I told the local RCMP of my most dangerous encounters on Sunday morning and again that evening, he told me to stay in the house. Never in the four days he was here did we ever come close to offering any protection or advice.

When they did finally show up, it wasn’t to provide any support or relief, but to arrest my neighbour and take the bear out at gunpoint. Their priority was not the public safety but rather their own! We watched as they arrested him, and he was gone in no time the bear was right outside my front door. Even though the whole time I was yelling for them to come and shoot the bear of concern was to arrest my unarmed neighbour.

Great police work!

Once it got dark, things really went south. After they had poor ol’ Ivlo locked down, they came over to my house. While one officer stood at my dining room window, the other searched the backyard for the bear. Whatever happened to ‘serve and protect’? I never thought I would be living in fear of going outside. I will not march with people I can’t trust.

Ron Scroggs
New Denver

Farn to table restaurant opening soon in New Denver

by Jan McMurray

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Slocan council, September 12: Paving offered by YRB

by Barbara Curry Malcathy

• Yellowhead Road and Bridge has offered to pave an area of the Village with grinnings left over from a recent paving project. Mayor Jessica Lunn called this a “fantastic opportunity to have free paving.” Public Works Foreman Tim Hill reported that YRB Kootenay Area Manager Paul Anderson has said the company would deliver, spread, and compact the pavement. The Village would be responsible for preparing the existing road that is to be connected to the new paving. The work must be done before the end of September as the grinnings can’t be left out over the winter. Council discussed possible areas to pave: the road to the boat launch and then on to the gazebo and the dog beach/Rail Trail trailhead parking area, and the new road in the campground. Although pavement to the boat launch was favoured, councillors and members of the public differed on which other areas should be paved. Councillor Burly Van Byen said waterfront paving “would be a good form of dust control”; Mayor Lunn cautioned against paving what many consider “green space” especially since the area “could see major changes in the next few years.” During public participation, Sandra Linsted said the campground should be kept natural. Ken Causton feels if anything is to be paved, it should be roads, especially the road by the grocery store. Councillor Van Byen answered that the grinnings were not suitable for re-paving roads.

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Slocan Valley TV Society upgrades and Notice of AGM

The Slocan Valley TV Society is close to completing transition from analogue to digital transmission of its four TV channels (Global, Knowledge Network, CBC and ABC). Conversion of equipment has been successfully carried out on two out of three towers (Pedro and Crescent Valley). Our members report that TV signals have improved dramatically.

The Slocan Valley TV Society is having its Annual General Meeting on September 22nd at Passmore Community Hall (7:00 pm). The agenda consists of regular AGM business. There will be an opportunity for questions from the floor and discussion about future directions after the president’s report.

Robson hosts firefighters games for Muscular Dystrophy

by Katrine Campbell

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New Denver council, September 13: Petition against vault toilets received from business owners

by Katrine Campbell

• Council received a petition from 28 business owners opposed to the vault toilets. Although two of the three are already in place, the petition asked for a delay in installing the toilets until next spring to provide “time for the Bosun Hall assessment report to come in and determine if the existing building or land site is a viable option.” The petition also suggested the delay would give an opportunity to raise prior public awareness.

Councillor Nadine Raymond said the number of businesses signing was significant and wondered if people had full and accurate information on the issue. She called this an opportunity to have some discussion and provide information from the Columbia Basin Trust in real interest from businesses for a public-private partnership, and were they offering funding.

Mayor Ann Bunka said the Village was looking at the Bosun but “we can’t tie the hands of the next council.” Two of the business owners she spoke with were concerned that once the vault toilet downtown was installed, the Village would forget the plans for a flush toilet. Mayor Brian Woodbury noted there was a wide range of options for permanent washrooms downtown; the Bosun was the prime candidate but not the only one and they were waiting for the assessment. He suggested waiting until all options were brought forward rather than investigating one by one. There was also a letter from Jill Parry asking that an update and discussion on the issue be included on the agenda, and one from Judith von Krogh attesting to her support for the toilets. She ended by quoting Mr. Spock: “The needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few.”

In the public session, Ulli Becker asked about the installation of the last vault toilet at Greer Park. Woodbury said it was in storage but would be installed when the company was available to work.

• Council received and referred to staff a letter for WildSafeBC Community Coordinator Bree Lillies regarding the “unusually high bear activity” in the Village and area. Lillies met with von Krogh and CAO Bruce Woodbury and, based on their discussion, drew up a list of eight recommendations for the Village’s human-bear conflict reduction plan. These included removing trees, altering Village property, amending the Official Community Plan to describe the BearSmart principles, and creating a wildlife education program.

The CAO said Lillies had only been given enough funding to buy 10 bear warning signs, so the Village bought 25 more for her to use anywhere in the area. Raynolds commended Lillies and Village staff for doing a great job and noted “being [declared] a BearSafe community is something to celebrate but it’s also a responsibility.”

• Councillor Henning von Krogh has been monitoring the lake level; it hit a high of 537.2 metres above sea level on June 10 and has now dropped to 535.7 as of September 2. Von Krogh reported that Inland Health is adding 243 new residential care beds. 30 go to the East Kootenay, none in the West Kootenay.

• The Bosun Hall Heritage Designation Bylaw #701, 2016, was given first and second reading. A public hearing will be held prior to third reading, September 27 at 7 p.m. in the council chambers. The hall would be designated as a municipal heritage site only, not provincial or federal.

• A request from Colleen Williams for a grant-in-aid to support the ‘Concerts in Care’ program at the Pavilion was denied. The Village council has funding in hand for the other concerts and no money in the budget for them. Councillor Raymond said given the number of ‘asks’ council receives “that maybe we should set up some other funding.” Bunka said that would mean establishing criteria, meaning more work for staff. CAO Woodbury noted Williams had applied unsuccessfully for Community Initiatives funding; he had spoken with her and given her some tips to put her application in a better position for next year’s funding.

• Council granted permission to The Silvery Slocan Historical Society to hold a ‘Save Our Stones’ workshop to teach participants (members only) how to clean headstones in the Upper Cemetery. The inscriptions on a handful of headstones would be carefully cleaned off, and the remainder of the stone would be left with its patina. The society hopes that this event will lead to a larger one next year, with people from the community participating.

COMMUNITY

New Denver Council’s update on Trail Network Connections Project submitted

As many residents know, the Village of New Denver was fortunate to receive a recreation infrastructure grant from the Columbia Basin Trust in order to connect existing trail networks in the New Denver area. The Village has been actively working on this project, including developing trailheads and signage, increasing related trail amenities such as basic washroom facilities, benches and tables, and, of course, improving the lakeside Mort Trail to extend to Bigelow Bay, the Carpenter Creek trails and Orchard trails.

At this point, the existing trail has been cleared and several new sections have been added, reaching almost all the way to Bigelow Bay. Professional arborists have been brought in to assess trees that could pose a safety risk. The Village aims to maintain the character of the trail while also increasing accessibility and ensuring public safety. Take a walk along the lakeshore, if you haven’t already, to check out the new trail features.

Public washroom facilities have been installed at the Denver Canyon trailhead as well as the north-west side of Carpenter Creek, fulfilling a need in the community. The facility at the end of Main Street will be installed with vegetative screening if required and appropriate signage for access. Council’s hope is that these measures will reduce the number of people ‘doing their business’ in view of the public and ensure a safer environment for those using the trail.

The Village of New Denver is hoping to install permanent and more elaborate public washroom facilities and is optimistic that these can be included in future improvements to the Bosun Hall, pending the outcome of the structural assessment on the building which the Village expects to receive later this year.

Council hopes you enjoy these new and improved amenities which aim to increase access and encourage active outdoor recreation, and allow for the use of municipal green spaces for organized recreation events.
A Professional Development Day takes place on September 26 and a Curriculum Support day is planned for November 14. Professional Learning teams offered throughout the year focus on the revised curriculum and assessment practices in math, literacy, coding and technology, and engaging all learners. In mid-July, the district was informed that the Slocan Valley Refugee Coalition had been matched with a Somali family who have lived for the past 10 years in a refugee camp in Kenya. The family includes five children aged three to nine and another nine-year-old, the mother’s sister. Lucerne School staff and students are busy preparing to welcome the five new children to the school, and the three-year-old boy and parents to Strong Start. English language learning skills will be assessed once the children arrive at school and, if required, an ELL teacher will be hired to assist in learning English.

The Superintendent and Manager of Operations and Transportation are applying for SD 10’s share of the new transportation funding announced two weeks ago. SD 10 has preserved equity and access to transportation for children and families, ensuring that wait limits are lower than the provincial minimums. Bus routes have been maintained for more than seven years, with no fees charged and no reductions of bus drivers.

The funding application will highlight coverage of some costs for curricular field trips and extra-curricular travel. Transportation assistance to families living more than 4.5 km from their school not served by a school bus will continue, and subsidies for Kindergarten children attending part days as they transition to Kindergarten will also be covered.

A former NSS graduate, Taylor Aeichele, has applied to the school district to become a second-year electrical apprentice. The district has applied for CBT SchoolWorks Apprenticeship funding and to the ITA to support her apprenticeship wages, EI and CPP costs. In addition, a local business person will subsidize and top up Ms. Aeichele’s wage if the proposal is accepted.

Shari Feithstone, a highly experienced disability management consultant who has worked with PEBC’s JESS program (Joint Early Intervention Services) has been hired to assist the district with attendance and wellness support.

Thirty-seven West Kootenay Teacher Education Program candidates joined the UBC teacher education program based in Nelson this year. Interest in SD 10 practicum placements from preservice teachers is strong and all 37 will be in classrooms throughout SD 10 in three consecutive weeks.

SD 10’s application for an ArtsStarts grant has been approved. Starting in September, the Design Thinking: Making a Difference in the World project celebrates 13 local artists who will work with children and youth in artistic genres from pottery to timber frame building. Dr. Susan Crichton from UBC-Okanagan will help launch the initiative with a Maker design challenge tournament involving students, staff and artists and also frame the notion of empathic design and design thinking. Thirtyseven residencies will be scheduled from November to May with showings of final prototypes and design processes held in Edgewood, Nakusp and New Denver on May 18.

Four new films celebrating teaching and learning in small-is-amazing SD 10 have now been completed and are available on the SD 10 Arrow Lakes YouTube channel and also on the district website at http://sd10.bc.ca/video.

The Ministry of Education announced an additional $20,000,000 of funding for school improvement capital projects. SD 10’s application includes requests for emergency lighting and sprinkler upgrades, flooring at NSS and NES, heating and ventilation upgrades at NES, and solar panels at NES.

Director of Finance Susan Brenna-Smith, Manager of Operations and Transportation Art Olson, and Superintendent Terry Taylor have been attending the five-year capital plan. The report is now much more extensive with many areas of capital plan funding requests rolled into a single submission. Priorities include roof at NSS, heating and ventilation at NES and BAS, solar panels at NES, NSS and EES and replacement of bus 6100 due to corrosion and maintenance issues.

The new 60-passenger school bus has just arrived in the district and will serve the Hills—New Denver-Silverton route. It is a replacement for the propane bus which had ongoing engine problems and $15,000 from its sale has been approved to go into the restricted capital surplus fund.

A team of four researchers is coming from the University of Toronto to conduct research interviews and a focus group with Lucerne Strong Start Coordinator, Charlene ‘Bear’ Alexander and parents on October 6 – 7. New Denver is one of 10 sites chosen for this research as a result of its innovative community partnerships and flexible evening/after school hours amongst other practices.

New IHA funding for a part-time, one day per week Healthy Schools Coordinator has allowed the district to hire Heather French. She has begun working with Lorna Newman, Director of Learning on a draft plan to address three district health needs identified: nutrition, substance misuse and mental health. French will visit schools and talk to staff shortly as she launches this program which will augment the existing healthy schools initiatives.

There are 448 students registered in SD 10 schools this year, down from 466 at the end of June. Burton Academy has 10 students registered in the Outdoor Education/Entrepreneurship Academy. Overall, there are more students registered in the Outdoor Education/Entrepreneurship Academy.
The Whole family celebrates Thanksgiving

Years. This year, there will
be no provincial exams for Science 10 or Social Studies 11. As of next school year, students will write two provincial exams – one literacy and one math.

Fehr said that Career Education used to happen only in grades 10-12, but now happens from K-12. Planning 10 and Grad Transitions will transform into Career Ed (8 credits) in 2017/18.

“There is an opportunity to co-create the new Career Ed course this year,” she said.

The board passed a motion put forward by Slocan Valley Trustee Sharon Nazaroff that aims to encourage the ministry to use a different standard when considering funding the rebuilding of schools in rural areas than in urban areas.

Specifically, the board will ask the BC School Trustees Association to urge the provincial government to exclude rural schools from “capacity utilization calculations.”

Nazaroff explained that when the ministry is considering whether or not to provide funding to rebuild a school, it looks at the ‘capacity utilization calculation’ for the district. The capacity utilization calculation is a ratio between the district’s current enrollment and its capacity (number of seats available). To fund a school rebuild, the ministry wants to see a high capacity utilization rate.

“Rural schools are different, as the ministry has recognized, so they should be looked at differently,” said Nazaroff. She points out that the ministry recognized that rural schools “need extra support” last spring, when the ministry announced the Rural Education Enhancement Fund (REEF) to help rural schools stay open.

• The Catchment Boundary Ad Hoc Committee was reinstated. Slocan Valley Trustee Sharon Nazaroff and Creston area Trustee Rebecca Nazaroff volunteered to sit on the committee. Concerns around catchment areas exist in the Slocan Valley, Creston Valley, and the Nelson area. This committee was first struck in 2012 to identify relevant boundaries, propose scenarios, and gather public input, but the work was not completed.

• The board renewed its commitment to work on poverty reduction. This will be discussed at the next Education Committee of the Whole meeting.

• The ministry has announced an additional $20 million in School Enhancement Program funds for electrical, energy, health and safety, mechanical, roofing and flooring projects. School districts can apply for funds for up to five projects. SD8 will apply for projects outlined in the recently adopted Facilities Plan if possible, or for projects on the Operations Department’s list.

• Director of Human Resources Deanna Holitzki gave an enrollment update, cautioning that this was only the fifth day of school. She said the head counts coming in from elementary schools were very close to projections made by elementary school principals in February. Jewett School had 105 students.

At LV Rogers in Nelson, Holitzki said the numbers of full-time equivalent students was close to what was projected in February, “so we have to assess why the classes are oversized, again recognizing that the schools configure themselves.” She explained that transfer requests for LVR are very high this year. The district received 162 transfer requests during the transfer period in March, and all were processed the first week of April. Since then, 163 late transfer requests have been received from other schools in the district, other independent schools in the area, and from other school districts, most notably from SD20. Holitzki said continuing students have the first priority, followed by students from feeder schools, followed by students from schools in the area that are not feeder schools, such as DESK and Self Design. These late transfers have been processed; some were not approved “where we feel the school can’t take those out of catchment students,” she said.

The Whole family celebrates Thanksgiving

submitted

Last year the Vallican Whole Community Centre decided to try something different and shifted the fall Locavores’ Feast to Thanksgiving. This turned out to be such a great success that from now on, the Whole family will be getting together every Thanksgiving. This year, the Feast (otherwise known as the 100 Mile Potluck) will be on Saturday, October 8.

For many in the Slocan Valley, this celebration of local abundance is a high point of the season. Gardens are being wrapped up, animals have been harvested, and everyone is ready to share their culinary accomplishments with their friends and neighbours. If you have never been to this event, you will discover the food is astounding and the energy inspirational. It’s a great opportunity to be with friends old and new and catch up on what has been going on over the busy summer.

Doors open at 5 pm, dinner is at 6 pm. Admission is by donation and a generous potluck item sourced from as many local ingredients as possible. As many local ingredients as possible. We are asking attendees to bring a sample of your home canning veggies and fruit and even a jar of your specialty jam or sauce. Please bring storable food packages. Please have your food ready to share and wrap up before 7 pm.

The Vallican Whole is at 3762 Little Slocan River Road. For more information go to www.VallicanWhole.com or Facebook.com/the whole.

South of Nelson, the Slocan Valley Food Bank at WE Graham. Please bring storable veggies and fruit and even a sample of your home canning (if you can bear to part with it).

The provincial government and the mother organization of the Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society (RARTS), Alternatives Research and Training Society (RARTS), the whole group encourages everyone to share some of their harvest with the Slocan Valley Food Bank at WE Graham. Please bring storable veggies and fruit and even a sample of your home canning (if you can bear to part with it).
Fred Banham also attended to present his work on the financial side of the sewer project. He recommends a community-wide parcel tax or "environmental levy" that will make all Village taxpayers responsible for the sewer system rather than solely the Specified Sewer Area No. 1 taxpayers. He observed that the existing sewer treatment plant is small and not cost effective in comparison to the existing sewer system rather than solely the sewage plant. The council was clear that a full consultation will be critical during the advisory committee are clear that the Kootenay Conservation Fund tab. Review the Terms of Reference, paying particular attention to Section 3.

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Now that the donated caboose and plow have been brought to Nakusp from CP Rail in Revelstoke, the restoration work has begun. Volunteers have been busy replacing window frames and glass in the caboose, and Dieter Otte has been hired to paint it. Here, Dieter and Tammy F. Grandbois show off their work to date. The Action Yellow/Safety Yellow colour is the original colour of the caboose. Once the yellow is completed, the graphics will be re-painted over top. The plow is also getting some attention, with new door frames and sliding windows – and soon the plow front will be beaming red again. The plow doors were quite the feat as they had been literally ripped off and had to be restructured. Restoration of all windows is ongoing so that the units will be weatherproofed for winter. The Nakusp Rail Committee is doing more fundraising to pay for restoration as well as landscaping and interpretive signage. Contact Tracy Fetters, chair of the Nakusp Rail Committee, at 250-265-3110 or check the Nakusp Rail Society facebook page for more information.

Jennifyre’s fall dance classes begin soon

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Trillium Dance, “where dance fusion, holistic movement and authentic expression merge,” will celebrate 10 years of dance in South Slocan and offer an expanded schedule starting October 3.

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This contemporary and fundamental design holistically nurtures a dancer’s awareness in self and others, building community and deepening into the integration of body, mind and spirit. More information about Jennifyre’s Trillium Dance and winter/spring performances can be found online at www.trilliumdance.ca.

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by Art Joyce

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COMMUNITY

Exhibition at Kootenay Gallery in conjunction with International Peace Conference

submitted

The Mir Centre is hosting an international Peace & Justice Studies conference this month and the Kootenay Gallery is celebrating peace and justice in our local culture through an exhibition of artists with the theme Building the World We Want: Kootenay Traditions, Kootenay Visions.

September 21, 2016
The Valley Voice

Tango Quartet on North American Tour

submitted

Local tangueros and classical music lovers: The Alejandro Ziegler Argentine Tango Quartet returns to the Kootenays with two performances this year. As part of the 2016 North American Tour, the quartet will perform at the Royal on Baker Street, on September 26, at 8 pm.

The second performance takes place at the Silverton Memorial Hall September 27, also at 8 pm.

The internationally acclaimed quartet comprises a piano, double bass, violin and a bandoneon, the traditional concertina-type instrument that is the signature of Argentine Tango music. Alejandro Ziegler, the leader of the group, will exhibit his virtuosity on a grand piano. Clips of their music can be found on YouTube.

The quartet will play selections of music from several decades, featuring the works of Osvaldo Pugliese, Francisco Canaro, and Carlos Di Sarli and other great orchestras from the Golden Era of Tango, as well as some contemporary and original compositions by Ziegler.

Tickets are $20 in advance from Otter Books or Silverton Building Supplies, or $25 at the door; purchase advance tickets for both performances for $35.

Space is limited so don’t delay to purchase today. E-transfer or Paypal payments: franwallis@redmtn.ca

These two special performances are presented by the Slocan Lake Gallery Society with the assistance of the British Columbia Arts Council.

Kari Bark (digital collage), P.J. Gilhuly (charcoal and painting) and Tsuneko ‘Koko’ Kokubo (painting) contribute intimate portraits from their lives. George Koochin (sculpture) and Genevieve Gagnon (socially-engaged art) speak to hopes and ideas for the future. Collectively, the artists create a collage of insights into our history and our current lives, both joyful and painful. They offer questions, ideas and ways forward to building a better world.

Everyone is welcome to attend the opening of the exhibition at the Kootenay Gallery of Art on Friday, September 23 at 7 pm. Bohigian’s animation will have a special outdoor screening that night. Many of the artists will be attending this free event. The Gallery is located at 120 Heritage Way, across from the Castlegar Airport, next to the Doodhobor Discovery Centre.

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Ministry of Forests responds to criticism of Forest Stewardship Plans

by Jan McMurray

Forest Stewardship Plans have two major problems, according to the Forest Practices Board after its special investigation into Forest Stewardship Plans last year. First, they are inadequate for the public because they don’t provide information about specific roads and cutblocks. Second, they are not enforceable by government because they don’t include commitments that are measurable.

The Ministry of Forests’ response to the report was presented to the RDCK Rural Affairs Committee on September 14 by the new District Manager for the Selkirk Resource District, George Edney. Edney explained that Forest Stewardship Plans (FSPs) are high level operational plans and must be approved by the ministry before any harvesting can take place.

FSPs have been required for 10 years. Prior to that, licences were required to submit much more specific harvesting plans to the ministry. “We changed from a prescriptive model to a professional reliance model, so we now rely on professional managers,” Edney said.

Edney listed ways in which the government is responding to the Forest Practices Board’s recommendations regarding FSPs. He said the Chief Forester is providing guidance to district managers to “make sure we can check, verify and measure” the commitments made in the FSPs.

The Chief Forester also wants licences to replace their FSPs rather than extend them so that there will be opportunity for public review. (FSPs are five-year plans and can be extended.)

The government is organizing provincial workshops with the Association of BC Forest Professionals to discuss the shortcomings of FSPs. And although the government would like to see enhancement to public engagement, Edney said there are no plans to change the legislation. “Government will not legislate new public requirements. They are going to ask the district managers and staff to lean on licences for public consultation.”

Edney advised RDCK directors to watch for the advertisements in the newspapers calling for public comments on the FSPs. “That’s the time to ask for a chance to get specific information about cutblocks and roads,” he said. “Licencees will respond and say yes, and will share that information when they have it.”

In the Selkirk District, Edney reports that most of the major licencees are currently working on FSP extensions. He said he is entertaining extensions on a short-term basis “with the caveat that they need new ones in a few months.”

Cooper Creek Cedar is working on a new FSP for the old Meadow Creek Cedar Area, as this is new tenure for them. BCIT’s FSP for the Kootenay Business Area is almost complete, and they have added a consultation process into their FSP. “We’re commending BCITS on this,” Edney said.

Area D Director Aimee Watson asked about enforcement capacity. Edney replied that “a couple more people will be hired locally.”

“Compliance and Enforcement Officers are being dragged off to all kinds of other things rather than forestry. It’s an ongoing discussion with Natural Resource Officers how they can get more involved in forestry activities,” Edney said.

RDCK board, September 15:
Food Policy Council presentation

The board gave three readings to a bylaw which would include all of Effective Areas in providing an annual financial contribution to the Kaslo and District Public Library.

The board adopted the RDCK’s Strategic Community Energy and Emissions Plan (SCEEP) in principle. The plan includes ways in which communities can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency.

Implementation of SCEEP could benefit both residents and businesses through incentive programs.

Solution to Castlegar Airport’s reliability up ahead by Jan McMurray

The City of Castlegar is going ahead with a study to improve the reliability of the Castlegar Airport.

At the RDCK board meeting this month, Vice-Chair Lawrence Chernoff, also mayor of Castlegar, reported that the study will cost $260,000 and is expected to take up to nine months to complete. The City is looking for funding contributions for the study, but is prepared to pick up the whole cost.

Chernoff said in an interview after the RDCK board meeting that the City is very close to signing the contract with Jeppesen Aviation, “a company that has solved many navigation/funding issues in the world’s most challenged airports,” according to a City of Castlegar press release.

The press release states that in the study, Jeppesen Aviation will analyze and calculate a new computerized approach for the airport that links to geo-spatial satellites. Phase two will be to meet with the national airlines to discuss their needs for implementation. Phase three will be to meet with federal air regulators to implement the system designed by Jeppesen.

“We’re totally committed to getting this done,” said Chernoff.
David Nixon at Studio Connexion Gallery

submitted
In Our Backyard is the seventh regular exhibition of the season at Studio Connexion Gallery in Nakusp. David Nixon’s second solo show at the gallery runs from September 20 through October 8. The vernissage is scheduled for Friday September 23 from 5 to 8 pm.

In 2014 David presented his first series of landscapes Visions in Transition, 12 oil paintings plus the one that had caught the curator’s eye a few years prior. Visitors who saw the exhibition could not believe the way David had rendered the scenery from the Rockies, Oregon, Montana and the Kootenays. The show was sold out.

Last year, curator Anne Béliveau offered him a second show and David committed himself to create more oil paintings for a new series. It is titled In Our Backyard and you will recognize many vistas from our beautiful Kootenay and especially the Arrow Lakes.

Studio Connexion Gallery also sells the new 2017 West Koot Route Art Calendar with his painting Summer Smoke gracing its cover.

David is an active member of the Arrow Lakes Fine Art Guild. A very supportive committee helped to make the ALFA Art Walk in downtown Nakusp a reality for the third year in a row.

Studio Connexion Gallery is open Tuesday to Saturday from 11 am to 4 pm. Private viewings can be arranged outside the regular schedule by calling 250-265-3586 or 250-265-8888. Follow the gallery: www.facebook.com/studioconnexion.

Burton ‘boil water notice’ rescinded

The Regional District Central Kootenay has rescinded the ‘boil water notice’ for water users on the Burton Water System. Due to the presence of low levels of E. coli bacteria and total coliform bacteria in sample results, a ‘boil water notice’ was issued for Burton water users on September 1. Water quality testing results have been good since September 2, however, in consultation with Interior Health the notice was left in place as a precautionary measure until two clean sample test results were taken.

The RDCK says it appreciates residents cooperation and patience during the ‘boil water notice’. If you have any questions please contact the RDCK at 250-352-6665 or check out the website at www.rdkc.ca.

Nakusp company building Glade ferry

submitted

The Province is upgrading ramps at the Glade ferry terminal in advance of the arrival of the new cable ferry, which connects the community to Highway 3A.

The ferry is under construction at Waterbridge Steel in Nakusp. It will be larger than the existing vessel and be able to carry more vehicles, with capacity increased to handle commercial vehicles at full highway loads. The new ferry will be in service later in 2017.

The ramps on either side of the river will be upgraded and will improve ferry operations during times when water levels on the Kootenay River are high or low.

The work involves replacement of existing concrete ramp structures on both sides of the Kootenay River with new steel and reinforced concrete ramps. The project has gone to tender, with work expected to begin this fall and be completed by the end of 2016.

The Glade Cable Ferry Terminal is located on Glade Ferry Road, accessed from Highway 3A, approximately 20 kilometres northeast of Castlegar.

THANK YOU

The Nakusp Rail Committee would like to send out a HUGE Thank You to all those who helped us make the donated Caboose and Plow a reality for Nakusp. We are pleased to have been able to pull it off in such a short timeframe and we couldn’t have done it without the support of all those listed below.

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Short term water discharge approved for Willa Mine site
by Katrine Campbell

MX Gold Corp, owner of the Willa Mine south of Silverton, says the Ministry of Environment has approved the discharge of water into Aylwin Creek. The ministry has determined the water coming from the mine portal “will have no negligible effects on the downstream environment.”

The approval is to allow water currently discharging from the 1025 Portal onto the surface to be routed directly to Aylwin Creek, enabling the company to prepare for geotechnical test work in the proposed settling pond location. Notice of Work applications have been submitted to the Ministry of Energy and Mines for the start of the test work.

“As we take steps towards our work permits, we are assembling additional site management senior staff to accelerate our activities,” says Bert McPherson, president and COO of MX Gold Corp. The team was to be in place by mid-September and McPherson said it was a “busy and exciting time as we are now advancing at a rapid pace.”

Geologist Lorne Warner, who is also a director of MX Gold Corp, met last week with the Red Mountain Residents Association and showed them maps of the operation, including the site of the proposed settling pond. It is within 300 m of the portal location, the same area where the water is flowing from the mine.

“We’ve been doing a lot of test work on the water. The chemistry is well documented,” he said. Currently the water is discharging from that portal, going into the ground below it.

“We want to do some testing of the ground conditions prior to decisions being made,” Warner said. Once that is completed the engineers will take a look and see if it’s suitable for a pond.

He added the pond would be lined so “if something happens it would be contained.”

Asked when the mine would open, Warner said there were a lot of studies still to be done. He hopes that in the next year, exploration and a 10,000 tonne bulk sample would be completed. Once that was done, the next step would be completing the permit applications for mining; then there would be a 60-day wait for ministry approval, and 180 days for other agencies to review the applications.

“We are hopeful that down the road, when we pass all the regulations, this will be an operation that will keep a lot of people employed” between the mine and the MX Max in Trout Lake.

“It’s a priority for the company to hire locally.”

September 27 MX Gold will present at Mines and Money

Silvertown’s RXK Director Main helps make sure federal funding programs make sense for communities

CBT announces Recreation Infrastructure grant recipients

Recreation Society’s ‘Song Bird Loop Trail’ project (mountain bike trail in the Mt. Buchanan Rec Area - $41,000); the Kootenay Sufferfest Society’s development of two trails in the NACFOR tenure area (20,500); the Nakusp and Area Community Trails Society’s project to restore the Saddle Mountain lookout building and outhouse to provide a comfortable overnight shelter ($9,870); Slocan Valley Outriders Association’s riding arena upgrade ($6,030); and the RDCK’s Greenway Project in the south Slocan Valley ($250,000).

Last Wishes and Hospice to host information evening

The Regional District of Central Kootenay has issued a ‘boil water notice’ for users on the Woodbury Village water system. Recent testing showed a total coliform colony count of 39. The current water quality is now considered poor.

The RDCK and Interior Health recommend that all users drink boiled water or use a safe alternative until further notice. Water intended for drinking, washing fruits and vegetables, making beverages or ice, or brushing teeth should be boiled for one minute. Bottled water should then be refrigerated in a clean, covered container. People could also choose to use bottled or distilled water, or water that has been filtered through a well-maintained treatment device.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (KOOTENAY LAKE)

Finance and Operations COMMITTEE MEETING

OPEN BOARD MEETING @ 5:00 P.M. (times are PST)

Tuesday, Sept 27, 2016
Board Office, 570 Johnstone Road, Nelson BC
Public Welcome!!
I recently held two town hall meetings, in Pentincton and Castlegar, on the subject of electoral reform. This subject has risen to the surface of Canadian conversations since last fall’s federal election, when three of the main parties shared one important and clear promise—that this would be the last federal election held under the first-past-the-post system. The result? More than 60 per cent of Canadians voted for parties those—the Liberals, NDP and Greens—and by extension, that electoral reform platform.

The old first-past-the-post system, developed centuries ago in England under a two-party situation, is familiar and straightforward. The candidate with the most votes in each riding is the winner and represents that riding in Ottawa. The party with the most members forms government. Simple.

However, this system has some serious flaws that can create deep dissatisfaction. Some MPs are elected with less than 30 per cent of the vote—hardly a resounding mandate to represent a riding—and parties are often given a majority government and 100 per cent of federal powers with much less than 50 per cent of the popular vote.

In the past two elections, we elected majority governments led by parties with only 39 per cent of the popular vote. While some may feel that having all-powerful governments is a good thing for efficient decision-making, when you’re one of the 60 per cent of people who voted for someone else you may beg to differ. A growing number of people feel that it is time to bring some sort of proportional representation to Canada, so that the number of MPs a party has reflects the popular support they have across the country.

The Liberal government created a special committee to study electoral reform in June. Thanks to a motion from the NDP, that committee is unlike almost every other House of Commons committee—instead of having a majority of Liberal members, its makeup is roughly proportional to the popular vote each party received in the last election, so that any decision will require the support of at least two parties.

The Electoral Reform committee has agreed on five principles to guide its study:

• Effectiveness and legitimacy: any new system should increase public confidence and reduce past distortion of representation.
• Engagement: it should encourage participation in the electoral process.
• Accessibility and inclusiveness: it should be easily understood and accessible to all Canadians;
• Integrity: it should instill confidence that the results cannot be tampered with;
• Local representation: it should maintain the present system of MPs representing a geographical riding.

The committee has heard witnesses from around the world in its meetings over the summer. Most of the countries in the world use some form of proportional representation, but some of those systems lack the local representation that we want in Canada. The NDP is suggesting that a combination of the two main types of systems—a type of mixed-member proportional system—would provide a new electoral framework that would work well in our large and diverse country.

I welcome your thoughts on this very important subject. Please email me: Richard.Cannings@parl.gc.ca.
People need permits to collect firewood

submitted

Cutting your own firewood is free but you must still have a permit from the provincial government.

Before members of the public collect any firewood, they must first obtain a ‘Free Use Permit for Firewood’ to verify that gathering firewood is tolerable for area residents and to ensure that they adhere to local regulations.

Cutting down trees on Crown land without an appropriate permit, or selling any such wood is illegal. Violators will not be given a violation ticket or fine. Over the past 18 months, natural resource officers from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations have issued 14,878 worth of work that BCNFNC has been doing to help several First Nations identify their unique role in the forestry workforce in the BC regions.

“The First Nations Forestry Council has been focused on a Workforce Initiative that supports increased First Nations participation in the forest sector and the current turnover in the workforce is a great opportunity for achieving that goal,” said Chief Bill Williams, president, BC First Nations Forestry Council. “Building skills is a requirement that needs particular attention and support if we wish to reflect the development and history of this province. Nominations can be made and information about the project can be found at the Heritage BC website at heritagebc.ca/japanese-historic-places.

Submissions will be evaluated by a selection committee appointed jointly by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Minette Battersby, Director of the First Nations Regional Forestry Council. Final decisions will be made in early 2017.

Expert panel on environmental assessment wants public input

submitted

The independent panel appointed to review Canada’s environmental assessment processes has launched a public engagement strategy, which includes a survey, to help guide participation. Check out the information about public workshops and public hearings at http://careview-examence.ca to see how you can get involved.

This review marks a once-in-a-generation opportunity to enact a leading-edge environmental law for nature, communities and democracy. Don’t forget to read West Coast Environmental Law’s recommendations on environmental assessment reform and the collective wisdom of over 30 of Canada’s leading experts on the subject – one-in-a-generation when you consider it. Your recommendations to the Panel. It can be found at http://wcel.org/EASummit.

Donation Store to hold clothing sale

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Forest industry and First Nations team up on labour market project

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The Province and the BC First Nations Forestry Council (BCFNC) have announced a new labour market partnership project. This new partnership project sets the stage for helping Aboriginal groups, forest industry companies and skills and training services providers and understand forestry-related labour opportunities at the community or territorial level.

The BC government has provided more than $80,000 to the BCFNC to lead the First Nations Regional Forestry Opportunity Studies Engagement project. The goal is to work with First Nations communities, forestry sector employers and other partners including the Aboriginal Skills Employment Training Strategy, so they can identify the forestry labour demands and opportunities in various BC regions. The project is expected to finish in January 2017.

It is the first phase of a broader initiative to help ensure that Aboriginal peoples in BC have the training and support they need for forestry sector jobs, including forestry and logging, silviculture, pulp and paper and solid wood. This project also supports the nomination period for Japanese Canadian historic places extended

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The first phase of a broader initiative to help ensure that Aboriginal peoples in BC have the training and support they need for forestry sector jobs, including forestry and logging, silviculture, pulp and paper and solid wood. This project also supports the nomination process for Japanese Canadian historic places has been extended to November 30 in response to stakeholders in the community who requested the extension in order to consider more thoughtful nomination submissions.

Nominations are being sought from the public for places with significance to British Columbians of Japanese descent which reflect the development and history of this province. Nominations can be made and information about the project can be found at the Heritage BC website at heritagebc.ca/japanese-historic-places.

Submissions will be evaluated by a selection committee appointed jointly by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Minette Battersby, Director of the First Nations Regional Forestry Council. Final decisions will be made in early 2017.

Heritage BC, a not-for-profit, charitable organization, is contracted to administer the nomination process. Its mandate is to support heritage conservation throughout British Columbia through advocacy, training and skills development, capacity building in heritage planning and funding through the Heritage Legacy Fund.

To learn more, visit the Canadian International Heritage Places at historicplaces.ca.

Expert panel on environmental assessment wants public input

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The independent panel appointed to review Canada’s environmental assessment processes has launched a public engagement strategy, which includes a survey, to help guide participation. Check out the information about public workshops and public hearings at http://careview-examence.ca to see how you can get involved.

This review marks a once-in-a-generation opportunity to enact a leading-edge environmental law for nature, communities and democracy. Don’t forget to read West Coast Environmental Law’s recommendations on environmental assessment reform and the collective wisdom of over 30 of Canada’s leading experts on the subject – one-in-a-generation when you consider it. Your recommendations to the Panel. It can be found at http://wcel.org/EASummit.

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Open fires to be allowed in parts of the Southeast

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Open fires to be allowed in parts of the Southeast Fire Centre.

People need permits to collect firewood

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Cutting your own firewood is free but you must still have a permit from the provincial government.

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Cutting down trees on Crown land without an appropriate permit, or selling any such wood is illegal. Violators will not be given a violation ticket or fine. Over the past 18 months, natural resource officers from the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations have issued 14,878 worth of work that BCNFNC has been doing to help several First Nations identify their unique role in the forestry workforce in the BC regions.

“The First Nations Forestry Council has been focused on a Workforce Initiative that supports increased First Nations participation in the forest sector and the current turnover in the workforce is a great opportunity for achieving that goal,” said Chief Bill Williams, president, BC First Nations Forestry Council. “Building skills is a requirement that needs particular attention and support if we wish to reflect the development and history of this province. Nominations can be made and information about the project can be found at the Heritage BC website at heritagebc.ca/japanese-historic-places.

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Next Valley Voice Deadline: September 30, 2016
If you missed the Nakusp or Slocan presentation by Lesley Anderton on the geological history of the Slocan and Kootenay basins, you have another opportunity at the Harrop Community Hall on BC Rivers Day, September 25. There will be an opening by Sinixt Matriarch at noon, a luncheon (by donation) and an educational visual slide presentation, concluding with a field trip to Kootenay Lake. Everyone welcome. Residents and visitors alike can learn the amazing geological history of this area of British Columbia, and rock climbers in particular will be interested in the information about the rocks in this area. The presentation explains the geological history of the area going back millions of years, including the formation of continents, and is informative on the various rock formations and mountains in the area. It explains what these rocks tell us about the history of the mountains, water, and land formations. This presentation deepens our connection to this place and our knowledge of the landscape that surrounds us, supports our survival, and provides a significant portion of hydroelectric power to the rest of the province.

Dennis Lev Moorhouse

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved father and grandfa- ther, Dennis Lev Moorhouse, who passed away in Nakusp on September 9th, 2016.

Dennis was predeceased by his loving wife of 60 years, Lenora Edith Moorhouse, his parents, Lev Lyle and Alice Viola Moorhouse of Ladner, BC, and his brother Meredith Lionel Moorhouse of Victoria, BC.

Left to cherish his memory, Dennis is survived by his son David Moorhouse, and his wife Linda of Vernon BC, daughter Marianne Coates and her husband Scott Wollin of Sooke BC, and his son Wayne Moorhouse and his wife Carolin, and their two children Kate and Reid of Vancouver, BC.

A Celebration of Life was held for Dennis at the Robertson Memorial United Church in Nakusp BC on Wednesday 21 of September with Minister Hilary Bitten officiating.

Colin Payne photography show at Nelson Library

Colin Payne’s new exhibition of photographs at the Nelson Public Library is more than a collection of fine landscape photographs. What Payne brings to his exquisitely balanced compositions is an eye for the remarkable in nature. Whether the subject is weathered deadfall, a fall reflection, or the movement of water, these works are a celebration of texture.

The love affair with nature and photography began, for Payne, in his home province of Newfoundland. An avid outdoors enthusiast, he found photography playing an increasing role in his experience, leading him to study photojournalism at Thompson Rivers University—the start of a love affair with the myriad applications of photography, and with British Columbia. A job with the Nelson Daily News came up, and he moved to Nelson where “I fell in love with both my wife and the place.” After the closure of the NDN in 2010, Payne launched his own freelance business, determined to stay and raise a family here. Since then, he has won photography awards in Canada and the US. “My work is inspired by the incredible raw beauty that surrounds me in the Pacific Northwest, as well as the countless impacts of humanity’s presence on the land,” he explains. Exploring the bigger questions of consciousness and transience, Payne endeavours to find an intuitive response to his subjects, in which “everything around me drops away and my mind is free to create.”

We invite attendees to bring their film equipment so that this presentation may be filmed for future reference.

Dennis was a native of Lancashire, England, a retired Selkirk College instructor. In her 35-year career at the college, she taught first and second year geology and geography courses and developed the “Geology, Landforms and Soils” course for renewable resources technology students. she developed a first year Environmental Science Course for non-science majors.

In lieu of flowers, if friends so desire, donations can be made in Dennis’ memory to the Robertson Memorial United Church, 117 3rd Ave. NW, Nakusp, BC V0G 1R0.

The family would like to thank the Doctors and Nurses at the Arrow Lakes Hospital for their kind and compassionate care during Dad’s final days and for the kindness and support of all our friends here in the community of Nakusp.

Colin Payne’s photographs are on display at the Nelson Library through September and October.

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For the third consecutive year, the Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society has elected a full board of 12 directors. At its September AGM, Sue Harder was elected as a new director, with Mabel Kabanoff, Willie Harasemow, Eric Clough, Sally Mackenzie and Rita Moir re-elected for two-year terms. Harder has been serving on the Hike or Bike for Housing organizing committee. Six board members continue in the second year of two-year terms: Paul Wilkinson, Ruth Hackett, Wilf Rimmer, Penny Tees, Don Currie and Lynnda Moore.

Harder fills the vacancy left by Lydia Kania, who is opting to concentrate on volunteer efforts such as gardening at Passmore Lodge. Kania received a standing ovation for her role and long time service, and was recognized as the lead fundraiser for the Hike or Bike for Housing.

September and October are intense and productive months for the society, with booths at the Spirit of Slocan Celebration and the Slocan Valley Fall Fair in Winlaw; the AGM; a housing conference in Cranbrook, and the Hike or Bike for Housing

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A summer work crew has made great improvements at the RDCK’s Winlaw Regional and Nature Park, upgrading the boardwalk and path that takes visitors into the park. In this photo, students from The Whole School Outdoor Leadership Program (OLP) visited and played on the swing newly installed by park maintenance staff. You can find the Regional and Nature Park by crossing onto the back road at Winlaw and following the signs.

For the third consecutive year, the Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society elects full board at September Annual General Meeting September 30–October 1. (See display ad in this issue.)

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