Scarlett. They’ve also met with ISPs in Nakusp on February 28 with reps from Ainsworth to Lardeau this year.

“There’s a huge focus right now on improving internet service in rural areas, so now is the time to move on a WestKootenay fibre network,” said Don Scarlett of KiN.

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KiN envisions a West Kootenay fibre network up the Arrow Lakes Valley, up the Slocan Valley, and around the Lardeau Loop. Society directors have had discussions with several other ISPs in the area to share their vision and offer their assistance. “We’re not talking about KiN actually laying the fibre outside of the Kaslo area, but we’re very much interested in helping people do it themselves in local areas. We’ve created ‘how to’ documents that we are sharing with anyone who is looking at fibre optics for their community,” said Scarlett.

KiN will be attending a meeting in Nakusp on February 28 with reps from the Chamber, Nakusp and Area Development Board, and the Village. “We hope some interested members of the public will show up as well,” said Scarlett. They’ve also met with ISPs in Edgewood, Burton, Silverton, Trout Lake, and the East Shore (Crawford Bay area).

Scarlett says that neither ADSL nor wireless service can reach the new CRTC standard of 10 megabits per second up and 50 megabits per second down. He says Kaslo’s ADSL service is about the best ADSL can do at 10 up and 25 down, but these speeds can only be achieved in buildings close to the telephone equipment office. “By the time you get to Kado Heights, it’s 1 up and 3 down. That’s just the physical limitation with copper wires,” he said.

Wireless technology at this point can only reach 5 or 6 megabits per second, plus it has the problem of obsolescence. “With wireless, you have to change the equipment because it becomes obsolete or wears out, but fibre in the ground is good for years and years. By simply changing the equipment at both ends of the fibre, you can increase the bandwidth. It’s obsolescence-proof,” Scarlett explained.

Although the fibre itself isn’t expensive, digging it in can be costly, especially in rural areas where houses are far apart. Scarlett says non-profits are in a good position to install fibre because they can afford to wait to get a return on their investment.

“If we provide a reliable service, we will eventually have a paying proposition,” said Scarlett. “Our whole business plan is based on providing a needed service. All the money we make goes back into expanding and providing a better service and creating local jobs. Unlike the big telecom companies, any income we make stays in the community.

“We’re very proud of being a non-profit and being in the business of serving the community and investing in the community.”

For more information, visit kin.bc.ca or contact 250-353-2305.

The Village Hearth Restaurant on New Denver’s main street was heavily damaged by fire on the night of Sunday, February 19.

The kitchen was destroyed, and the seating area was damaged by extreme heat and smoke.

The fire was discovered just before midnight. No one was in the building at the time.

The New Denver and Area Fire Department responded immediately and quickly contained and extinguished the blaze, which originated at the back of the building. The cause of the fire is unknown, and is under investigation.

The adjoining storefront, What’s In Store, is virtually undamaged, and the apartment upstairs has smoke damage but very little fire or water damage. The fire separations done during the renovation of the building six years ago are clearly very effective.

Bradley Bennett, who lives nearby and owns What’s in Store, was walking his dog Tikka just before midnight when the dog took off and ran to the back of the burning building. When Bennett realized what was happening, he ran up the exterior stairs to the apartment to warn the tenant. Thankfully, no one was home. Bennett was later taken to the health centre to be treated for smoke inhalation.

His partner, Sonya Stang, called 911.

Rory Pownall, who co-owns the building with her brother Sean, was in Revelstoke at the time and drove home right away. She had leased the restaurant to the Healthy Community Society of the North Slocan Valley, which had been operating the Village Hearth Farm-to-Table Restaurant since October. The restaurant had been open for brunch from 10 am to 2 pm that day. Both the Pownalls and the society have insurance.

This is one of New Denver’s beautifully renovated heritage buildings. Constructed in the 1890s, it was a store in the early days. Pownall’s mother, Colleen McCrorey, purchased the building in the 1970s. She ran a store and the Sears outlet there, and then it became the Valhalla Wilderness Society offices from around 1990 to 2009. During the renovations six years ago, the restaurant was created. Pownall operated Rory’s Restaurant for three years before leasing it to the society.
FortisBC calls for ideas on historic South Slocan buildings

by Jan McMurray

FortisBC is moving from South Slocan to Castlegar, and wants ideas from the community for the historic buildings on the South Slocan property. Unless a community group steps forward, the buildings are slated to be demolished. Ideas are to be submitted by April 28 at fortisbc.com/kootenayspo.

A handful of people turned out to a public meeting February 8 at Taghum Hall. Blair Weston of FortisBC was on hand to answer questions, and there were maps and aerial images of the property as well as the ‘Report on the Disposition of South Slocan Generation Facilities’ available to peruse.

“We’re here to listen to the community,” said Weston. “We’ve done a lot of work that I will make available to anyone who wants it, but if the buildings are going to be saved, we need a community partner to come up with a plan.” He emphasized that community group is key, as FortisBC’s focus has to be on its activities as a utility company.

Of the four buildings on the South Slocan property, the two of most interest to the community are the administration building (formerly the staff house) and the Creel Fishing Lodge. The old staff house is at the end of its life and would cost an estimated $5.5-6.8 million to repair. The estimated cost to refurbish the Creel Fishing Lodge is about $500,000. Clearly, the costs are a huge hurdle for non-profit groups, but there is another one, as well. Weston explained that because of liability, safety, and security issues, the FortisBC-owned road through the property cannot be used to access a commercial venture.

Weston explained that FortisBC will continue to own and maintain the road to the power plant, and will continue to allow the public to use the road to access the green space and the Slocan Pools. However, if any of the buildings are refurbished on site, they won’t be able to house a commercial venture that would be open to the general public. This would include a museum.

Representatives from the Friends of the South Slocan Staff House were also at the meeting. This group formed in March 2016 when they heard about FortisBC’s plan to demolish the buildings. In an interview after the meeting, Greg Nesteroff of the Friends said that although the group would like to see the staff house, warehouse, Creel Lodge and gardens saved, he is only optimistic about Creel Lodge and the gardens.

“In addition to the enormous amount of money required for upgrades, there are many other hurdles that need to be overcome, regarding access and security,” he said. He reported that the group doesn’t have a concrete plan for any of the buildings, and acknowledges that FortisBC’s April 28 deadline is fast approaching.

At the meeting, South Slocan residents Wood and Patrick Bondy put forward an idea to have students in the Selkirk College trades programs do the repairs to the old staff house.

Wood noted that there is currently a private member’s bill before Parliament to preserve heritage buildings in Canada. “Perhaps FortisBC could encourage the passing of the bill in Parliament and so gain some government grant to help preserve the staff house,” he said. Columbia Basin Trust was also mentioned a couple of times as a possible funding source.

Peter Kabel, FortisBC employee, assured everyone that the history of the South Slocan buildings will not be lost. Plans are underway for a display commemorating the buildings at the new FortisBC Kootenay Operations Centre in Castlegar. “I care about that building [old staff house]. It will be for sure that it will be remembered,” he said.

The administration/old staff house building was constructed in 1926 by the CPR as staff housing, and was converted into an office building for West Kootenay Power in 1986. The building was upgraded to meet today’s building code, and contains substances such as asbestos and lead-based paint that would trigger a very expensive environmental assessment. The total costs of repairing the building are estimated to be $5-6.8 million.

Conservation Officer attacked by cougar by Jan McMurray

A young cougar attempting to enter a window of a home near Salmo attacked a West Kootenay Conservation Officer on the evening of February 14. Deputy Chief Conservation Officer Chris Doyle reported that the officer received minor injuries and was able to kill the ‘extremely emaciated’ cougar.

This was the second cougar call from the Salmo area the officer received that night. Doyle reported that the first call, a report of an injured cougar, came in about 7:15. The West Kootenay officer responded and found the cougar suffering after being struck by a pickup truck. The officer euthanized the animal. This was the second cougar call to the CPR as staff housing, and was converted into an office building for West Kootenay into an office building for West Kootenay Power and Light in 2003. Since then, the company has demolished the No. 3 plant recreation hall and made staff houses available to local line departments to train for training purposes.

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Wayne McCreary, wildlife biologist and director of the Valhalla Wilderness Society, recommends people carry bear spray in the winter. He says when juvenile cougars are separated from their mothers, they cannot fend for themselves. Starving, they pose a threat to humans. He says a number of studies have found that cougar hunting and practice hound chasing lead to such separations. Juvenile cougars need two years with their mothers before they can survive in the wild.

$40,000 in rural dividends for this area submitted

The BC government is distributing more than $750,000 in new project-development grants to help small communities strengthen local economies. In the second intake of the three-year $75-million BC Rural Dividend, 77 project development grants, totalling $756,591, will be awarded to local governments, First Nations and not-for-profit organizations from around the province.

One hundred eligible project-development applications were received in the second intake. In this area, money was granted to the Regional District of Central Kootenay: $10,000 on behalf of the Area A Economic Development Corporation; Community Futures Development Corporation of Central Kootenay, $10,000; Nakusp and District Chamber of Commerce, $10,000 for a sustainable funding model for the West Koot Route Tourism Initiative; the Village of Nakusp, $10,000 for the waterfront strategy.
by Jan McMurray

Although now a medical marijuana producer, Meadow Creek Cedar Ltd. has not turned over a new leaf.

In keeping with its history of non-conformity, the company was a forestry company, Meadow Creek Cedar (MCC) has failed to submit completed building permit applications and floor plans for the two buildings on the old mill site that have been converted into marijuana production facilities. The RDCK board instructed staff to file a Notice on Title at the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) office.

“If the public has concerns about the operations at the Meadow Creek Cedar property, I encourage them to contact MP Wayne Stetski, and they can feel free to cc me,” said Anea D. Director Watson said she contacted Health Canada with questions about the licence, but the agency refused to divulge any information to a third party.

RDCK Building Manager John Southam provided the board with a report outlining the background on the Meadow Creek Cedar file.

On October 22, 2013, the RDCK planning department received a declaration of a cannabis grow-op from the registered owner of MCC Ltd., that he was applying to Health Canada for a commercial licence under the Marijuana for Medical Purposes Regulations (MMPR). MMPR are the new regulations as of April 1, 2014, brought in by the Harper government. Shortly after receiving the declaration, a staff member from the RDCK sent him a letter with information regarding building permits, setback and floodplain requirements.

The report’s say that on January 11, 2016, the RDCK received an email stating that MCC had been approved as a medical marijuana facility. He notes that notification from the applicant is all that is required for MMPR facilities.

On March 14, 2016, Kooner met with Southam in the Nelson RDCK office to discuss the permitting requirements for a medical marijuana production facility in existing MCC buildings. On April 6, Southam and another RDCK building official met with Justin Kooner, the registered owner of MCC, Justin, the registered owner of MCC, on the MCC property. They toured all of the buildings, two of which had been converted into marijuana production facilities with lights and ventilation fans. The permit requirements for floor plans and location of exits were discussed. One building permit application form was filled out and submitted, but it was not signed by the registered owner, Justin Kooner.

RDCK staff had some communication with Rod Lacey, the listed representative on the building permits application form, in April and May. Lacey submitted a single-line, not-to-scale floor plan for one of the buildings. This floor plan does not meet the requirements.

In September, Southam sent Koerner an email, outlining the requirements to process the permit application, and giving the company two weeks to meet the requirements before beginning the Notice on Title process. No response has been received.

The report lists the items required by the RDCK for MCC to be in compliance: the correct signature on the existing building permit application for the building at the southwest corner of the property, a second building permit application for the second building being used for marijuana production, and floor plans to scale of two of the buildings, “with attention to our primary concern which is egress and exiting from the building.”

Drawings for the second building must also show building code compliance for the inside stairway to the second storey.

The fee for removing a Notice on Title is $750.

When operating as a forestry company from 2006 to 2012, MCC’s licence was finally suspended after many notices of non-compliance with forest legislation. The company was also found to be in violation of several safety regulations, and was issued many orders from WorkSafeBC.

A Forest Practices Board investigation in 2012 found the company’s practices to be unsound. The sawmill burned down in November 2014, but the office building, dry kiln and remnant plant were untouched by the fire.
Politics

More broken promises from our Canadian political leaders? Are you ticked off, steaming mad, and one of the voices of discontent? Well, hear this. If you did not vote, you have absolutely no right to complain about anything in politics. It is a free country. You can vote if you choose to or not. By not voting, you are throwing your most precious freedom away.

Bill Cuell
Kaslo

America, the beautiful?

They came to our country in 1945, free, strong, and brash. They brought cigarettes, chocolate, chewing gum, and nylons. Most of all, the Americans brought freedom. Gone were the cannon across the road, the bomber squadrons, the V2s and the SS with the drumbeat of marching boots. Gone were the hunger, the horror and the terror. They brought laughter and joy, food and freedom, they brought life.

I remember Hitler’s rants on the radio: “Deutschland Deutschland uber alles!” We would make Germany great again. There would be jobs for everyone, Germany, a country of Aryans, blond, blue-eyed, strong and proud. No place for the feeble-minded, homosexuals, Jews, or Gypsies. Deutschland Deutschland uber alles! Hitler!

Today, the sounds I hear from across the border sound like echoes from my childhood.

Elsje de Boer
Fauquier

Double standard

Evidently Western democracies have a double standard when it comes to people suffering at the hands of raving lunatics. When Muammar Gaddafii went off the rails, the Western democracies, by way of NATO, were quick to put an end to the violence.

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Patrick Mackle
Kaslo

Declining population depressing

The census is in: BC up 5.6%, Nelson up 3.3%, Salmo flat, and Alpine Nirvana (Kaslo) down 6.1%. No population numbers yet for Area D, but I’m guessing down, perhaps as much as 10%. Now only 968 souls that call Kaslo home. But those numbers are a year old – more likely under 950 now.

Vicious circle. Bad business climate causes job losses, less activity, declining real estate values, no 247 emergency, retirees leaving, poor sales, and on it goes. The bay and the marina are emblematic for the Village. Ten years ago, the Village should have accepted responsibility and fixed the road to the marina and condos. But no, and 10 years later what do we have? Condos that sold new for $250,000 are now selling for $140k, if at all. With no road, how did they get a certificate of completion?

Business failures at the pub and marina. What used to be assets are under the jurisdiction of the provinces.

Patrick Mackle
Kaslo

Rice and corn

About a year ago, I did some Google searching for some rice that maybe is short season and hardy enough that it could be grown here in this area. I remember a National Geographic article about rice that said there are more than 3,000 varieties.

With some help from others, I was given the site of the Curator National Small Grain Collection, US Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, in Aberdeen, Idaho. They sent me 5 grams each of 25 varieties of rice grown in Hokkaido, Japan. The Idaho people thought that this rice might be the best in our southern BC climate.

I learned that this island of Hokkaido only started growing rice in the late 19th century in only the southern tip and then gradually advanced over the whole island.

So I started these seeds indoors and then transplanted them out in June into little 3’ by 4’ plots in different parts of the garden.

These plants were so slow! This last June, as everyone might remember, was exceptionally cold. My field beans died because the soil was too cold. I had to replant them twice, which resulted in them not maturing enough to make it in September.

So the rice plants did not die but they never matured either. I’m not going to do the rice again. I’m getting too old for this. Rice needs to be threshed out and then hulled before using anyway.

I have had good success for four years with a different grain: Gaspe corn. This is a flint corn that the Mi’kmaq people of Gaspe, Quebec have grown for hundreds of years.

I got this seed from heritageharvestseed.com in Manitoba. It was advertised as ‘earliest corn ever.’ It grows about 3’ high and bears two to four 4” cobs.

What is important to me is that the tassels peak up first of July, soon followed by the silks. The pollination is all finished before my sweet corn has even started. The cobs were mature enough to harvest by late August. So I can grow this corn year after year without it getting cross pollinated. So for some people this might be a good survival crop.

Frank Nixon
Winlaw

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Stand up for our democracy

Demos, the people, Krafo, to rule. Put them together and you get democracy, the people not politicians, parties, not political leaders, but you and I, the people rule.

Justin Trudeau promised to change our democracy around, so that the voice we would count, which is so important because most of our votes don’t count under our current system, 46% of us voted ‘strategically last’ election. That’s almost half of the votes, and many did that because we were promised, assured, that “2015 will be the last election under First Past the Post.” And we trusted that promise.

But now Trudeau, cynically, arrogantly, says that it is “his call” to break that promise. Well, this is NOT Trudeau’s call. This is our democracy, and that makes this our call. However you feel about electoral reform, when politicians break election promises of this magnitude, then our call and our democracy start to mean little or nothing.

Because if we let them get away with this one, they can get away with anything.

Well over 100 people protested Trudeau’s betrayal of trust in Nelson on Saturday, February 11, and many thousands did all over Canada. E-petition 616 to parliament is already the most successful petition ever, with well over 100,000 signatures, and growing. Now we need to keep on pushing, singing, writing, emailing, signing petitions, doing whatever it takes to make Trudeau keep his promise. This is our democracy, Canada, and it is so worth standing up for.

Sjeng Derks
Nelson

Honk for the birds

Travelling between Revelstoke and the Fernie corridor, I observed flocks of song birds landing on the road surface, attracted by gravel. A vehicle plowed right through one such flock when it was making a right turn, and I counted 12 dead birds in that one incident, picked up two who were injured but still alive, and kept them dark and warm on the long drive home. One had to be euthanized. So many people put so much effort into saving the one survivor. Yet all it would have taken was for the driver of that vehicle to move his/her feet a mere 4 inches to the left. So many drivers consider it below their dignity to slow down.

I am grateful to Dr. Leanne Sackney of Nelson Animal Hospital for her skillful assistance with two injured wild birds, but especially for her dedication and compassion. Also thanks to Pacific Coastal Airlines who flew the surviving bird from the Trail airport to Nelson for rehabilitation at the Wildlife Rescue Association in Burnaby free of charge. Their personnel was so kind and helpful.

A couple of years ago, in a similar incident on the road to Paulown summit for a cross-country ski trip, I counted 46 dead birds on maybe 50 metres of road. One SUV gunned by and hit another without slowing down for me on the side of the road, camera in never mind slowing down for the birds. Ravens were already prepping overhead to obtain a free meal, so gruesome evidence disappears quick. I estimate those few minutes and short stretch of road x the entire day x the entire winter x whole length of the highway x all highways in Canada, the song birds killed this way must be in the millions each year. As these birds consume insects especially in the spring, it is not telling us this does to the health of our forests.

Daniela Gadotti
Beasley

Stop the prejudice

Mischaracterization of the people of Edgewood by individuals in Nakusp has been going on for far longer, and I feel this may be affecting the quality of health care, police protection, and education Edgewood residents are enjoying.

We, the people of Edgewood, have been terrorized by an individual for a long time. The person called in to test and we were told to leave this person alone. We feel that the more police condoned his behaviour, the more his violence increased. We at times police do not serve and protect us? Perhaps because certain people from Nakusp are stating that we are all useless drug addicts.

Recently, an elderly Edgewood resident went to the hospital in Nakusp and overheard a comment like this from one of the nurses. Derogatory remarks have been made about us in other public places in Nakusp, as well. What kind of care are we going to receive at the hospital and from health care professionals when we are stigmatized in this way?

We are a close-knit community. We take care of our people – young, old and middle aged. We police our streets and only hear more about crime in Nakusp than in Edgewood. We support Nakusp by spending our money at your businesses. I ask you to now support us and stop spreading these false and hurtful rumours about us.

We fear for our lives with this individual’s threats to a lot of us, and right now we need positive support. We are and always will be your neighbours. You are welcome to come to our hospital and from health care professionals when we are stigmatized in this way.

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I hope this letter will make people think about how we are the only people of Edgewood by this stereotyping.

Emmy Pasicka
Edgewood

Jumbo Now

“To cherish what remains of the Earth and foster its renewal is our only legitimate hope of survival.” (Wendell Berry)

Whenever I bring up the subject of Jumbo to some official, they immediately tell me of the current two court cases.

As you recall, they are: the Ktnumax Nation’s appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada addressing the constitutionality of Jumbo as their sacred place, and the proposed Jumbo Glacier Resort, which with the approval of the Minister of Environment, Mary Polak, who stated, October 4, 2014, that the proposed Jumbo Glacier Resort was not substantially started. Obert Oberti, the Kluxumax Nation, influenced Ms. Polak.

The Land Officer for the Jumbo file told me that no new resort plan of less than 2,000 bed units – the magic number of bed units that negates the necessity of an environmental review – has been seen.

“..But there is more to receiving the go-ahead for another resort besides being smaller,” he said. Large or small, any resort proposal will be assessed by the Mountain Resorts Branch, which uses the criteria of the Canadian Alpine Ski Policy (CASP). They also look at the location. The resort may not be economically viable if they are stuck off by themselves in a remote location.

Yes, though “white” describes conditions in the Jumbo area now, my cabin friend mind sees green-up time there. And I’m disgusted with the human derision of one of the nurses. Derogatory remarks and overheard a comment like this from one of the nurses. Derogatory remarks have been made about us in other public places in Nakusp, as well. What kind of care are we going to receive at the hospital and from health care professionals when we are stigmatized in this way?

There will be a next installment. Let’s keep on pushing, singing, writing, emailing, signing petitions, doing whatever it takes to make Trudeau keep his promise. This is our democracy, Canada, and it is so worth standing up for.

Richard Allin Hills
Community Walking Tour

by Barbara Curry Mulcahy

The Village will aid in placing historical signs. In the first phase, eight interpretive signs and two plaques will be designed and installed. In the second phase, a brochure, a guidebook, and text and audio files to be downloaded to visitors’ cell phones will all be created. Other project sponsors include: Arts Vest ($4,900 in matching funds), CKCA ($2,000 to develop a website to promote the tour), Columbia Power ($1,500), Mountain Valley Station, FortisBC and Sockeye Enterprises ($1,000 each), Harold Street Cafe, Slocan Valley Market, Valley Voice, and Lemon Creek Lodge ($100 each).

The SVHS will also be permitted to install a humidity-controlled display case in council chambers “to securely store and showcase artifacts.” Joyce Johnson said the society would apply for a grant to build the display case “to spec.”

• Project proposals for CBT Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Program grant funding are due at the RDCK head office by 4:30 pm February 28. Council scheduled a public meeting for 5 pm April 3 for grant applicants to each give a five-minute presentation and answer questions on their grant requests. On April 10, council will hold a special meeting to decide which organizations will receive Community Initiatives funding.

• Public Works Supervisor Tim Hill reported on a busy month. The grader and dump truck have been repaired, but the grader needs more work, and they were running out of places to push the snow. About 100 feet of the water main on Arlington Road had to be steamed open when frost penetrated it. The road was paved too wide, so asphalt covers the waterline. Hill said soft water has a tendency to “melt corrugations of metals”.

• Chris Hold, a certified arborist, assessed the Wellington Avenue Oak and the white poplars at the beach, and instructed Hill in pruning. The oak is in excellent shape, but Holt said digging near it would damage its roots and so the Village should cancel its plans to plant a new trench for an electrical line to the new Wellness Centre sign. Holt suggested the poplars at the beach “be phased out over the next several years” and provided a list of replacement trees more suitable to high-occupancy beach areas.

Free pain management course offered in Nakusp

by Art Joyce

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Silverton council, February 14: Volunteer appreciation event discussed by Jan McMurray

• CAO Darrell Garceau reported that the Slocan Valley Community Legacy Society has asked the Village to join in hosting the annual volunteer appreciation evening at the Silverton Memorial Hall on April 22. He said this would open the door to an annual celebration in Silverton in celebration of volunteers valley-wide. Last year, the Silverton Community Club asked the Village to take over the Silverton Volunteer Appreciation Year event. Council is very interested in the SVCLC’s proposal and asked Garceau to look into it further. The only concern is that council would like all volunteers to be welcome; the society has put a limit on attendance to five volunteers from each organization. Mayor Clarke confirmed with council that a volunteer appreciation event for all volunteers rather than a volunteer of the year event is preferred.

• The public meeting for Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives project took place on February 10. The presentation was set for April 6. Members of the public may pick up a handout at the meeting and rank the projects. Council will take the public’s comments into account during their deliberations on April 18 to determine how to distribute the funds. Silverton has approximately $30,000 to distribute.

• Council received a letter from Karen Harris and Danny Campbell, registering their opposition to the Village taking over the Red Mountain Internet service.

• In partnership with SFCo (Slocan Valley Community Forest), the Village will submit an application for funding under the provincial Community Wildlife Protection Program. This will be to develop a plan to treat about five hectares of land to the south of the village, extending the protection zone to just outside the municipal boundary. The estimated cost of this planning phase of the project is $15,000, which will be covered by the provincial program (90%) and CBT (10%) if the applications are approved. The next phase of the project would be the fuel treatment itself, estimated to cost $120,000 - $400,000. This would hopefully be funded by the provincial program (which would require another application) and SFCo.

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• At a February 9 Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting, the mayor and councilors discussed what to do about a request from the Red Mountain Internet Society for the Village to take over its service. At a COW, no decisions are made formally; the councillors and mayor discuss an issue and often reach a consensus, then place a resolution for a formal vote on the agenda for the next regular council meeting.

• The CBT chair, with the support of the CBT community, school board and local government membership, has appointed Hamling. Hamling suggests the RDCK Chair Karen Hamling to the RDCK Community Sustainability Initiative. Hamling suggests the establishment of an advisory committee with community, school board and local government membership, and seeks the Village’s support.

• The Village will take over the Silverton Memorial Hall on April 22. A volunteer appreciation evening at the Silverton Memorial Hall will be available. The Community is encouraged to apply for the Rural Dividend program. Silverton has approximately $30,000 to distribute.

• Silverton reacts to the CRTC ruling that high-speed wireless. The company is encouraged to contact the program and answer in the affirmative.

• She was asked if it would like the project that is required to exceed the 25% limit, the Village will express interest in having the CBT host a climate action meeting in Silverton. The Trust launched a new Climate Action Program, to support local projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help communities adapt to climate change impacts. Community meetings will take place over the next three years, and will provide up-to-date scientific information, help communities identify priorities, and initiate community climate action projects. There will be CBT funding for these projects.

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February 6, as measured at the Landreau and Coffee Creek weather stations. The heavy snow caused trees outside of FortisBC’s right-of-ways to impact power lines serving customers in Kaslo, Crawford Bay and the surrounding Kootenay Lake areas.

“We know the trees in the area are important to the community and while we work year round to clear vegetation from our right-of-ways, we are careful to preserve trees that are outside of the right-of-way,” explained Nicole Bogdanovic of FortisBC. Bogdanovic has two transmission lines serving customers in the Kaslo area, so normally when one line is down, customers are served from the second line. However, there were four instances in the week of February 6 when both lines were impacted by trees at the same time, causing power outages Monday from about 2 to 8 pm, Tuesday from about 3:45 to 9:30 pm, Thursday from about 6:45 to 8 pm and Friday from about 5:10 am to 12:20 pm.

FortisBC is ready to respond 24 hours a day in all weather, but Bogdanovic reports that additional currents were brought in from Creston and Trail that week, as well as contractor crews to remove trees and repair lines.

“The winter conditions and the highway closure, access to some areas was limited and did result in longer restoration periods,” she said. “Some of the work required our crews to access remote areas and manually climb poles in winter storm conditions to make repairs and we appreciate their dedication and expertise.”

FortisBC encourages customers to have an emergency kit ready with items like flashlights, a battery operated radio, and fresh water. Learn more at fortisbc.com/safety.

**KASLO & DISTRICT**

### Aimee Watson elected chair of hospital district board

**by Jan McMurray**

Aimee Watson, RDCK Area D, was elected chair of the West Kootenay Boundary Regional District board at the January 25 meeting. She beat Marguerite Rotvold, Village of Midway, who was chair for probably nine years. Rotvold was elected acting chair.

In an interview, Chair Watson said, “I love this work and want to further my career, and I asked to do that in local government to get into executive positions and chair positions. I am really grateful that Marguerite was voted in as acting chair. I will value her very much and look forward to mentoring her.”

The 2017 executive committee was also appointed. Walter Popoff (RDCK Area H), Deb Kozak (Nelson), Mike Martin (Trail) and Roby Russell (Grand Forks) make up this committee.

The board received the list of capital projects that Interior Health would like to complete in 2017. The WKBRHD is asked to contribute 40% of the cost of the capital projects every year. This year, the projects come to $6,200,000, of which the board is being asked to contribute $2,516,200.

Director Leah Main reports that the board was not comfortable with some of the requests, i.e. replacement of a residents’ bus for Columbia View Trail. She points out that all other facilities have had to fundraise to purchase their bus. Another request the board questioned was “RN vacation scheduling software.” We feel this may more properly be operational rather than capital,” Main says in her written report to Silvertown council. “We have referred all funding requests to our February meeting, pending some clarification from Minister Lake regarding interpretation of the Hospital District Act, which governs our mandate.”

Watson said the board questioned four of the requests from IH. “The elephant in the room is the state of our overall infrastructure,” she said. “We know that big money is required for our infrastructure in this district, so the directors ask questions about projects that steer away from the bricks and mortar ones.”

Among the 2017/18 projects are the replacement of the generator at Slocan Community Health Centre in New Denver, a building management system at Victorian Community Health Centre in Kaslo (to control mechanical systems in the building); telehealth expansion to the Arrow Lakes Hospital, Boundary Hospital and Castlegar Health Centre; updating telehealth infrastructure in Edgewood and Nelson; repair of fire separation penetrations at the Trail hospital; steam and condensate line replacement at the Trail hospital; and a mortar ones.”

The matter of contribution grant for cultural organizations was referred to the February 21 COW meeting.

### Kaslo council, February 14: City Hall contracts awarded

**by Jan McMurray**

• Quality Interior Contracting Ltd. was hired to insulate and replaster Kaslo City Hall for $102,852. “The proponent is well known for his heritage restoration/preservation/rehabilitation work and has confidence of the project manager,” states the CAO in his report. Most of the cost (approx. $70,000) will be covered by the CBT funds in the City Hall Reserve, with the rest coming from the Community Works Reserve.

Ready Engineering will do electrical and fire safety consultation work for the City Hall project at a cost of $4,982, which will come from the Community Works Reserve.

Once the insulation and plaster work is done, a final report will be submitted to the Columbia Basin Trust to claim the outstanding $15,000 from the 2014 grant of $25,000.

• Council received the minutes of the January 31 COW meeting. Bob Stair, representing the Langham Cultural Centre, made the society’s request for an annual contribution from the Village for operating expenses, in addition to its permissive tax exemption. The matter of contribution grant for cultural organizations was referred to the February 21 COW meeting.

• The Village will provide a written response to Rainbow Drive residents who requested paving improvements. Essential repairs on Rainbow Drive will be costed for this year, but a full repaving program will have to wait until funds are available and other ongoing matters concerning Rainbow Drive are resolved.

• The Village will hire a summer student to assist public works on either an eight- or twelve-week basis, depending on the outcome of a Canada Summer Student grant application.

• Council endorsed the Angry Hen’s brewery lounge application to the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch.

• The Village of Kaslo Expense and Remuneration Bylaw 1199 was read three times. The bylaw sets the annual remuneration for the mayor at $10,388.44 and councillors at $5,705.40, and outlines reimbursements for travel expenses.

### Kootenay Curlers slide into Kaslo unbeatable

The Kaslo Curling Club was delighted to host teams from Nelson, Revelstoke, Riondel and Beaver Valley at its annual Kaslo Open Bonspiel January 27-29.

Congratulations to the 2017 champions, Team King from Beaver Valley, which beat Team Osachoff from Revelstoke in a 6-3 final that came down to the skip’s last rock. The keen and swingy ice led to some terrific shotmaking throughout the weekend, followed by the enjoyment of good food and atmosphere in the lounge. There was also some unscheduled entertainment as Team Kaslo Firefighters were called out only minutes before their Saturday afternoon game with Team Thomson of Nelson. Were the Firefighters of Kaslo and local crews ready to win a wild and exciting game? We hope so — especially those teams that travelled to Kaslo, and the club says it’s very grateful to the sponsors and volunteers who helped make the event a success. weekend events in the Kootenays. Thank you for welcoming us to Kaslo and for your efforts to travel for medical reasons. Please contact Dave Boland at 250-333-2500 for more information about this worthy cause.

The Kaslo Open Bonspiel welcomes up to 16 mixed teams on the last weekend of January each year, and curlers of all abilities are invited to check out this curling gem in the Kootenays. Thank you for supporting local events and business. For more information, visit the website at www.kaslocurling.com.
two women with the Options for Sexual Health (Opt) Nakusp clinic have received long-term recognition awards from the organization’s head office in Vancouver.

Karen Likness received her 20-year Volunteer Recognition Award, having been with Opt-Nakusp since their doors opened in 1996.

Linda Nero, RN, received her 20-year recognition and the Barb Hestin Nursing Award With Excellence for her demonstrated exception of clinical leadership, skills, knowledge and passion for patient-centered nursing care. The award is given to those who “approach their work in a caring, competent, evidence-informed manner that inspires those around them and exemplifies what it means to be an Opt RN.”

Nero attributes her performance to the outstanding clinical support she receives from clinic supervisor Joanne Thomas, RN, and a dedicated volunteer staff.

Options For Sexual Health envisions a society that celebrates healthy sexuality, its diversity of expression, and a positive sexual self-image for individuals throughout life. It is Canada’s largest non-profit provider of sexual health services through clinics, advocacy, education programs, and the 1-800-SEX-SENSE information and referral line. They currently operate 60 clinics across BC which are supervised by nurses, with clinical and medical support from physicians and client support from trained volunteers.

The individuals who provide this service in Nakusp have made many provincial-level recognitions through their outstanding efforts to provide compassionate, confidential, dedicated care to their clients.

In 2011, Dr. Miranda Hughes received the Dr. Jeffrey Dolph Memorial Award, for her exceptional dedication and an outstanding ability to respect and value patients.

In 2014, Opt received the Opt Clinic Of The Year Award, for their exceptional work on keeping their clinic thriving through uncertain times, and creating public awareness, which prompted public support to re-establish themselves, and remain vibrant.

In 2015, Teresa Weatherhead received the Dorothy Shaw Award for her outstanding and inspirational volunteer leadership.

Long Term Volunteer Recognition Awards have been received by Frances Swan, Karen Likness, Linda Nero and Teresa Weatherhead throughout the years.

Nakusp Opt, located at the Kimisp Connection Centre, 613 Broadway, is open the second and fourth Mondays of each month 6 pm to 8 pm, no appointment necessary. They offer confidential services in STI testing and treatment, PAP screenings, free condoms, and sexual health counselling around birth control, which is offered at a reduced rate, with access to a compassionate program for those who need short-term assistance.

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Caroline Woodward releases new edition of novel

by Art Joyce

It’s not often these days a novel gets a second chance at life. Author and former New Denver resident Caroline Woodward’s first novel, Alaska Highway Two-Step, will get just that, with a new edition being released this month by Harbour Publishing.

Woodward’s novel tells the story of a freelance journalist, a young woman living in the Kootenays, who accepts an assignment to write a series of articles about life along the Alaska Highway. To those of us who know Caroline it’s clear her main character, Mercy Brown, is based at least partly on her own personality. But with a twist: Brown has the uncanny gift of precognition, the ability to foresee real life events in dreams. The novel weaves three narrative strands into the plot: Brown’s road trip north, her disturbing premonitions, and excerpts from journals she inherited from a deceased aunt – a ballet dancer and choreographer in the early decades of the 20th century. It’s an interesting juxtaposition of the lives of two different generations of professional women. Expect to be surprised: this story focuses more on grain and texture than on following the plot points of a typical mystery novel. Caroline agreed to be interviewed for the Valley Voice about the new edition of her novel.

Is the new edition substantially different than the original novel? Did you decide to do any rewriting or major editing? If so, why? It is relatively unchanged except for a few deft edits and tacks in the main character’s sea and road journey. A good part of the road trip takes place on the Alaska Highway, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2017. The most significant change I made was to rename the ill-fated Queen of the North ferry. In my book it is now the Queen of Hartley Bay, to honour the First Nations villagers who got into their large and small fishing boats and did a Dunkirk flotilla style of rescue of all but two of the passengers and crew when it sank in the middle of the night. They deserved to have a B.C. ferry named in their honour and one of the great things about writing fiction is that I get to make it so. I don’t recall the book being promoted as a mystery when it originally came out in 1993. What genre description best fits the book today? It is indeed a mystery novel for adults and was nominated by the Crime Writers of Canada for the Arthur Ellis (Canada’s last hangman) Best First Mystery Novel Award. Margaret Cannon, who still writes a weekly mystery reviews column for the Globe & Mail and does regular broadcasts for CBC Radio, picked it for the Globe & Mail Editor’s Pick of Top 100 Books in 1993. I was also invited to the 1994 Bouchercon International Mystery Convention in Seattle in 1994 to be part of a panel and to give a reading of Mercy Brown, a novel that started out as a typical blood and gore formula murder mystery.

How much of the novel is based on your own experience and research? How did you go about it? You are a northern BC gal and have family ties to the Peace River region so how did that inform the writing of the novel? Absolutely none of this novel is based on my own experience except for the idyllic cottage at Five Mile on Kootenay Lake and my dear, departed dog, Sadie Brown whose ashes are now in an urn beneath my writing desk. Certainly my upbringing in the Peace region, going to school and living in a dormitory for ‘bush kids’ in Fort St. John, and later as an adult, working with First Nations teens informs this novel. The havoc wreaked on the remote village of Fort Ware when Williston Lake, created by the first dam on the Peace River in the 1960s, flooded much of their land and as a result of eyewitness accounts of the drowning of wild animals and nesting birds, and the suicides of trappers and others who lived the lives of the buffalo and many other events and I have included some of them. I invented the Canadian Bureau of Premonitions, as I explain in the Foreword, and made my main character a reluctant psychic. I incorporated the practice of lucid, or more like focused, dreaming, before a crucial hunting trip and other life challenges, including dying, as practiced by people regarded as prophets among the Dane-Zaa people in the Peace and studied by anthropologist Dr. Robin Ridington, author of at least three major books on this subject, his life’s work.

Why did you choose the subplot of the aunt who was a dancer? When I had a precious full month with a studio at Banff while writing the first version of Alaska Highway Two-Step back in 1992, I discovered a book by American dancer Ruth St. Denis, a contemporary of Isadora Duncan and I wondered who might an unknown dancer like that be? I knew much more about the dancer when audiences for classical ballets were shocked by modern dancers in bare feet and others bringing monkeys and elephants onto the stage, rather like forerunners to Cirque du Soleil. That’s how Ginger Brown came to life and so I had great fun writing her ‘diaries’ and eventually I had to send her up to entertain the troops building the Alaska Highway, Ditto for dreaming up a way to stop the environmental and financial boondoggle that is the Site C Dam, which we with Peace River roots have had to fight against four separate times over the last 50 years.

Alaska Highway Two-Step will be available through all the usual outlets.
Somali refugees scheduled to arrive in New Denver today

February 23 is the day the Slocan Valley Refugee Coalition has been looking forward to for more than a year, since it first submitted the application to sponsor a family through a blended funding model with the federal government. The family they are sponsoring is expected to arrive in New Denver that day.

The family consists of Bibi, her husband Omar, their five young sons ages four to 10 and Bibi’s youngest sister, age nine. They all speak and understand English, albeit to varying degrees. They are of Somali heritage but have been living in Kenya as refugees for more than 15 years, and this is where the children were all born.

The family began the refugee resettlement application process seven years ago through the UN’s International Organization for Migration, and were accepted into Canada’s refugee application system two and a half years ago. Their case was approved by Canada into Canada’s refugee application for Migration, and were accepted into Canada’s refugee application

Sol Butler, 18-year-old skier from South Slocan, won a silver medal at the Junior Freeride World Championships held at Grandvalira, Andorra February 5-8. Many thanks to the community for supporting Sol’s Go Fund Me campaign to allow his coach, Dano Slater, to accompany him. Sol ended up having to use Dano’s skis in the competition because Sol’s luggage, including his skis, were lost by the airline. “Against all odds, using skis that were too long, borrowed poles that were too short, and foggy weather, Sol skied incredibly and ended up in second place in a field of 31 skiers from 15 different countries,” reports Sol’s father, Ron Butler.

The family is eager to integrate into the community, to get to know their neighbours and to learn about the place they will live for at least the next year, and to begin building friendships. The children are in touch with their future classmates and teachers, and the SVRC has been able to better anticipate their needs upon arrival.

The Abukar family consists of Bibi, her husband Omar, their five young sons ages four to 10 and Bibi’s youngest sister, age nine.

If you are not in the W.E. Graham Community School 2017/2018 Registrations

The programs at W.E. Graham are designed to engage students through a wide variety of outdoor and experiential community oriented experiences.

Primary Outdoor Program (“PoP” K - 2) spends a minimum of 2 afternoons a week exploring the local environment and is actively involved in the use and development of the outdoor classroom area on the Slocan River. Students are given a clothing list so they can be prepared for all kinds of weather.

Grade 3 - 5 Program also has an outdoor learning component as well as a music focus.

The Outdoor Environmental Leadership Program (“OELP”) is geared to Grades 6, 7 & 8. The OELP combines experiential activities with core academics to create a program that fosters leadership, resilience, and awareness of the outdoors, self-confidence and outdoor skills. The program includes day trips as well as extended out-trips.

The Vallhalla Wilderness Program (“VWP”) is a one of a kind junior wilderness program that has achieved an international reputation for excellence. This program focuses on creating a learning experience which involves backcountry skiing, mountain biking, hiking and canoeing. Students receive certificates in avalanche awareness as well as first aid. This program involves 5 to 6 extended out trips as well as day trips every Friday. In conjunction with the outdoor experience the students are also in class for a regular selection of academic classes and integrated curriculum experiences. Spaces in this program are limited and an application process is required in addition to a regular registration form. If you are not in the W.E. Graham catchment area it is important that you complete a school transfer by March 30, 2017. If you have any questions regarding our school or the specific programs, please do not hesitate to contact the Principal, Ms. Halii Raines, at 250-355-2212 or hraines@sd8.bc.ca.
The festival, which aims to celebrate local landscapes and our very own mountain culture, will feature presentations that are as local as you can get this year.

The evening feature presentation will be by Hills native and owner-operator of Valhalla Mountain Touring, Jasmin Caton. Jasmin will present highlights and comical low points on her journey from Hills kid to professional rock climber and mountain guide. She will also show The Spring Tide, a Sweetgrass Productions film about her ski trip to Norway with Leah Evans.

With The Year of the Toads, Isaac Carter of ICandyFilms has documented the lifecycle and migration rituals of the Western Toad at Summit Lake. Shot over the span of an entire year, Isaac shows the intricacies and importance of this species in the amazing biodiversity of our own backyard.

We are once again excited to show the most recent work of Lustau-based wildlife photographer Jim Lawrence. Koootenay Rambles is a compilation of exhilarating moments, portraying Mother Nature and her awe-inspiring creations at work and play. Utilizing high definition video Jim leads us through lively beaver ponds, snowy meadows, high windy ridges, and into the delicate environments of our natural world.

Emerging filmmaker, Virginia Frobe, brings a lifelong love of theatre, art, and the wild to her new short documentary Seeing it Wild. This film highlights the beauty of our fragile planet and our responsibility to preserve what we hold dear. Seeing it Wild explores the inner connection of art and inspiration through the eyes of five Koootenay artists. Their stories are as varied as the artists themselves, but each shares a deep love for and relationship with nature through their work.

As photographer for the Healthy Community Society’s Talking Spade book project, Chilla Zoll took thousands of images, not all of which made it into the book. The Talking Spade slideshow is a selection of some of Chilla’s favourite images from the project, taking a closer look into the astoundingly beautiful gardens found in our mountain valley.

Enjoy these shows and more, starting at 7 pm on March 4. Doors open at 6:30. Proceeds go to support the North Slocan Trails Society and their work to maintain local trails. A concession with sweets and beverages will be available. Tickets are available at Rutabaga’s and Silverton Building Supplies (adults $10 and youth/student $5). Remember that kids 10 and under are free, but still need a ticket. Get your tickets early as this event sells out every year.

The North Valley Mountain Film Festival is also coordinating with the Wide Spot series of community conversations to explore the question “What do I learn from the other-than-human world?” The film festival seeks to inspire thought and conversation, so we encourage you to come join the free dinner and discussion on Sunday March 5. Free childcare is provided. For details, visit widespot.ca.

An added event during this year’s film festival weekend is a film making workshop hosted by Isaac and Orsi Carter of ICandyFilms. From the conception of a story, to the complicated setting on your camera, to editing of footage, this workshop will be sure to improve your home videos.

Cancer support groups available in Nakusp

Support groups for people with cancer and for caregivers of people with cancer are starting up in Nakusp on Saturday, March 11. “We welcome anyone to the groups who has been diagnosed with cancer or anyone who is caring for someone with cancer,” says Shelley Bortnick, group facilitator.

The group for those with cancer runs Saturdays 11 am – 12:30 pm; the group for caregivers runs Saturdays 1–3:30 pm. They take place at the Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services (ASLCS) building at 206 Sixth Street in Nakusp. Participants enter from the back entrance. The groups will initially be facilitated by Shelley Bortnick, MSW, RSW and Jim Fenning, MSW. “The intent is for the groups to become self-supporting and peer facilitated,” said Bortnick. The project is being funded by the Arrow Lakes Hospital Foundation, with support from ASLCS.

For more information or to register, call 250-265-3397 or 250-551-6071 or email jamesfenning@earthsong.ca.
Lesley Anderton’s presentation of The Geological History of the Slocan and Kootenay River Basins has just been uploaded to YouTube by the Perry Ridge Water Users Association. You can link to it through perryridge.org.

“The public now has the opportunity to learn from the presentation about the special place we call home in the West Kootenays,” says PRWUA president Marilyn Burgoon.

The presentation teaches the geological history going back millions of years, which includes the formation of continents, and in particular explains the various rock formations and mountains in the area and 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 landscapes that surround us, support our survival, and provide a significant portion of hydroelectric power to the rest of the Province. It includes many beautiful and informative slides about the area.

The appeal of Lesley Anderton, MA has been demonstrated over her decades as a much-loved geology instructor at Selkirk College, and her knowledge is extensive and irreplaceable. “I enjoy sharing my love of the natural environment by interpreting the local geology for non-specialists,” she says. Videographer Kai Cabodyna’s work has produced an exceptionally clear presentation and audio capturing Anderton’s enthusiasm for geology.

Marilyn James (Sinixt nation) says “Sinixt nation territory is governed by two traditional/cultural laws. The whuplak’n, the ‘law of the land’, is the premise that literally means that the land and all aspects of the land dictates the protocols of care and use of it. The second law is smum iem and means, ‘belongs to the women’. The elders (now ancestor Eva Orr, Alvina Lum and Annie Kruger) are the Sinixt women who I largely credit for the land, water and cultural knowledge I carry.”

Perry Ridge Water Users Association is a public awareness and advocacy group, focusing on education related to water and land issues in the Slocan Valley and has been in existence since 1983. The presentation and the video were made possible through the generous funding of Regional District of Central Kootenay, Area E and Area II Discretionary Fund.

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by Katrine Campbell

Ryan Durand is the new chief of the Crescent Valley Fire Department, replacing Clayton Roy who retired in November. Durand has been a firefighter for just over five years and when asked how he became chief, he said, “I don’t know, just…Clayton resigned and I was next in line” as deputy chief.

He now oversees a department of 18 volunteers. There is a core group of 10 to 12 people, he says, but the number of others fluctuates. At the moment the department has two junior members, both just under 18.

“We’re always looking for more people,” he says. “We never have enough, especially during the workday.”

The new chief wants people to know that the volunteers are unpaid and on call 365 days a year, 24 hours a day, ready to drop what they’re doing and head out whenever they are called.

As fire chief, Durand goes on calls and also runs the entire department including budgeting and purchasing, assisting with training and overseeing the other officers, and attending “every kind of meeting you can imagine.”

Five-year veteran Ryan Durand is Crescent Valley’s new fire chief.

**Superintendent of Schools/CEO S.D.S (Kootenay Lake)**

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Nakusp author wins BC Arts Council scholarship

by Art Joyce

Nakusp author Galadriel Watson has recently won a BC Arts Council scholarship that will help her attain her Master’s degree in Creative Writing at UBC. Watson is the author of 22 children’s books and many magazine articles, including one in Kootenay Mountain Culture magazine about the 2015 Nakusp Medieval Days. Watson also holds a Bachelor of Arts with Distinction in Writing from the University of Victoria and completed Humber College’s Creative Writing by Correspondence program. It’s more of a challenge than ever to earn a living as a writer, with the Writer’s Union of Canada estimating that writers’ incomes have declined by almost a quarter since 2000, partly due to digital copyright ‘modernization’ in the internet environment. With this in mind, I interviewed Watson for the Valley Voice about her career plans.

Congratulations on your scholarship. First of all, given that you already have other degrees, what is your goal with the Master’s degree? How do you see it helping your career as a writer?

One of my main goals is to publish fiction with a traditional publishing house. Although I’ve come close, and have a top literary agent currently representing a young adult novel I wrote, I felt I could make my work even stronger. So I’m taking my Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing through the optional-residency program at the University of British Columbia—this means all courses are done online, and you can choose or not to attend a summer program. The teachers are all established writers, and my classmates already have impressive résumés. Through all their feedback, and learning what works and what doesn’t by critiquing others’ written pieces, I’m taking my own writing to the next level. Plus you have to study at least three genres—you can’t just focus on fiction, for example—which broadens your skills and expands your interests. I’ve renewed my love of creative non-fiction, learned that translation (French to English) is fascinating, like solving a puzzle, and am diving into comics, which I find very immediately satisfying. Also, getting a Master’s degree qualifies me to teach in colleges or universities if I choose.

Are you already at work on a thesis, and if so, can you describe the theme in terms a general audience could understand?

My thesis is an adult novel, a modern-day psychological thriller that draws clues from the past. In it, a teenage girl’s aunt goes missing, and she and her cousin must unravel where her aunt is and what will happen next. It was sparked by the idea: What if you’re not the chosen one? What if you’re not the sibling that excels in her career, or is able to achieve the life that he wants, or is able to be with the people she loves? What if you’re the average one; the one who’s left behind? Through the novel, I explore these questions by examining how different characters react, from low self-esteem to addiction. On the flip side, I also explore what it’s like being the chosen one, and how it comes with its own challenges and downsides.

I see you are a children’s writer with 22 books already to your credit and a Young Adult novel on the way. Do you see yourself continuing this career path or are you interested in writing other genres?

Hopefully the Young Adult novel is on the way—I don’t have a publisher for it yet. In addition to fiction for adults, in the future I’d love to do translation and a graphic novel. I’m currently talking with a publisher about writing another children’s non-fiction book. And I enjoy writing for magazines, especially about the visual and performing arts.

Given the limited financial returns for working as a writer, often it comes down to passion. What drives your passion for writing?

It’s a shame that, unless you’re in the upper echelon of success, it’s hard to make decent money in any form of the arts. Luckily, with writing you can diversify. I’ve been earning my living from writing in some way or another for decades now: writing books and magazine articles, doing corporate work. But the creative side is still something I feel compelled to do. Once I’m finished writing one project, another idea starts germinating. Before I know it, it’s complex and growing and I’m in the middle of it and feel compelled to finish it. Also, I don’t talk a lot in person, so writing is the way I express myself. Even if you’re not doing it for money you have to pursue your passion or life feels frustrating and unfulfilled, like you’re not living up to your potential. At least that’s how it is for me.
February 23, 2017  The Valley Voice

Celebrate Heritage Week in BC’s historic places

HERITAGE WEEK

submitted

My Canada! My BC! is the theme for this year’s Heritage Week, which runs from February 13 to 19. Proclaimed each year by the Province, Heritage Week is an opportunity to visit, celebrate and commemorate the significant heritage places that make up the fabric of BC’s history. Federally, National Heritage Day was observed on February 20.

Call out the 2,000 historic places in BC listed on the Canadian Register of Historic Places. The register is an excellent way to learn about and understand history, providing a single source of information about places recognized for their heritage value at the local, provincial, territorial and national levels throughout Canada.

More than 3,500 listings of provincial and local government recognized historic places are recorded on the BC’s Register of Historic Places, and many more historic places still remain to be listed. Visit www.historicplaces.ca/en/pages/register-expertise.aspx.

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Nikkei Centre’s digitization, story collection projects continue

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The Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre (NIMC) opened its doors in 1994 as an initiative of the New Denver Kyowakai Society to commemorate and honour the stories of more than 22,000 Japanese Canadians who were stripped of their civil rights, labelled “enemy aliens” and uprooted from their coastal homes during the Second World War. Located at 306 Josephine St. in the Orchard neighbourhood, the site of a former internment camp, the original buildings, period artifacts, interpretive displays, and Heiwa Teien garden designed by the renowned Roy Tonomichi Sumi.

How New Denver became the Lucerne of North America

submitted

Since the late 19th century, New Denver has been called the Lucerne of North America because of its towering, snow-capped mountains and shimmering lake. Lucerne is the largest city in central Switzerland, with a population of about 81,000, and is a destination for tourists who flock to see Lake Lucerne and the Swiss Alps.

The Ledge, a New Denver newspaper, stated in its July 23, 1896 edition: “New Denver is the most beautiful townsite in America [sic]. There is nothing in Switzerland that will equal it.”

On November 19, the paper added: “New Denver is the Lucerne of the west... Canada’s Helena.”

A week later, a real estate ad taken out by Angus McGillvray read: “New Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada (and Denver (may never be a second Butte, but it will be) The Helena of Canada.”

The ad ran for a couple of months. McGillvray coin the phrase himself, or was it one of the staff of The Ledge, namely proprietor Robert T. Lowery or colleagues Harry L. Walker and Charles E. Smitheringale?

Whoever was responsible, others soon followed their lead.

On two occasions when naming contests were held in New Denver, Lucerne came to the fore.

According to the Nelson Herald of September 10, 1931, Ruth Aylwin of New Denver and Fred Gervin of Sandoon both won prizes for suggesting Lucerne as the name of New Denver’s auto park. And when the new high school opened in 1951, Lucerne was chosen as the name over Valhalla and Selkirk. For his suggestion, Wayne Morrison won $5 plus a handshake from the education minister.

Lucerne of North America’ and variations thereof have also been used to describe Kaslo. The earliest instance called ‘The Lake District of Southern British Columbia’ stated: “The people of Nelson say that Nature practiced on Switzerland before making British Columbia. They compare the location of their city to Lucerne...”

While the nickname seems appropriate to all these places, the only commentary about the fact it was claimed by multiple towns appeared in The Kootenayian of November 13, 1913: “If Nelson, Kaslo, and New Denver all get started scragging over that title, it is likely that the poor thing will get worn to tatters so that no place will want it.”

Actually, a Google search for ‘Lucerne of North America’ finds not only New Denver and Kaslo as claimants but also Lendonsville and Lake Willooghby, Vermont plus Burnaby Lake.

For all the争创 Lucernes, an actual place by that name existed in BC, west of the Yellowhead Pass. It was so dubbed by the Canadian Northern Railway in 1912 but abandoned in 1924.

We recognize the important volunteer work done by the historical societies in our area. Thank you!

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The Village of New Denver
Historic Kaslo City Hall getting new lease on life

Submitted

Citizens of the beautiful, heritage-conscious village of Kaslo have embarked on a major fundraising initiative to raise almost $1 million to complete the restoration of Kaslo City Hall, one of Canada’s last surviving examples of turn-of-the-century municipal buildings.

Kaslo is one of a very few examples of that era’s architecture, and City Hall is the undisputed jewel in the crown. Arguably one of Kaslo’s most photographed buildings, the building is one of Canada’s last two wood-frame city halls still in municipal use and was recognized as a National Historic Site in 1984.

The Village plans to recoup Kaslo City Hall’s main floor by August 14, 2018, the 125th anniversary of the opening of the Moyie’s fire suppression system.

Kaslo Historical Society raises funds for ongoing work on SS Moyie

This past working season saw the completion of the last bit of Kaslo City Hall’s restoration. The estimated cost of removing asbestos and incorporating plumbing fixtures was $8- to $10,000 needed to make up the full estimate and the KLHS is asking its friends and supporters to help ‘Save Our Ship!’ The work should begin after Thanksgiving 2017.

The present system was installed nearly 25 years ago in order to protect the old ship from the same kind of inferno that destroyed the SS Tashme in the Yukon and the SS Minto on Arrow Lakes. It is now effectively worn out, expensive to maintain and is often shut down because of leaks.

The estimated cost of replacing the old system and incorporating plumbing is well over $200,000. The society has applied for a Parks Canada cost-share grant and Columbia Basin Trust has offered a large share of the project’s coffers and profile.

Projects will include the sale of ‘Restore Kaslo City Hall’ T-shirts, raffle tickets and other activities to raise the project’s coffers and profile. The project will provide important community benefits that extend well beyond the conservation itself. Over time, the project will stimulate the local economy and provide a focus for skills development, workshops and training programs.

Recently, City Hall played host to a group of visitors with strong ties to the building’s origins. Tom Genné, the great-grandson of Alexander Charles Ewart, the architect who designed the building in the late 1890s, and members of his family, were given a tour by The Kootenay Lake Historical Society’s Ken Butler. Genné, himself an architect in Corvallis, Oregon, was highly enthusiastic about the committee’s goal and offered to lend his professional assistance.

Ewart’s design for Kaslo City Hall was ahead of its time, said Genné, citing the “very progressive” ventilation system and the incorporation of plumbing fixtures.

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- In 1948 it was reconditioned as the Kaslo Drug Store, under the ownership of G. Martin Done.
- George Thompson acquired the drugstore in 1965, and Florence Turner set up a photo studio in the rear of the building, beside Dr. Marion Kerr’s office.
- From 1956 to 1965 it was the Faith Chapel of Kaslo.
- William Kirby put the Kootenay Lake Hardware in the structure in 1965. The Hardware Store changed hands in 1969 (Norman Miller) and again in 1975 (Frank & Atene Carmy).
- In 1981, Great Meatery set up two butchers in the building. Kiki & Kiki’s (Squid & Things) and Kane’s Landing Health Foods.
- Since 1986, it has been Cornucopia Health Food, under Paul & Molly Semenoff until 2008 and Russell Semenoff & Leona Wood since.

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Citizens of Kaslo have embarked on a major fundraising initiative to raise almost $1 million to complete the conservation of Kaslo City Hall.

Heritage can be a shared heritage. A shared heritage can be a very good sense of design and proportion. I feel that the Kaslo City Hall is a great example of both.”

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That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons of history.”

Aldous Huxley

The Valley Voice

February 23, 2017
Nakusp’s Sid Leary: logger to millowner to MLA

submitted

Canada had many immigrants who brought their unique cultures to our country. In those early days, they had to adapt to their new situation where there were shortages and disadvantages. One such person was Charles Sidney Leary, born at Hawarden, England on November 2, 1869. With the help of friends he joined an excursion to the prairies in 1907 to work on the harvest. Later, he moved to Nelson and got a job in a logging camp, and then learned to ride logs on the St. Mary’s River.

In World War I, Sid joined the 225th Battalion at Kamloops. He was placed in the forestry service and sent to Nepal, where his ship was torpedoed near Alexandria with hundreds of lives lost. A trawler, also hit, picked him up. During his stay in Cyprus as a captain in charge of lumbering, he started to collect Egyptian artifacts which he continued to pursue for many years.

After the war, Sid had logging camps on the Arrow Lakes and provided logs to the Quance and Callard mill at Nakusp. With investment from Nelson’s WW Powell Co., Sid began his own White Pine Lumber Co. mill in Nakusp in late 1920. A lease was obtained from the CPR, which was bordered on the west side of the town by the Lindsay pole-yard. The mill cut almost exclusively two-inch pine planks for the manufacture of match blocks. By 1922, the mill was so successful that Sid felt he now could support a family and married his sweetheart, Florence Jordan. In 1924, Sid became the first Arrow Laker to enter the BC Legislature, representing Kaslo-Slocan. By 1927, he convinced the government to extend the highway from Silverton through the Slocan Bluffs. Sid also pioneered the delivery of logs by rail to the Nakusp mill.

The Great Depression was hard on the White Pine Co., resulting in Sid having to close it down in 1938 for winter. White Pine went bankrupt, so Sid used his company, the Big Bend Cedar Pole Co., to purchase the former mill yard and holdings with payments to be made over seven years. Logs started moving again from all areas which brought renewed faith in the economy of the town. At this time, the mill was reopened, and sent to Vancouver for the windows.

Sid was appointed Minister of Public Works, giving him more influence in government. He continued in an ambitious road maintenance and building program for the province. By 1940, Big Bend had reopened the old mill, resulting in a flurry of new businesses opening in the area and attracting new families to settle there. The next year, Sid had his best year to date, sending out carloads of lumber mostly to Eastern Canada and the US. He also opened a large logging camp at Shelter Bay and was re-elected as MLA, moving to the Mines portfolio.

When Japanese Canadians were interned in the interior, Sid hired many of them to fill vacancies left by men serving in World War II. Without their help, the mill would not have been able to operate. In 1944, five million feet of timber were processed and five thousand poles were produced. Birch, used for the manufacture of airplanes, also became a needed commodity during the war.

In 1950 Sid suffered a heart attack, passing in his sleep. He had been MLA for Kaslo-Slocan for 16 years, getting roads built and

HERITAGE WEEK

submitted

Heritage Week is a special one this year as Canada celebrates 150 years.

Nakusp doesn’t have as long a history but its own special history is wonderfully varied and colourful. Most of the pioneers were cheerful and optimistic with a great sense of humour. This story, written by Mrs. Joe Parent on April 22, 1897 offers a little taste of life of the era.

A very nice young man very kindly gave us his room.

“A ihrer! You are looking for food. In this way the pigs got rid of many stumps. There was much snow in the winter. To satisfy myself I asked my husband, ‘Where are we going? How in the world do you get to the store? There are no roads. Just a little path to go from one store to the other, and to the Post Office. There were two stores, F.W. Jordan’s and Frank Bourne’s.”

“One day I began to wonder if there was much snow in the winter. If so, how could we get to the store? Who would keep the little path open? To satisfy myself I asked my husband (who had been in Nakusp the winter of ‘96). “How in the world do you get to the store when there is so much snow?” He said I would find out in time. Sure enough – just as he said, I did find out.

“There were three hotels and one big saw-mill, and each of them had from 60 to 75 pigs. Every morning these pigs would take a walk from one house to the other looking for food. In this way the path was kept open all winter. We did not need any sanitary waste can in those days. The pigs got rid of everything but the can.”

This story and many others from the Women’s Institute Archives, are in the Nakusp and District Museum’s library. Come in and ask us about them. The museum re-opens for the 2017 season in May.

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Paul Peterson

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Lake family jalopy survives horse commands

The Lake family, who pioneered in Johnson’s Landing a century ago, recently retired an old, much-loved family pet to pasture in Meadow Creek. At the Meadow Creek Museum, to be precise. The 85-year-old work horse came close to seriously injuring Stanley Lake’s young children the day he first brought it home. Miraculously, it too survived to tell the tale.

“Dad had lifelong experience with four-legged horses, and figured a four-wheeled horse would be a cinch to handle. Having paid our neighbour the $105 price for it, we drove home in Roy Lake, now well into his eighties, remembers the occasion vividly.

“They were running a two-wheeled horse cart near our house. Dad saw the horse was fit, and the cart wasn’t going to work. So he got a four-wheeled cart. The horse was right for a four-wheeler. That was the beginning.”

The family’s heirloom, a 1931 Model-A Ford that saw a lot of use in the old days, was used to transport it to Meadow Creek. A local resident, Pat Turner, volunteered to transport it to Meadow Creek. The Lardeau Valley Historical Society for your efforts to help preserve our history and local heritage.

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**HERITAGE WEEK**

Slocan Valley Historical Society working to preserve south valley history

Interested in his-story, her-story, our-story? Come out to Slocan Valley Historical Society (SVHS) meetings and events and help preserve and promote the rich history of our valley from Slocan City to South Slocan. There are several activities underway and the society invites your feedback and participation. For only $10 per year you can become a member of the society and help keep our history alive!

The SVHS will continue to host the ever-popular history nights which have covered such subjects as old postcards, area sawmills and the Japanese-Canadian internment. A future talk will feature New Denver historian Henning von Krogh discussing the boats of Slocan Lake, including the William Hunter, the Rosebery and the Slocan.

The SVHS is currently working on a project to create and install 10 historical interpretive signs around Slocan City. The signs will form the basis of a self-guided walking tour. The first sign will be erected at the Slocan Village Market, formerly Kino’s Store. Did you know that the store building was the first commission of architect James Kinoshita, who authored From Slocan to Hong Kong – An Architect’s Journey? He went on to design many prominent Hong Kong landmarks. Do you have memories of the Kinoshita store and family? If so, the society would love to hear from you.

The members want to reach out to elders and other long-time residents to capture the history of Slocan City, particularly where lost buildings once stood – do you have photos or memories of the tofu factory or the old Orange Hall? If you do, please contact them.

The society continues to develop the website to feature stories and images of our past. It still needs a logo; if you have an idea, please email it to jaj@netidea.com. You could win a prize!

The society recently submitted several significant local sites to Heritage BC for its Japanese Canadian Historic Places Recognition Project. The SVHS is also concerned about the state of the Japanese Canadian Buddhist monument adjacent to the Slocan cemetery, hoping that funding can be secured to fix the fence and landscape the area.

The society is also venturing into book publishing. Allan Warner, a former Slocan resident, has permitted the society to annotate and publish his memoirs about growing up on the west side of the river.

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**Film screening explores masculine stereotypes**

*by Art Joyce*

Boys are being damaged by the cultural stereotypes of masculinity. They are being raised to believe in, leading to high rates of drug and alcohol abuse, violent crimes, depression and suicide. It also can permanently warp and damage their relationships with women. Boys learn to live behind a mask that hides their inner feelings. That was the central message of *The Mask You Live In*, a documentary film by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, which was screened at the Arrow Lakes Theatre in Nakusp the evening of February 18. The screening was hosted by Arrow Lakes Community Services adult program coordinator Carrie Hughes and Debbie Pitaoulis.

Unfortunately, a scheduling conflict prevented the Nakusp boys' hockey team from playing the Nakusp boys' hockey team. However, the Nakusp boys' hockey team meant that most of the target audience was not present. National Football League coach Art Joyce opened the film by recalling an incident in his early childhood when his father took him into the basement to teach him his first lessons in masculinity — to feel his emotions and control every situation. To dominate boys, a man meant never showing your feelings and learning to dominate women. Boys' families and schools teach boys that they are feminized are denied boys. I think it's on all of us to encourage boys to express how they feel. So if you see boys holding back emotion, go to them and say, 'it's okay, go ahead.'

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Overview:

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Site Location Map:

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Maid of Honour – Minister of Bridesmaids.
The Breakwater Band will perform Friday, March 10, 7:30 pm at the Silverton Memorial Hall. The concert is part of the Western Canada tour for their debut album, Breaking New Ground. Admission is by donation, suggested at $5 for kids and $15 for adults.

The band blends the calm waters of tradition and the turbulent waves of change with band leader, guitarist and cellist Jeff Faragher’s mash-up of tradition and the turbulent waves. Breakwater has wowed audiences at events including the Kaslo Jazz Festival, Kimberley Kaleidoscope Festival, Selkirk Pro Musica Concert Series and the Nelson Street Festival. Breakwater has also toured and performed extensively throughout Western Canada.

In November of 2016 Breakwater recorded its debut album. The band’s versatility is showcased with their professional classical expertise combined with their experience in roots, folk and jazz. This performance promises to be a unique and thoroughly engaging experience and will get the all ages audience up on their feet and moving to the music! Proudly sponsored by Slocan Lake Gallery Society and funded by BC Arts-Council.

For more information, and to listen to samples from the album, visit www.breakwaterband.com.

BC election in May: are you on the voters’ list?

Voters registered before the election is called will receive a ‘Where to Vote’ card from Elections BC, making the voting process faster and easier. Registration online at elections.bc.ca or by phone at 1-800-661-4668 by open until midnight on April 11.

The discussion will include wills, powers of attorney, advanced care planning, representation agreements, most forms and other legal documents and how they all fit together so you can live with peace of mind knowing that your wishes will be respected.

This event is sponsored by the Hospice Society and the Village of Kaslo municipal grant. No pre-registration required. For additional information call HSNKL at 250-353-2299.
Kokubo’s season with Silverton artist Tsuneko Castlegar opens its 2017 exhibition submitted

Internment Memorial Centre. Total operations summary for the Nikkei Cultural Services co-ordinator Amanda Sargent and Jessica Rayner reported by Katrine Campbell

New Denver council, February 14: Somali family arriving February 23

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The Kootenay Gallery of Art in Castlegar opens its 2017 exhibition season with Silverton artist Tsuneko Kokubo’s Plant Memory, and High Muck a Muck: Playing Chinese, directed by long-time Kootenay resident Nicola Harwood. Both shows explore migration and settlement from the perspective of East Asian-Canadian artists and open Friday, March 3 at 7 pm and run until April 15.

Plant Memory is a collection of new paintings by Kokubo, known as Koko, inspired by the artist’s own family history. Kokubo’s family spent time in the internment camps in the Slocan Valley. The plants in her mother’s garden came from BC coastal communities and originated in Japan. This realization led to her exploration of the connection between the origins of plants and the movement of immigrants as they came from Europe to eventually settle in the Kootenays. The paintings not only depict images of plants but also reference what historical or cultural story they may tell.

High Muck a Muck: Playing Chinese returns to the Kootenays, where it premiered at the Oxygen Art Centre in April 2013. This interactive media installation explores the theme of Chinese immigration to British Columbia, both historical and contemporary and the tensions that exist between them.

The exhibition is largely directed by the viewers who participate in an historical Chinese lottery game resulting in the projection of a fortune. The random nature of the fortune reflects the uncertainties faced by new immigrants and often echo the tradition of Chinese proverbs and fortune telling. Directed by long-term Kootenay resident Nicola Harwood, participating artists in the project include former Nelson resident Fred Wahl, Jin Zhang, Thomas Loh, Bessie Wapp, Tomoyo Ihaya, Phillip Djwa, Hironoto Ida, Patrice Leung and Harwood herself.

The exhibitions open on March 3 at 7 pm with Koko’s partner Paul Harwood performing ambient music and storytelling. The shows run until April 15.

Slocan Valley Legacy Society’s (SLUGS) plan to replace the roof of the Kohan Garden entrance gate. The SLUGS said the 25-year-old cedar shakes are loosening and crumbling. The original plan was to use a durable, fireproof light metal shingle that mimics Japanese ceramic tiles, but after further investigation they decided to go with cedar shakes. The garden was built and is maintained by volunteers on Village-owned land. SLUGS is looking for outside funding for the project, and is not asking for money from the Village.

The Village will support the Slocan Valley Legacy Society by providing a link to its website and by displaying its brochures in the office. The society had also asked for a Village liaison, a $200 grant-in-aid for its volunteer appreciation event, to become a “stakeholder” and receive periodic updates, and to include an insert promoting the society in the tax bills or utility bills. These requests were turned down, with CAO Bruce Woodbury noting the society “is free to provide us with periodic updates as frequently or infrequently as they wish.”

Canadian Directions Consulting was hired as project consultant. The first meeting between Consulting and New Denver, and Area H was scheduled for February 21, with public meetings February 21, 22 and 23. The project’s mandate is “to explore new models for how to deliver services that will support local business and economic growth.”

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North Kootenay Falcons Midget House team, with players from Nakusp and Kaslo, won the West Kootenay Minor Hockey Association Pool B banner last Sunday in Castlegar.

Under the dedicated leadership of Head Coach Jordan Davie, Assistant Coaches Andrew Pelletier and Shawn Sicotte, and their excellent team manager Kari Hascarl, this team of kids battled hard, played honourably and won with a final score of 5-2 over Castlegar.

Some of these kids are in their graduation year and will be closing the door on their Minor Hockey career with a league banner hanging from their arena rafters – a pleasant reminder of their teamwork and skill, and maybe a bit of luck they had this 2016-2017 season.

We are so very proud of all of them and tremendously thankful to the families that supported these exceptional Kootenay youth.