Meeting held to establish outdoor marijuana production co-op

by Art Joyce

With the current wave of marijuana legalization sweeping across Canada and the US, Kootenay growers are sensing new opportunities. At a meeting held in Taghum Hall the evening of May 16, Todd Veri and Kevin Megale began pre-registration for the Kootenay Outdoor Producer Co-op, seeking interest from landowners, investors, and workers. The hall was packed with over 100 potential co-op members.

Veri and Megale said the market niche would be 'Kootenay Mountain Grown,' strictly outdoor crops with organic certification, and strains that are naturally lower in THC and grow well in our climate. The co-op would function naturally lower in THC and grow well in our climate. The co-op would function

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The Trudeau government’s ‘Final Report of the Task Force on Cannabis Legalization and Regulation,’ chaired by former Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan, recommends the use of ‘licensing and production controls to encourage a diverse, competitive market that also includes small producers.’

Among the report’s nine main policy objectives is “keeping cannabis out of the hands of children and youth and keeping profits out of the hands of organized crime.” Thus, minors would not legally be allowed access to marijuana, just as with alcohol. The regulatory framework for retail and wholesale distribution would be left to the provinces and territories. Medical marijuana would be regulated separately from marijuana produced for recreational use, and require a prescription. One of the objectives is the establishment of a “safe and secure supply chain,” with a “seed-to-sale” tracking system to prevent diversion to illicit markets, ensure some measure of quality control, and enable product recalls. Veri and Megale said they were pleasantly surprised by McLellan’s recommendations. “I think we can argue that we in the Kootenays started it all and we’ve been doing it peacefully — no gangs, no guns,” said Veri. “The business model here was already cooperative.”

“The regulatory framework also discusses outdoor growing, which uses less energy and less infrastructure,” added Megale, “and we think that’s a better model for our communities.”

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Visitors will receive interest payments on the investment along with a share of dividends.

Veri said about 36,000 clones would be needed to achieve the scale of production envisioned, averaging 3,000 plants per farm. Between 200-400, mostly seasonal, worker-members will be needed for planting, growing, harvesting, trimming, accounting, security, and administrative duties. The co-op would require a membership fee from workers but they too would be paid annual dividends in addition to wages. Based on current incomes for marijuana industry workers, these jobs would pay around $25 per hour, far higher than most service industries. Harvest season would likely require workers to camp on or near the production facility and put in up to 12-hour days.

“The College of the Rockies has a farm innovation centre in Creston, so we’d like to partner with them for training,” said Megale. “There will likely be a screening period for workers and they would have to have no related conviction for the last 10 years.”

Megale laid out the steps for bringing the co-op to reality, the first of which was getting the audience to sign up for pre-registration to ensure they have a critical mass of support to proceed. An initial board will be selected that will write the co-op rules, incorporate, and produce the application with the help of legal council and experts. If the federal legislation is delivered on schedule, the co-op could begin preparing for its first crops in 2018, Veri said. They plan to scout for a central processing location during the coming months. A strategic planning session for co-op members will be called. The final step will be obtaining the federal operations license. Those interested in pre-registering can contact Kootenay. outdoor@gmail.com.


Nakusp Rotary holds surprise meeting at Broadway Deli
The fourth annual Bikes Not Pipes tour stopped in New Denver on Friday, May 26 and met with Katrina Sumrall’s Lucerne School grades 4, 5 and 6 class on the Friday Market grounds downtown.

Bikes Not Pipes promotes a future less dependent on fossil fuels. The group cycles the circle tour from Nelson to New Denver to Kaslo and back to Nelson over four days. This year, the cyclists stopped to talk to students at Mt. Sentinel, Winlaw Elementary, and Lucerne Schools. It’s the first year that the tour has included schools, and the cyclists were very happy with it.

“We had great discussions with the Mt. Sentinel grade 11 social studies class, Linda Out’s grades 5-6 class at Winlaw, and Katrina Sumrall’s Lucerne class,” said cyclist Megan Jamison, who was a teacher in Nakusp last year.

The theme of the discussions with students was how to shrink our ecological footprint. The group’s motto – if it’s not fun, it’s not sustainable (Guy Dauncey) – was evident during the exchange with the kids in New Denver. John Alton, who has ridden on the tour every year so far, wrote a rap/spoken word piece on environmental issues that he performed for the kids. Keith Wiley, another dedicated rider, gave out prizes of Bikes Not Pipes cloth banners to students who answered his questions: “Why is this tour stupid?” and “Why is this tour a good thing?” Jamison had a couple of ‘upcycled’ Bikes Not Pipes T-shirts to give away.

Alistair Taylor of Revelstoke, David Cunningham, Marty Sutmoller and her husband Grant all joined Jamison, Alton and Wiley on the whole tour. Others joined in for parts of the tour. Check the Bikes Not Pipes Facebook page for more information.

Filmmaker brings Nova Scotia enviro-doc to Nelson

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A great new film on community environmental action in Atlantic Canada is coming to Nelson’s Civic Theatre on Wednesday, June 7 at 5 pm. Tickets are $10.

Acclaimed Nova Scotia filmmaker Neal Livingston is bringing 100 Short Stories to Nelson as part of a Canada-wide tour of his stories of stopping gas fracking drilling and instead building windmills in Nova Scotia, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland have all put a stop to fracking with moratoriums. Livingston himself took part in the activism he documents and provides “an often humorous exploration of contemporary life in Atlantic Canada.” He will be at the Nelson screening and will answer questions about the film afterward.

100 Short Stories is a first-person account of a years-long struggle to develop Black River Wind, a renewable energy project, and of overcoming an attempted hostile takeover. Meanwhile, the citizens of Inverness County band together to defeat oil and gas drilling and fracking coming onto Cape Breton Island.

The film won the Energy Award at Cinema Verde, one of the top environmental film festivals in the US. It also screened at the Atlantic Film Festival and at the Planet in Focus festival in Toronto.

The Nelson event is sponsored by the Nelson Chapter of the Council of Canadians and of course, the Civic Theatre. For more information and links see: Facebook: Nelson showing 100 Short Stories.
Power outage notice: planned maintenance
Highway 6

We need to switch off power in your area for about 12 hours while we conduct system maintenance. To keep our crews and the public safe, power must be switched off while we complete this important work.

Where: The communities of Brouse, Burton, East Arrow Park, Glenbank, Hills, Makinson, Nakusp, New Denver, Rosebery, Silverton and Summit Lake.

When: Sunday, June 4, 2017
Time: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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Canada 150

Hello everyone! Silvertown Community Club just wants to remind people that Canada’s 150th Birthday is coming soon. It would be nice to see many Canada flags all over our area.

As beautiful as bears can be, they can be a big pain in the ass. I honestly do not know what is the biggest pain in the ass—dealing with cranky bears or dealing with the “knowledgeable” conservation officer(s) that seem to think that we as a community have not been bear aware. In some cases they think we are stupid. They need to come and do their jobs instead of giving out useless information EVERYONE KNOWS. We have offered NUMEROUS times to have them put a bear trap in our backyard. It is time the problem bears were taken care of. If that can be solved by relocating them, that’s awesome. If it can’t be solved with them being relocated, that saddens me, because maybe if jobs were done properly last year, it would not go that way.

Tanya O’Neill
New Denver

Liberal MPs need to support electoral reform

May 31st is a very important day for me. I will be watching closely to see how Liberal MPs vote on electoral reform. Two years ago, Trudeau eloquently announced “We are committed to ensuring that 2015 will be the last federal election conducted under the first-past-the-post voting system” and “we will make every vote count!” Then he betrayed us, and you betrayed you, when he abandoned it on February 1st. I know you do your best to represent the constituents of your riding. We both know that the majority of Canadians want a fair electoral system, as does the majority of your constituents, and it appears you do as well. After all, you ran on electoral reform, and Trudeau’s flip-flop was probably as much a surprise for you as it was for all of us.

It is clear that electoral reform in Canada has deep roots and it is not going away. As a Liberal MP, you have the opportunity to not only vote for your word to your constituents, but to also renew and improve our democracy. It is time! Will you please vote to support the ERRE committee report and to uphold this central election promise?

Ann Remnant
Nelson, BC

Election “designated areas”

In reply to Jerry van Immerzeel’s letter in the May 18 Valley Voice, please allow me to clarify something. I agree with the writer of that letter that most ATV users are law abiding and careful, and I do not begrudge them their pleasure in getting out on the old logging and mining trails. My protest in a previous letter voiced a different concern.

At the time, we had public meetings led by “consultants” who turned out to be paid promoters advocating opening all logging and mining trails to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designated areas only. All areas so designated would then be closed to off-road traffic, but in designate

Tanya O’Neill
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Ingrid Rice cartoon

The Ingrid Rice cartoon is a satirical look at current events in politics and is sponsored by the Kaslo Hotel. The Hotel does not necessarily share the political views of the artist.

Election “designated areas”

The “designated areas” would mean that several of my ATV loving friends would no longer be able to go out on the trail from their back yard but would have to load up their ATVs and drive 20 km or so before they could get on their trail.

The plan was to promote Area K as an ATV tourism destination which would bring great economic benefit to the region. This has not been the experience of other regions. Specifically, in the Calgary Foothills between Cochrane and Canmore the experience was quite different. There, quads and dirt bikes with their preference for wet and muddy places destroyed wetlands and creekbeds, caused fires, left garbage behind from toilet paper and broken bottles to broken washing machines, lawn mowers and car wrecks, first responders were called out to fires, accidents, fights, and overdoses. More RCMP had to be hired. They have now curtailed ATV access as much as possible; the damage has been mitigated but not eliminated. The ATV users bunched there are now looking for other areas where there are no rules or restrictions. These are the ones who would enthusiastically respond to our invitation to ATV users. Who would benefit from that?

Elke de Boer
Faquier, BC

Truth first, then reconciliation

Taxes being the bane of Nelsontonians and Canadians in general, I would like to share something I read the other night in the University of Alberta magazine (spring edition) about the Truth and Reconciliation being undertaken on their Edmonton campus.

What surprised me the most were their facts on taxes, because I (as well as most people I know) was ignorant of how the complex web of “Indian Affairs” are managed. I quote... “It’s hardily surprising there are misconceptions... First Nations funding is complex and convoluted... the federal government holds FN money in a trust. This money originates from a variety of sources, including the sale of what was originally FN lands and resources located on a reserve... There is market based non-profit social housing, where households pay full cost but they don’t.”

The details of what happened to the Indian Trust Fund, which at the time held $65,902,988.09. The truth first, then reconciliation.

From Indigenous Rights: A guide to First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Issues in Canada by Chelsea Vowel. Myth busting:

1. Taxation it is assumed that Indigenous peoples do not pay taxes. This myth is closely tied to the damaging belief that people who do not pay taxes are lazy, socially parasitic and unworthy of even the most basic human rights... we must first recognize that the Indian Act tax exemption does not include most Indigenous peoples (only status Indians) and applies only to goods, services, personal property and income located on a reserve. Many FN have exchanged tax exemption for other benefits in self-governing or have instituted their own taxation regimes.

2. “Free housing...understand that no one is handing out free houses on-reserve... There is market based housing where households pay full cost associated with purchasing or renting; and non-profit social housing, where the cost is covered by a combination of government funds and private sector loans, which is not unique to FN.”

My small part is to share this information.

C. Burton
Balfour

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Open letter from former NDP MLAs to Green Party

We admire citizen efforts over 20 years to bring the Green Party to the accomplishment of electing three MLAs. We look forward to the addition of new representatives in not only for their own constituencies but for the aspirations of the majority of British Columbians concerned about issues ranging from the administration of government to the global environment. We are proud of the NDP’s record in social justice, human rights, environmental conservation (including the Agricultural Land Reserve of 1973), freedom of information, beginning the process of reconciliation with indigenous people, and bridging urban-rural divides through the CORE and land and resource planning processes of the last 15 years.

At least 57% of voters wanted a different government. We agree with the Greens that monolithic rule from the Premier’s Office is clearly overdue. This is also an issue on which the NDP and Green Party agree.

Because BC is part of a global ecosystem we share the Green Party’s science-based concerns with using Site C to subsidize LNG exports with Kinder Morgan expansion.

Recognizing the experience of Joy MacPhail and Jenny Kwan in 2001-2005, we agree that the Green Party deserves official party status in the Legislative Assembly.

Achieving sustainable rural economies requires settlement of land claims and an end to the hardwood lumber issue, timber supply and utilization, and prudent but assertive re-negotiation of the Columbia River Treaty and enhanced commitment to forestry, fisheries, agriculture, and nature-based tourism.

The best way to promote the above goals is a NDP-Green coalition government - the sooner the better.


The problem with interest

Collecting interest on loans was usury, a sin until the end of the Middle Ages. It is still forbidden in Islam. To Islam interest leads to slavery. Five cents invested at a 4.8% compound interest turns into $1 billion in just over 500 years. The principle doubles every 15 years. Nobody lives for 500 years but collecting interest is quite a potent force to have under your control.

Around 1900 there was a debate whether the government or banks should issue money. In 1913 a group of US banks met and passed the Federal Reserve Act which was pushed through Congress 3 days before Christmas. The Act was obscurely worded and federal in name only. It gave the bankers the right to issue money in the form of loans on which they collected interest. The charging of interest created an impossible contract where more money had to be paid back than was issued by the loans. The bankers foresaw this problem and urged the government to adopt an income tax so it could collect the money for interest on its bonds. Everyone else had to depend on more bank loans or government spending to make their interest payments. Other countries have versions of this system. Global debt spirals out of control and is US$225 trillion by one estimate. Recession is a regular occurrence under this system and occasionally there is a financial crisis.

The last one was in 2008 but it is hard to predict when the next one will occur. Global elites have a financial plan for the next financial crisis. They never let a good crisis go to waste. James Rickards lays their plans out in his book, _The Road To Ruin_. The plan is to create a digital currency and eliminate banknotes. A digital currency will be charged which will help the government service its debt and keep people spending to keep the economy going. There is a good video, _Ice Nine Exposed_, where Mr. Rickards is interviewed.

To Paul Hellyer global warming is the most important problem facing humanity and international banking and the financial system the most urgent. There have to be changes to the financial system to deal with global warming and the changeover to clean energy. His book _The Money Mafia – World in Crisis_ is what you should know about the financial system. It outlines the changes needed to the system, material the Occupy movement could have used. Mr. Hellyer was the Minister of Finance in the Liberal government and ran against Pierre E. Trudeau for the leadership of the Liberal Party. I remember voting for his Canadian Action Party years ago.

Norbert Duerichen

Slocan Valley Economic Development Strategy highlights

by Jan McMurray

The Slocan Valley Economic Development Strategy and Implementation Plan has been completed, and a funding application has been submitted under the provincial Rural Dividend program to start putting the words into action.

The plan includes six key focus areas and 27 strategies. The six focus areas are “economic development organizational structure and expanded capacity.” Some of the recommendations under this focus area are to hire a dedicated economic development coordinator, to expand the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission (SVEDC) to include increased involvement from the private sector and other community organizations, and to develop an economic development communications plan.

The second focus area is to increase awareness of the Slocan Valley. Some of the strategies here include developing a regional profile and web-profiles for each community, developing an economic development focused website, and joining the regional economic development website managed by Community Futures, imaginekootenay.com. Another suggestion is to create a one-sheet flyer to introduce the valley and to place them in accommodations and other tourism related businesses. Yet another is for the Province of B.C. to offer a reduced rate at the golf course to people who camp at the municipal campground, for example.

The third focus area is to enhance business engagement and opportunities. Suggestions to accomplish this are to expand the business retention and expansion program, strengthen the role of the Chamber of Commerce, hold an annual business expo and trade show, and consider a valley-wide business licensing program.

The fourth focus area is to build an entrepreneurial regional economy. The consultants recommend a feasibility study on establishing a co-working space in the valley, and the development of a web-based guide outlining the steps to starting a business. Another suggestion is a program that would provide up to $2,500 and mentoring to support business start-up.

The fifth focus area is “support, facilitation, and research.” In this area, the report recommends establishing a Slocan Valley non-profit network to help avoid duplication and create collective voice. Actively lobbying for cell service, and supporting the Slocan Valley Mill Site Master Plan/Chariot redevelopment efforts is here.

The consultants recommend that the Village of Slocan seek funding for a charette process for the mill site, where planners, property owners and business owners discuss possibilities for the property and agree on a preferred plan.

The final focus area is to provide support for expanded agricultural opportunities. The report recommends an agri-food industry marketing program, a feasibility study on establishing a farm-to-fork program, and the development of a ‘Slocan Grown’ agriculture brand to be included on packaging, brochures, at farmer’s markets, etc.

The Slocan Valley regional economic development strategy was produced by EDCD Consultants, who were engaged by the three Slocan Valley Villages (New Denver, Nakusp and Slocan), and RDCK Area H with funding from the provincial Rural Dividend Program.

Information on water flowed in Balfour

More than 65 Balfour residents attended a public meeting hosted by the RDCK on May 15 to discuss needed capital upgrades to their water system. RDCK staff presented information about the project costs, finances, and proposed water rates.

The RDCK is seeking approval from the electorate in the Balfour Water System Area via referendum to determine if they support the RDCK to proceed with the project, which has an estimated total cost of $3,397,000. The scope of the project includes construction of a new water tower, replacement of the existing water tower, replacement of the upper zone pump station, upgrading water lines and providing hydrant inflill.

The balance of the cost would come from the $2.8 million Clean Water and Wastewater Fund grant the RDCK received for the project. Some meeting attendees noted they did not favour the installation of meters; however, staff explained that this component of the project must be completed to secure the $2.8 million grant.

“The proposed project provides the community of Balfour with a unique opportunity to catch up on water system improvements for their water system with a relatively small financial commitment,” said Uli Wolf, the RDCK’s General Manager of Environmental Services. “This project is a must in order to achieve rate stability for the water system.”

If the borrowing is not approved, the RDCK will still be required to undertake some aspects of the project and staff will recommend to the Board of Directors to proceed with borrowing $1.42 million to replace the reservoir immediately. If approved by the Board of Directors, this will be done under a short-term, five-year loan which does not require public assessment. The resulting impact will be an increase of $42 per annual current parcel tax amount of $248, for a total of $1,292 per year for a five-year period.

Balfour residents have three opportunities to have their say on the advance voting on June 7, general voting on June 17 and mail ballot voting.


Jobs, jobs, jobs

110 billion dollar arms sales to Saudi Arabia. That’s 110,000 million. I checked to make sure. I don’t think he’s saying he’s going to pay a message to his people after the deal was made. There’s more. I’m reminded what the old timers said about “jobs, jobs, jobs.” When you put it up and when you burn it in the stove.” With arms with its “jobs, jobs, jobs” when you make the sale, and your “jobs, jobs, jobs” when you rebuild the real estate that’s been smashed to hell. Have you ever seen images of the cities bombed out in the Second World War? “Jobs, jobs, jobs” comes to my mind. But my heart is heavy with weariness and defeat. I guess I never liked working quite that much.

Norbert Duerichen

New Denver
Some people think they are cute and others find them creepy. Whether you are fascinated or fearful, the bottom line is it’s important to avoid coming into physical contact with bats, the primary carrier of the rabies virus in BC. Rabies is a very serious disease that affects the nervous system. It is almost always fatal if not treated in time. In 2016, 61 people in the Interior Health region were treated for possible rabies exposure. Between 4% and 8% of the bats that are tested after coming into contact with people are found to have the rabies virus. Infected bats can transmit rabies to humans when their saliva comes into contact with a person’s mucous membranes (eyes, nose, and mouth) or through a break in the skin.

As we gear up for the season, many people will be bringing summer gear out of storage or heading out to open the cabin. Activities like these can lead to unexpected encounters with bats. Bats often fly into poorly ventilated buildings or attics of garages and garages, and they can even be found hanging inside closed patio umbrellas.

Interior Health offers these tips to help protect yourself and your family.

- Do not touch live or dead bats. Tell children not to play with or touch bats.
- Park your home or cabin bat proof. Keep doors and windows closed, make sure window screens don’t have any holes, and keep the attic area free of bats by keeping all vents properly screened and by closing off other openings.
- If you find a live bat in a room of your home, open the window and close interior doors until the bat leaves.
- If your home or workplace is inhabited by bats, seek professional advice from a pest control or wildlife specialist. Bats are protected species under the BC Wildlife Act. Excluding or evicting bats from their roost site is usually illegal.

Tips for drivers:

- Don’t get distracted. Watch for cyclists on the road and make eye contact if you can, so they can anticipate your next move.
- Yield the right-of-way. Yield to cyclists and signal well in advance if you need to cross a designated bike lane or pull over to the side of the road.
- Look out. Shoulder check for cyclists turning right and watch for oncoming cyclists before making left turns. Be alert if you enter the roadway from an alley or get in and out of a parking spot.
- Doorings is dangerous. Both drivers and passengers must understand that opening car doors can cause bikes to swerve. Do not open your door until it is safe to do so.

ICBC urges cyclists and drivers to watch out for each other.

With crashes involving cyclists peaking during the summer, ICBC is urging drivers and cyclists to take extra care on the roads. As British Columbians are spending more time outside doing enjoyable yard work like trimming trees, but a recent survey commissioned by BC Hydro found that nearly three quarters do not know the safe distance they should maintain between their equipment and the power line, and almost half were unaware that branches touching electrical lines can conduct electricity.

“We want to remind the public that contact with a power line can be deadly,” said Roger Dumbleton, BC Hydro’s senior vice president of safety, security and emergency management. “To stay safe, a property owner and their equipment should be at least three metres — about a car length — from a power line at all times.”

Keeping vegetation clear of power lines is an important step in staying safe, but research showed that 41% were not aware that it was the property owner’s responsibility to ensure vegetation is cleared of power lines. “Tumbling Tumbleweeds,” “Cool Water” and “Ghost Riders in the Sky” are classics forever entwined into the lore and mystique of the American West.

First started by Rogers and the gifted songwriters Bob Nolan and Tim Spencer, the group garnered national and international fans through appearances in almost 100 western movies, TV shows and other 1930s, ‘40s and ‘50s. They recorded many albums under contracts with Decca, Columbia, RCA and others and performed for several John Ford westerns, including the soundtrack for The Searchers.

When television came along they regularly appeared on the Roy Rogers Show and had guest appearances on other programs. Walt Disney called upon the Pioneers to perform both the song from the film Pecos Bill. They were the first cowboy musical group to perform at Carnegie Hall and the first to headline in Las Vegas casinos.

“Every song is pure cowboy music packed with timeless hits, solid western swing and a good measure of comedy and banter. Each of the five members share the vocals and instruments. Part of the hallmark sound comes from acoustic fiddles, mandolin, upright bass, and lead and rhythm guitars.”

Local promoter Margaret Morrissette said, “The Pioneers of the 20th Century will appear in concert at 7 pm on June 25 at the Capitol Theatre in Nelson. Tickets are available through www.capitoltheatre.bc.ca or by phone 1-250-352-6363. There is limited seating so get your tickets early.

Co-founded by Roy Rogers in 1934, the Sons of the Pioneers are synonymous with the ultimate in cowboy music. For decades the group has musically painted unforgettable stories of horses, cattle, cowboys, nights, tall timber, cool water, canyons and prairies. Their original songs like “Birds in the Break”, “I’ll Do My Lootin’ Later”, “Punch and Judy” and “Leviathan” are music of the evergreen.

BC Hydro offers the following tips to help keep cyclists safe in your yard.

- Stay off the sidewalk. If there’s no bike lane, keep to the right-hand side of the road as much as it’s safe to do so.
- Follow the rules of the road. Make sure you obey all traffic signs and signals and rules of the road.
- Use caution around parked vehicles or jump from power lines in vehicles to avoid getting hit by an opening door. It’s best to keep at least once metre away from parked vehicles.
- Shoulder check. Before making any turns, shoulder check and hand signal in advance. Remember, drivers sometimes fail to right turn.

For more information about cycling, and videos about these tips visit the cycling safety page on icbc.com.

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- Locate the line. Look around for cyclists on the road and make eye contact if you can, so they can anticipate your next move.
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Lead in water at WE Graham to be remedied this summer

by Jan McMurray

Bottled water dispensers are being used at WE Graham School in Slocan, due to elevated levels of lead in the water. The situation will be remedied this summer.

“We have a plan to replace pipes in specific areas of the building most likely to be sources of the problem. This work will occur in July and August, 2017,” said Larry Brown, Director of Operations for School District 8.

Brown added that new water fountains will also be installed at the school over the summer.

Just this school year, the Ministry of Education started requiring school water systems to be tested for lead and particularly systems installed before 1990, when lead was used in plumbing materials. The ministry directed school districts to do the testing at every school once every three years, so one third of schools would be tested per year. In October, Director Brown reported that SD8 would test all schools this year.

The ministry stipulated that if elevated levels of lead were found in the water, the system was to be deactivated or flushed daily. “It was only with much more extensive testing that we realized the issue of elevated lead was more widespread,” he said.

Brown reports that daily flushing of the system is still occurring, and the results of two sessions of interval testing (every two hours throughout the day) found that the prescribed flushing program is satisfactory. In any case, only water from the dispensers is being used for drinking and cooking at the school.

Parent Stephanie Larsen says they go through three or four of the large bottles of water on a hot lunch day. The daily breakfasts and once-a-week hot lunches are prepared with the bottled water.

The school board received two letters about the water at the school at the May 16 board meeting. A letter from Jonathan Reynolds, father of a WE Graham student and executive director of the International Sustainability Education Foundation (ISEF), asks for information on how the district is addressing the lead issue. He says the foundation would like to work with the school towards developing its potential as “a showpiece of outdoor learning,” but the lead issue “is threatening both enrolment and possible development of partnerships with organizations such as ISEF.”

Another letter from the school’s

Community First Health Co-op hosts meeting on Dr. Brian Day’s constitutional challenge of public medicare

submitted

This Community First Health Co-op in Nelson is bringing in guest speaker Rick Turner, co-chair of the BC Health Coalition, to give an update on the critical public medicare versus private health care court case currently in the BC Supreme Court.

Turner will speak on this important legal challenge in Nelson Tuesday, June 13, 7pm at the Legion Hall, 422 Victoria (use level alley entrance), followed by refreshments and the Annual General Meeting of Community First Health Co-op.

“The future of Canadian Medicare is at stake in this case on for-profit medical services,” says Peggy McGauley, chair of Community First Health Co-op. “If Dr. Brian Day succeeds in forcing the government to allow private payment health services, we will end up with a two-tier health system that will drive up costs, give special services to the wealthy and create a system based on ability to pay.”

They say a system of dual practice in which doctors can be paid from both the public and private purse will lure health care providers from the public sector with higher salaries for less and often simpler work. The loss of these health professionals creates longer wait times for the great majority of patients who cannot afford to pay privately.

Turner’s talk is sponsored by Nelson Area Society for Health (NASH) and the Nelson Chapter of the Council of Canadians, and the Community First Health Co-op.

For more information, call Peggy McGauley at 520-229-4223 (quick response time) or email pegasisp@gmail.com (longer response time).

Hwy 6 resurfacing underway by Jan McMurray

The resurfacing project on Hwy 6 between Nakusp and Slocan is underway.

The $7,950,000 project will see re-surfacing of approximately 37 kilometres of Hwy 6 at five locations between Slocan and Nakusp; 3.5 kilometres of Hwy 31A (Kaslo highway) from New Denver to the brake check; 12.4 kilometres of side roads in the Silverton, Hills and Nakusp area; and 2.6 kilometres of side roads in the Villages of New Denver, Silverton and Slocan.

Expect traffic delays throughout the summer in these areas. The project is scheduled for completion this fall.

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THANK YOU!
The Village of New Denver would like to thank the May Days Committee, the Arena Society, Columbia Basin Trust, Fomi’s Bakery and all the people that came out to volunteer for the 2017 New Denver May Days events. The free BBQ lunch that was sponsored by the Village with the support of GBT and Fomi’s was a success with almost 200 hotdogs being given away.

BEAR SIGHTINGS
All residents are asked to please manage their attractants and continue reporting wildlife sightings to the Conservation Officer Service. The correct number for the RAPP line is 1-877-952-7277.

NIKKEI CENTRE FREE PASSES
To commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Japanese Canadian internment, and Canada’s 150th birthday, the Village of New Denver is offering all residents free season’s passes to the nikkei Internment Memorial Centre. Property owners will receive their pass in their tax notice – any resident who has not received a pass is invited to contact the Village Office to arrange delivery.

COMMUNITY SPACES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS
A public presentation about future plans for Knox Hall and Bokan Hall is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 6 at the Knox Hall. Community members are invited to come and hear about Council’s proposed course of action regarding these facilities, and share their thoughts with Council.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
The Village of New Denver has secured funding to hire summer students to fill Collections Assistant positions at the Nikkie Internment Memorial Centre. Position descriptions and eligibility criteria are available upon request from the Village Office. Interested individuals should submit a resume and cover letter to the attention of Bruce Woodbury, CAO.

Hidden Garden Gallery launches 17th season
The Hidden Garden Gallery in New Denver announces its 2017 summer season and the launch of its new website, hiddengardengallery.ca. This summer the gallery, will bring you 10 shows highlighting a variety of media including encaustic, watercolour, acrylics, photography and mixed media. In addition to outstanding individual artists, this season will include student work that honours Aboriginal Day.

The Hidden Garden Gallery is located at 803 Kildare Street, New Denver and will be open June 19 to Aug 26 from 10 am to 3 pm, Mondays through Saturdays.

You are invited to join the HGG Board on Monday, June 5, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm for a launch party with refreshments and a new website. Please note: the launch party was originally scheduled for Sunday, June 4. Due to a planned outage by BC Hydro, the party has been moved to Monday, June 5.

For a free estimate Call 1-800-668-2848

Selkirk Paving is working in the area. Slocan, Silverton, New Denver and Nakusp.

Driveway to Highways

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New Denver council, May 23: Doctor Magier leaving, council ready to protect SCHC future

by Katrine Campbell

• Mayor Ann Bunka told council that Interior Health sent out a notice that Dr. Mike Magier is leaving the Slocan Community Health Centre in the fall. Other communities have had trouble replacing doctors so representatives from the three villages, RDCK directors and others are meeting to discuss the issue to ensure the health centre, particularly the emergency department, remains viable.

Councillor Henning von Krogh, the Village’s rep on the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District board, said he was concerned with Interior Health’s statement “… in the coming weeks we will be looking at how best to meet both longer term primary care and site needs.” The wording, he said, was very vague.

• Bunka reported a busy Victoria Day weekend as she took part in the May Days celebrations. She rode on the Fire Rescue boat in the parade and, along with Councillors Heather Fox and David Hodsall, served 190 hot dogs in two hours on Sunday at the Community Spirit barbecue. “I was kind of at half-speed and they worked really, really hard,” she said. “It was a challenge.”

Bunka also attended part of the ‘Cup Half-Full’ Aging Well event on May 16 and 17, hosted by the University of Victoria and Interior Health. She said the researchers wanted to talk to people and get their feedback “on what we have here that aids in aging well and staying here.” They will produce a report and come back in the fall to present the findings.

On May 8, she joined the students at Lucerne School for the Pitch-In Canada Community Clean-Up. “Amanda [Murphy] and I went – it was really fun!” she reported. Each elementary class cleaned a different part of town and one group picked up more than 200 cigarette butts. Most of the garbage – four bags full – was plastic, Bunka said, although she did find a full bottle of beer.

Bunka reported that the Regional District of Central Kootenay board approved $1.48 million to Community Initiative grants, including all the Village’s recommendations.

• The RDCK is supporting the Village of New Denver’s application to the Strategic Priorities Fund for grant money for capital upgrades to the Denver Siding water system, if the boundary extension process goes through. Bunka noted it is easier for the Village to get the grant than for the RDCK, which has numerous water systems to look after. CAO Bruce Woodbury is preparing an info sheet on the proposed expansion, which was triggered by Denver Siding residents looking for a safe source of water.

The Resource Recovery Plan overview has been received by the board; there will be consultations with both stakeholders and the public. The overview should be available soon at www.rdck.ca.

• The Village’s Fire Services contracts with Silverton and the RDCK will be amended to indicate that each participant’s share of the annual cost is based on the amounts in the current year’s budget, rather than on the previous year’s actual costs. The parties have been discussing these changes for several years and all agreed in principle to them.

• Council agreed to staff’s recommendations for support for its duration the equal partnership in the Slocan Valley Economic Development Partnership project. The RDCK will make a joint application to the BC Rural Dividend program on behalf of the partners – Area H, New Denver, Silverton and Slocan – for funding to implement the strategy outlined in the Economic Development report. The total project budget is estimated at $263,000. The bulk of the funding is being applied for from the Rural Dividend program and Columbia Basin Trust, the partners will make up the shortfall through cash and in-kind contributions.

• Council received from staff the Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program Public Report (CARIP) for 2016, which summarized actions taken in 2016 and proposed for 2017 to reduce municipal and community energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. The Village will purchase offsets equivalent to 30 tonnes of carbon dioxide from The Nature Conservancy for 2016. Some of the climate action initiatives by the Village include the lightbulb recycling station at the Village office for residents – a new municipal hot water tank for the Nikkei Centre, Mori trail improvements, CBT WaterSmart program, and wildfire interface development.

• Council received a letter from Theresa Tremaine announcing ArtWalk 2017, which will take place in New Denver and Silverton from July 14 to September 10. Local artists will display their work in participating businesses, and a map will be available in July.

East Wilson Road washed out

by Jan McMurray

East Wilson Creek Road is closed and barricaded at 2 km, following a washout that happened on May 3. There is currently no access to the hiking trails up this forest service road, including the Wilson Creek Falls, Dennis Creek, and Alps Alturas trails.

A ministry spokesperson reports that a geotechnical engineer will attend the site on June 5 and make recommendations on how to fix the road. The ministry hopes to open the road in mid to late June.
New Denver physician plans to leave the community end of summer

by Jan McMurray and Katrine Conroy

Dr. Mike Magier will be leaving his position at the Slocan Community Health Centre (SCHC) in New Denver towards the end of the summer. He and his family are moving to Nelson, where there are more extracurricular and social opportunities for his teenager.

“I believe it would have given me more notice, but this is the way the timing worked out for us. My daughter will start school in Nelson in the fall. If another doctor hadn’t been recruited by then, I would have given my two-week notice, but this is the timing we had.”

Dr. Magier has been practicing in New Denver for ten years.

Cheryl Whittlin, IH administrator, said, “We recognize this news has created some concerns in the community and we’ll provide regular updates on our discussions as they move forward. It’s important to stress that our services at the Slocan Community Health Centre are not changing in the months ahead, and we will be looking for opportunities to involve community representatives in the future.”

New Denver Mayor Ann Bunka says Whittlin greeted her a call on May 17 to tell her IH had just received Magier’s resignation letter. Bunka was immediately concerned, but not with losing a doctor, but with the implications for the centre and the community. Whittlin also had some concerns about the age and state of the hospital building. Bunka added:

“With just Chuck [Dr. Burkholder] they can’t continue with 24/7 emergency service,” she said. “It’s hard to get doctors, but we’ll give it a go. I know the community would step up.”

The following day, May 18, was the monthly RDCK board meeting. Bunka met with RDCK directors from Slocan (Mayor Jessica Lunn), Silverton (Councillor Leah Main), and Aera H Director Walter Popoff – all hospital board directors – as well as RDCK Chair Karen Hamling (Nakusp) and Area D (Kootenay Lake) Director and hospital board chair Aimée Watson.

“We had a sit-down for a half hour and started brainstorming,” she said. They want to speak to places like Kaslo and Creston which have already been through the problem of losing and recruiting doctors, and find out what worked and what didn’t in recruitment.

The next day she called Whittlin and told her the group wants to meet with her and other IH people before the June 28 hospital board meeting. She asked for someone to be there to explain what had gone into the SCHC building already, and what needed to be done, as well as how they could get another doctor in place. Kootenay West MLA Katrine Conroy will also be invited:

“We will meet with IH as a group to look at the future of care,” she said, referring to the IH release announcing Magier’s resignation. The release said IH “will be looking at how best to meet both longer term primary care and site needs.”

“That’s not something you usually see when they’re making an announcement,” Bunka said. “That’s the reason we jumped all over it.”

She asked for information to be brought to the meeting, and for them to discuss the full spectrum of health care for the community.

The group wants to connect doctors with IH, and is asking the larger community for innovative ideas on finding doctors. “There may have to be some fundraising. If the community is willing to put up something, IH might be willing to put up something.”

“I want to make sure when we go to IH and explain how important this is, that it’s not a divided community. I think IH will be willing to work with us; they generally have been and I’m not saying there’s going to be a problem.”

“I just want to point out that health care is not a business. We pay taxes for it and people have a right to health care,” Bunka also thanked Dr. Magier for his 10 years in the community.

“This being here is part of the reason we were able to have 24/7 coverage. He was part of a team that made it possible.”

Dr. Magier arrived in New Denver in November 2007 after three years practicing in Invermere. Originally from the US, he found both of his BC jobs on the ‘Health Match’ website, a recruitment service for health care professionals in BC.

Aging well in the New Denver area: asset mapping sessions

by Jan McMurray

What does healthy aging mean? What are the priorities for aging in your community? How can we help each other to age well in this area?

These questions were discussed in small groups at Knox Hall in New Denver on May 16 at the ‘A Cup Half Full’ community mapping events, part of a research project initiated by the University of Victoria.

In her welcoming remarks at the event, Denise Cloutier from the University of Victoria explained that the goal of the research project is “to try to improve opportunities for aging well in the New Denver area.” She emphasized that the project will focus on the community’s strengths rather than weaknesses.

“How do we work with our existing strengths and assets rather than focus on our deficits?” she asked. “How do we make this a more vibrant and attractive community for those who live here and those who might move in.”

Cloutier and Karen Kobayashi are the project’s co-investigators from the university. Several local people are on the research team, including Catherine Allaway (the Village of New Denver’s corporate officer), Nadine Raynolds (New Denver councillor and researcher at the Rural Development Institute (RDI) at Selkirk College), Mayor Ann Bunka, Area H Director Walter Popoff, Betty Brown (IH), Colin Moss (Chamber of Commerce), Donna Gibbons (nurse practitioner) and Suzanne McCombs (IH).

“We’re very excited about this collaboration,” Cloutier said. “University entities have bad reputation for doing research and not reporting back to the community, so we’re doing this together, building knowledge together.” She said they would share the results of their research with the community in the fall.

Cloutier also encouraged participants to take a grassroots approach to issues and challenges. “Every issue we face isn’t something we have to throw money at,” she said. “There isn’t a lot of money, so how do we things more effectively without money? We can be creative and innovative to some degree. Maybe there are two or three priorities that we can build on.”

Nadine Raynolds, New Denver resident and researcher at the Rural Development Institute (RDI) at Selkirk College, was given the floor to introduce a similar asset mapping project of the RDI. The institute put out a call for communities interested in engaging in asset mapping, and one of the communities that responded was New Denver. When they learned about the University of Victoria project, they decided to team up and work together. Raynolds said there would be further asset mapping processes in the community led by the RDI and the Village of New Denver at a later date.

Dr. Magier will be leaving his position at the Slocan Community Health Centre (SCHC) in New Denver towards the end of the summer.
Ralph Wilson and Tim McCrory with the winning fish from the New Denver May Days fishing derby, a 6lb 14oz Dolly Varden.

New Denver’s Citizens of the Year are Bradley Bennett and his dog, Tikka – the pair who discovered the fire at the Village Hearth Restaurant in February while out for a walk. Thanks to them, the fire was contained to the restaurant and the main street was saved.


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The Silverton Building Supplies float in the New Denver May Days Parade.

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Kay Pegg is Kaslo’s 2017 Citizen of the Year.

"Encapsulating everything that it means to be a Kaslovian, this year’s recipient is always willing to lend a helping hand and a smile to anyone who needs one," said Mayor Suzan Hewat in her speech in honour of Kay at the May Days celebration.

Kay has been an exemplary volunteer for decades in Kaslo, working with organizations such as the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 74, the Legion Ladies Auxiliary, Kootenay Lake Historical Society, the Seniors Club, and many more. She has often held executive positions. She was also a key volunteer for the visit of the Governor General to Kaslo in 2015.

"One of the many things that sets Kay Pegg apart is her non-stop positivity and helping spirit – whether it’s cooking wonderful meals for people who are alone during the holidays, providing transportation for those who need it, or even organizing games like indoor lawn bowling, Kay Pegg is always upbeat, and happy to help," said Mayor Hewat.
Kohan Garden featured as one of BC’s 11 best gardens in BC Magazine

by Art Joyce

Both the Kohan Reflection Garden and the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre gardens have been recognized in BC Magazine’s spring 2017 issue as among BC’s best gardens. This comes on the heels of a separate initiative by Heritage BC to nominate the top heritage sites in the history of Japanese-Canadian Canadians in this province. To mark the 75th anniversary of the start of the internment period, the government accepted 176 nominations for heritage sites and chose 56. New Denver resident Barb Yeomans nominated the Kohan, the Nikkei Centre and the entire Orchard neighbourhood, which still retains key elements of its internment past. The Turner United Church in New Denver also made the list.

“Both the Kohan Reflection Garden and the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre also made the list,” according to Heritage BC’s spring 2017 issue. Barb Whitfield, a former BC Parks intern, also credits the support of Phil Tosh Suzuki family, whose wife assisted in the application by the government accepted 176 nominations for heritage sites and chose 56. New Denver resident Barb Yeomans nominated the Kohan, the Nikkei Centre and the entire Orchard neighbourhood, which still retains key elements of its internment past. The Turner United Church in New Denver also made the list. “I decided to apply for the whole Orchard, because there’s not only the Nikkei Centre but there’s still elements of the old internment camp there, like an old water tower, an old tori gate, the Pavilion was the old sanitation, and at least eight former internment shacks.” Yeomans says the very few remaining original cherry trees in the Orchard were planted by a Japanese-Canadian ladies’ society known as the Fujinkai Society, who planted 50 of them around the village. “Most are gone but there are few still hanging on in the Kohan garden,” she says. “And we’ve always said the teahouse was original but we’re not absolutely sure of that.” Yeomans was assisted in the application by the Tosh Suzuki family, whose wife, a former interness in New Denver. She also credits the support of Phil Whitfield, a former BC Parks director who was instrumental in the formation of Valhalla Provincial Park.

“New Denver’s Japanese Canadian sites are gaining recognition provincially,” says Yeomans. “We know that the internesses for the most part did not talk about their experiences, so their children – who are now in their 60s – are now bringing their children to the Kohan and the Nikke Centre to learn about their heritage.” The Nikke Centre is a very special site. “The centre is a very important educational site so the Kohan becomes a site for reflection about what they learned at the Nikke Centre, which is really emotionally difficult.” The Kohan has also become a highly sought-after location for weddings, concerts, art events and family reunions. The Nikkei Lake Garden Society has bookings for this year’s weddings from as far away as Switzerland and Edmonton, as well as locals. Nearly a dozen other events are already booked for the summer months.

The heritage sites include internment camps, roadwork camps, gravesites and even the remaining upper decks of the SS Naoosin on Nelson’s north shore, which was used to transport Japanese-Canadians from Nelson to Kaslo, Kaslo’s St. Andrew’s United Church. The Nikke Centre also made the list, as it served both the spiritual and social needs of internees. The late Rev. Dr. Kosaburo Shimizu, who had been brought from the Lower Mainland with other internees, became their pastor at the church. In the Slocan Valley, the former Popoff, Bay Farm, Sandon, Rosebery and Lemon Creek internment camps, Slocan City has two listed sites: a cemetery marker created in 1944 by the Slocan Buddhist Mission Society to commemorate the six men, one woman, one child, and one infant cremated at the Slocan cemetery; and the log cabin at 520 Springer Street, associated with the family of author Joy Kogawa through the Nakayamas, who lived there after being forcibly relocated from the Lower Mainland.

The other significant gravesite is in Salmo, the final resting place of Yasutomo Mitsunaga, a Kootenay Shingle Company employee killed in 1910 while fighting wildfires.

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Family fun at Cherryville Days

submitted

Cherryville Days is an annual event that takes place in June. The 2017 Cherryville Days committee has pulled together their lines while waiting in the wings referring to everyone needed: “We’re gonna wing it!” Everyone brought the attitude that stepping up to be chairperson, like it was going to happen, but now it’s really happening. For a while it didn’t look possible, but there are still a few left around the village. “Most are gone but there are few still hanging on in the Kohan garden,” she says. “And we’ve always said the teahouse was original but we’re not absolutely sure of that.” Yeomans was assisted in the application by the Tosh Suzuki family, whose wife, a former interness in New Denver. She also credits the support of Phil Whitfield, a former BC Parks director who was instrumental in the formation of Valhalla Provincial Park. Written by Jane Munday and written by Jane Munday and

This year, Cherryville Days will be held at the hall, featuring live music by The Goods. Tickets are available at Frank’s General Store and Cherryville Emporium, and in Lumby at Jitter Beanz Coffee House.
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A Wanderer's Paradise: Where the journey is the destination.

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**Restaurant:** Open 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

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**Community**

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Nakup Municipal Campground - Nakup

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Kaslo council, May 23: Chief Election Officer appointed for byelection

by Jan McMurray

• Deputy Clerk Stephanie Patience has been appointed Chief Election Officer for the upcoming by-election. Romella Glorioso’s resignation as councillor has left one empty seat at the table.

• In order to stay true to the heritage character of the interior of the City Hall building, the Village has engaged RL Inwood & Associates for consulting services.

• Neil Smith reported that approval of the Liquid Waste Management Plan stage 2 report would be delayed because of a staff shortage at the ministry. Because the Village would like to get on with stage 3, he suggested asking the ministry if the Village could withdraw the stage 2 report, and re-submit a report that combines stages 2 and 3. Council agreed to making the request of the ministry.

• The Accelerate Kootenays project will see electric vehicle charging stations installed throughout the RDCK area, including one in Kaslo. The stations will cost municipalities $1,000 this year, plus $450 annually for maintenance. Municipalities will also pay for the electricity. There will be other costs borne by the municipalities, as well, i.e., insurance, because the stations become assets of the municipalities. In electoral areas, however, the Accelerate Kootenays team is seeking private sector partners; the RDCK will not own the stations. Because Kaslo council adopted this year’s budget without knowing about these costs, council decided to send a letter to Accelerate Kootenays asking them to seek a private sector partner for the Kaslo station, as well, and to inform council if a partner can’t be found. Council supports the project and wants to see it succeed.

• Council agreed to making the request of the Kaslo Jazz Etc Society’s request to fund 10% of the cost of two vault toilets for Kaslo. The Village has applied for up to $3,200 in RDCK Community Development Funds to cover this contribution. Vault toilets are similar to pit toilets, but waste is held in a large underground concrete vault and is pumped out periodically and hauled to the sewer treatment plant. The vault toilets are expected to be in place for this year’s Jazz Etc Festival.

• Two proposals for the development of standard operating procedures for waterfront cleanup were submitted in response to the Request for Proposals. They have been referred to the Parks Recreation and Open Spaces Committee (PROS) for review and recommendation to council.

Farm Innovation Project launched in Area D

Subsidies are now available for farmers in Area D (Kaslo area) through the new Farm Innovation Project.

Area D farmers interested in accessing the wage subsidy or infrastructure support program can contact project coordinator Nichol Ward for more information and the application package at farmerproject@lardeauvalley.com. The deadlines are June 6 for the wage subsidy program and June 27 for the infrastructure support program.

Fred Stenson offers critique sessions at literary festival

For the second year in a row, Nelson’s Elephant Mountain Literary Festival will provide the opportunity for 10 local writers to receive one-on-one feedback on their work from a noted Canadian author.

Alberta novelist, screenwriter, and educator Fred Stenson is this year’s writer-in-residence for the Holley Rubinsky Blue Pencil Sessions, named for the late author whose bequest has made this possible. The sessions will be held at the Nelson Public Library July 6 and 7.

Registration opens June 10 at www.emlfestival.com. Places will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Registered writers will be asked to submit in advance a project description and up to 2,500 words of fiction, creative non-fiction or screenwriting for discussion and critique in a 40-minute one-on-one session with Stenson.

In addition to the Blue Pencil Sessions, Stenson will give a public talk on the writing craft on July 6 at 7:30 pm in Room 310 of Selkirk College’s Kootenay Studio Arts, 606 Victoria St., Nelson. Admission is by donation.

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Stenson’s work has included writing for the CBC, the National Geographic Society, the Walt Disney Company, the Sony Corporation, and The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. He is the author of the novel “The Shade of Heaven”, the critically acclaimed memoir “A Holy thing I Am”, the book-length poetry collection “Hymns from the city of stars”, and the essay collection “My Swimming Sister”. He has been anthologized in the Best of the West and Best American Nonfiction collections.

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Alejandro Calderon removed from Nakusp courtroom

by Jan McMurray

Justice Robert Brown ordered that Alejandro Calderon be removed from the Nakusp courtroom on May 24 after Calderon’s outburst over a flash drive containing video footage that he wants to use as evidence.

“It follows your own instructions, wouldn’t it?” Calderon shouted while sitting in the courtroom, and would ensure that he would get the flash drive from Judge Brown if he could appear by video. While in Nakusp, said May 24, Calderon got a new list of potential jurors, which is a barrier. He added that the three people he met with were still very keen on the project and were hoping it could happen this year.

In response to Nakusp Society for Community Event’s request for prizes for July 1 parade float entries, both Councilor Tobey and Mayor Hamling said they were in support of Canada Day events but that giving prizes could set an unwanted precedent. The Village will donate services and materials for events, but no prizes. Hamling said this was particularly appropriate after the tax on consumption around around much is given away by the Village.

The Rail Committee has had its status as a select committee of council rescinded, and instead a stewardship agreement will be formed between the committee and the Village.

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JOB POSTING

NACFOR annual open house outlines 2016 and 2017 activities

by Jan McMurray

The Nakusp and Area Community Forest (NACFOR) annual open house outlines 2016 and 2017 activities for a New Horizons grant application to replace the floors in the Senior Citizens’ Hall.

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**Windstorm causes power outages May 24**

by Jan McMurray

Extreme windstorms overnight May 23-24 resulted in trees down on powerlines in the Interior and the Lower Mainland. Vancouver Island, causing power outages for many people in the province, including residents in the Kaslo and Nakusp areas.

The power line to Trout Lake and Halycon Hot Springs was damaged by trees late on May 23, affecting 208 BC Hydro customers who didn’t get their power back until May 25 at 6:29 am.

On May 24, properties in Meadow Creek, Larder, and Johnson’s Landing were without power from 1:48 am to 2 pm, and approximately 1,400 FortisBC electricity customers in the Kaslo and Ainsworth areas had no power from 2 am until May 24 at 6:29 am.

In the Nakusp area, roughly 30 BC Hydro customers were affected, with six different instances of trees or branches down on powerlines. Power was restored by 2 pm on May 24 in the Nakusp area.

Almost 230,000 BC Hydro customers around the province were impacted by this storm. The 100 Mile House, Clearwater and Salmon Arm areas were the hardest hit.

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The first intake of Columbia Basin Trust's Affordable housing energy retrofit program now open at CBT. “The program is specifically targeting retrofits that will have a high return on investment to ensure significant financial benefit for non-profit organizations.” The Trust is working with the BC Non-Profit Housing Association and BC Housing to deliver the program. Visit oeretrofit.org or call 1-800-505-8998.

Another outbreak of E. coli in flour submitted. The BC Centre for Disease Control (BC CDC) is alerting British Columbians to check their flour bags, as six people were infected with the same strain of E. coli O121 between February and April. Anyone who becomes ill with vomiting and diarrhea after consuming raw dough, batter or flour products is advised to consult their physician, or call the same line at 111.

Traffic accidents

Traffic accidents May 2 near Hills Community Health Centre for minor injuries. The highway was reduced to single lane alternating traffic until midnight while the truck was removed. A charge of Driving Without Due Care and Attention has been recommended against the driver of the logging truck.

A passenger vehicle went off the highway between Rosebery and Hills at about 10 am while travelling northbound, and overturned into the ditch. The driver and lone occupant from the vehicle. The driver was transported to Slocan Community Health Centre with non-life threatening injuries. The highway was reduced to single lane alternating traffic briefly while the vehicle was removed. The collision is believed to be due to driver fatigue.
Broadway Deli heads in new direction

by Karine Campbell

The Broadway Deli is under new management and chef Tyler Leeson invites everyone to come in and enjoy the re-created breakfast and lunch offerings. The former Halcyon Hot Springs chef has created a fresh menu which features as much local food as possible with an emphasis on healthy meals.

Leeson says the Deli’s previous menu was “always good, but I’ve never been good at cooking other people’s food so I had to change the menu. It’s just the way my brain works!”

He calls it “simple food” and leans towards Mediterranean flavours, using “olives and capers and that kind of stuff.” There are options for vegetarians and for those with food allergies, such as gluten and dairy.

His favourite breakfast is called ‘cheesy eggs’ – two poached eggs with cheddar cheese and spiced kimchi on top of lunch of potatoes prepared with olive oil and herbs.

Lunch includes a choice of three salads: seasonal, market greens and the perennial favourite, Caesar. Leeson and his staff make “lots of paninis.

“There are only three types, but they sell very well. All meats are local, such as chicken from Salmon Arm. We make our own French bread, and buy some other types locally for the paninis.”

The Broadway Deli offers rice bowls every day, made with brown rice and quinoa, with different additions and flavours. One day could be Greek, the next southwest Chipotle with cilantro and sour cream – always something different, he says. Each day has a featured lunch, and there are several soups to choose from.

Desserts change daily, with delectable treats from baker Brenda Scott. You might find a chocolate cherry trifle, or coffee cake, or a lemon shortbread bar, and there are always giant cookies.

The Broadway Deli re-opened May 24, with one staffer staying on; the rest left and found other jobs during the few weeks it was shut down for re-decorating, Leeson says.

His wife, Michelle Grenier, goes in at lunchtime to help out.

“She runs her butt off for an hour, then goes back to her paying job,” he says.

The couple is leasing the restaurant for now. “We haven’t bought yet. We hope to one day as I always wanted to do my own thing. We look into several options and this was the best.”

Although the Deli is only open for breakfast and lunch at the moment, Leeson is looking at doing tapas nights starting in mid-June. There is a liquor licence, and he brings in various wines and BC craft beers.

“We only want to carry a small selection. I buy a flat of whatever’s local and there’s always something tasty,” he says. He tries to have several types, including a light beer, a heavy, an IPA and something ‘fruity’, as well as mixed drinks like Sic’s grapefruit vodka.

“I’m trying to create a fun environment for locals and tourists and for the staff, too.”

The Broadway Deli is open 6 am to 3 pm, 7 am to 3 pm Sundays, and is closed on Tuesdays. Drop in, say ‘hi’, and check out the fine photography on the walls showing Nelson area scenes and trails, all the work of Leeson’s step-mom Deb Booth.

Going back in time for a better future

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Touchstones Gala: History Mashup will be an evening to remember. Touchstones Museum of Art and History is embarking on a journey through time with its gala fundraising party, on June 3 from 7 to 10 pm.

The evening also boasts a raffle, a live auction and a delicious dinner. A buffet-style dinner will be table set in a 1950s maple wood sled manufactured (1920s, 1950s), antique skis, and a package of eggs, and is closed on Tuesdays. Drop in, say ‘hi’, and check out the fine photography on the walls showing Nelson area scenes and trails, all the work of Leeson’s step-mom Deb Booth.
The album contains eight original songs performed on guitar, violin and viola, with an alternate version of one track. The cover art for the album was created by New Denver encaustic artist Louise Ducharme. Anyone who has heard this accomplished duo perform can testify to the beautiful sonic textures they create together.

"Part of the story of the CD is the connection between us," says Fudge. "From the moment we first played Sue together we realized we had to keep going with this. It doesn’t really fit into a genre – there’s elements of folk, classical, jazz and contemporary music that pushes the boundaries.”

Fudge is a versatile composer and guitarist, whose accomplishments include film scores, choral and orchestral works, and singer-songwriter material. His instrumental music has been commissioned as soundtracks for ICandy Films video productions. He holds a BFA in composition from Simon Fraser University. Fudge wrote and performed with the band Crop Circle, a group that received extensive airplay and toured Western Canada, opening for ZZ Top and Bif Naked. A popular music teacher, he established Fudge Music Factory in Maple Ridge nearly 25 years ago prior to moving to New Denver in 2015. He teaches guitar, bass, composition and brass instruments. Last year he composed the soundtrack to the performance poetry suite Dead Crow: Prologue by Sean Arthur Joyce.

Martine denBok has a master’s degree in music performance from University of Victoria and bachelor’s in music performance from University of Alberta. She is the current principal second violinist for the Okanagan Symphony Orchestra. Previously she performed with the Symphony of the Kootenays, Galiano Ensemble and Die Mahler String Quartet, both in Victoria. As a chamber musician, she has been a part of her life from an early age. Her training includes chamber music and she has performed with Kokopelli Choir, the sister choir to Corazon. While living in Edmonton, she performed with an all-girl band known as Combo Platter as well as the string quartet String Beans. Not afraid to range outside the classical cannon, with these groups she performed everything from chamber music to songs by Coldplay, Queen and Metallica. She says you haven’t lived until you’ve heard the classic Jimi Hendrix song Purple Haze played on violin. Improvisation isn’t something that comes naturally to most classically trained musicians. But denBok found herself adapting easily to Freya’s mode of composition.

“I think my melodic mind is one that comes from a singing voice,” she says. “The ability for me to improvise has come from just being comfortable with the other artist I’m performing with, and that there are no wrong notes. The process for me when tunes were brought to the table was to just listen, over and over again. And then take up the instrument and see what fits.”

Freya’s compositional approach differs from the standard model of having one musician playing the melody while the other supplies the basic chord progression. Instead, the guitar and violin interweave throughout every song, adding unique and complementary textures and tones. “I think we always set Freya out to the music for them.”

"In the end it doesn’t matter what our story is,” says denBok. “It’s the individual’s perception of it, their response to it, that brings meaning to the music for them.”

To order the album visit fortheloveoffreya.ca.