Area wildfires prompt two evacuation alerts and four logging road closures

by Jan McMurray

As of Monday, August 7, BC Wildfire Service personnel were responding to about 25 active wildfires throughout the Southeast Fire Centre. There were 122 wildfires burning in the province on August 4, with 25 evacuation orders affecting approximately 7,127 individuals, plus 42 evacuation alerts impacting approximately 24,957 people.

Hot and dry conditions are expected for at least another week.

The provincial state of emergency has been formally extended again, through to the end of the day on August 18. The state of emergency was previously extended on July 19, and first declared July 7.

A Smokey Skies Bulletin was amended to include the Arrow, Slocan and Kootenay lake areas on August 2.

Smokey Skies Bulletins are a new type of public notification being used by the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy in collaboration with Interior Health. They are issued when smoke concentrations in an area have or may reach levels that are a concern for human health. Those members of the public who are sensitive to the effects of smoke should monitor their symptoms and, if necessary, take steps to reduce their exposure to smoke.

The two ‘wildfires of note’ in our area are the Galena and Harrop Creek fires. The Rapid Creek fire prompted an evacuation alert for residents of the Poplar Creek area on July 30 due to the Rapid Creek fire, burning at high elevation in difficult terrain around 30 kilometres northwest of Lakebuoy at the north end of Kootenay Lake. On August 7, the fire was 900 hectares. It was caused by lightning and discovered on July 24. A crew of six RDCK firefighters with a sprinkler protection unit has been established and is working on the west flank.

The lightning-caused fire was discovered on July 13. On August 7, 13 BC Wildfire Service personnel were working on the fire, supported by two helicopters and two pieces of heavy equipment. Crews are continuing to put guards up, are widening guards in some areas, and are working on the west flank.

The Glacier Creek wildfire is about 25 kilometres northeast of Meadow Creek and about 18 kilometres east of Duncan Lake. As of August 7, it covered about 400 hectares. A road closure has been implemented on the Duncan-Glacier Creek Forest Service Road, starting at the MacBeth Icefields turnoff at the 19-kilometre mark. A map indicating the area affected by this road closure is available online at http://ow.ly/cn3NIeSNzi. There is currently no access to the Jumbo area or Monica Meadows, but backcountry travellers can still access the MacBeth Icefields.

The lightning-caused fire was discovered on July 10.

Other fires in our area include Fife Creek in the Whatshan Range (20 ha), the Mt. McBean fire on the southern border of Glacier National Park (500 ha), the Battle Mountain fire in the Duncan Range near Battlebrook Creek (75 ha), Healy Creek east of Trout Lake (428 ha), Campbell Creek on the east side of Kootenay Lake across from Kaslo (20 ha), and Winters Creek northeast of Johnson’s Landing (55 ha). There have been 207 fires that have burned 12,596 hectares in total in the Southeast Fire Centre so far this year. Most were caused by lightning (149), with 58 caused by humans.
BC Hydro to purchase remaining two-thirds interest in Waneta Dam

submitted

On August 1, BC Hydro announced it plans to purchase the remaining two-thirds ownership interest in the Waneta Dam and Generating Station in Trail from Teck Resources Limited for $1.2 billion. The purchase is forecast to have a beneficial financial impact each year, helping to keep rates affordable for BC Hydro’s customers.

With this planned purchase, BC Hydro will have complete ownership of the dam and generating station. The final decision to move forward is subject to a number of conditions, including approval by the BC Utilities Commission.

In 2010, BC Hydro purchased a one-third share of the Waneta Dam for $282 million from Teck. At that time, the BC Utilities Commission found that the BC Hydro purchase of one-third interest in the Waneta Dam was in the public interest. This decision was based on a review of cost effectiveness, due diligence and local impact.

Currently, BC Hydro’s one-third is supplied to BC Hydro customers and Teck’s two-thirds is supplied to the Teck smelter in Trail. Under the terms of the new transaction, two-thirds of the generation will continue to supply electricity to Teck’s smelter in Trail for 20 years, with an option to extend by a further 10 years. Teck will pay approximately $75 million per year for the power, and expects to realize a net book gain of approximately $800 million on the closing of the transaction.

In May, Teck announced it had reached an agreement to sell its two-thirds share of the Waneta Dam and Generating Station to Fortis Inc., unless BC Hydro decided to exercise its right of first offer. When BC Hydro purchased a one-third share of Waneta in 2010, it negotiated a right of first offer on any future sales of the remaining two-thirds interest retained by Teck. As a result of this agreement, Teck offered to sell to BC Hydro the two-third interest to BC Hydro on substantially the same terms and conditions that it was prepared to sell to Fortis Inc. Teck expects to pay Fortis a break fee of approximately $28 million. BC Hydro conducted an in-depth review of the opportunity to purchase the remaining two-thirds interest in the dam. BC Hydro’s board of directors was briefed frequently throughout the process and gave its final approval the last week of July. Government performed its own due diligence and endorsed the decision.

The dam was originally constructed in 1954 by the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada Limited (now known as Teck) to generate power specifically for use at its smelter located in Trail. The Waneta expansion project added a second powerhouse immediately downstream of the Waneta Dam on the Pend d’Oreille River. The expansion project was completed in 1972 and is currently owned by Columbia Power Corporation (32.5%) and Columbia Basin Trust (16.5%).

Two new physicians wanted for the Slocan Community Health Centre

by Jan McMurray

Interior Health has decided to recruit for two permanent physicians instead of just one to join Dr. Chuck Burkholder at the Slocan Community Health Centre in New Denver.

“One thing was to make someone laugh, as most of you will remember. Paul had a great respect for animals and this beautiful place we live in.”

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Community Wildfire Protection Plan update underway for Kaslo & Area D

by Jan McMurray

Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) for most communities throughout the RDCK are currently being updated.

John Cathro, who was contracted by the RDCK to complete the Kaslo and Area D CWPP update, led public meetings in Argenta and Meadow Creek in late July, and made a presentation to Kaslo council on August 1.

“It’s great to see how seriously the RDCK is taking this,” said Cathro.

The RDCK has put together a team of four people to work on wildfire mitigation. Residents can contact the RDCK to have this FireSmart team do a home hazard assessment at no charge, and will receive a report with recommendations on how to reduce risk on their property.

“Resilience starts at home,” said Cathro. “FireSmarting the area 0-10 metres from your home is the most important thing anyone can do.”

Crescent Valley Beach Park parking lot now open

by Jan McMurray

Plans to work on the Crescent Valley Beach Regional Park is substantially complete.

The second parking lot opened to the public on August 3, and the park now has a picnic shelter, washroom facility, and integrated trail network. The finishing touches, scheduled for the fall, are heritage site improvements and signage.

The new parking lot has 45 parking spaces, to add to the 14 spaces in the front parking lot built in phase one in 2015. The second lot is gravel, and will be open during the high season only. The front paved lot will be open year-round.

The project will be completed in the fall with the creation of interpretive signage about the site’s fascinating history. The park was the location of the Patrick Brothers sawmill in 1907, and the remains of the mill are still there to see. The sawmill, owned and operated by the famous NHL hockey players Lester and Frank Patrick, was chosen as a Stop of Interest by the BC government. Stop of Interest signs throughout the province tell the story of a person, place or event significant to provincial history. The park is also rich in First Nations history. The phase two work at the park was monitored by archaeologists and by representatives from the Kumsheen Nation and the Penticton Indian Band of the Okanagan Nation Alliance. Jeff Phillips, project manager, reports that some very interesting artifacts were found, documented, and archived at the Castlegar Museum. “So we want to touch on that part of the story as well,” Phillips said.

Phase one of the park project, including development of the entry into the park, the parking lot and a drop-off/pick-up area, was done in 2015. Phase two started in May this year. Phillips said there were about 30 workers on site at various times during phase two, many of them local, and a lot of the wood used was locally sourced. Phase two costs were about $380,000, and phase one costs were $90,000.

The Crescent Valley Beach Regional Park improvement project is part of the Slocan Community Recreation Greenway Project, which also includes paving the bottom four kilometres of the Slocan Valley Rail Trail (SVRT) from South Slocan to Crescent Valley, and the construction of a pedestrian underpass at South Slocan that will provide a gateway to the Trans Canada Trail.

Cathro said in wildfire situations, homes are most often ignited by embers, which can travel up to two kilometres, or by radiant heat.

Nora Hannon, RDCK’s Wildfire Mitigation Technician, added that FireSmarting is becoming important to insurance companies. “Insurance companies are asking for FireSmart in order to give you coverage,” she said, warning that some insurance companies will delay renewing policies for 60 days if there is a fire burning 20-30 kilometres from the home on the anniversary date of the policy.

The Kaslo and Area D CWPP is expected to be completed in October. The plan will identify priority areas for fuel treatment, and will also provide recommendations to improve communication and education; structure protection; planning and development; and emergency response and preparedness.

Cathro said that once the CWPP is complete, the intention is to develop prescriptions for high priority fuel treatment areas, and to do the fuel treatment work starting in 2018. Both the prescriptions and operational work will depend on areas. “It’s a significant funding, which is available for projects on Crown land only.

One resident asked if the Larder- Duncan conservation properties were considered private or Crown land. Area D Director Aimee Watson said that hadn’t yet been clearly determined. “That’s a very good question,” she said.

Cathro said he’d like to see less dependence on grants to get the fuel treatment work done. “I believe there is enough value in the wood harvested in a fuel treatment operation – not just logs, but also as firewood and fence posts – and I think we should think carefully about this.”

In the RDCK, there are approximately 20,000 hectares of Crown land and 20,000 hectares of private land considered high priority for treatment. The RDCK has completed treatment projects on more than 400 hectares. “This is more than most local governments and regional districts have done,” said Cathro. “It’s a significant achievement but it’s still a very small piece of what we want to do.”

From Kaslo north, the risk of interface fire is high to extreme. Cathro said the CWPP focuses on areas right beside towns as the highest risk priority areas. He mentioned that Glacier Creek Regional Park will be identified as an area of interest for fuel treatment, as well. Director Watson added that an expansion of Glacier Creek campground would be considered if a fuel treatment project were to proceed in the park.

Fuel treatment projects involve reducing forest density, removing surface fuel, removing the understory, pruning

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Your government, formed of two parties which support environmental concerns, needs to act immediately to show your integrity on environmental election promises. You need to protect highly sensitive grizzly bear and fish habitat. And you need to officially add the 3,000 sq. km Newwagw'zan – Dasgot Tribal Park to BC’s land reserve.
I hope I can be proud of
supporting you in the last election, for
which I offer my congratulations.
Madeleine O'Keefe
Johnson’s Landing
Friends of Old Arrow Park
It’s almost that time again when we gather at the site for the reunion of Friends of Old Arrow Park. It is a time to reflect on our memories and share them with our many friends. Sadly to say, each year, one by one, some pass on. We will miss Ollie Roberts, who made such great buns. It is great to see so many travel so far for this special event. The setting is
toxic gas. If I were considering ways to
effectively reduce methane and other GHG emissions, a personal promise to reduce my own flatulence would not have the same impact as not developing an LNG industry in NE British Columbia. It’s all about economy of scale – getting the biggest bang for your buck. My flatulence reduction would not hold a candle to the methane leakage associated with LNG production and transport.
If we are looking for big change, we need to seriously involve the big emitters. Sure, I would continue to restrain myself; but my personal restraint will make little difference in the context of big industrial emissions.
I wanted big policy action to deal with climate change, I would first consider how the big emitters might be helped to make the transition. Carbon pricing that is transparent, measurable and in the context of fee and dividend would be a first choice for getting the transition started. That would require a collective political will from all levels of government along with the support from the electorate who they represent. The collective vision needs to be there – the details can follow.
Ron Robinson
Nelson
Unhappy with
Belairdirect
This spring on Hwy 5 north of Nelson, I was hit by a deer. It came up a steep bank and did a face plant on the passenger side of my car. I got home, my daughter noticed that the underside of my plastic bumper was cracked, on the passenger side, the underside of my plastic bumper got home, my daughter noticed that the underside of my plastic bumper was cracked, on the passenger side, the bumper damage because it had a few scratches on the underside from touching curbs while parking. I have 50 years of driving with no at fault claims; this was my third comprehensive claim in that time. To add insult to injury, they asked for my driver’s abstract. When my insurance is due next, I’ll be looking for another insurance company.
Phil Trotter
Kaslo
Friendly words from the Village of Kaslo
Most small towns in the West Kootenay have a ‘welcome to our town’ sign at the entrance, and some say ‘thank you, come again’ when leaving. That is the entrance and exit – seems friendly enough. When wandering around my town, I find other signs that are not so benign, such as, ‘Violators will be prosecuted;’ ‘Vehicles left after gates closed will be towed at owners expense;’ ‘No fires on beach, period;’ ‘Camping anywhere other than campground expressly prohibited,’ ‘by order.’
Let’s not forget the horrible misuse of sandwich boards that could cause, and I quote, ‘encroachments that violate municipal bylaws or present unacceptable public hazards are not permitted and could be subject to fines, seizures and other enforcement actions if warnings are not heeded.’ (This last is from a piece in The Pennywise paid for with your tax dollars). Will the sandwich boards be seized at gunpoint? And what about gates that restrict public access (except for Loggers Sports) to an area of our lakefront? That restriction is just ridiculous, and an unnecessary abuse of power to say that you cannot drive on the area because it is a riverbed. It seems to me most of the village is on a riverbed; maybe all vehicles should be banned from our streets.
Who is the author of warnings such as these? Is this the attitude that pervades council’s thinking? Words are supposed to inform. These seem to be belligerent and rude. Perhaps the Village hierarchy and management could rethink and rewrite signage that reflects the friendliness of small towns. It is probably better to be informed first and then slapped with a velvet glove, rather than a baseball bat, but it is still a slap.
Jim Van Horn
Kaslo

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Deforestation

With all the talk of climate change and all the wildfires this summer, it appears that to speak of the global deforestation as one big cause of wild summer temperatures is still taboo.

Forests are our keepers of water, climate mitigators, places where summer, it appears that to speak of otherwise we are cacti.

Enough with the BS and the greed.

Derrick Jensen's book "climate mitigators," places where forests on the coast are not just to ourselves. The old growth up the Duncan and in the Incomappleux need to be protected.

What I see happening is the liquidation of second growth where thinning would be more appropriate.

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What I see every time I drive in and out from home is not true. The forests are being destroyed, cut and squandered. All the young trees, cut for expedience for the machine... We are the change...

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Cedar and Pine Polies
Local woman teaches kids about fostering orphaned elephants

by Art Joyce

Nomi Jackson has hit upon her passion late in life: saving orphaned elephants in Africa. Though it’s a long, long way from the Slocan Valley, she’s found a way to bring her cause home.

An elephant is killed every 15 minutes for its ivory, often by poor Africans who have few options for earning a living. Unless poaching can be stopped, it’s estimated that there will be no elephants or rhinos left in the African wild within a decade.

Recently, Jackson spent several hours with Katrina Sumrall’s Lucerne School class, showing them conservation films and explaining how we can help these endangered creatures.

Jackson introduced the children to the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, based in Nairobi, Kenya. The Trust has hit upon a unique and very successful format for fostering orphaned elephants and rhinos. Very much like the foster care programs for human orphans or child victims of war, the Trust offers supporters the chance to ‘adopt’ a struggling baby elephant or rhino. Just as with overseas foster parents of children, subscribers receive regular updates on their ‘adopted’ charges along with photos noting their progress.

Jackson herself adopted a four-year-old elephant named Kamok that had wandered into a wildlife conservancy at just one day old. She was orphaned due to natural causes.

“To date, the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust has successfully hand-raised over 190 infant elephants,” explains the Trust, “and has accomplished its long-term conservation priority by effectively reintegrating the orphans back into the wild herds of Tsavo.”

“I told the kids, I want your input, I’m not a teacher, just a volunteer,” says Jackson. “And their comments were amazing, they said they really loved it. There’s so much despair and negativity in the world, I wanted to say to them, this is something you can do.”

The benefits are many: aside from working to save endangered species, Kenyans are gainfully employed as caregivers and anti-poaching rangers, and Kenya’s tourism trade benefits each year from revenue brought in by eco-tourist tours. It’s estimated that up to 60% of Kenya’s economy is now dependent on this revenue, adding an economic incentive to the environmental imperative.

Jackson worked with Lucerne students to build a 3D model of Kenya, including Tsavo East National Park, the wildest migration route through Kenya’s Great Rift Valley, the Masasi Mara conservation area, and the Trust’s orphange compound. She has the added insight of having personally travelled to these places, as well as visiting the Serengeti and Rwanda’s Volcanoes National Park, which contains a Silverback gorilla conservation reserve. While there she stayed at the Sabinyo Silverback Lodge, and was assisted by former poachers now employed as porters to carry visitors’ bags up the steep climb. She’s planning a school presentation on the gorillas as well.

The Tsavo East National Park covers 12,000 square kilometres (8,000 square miles), and is home to Kenya’s largest single population of 11,000 elephants. “It’s this magnificent environment where most of our hand-reared elephants will ultimately live,” says the Trust, “for this is the only park in Kenya that offers the space elephants need.”

The Trust was founded in 1977 by Dame Daphne Sheldrick, in honour of the memory of her late husband, David Leslie William Sheldrick, a famous naturalist and the park’s founding warden. The organization has a support team that includes airplane spotters, veterinarians, and rangers on patrol for poachers.

Elephant keepers are assigned to care for the babies, but are rotated to avoid too much bonding to any individual. Jackson says if something happens to the keeper and they have to be away, the baby can die from the stress of abandonment. The keepers sleep with the baby elephants in their pens to minimize their stress. Each individual elephant is treated differently depending on their needs. When they’re considered ready, they’re released back into the wild. Often this process can take years, through gradual exposure to wild herds, who eventually adopt the orphans. If they’re established bonds with other elephants in the Trust’s compound, an effort is made to ensure the group is kept together.

Keepers will stay with them until they are fully integrated into the wild. Sumrall’s class has since adopted two baby elephants. “I want to take this presentation to more schools,” says Jackson. “As a child I used to go around looking for baby birds that had fallen out of their nests. If someone had come to my school who’d been to Africa and was helping save baby elephants, I’d have remembered that the rest of my life.”

For more information or to foster an orphaned elephant, visit www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org

Kootenay Sufferfest: Idaho Peak and 10K Trail Run

by Jan McMurray

The Kootenay Sufferfest Idaho Peak Mountain Marathon and 10K Trail Run took place July 22.

There were 43 participants in each of the two events, and everyone finished.

Dave Stevens from Beasley beat the Idaho Peak Mountain Marathon record by 15 first. He finished the 49-km course with 2200 metres of elevation gain in 3:53:57.

Shannon Low of Kootenay Sufferfest reports that this was the first year they did not provide cups. Participants had to bring their own water bottles or hydration packs. “We are happy to say that only one bag of garbage was produced from the whole event,” she said.

People travelled all the way from Amsterdam and Hong Kong just for this race. Only one local person braved the Idaho Peak Mountain Marathon: Sandra Watt of Nakusp. She placed first in her age category (50-59) and 30th overall.

Four local New Denverites ran the 10K Trail Run along the Galena Trail from Three Forks, the Alamo Wagons Road and the old Sandon Road. Benjamin Nickerson came first in his age category (30-39) and seventh overall. Brian Mills placed third in his age category (50-59) and 30th overall. Watt of Nakusp. She placed first in her age category (50-59) and 30th overall.

Prizes were provided by businesses in Nakusp and New Denver.

This was the seventh Kootenay Sufferfest event of the year. One more to go: the Nakusp Suffercross CX Bike Race and Duathlon/ Corporate Challenge on September 17.
Alejandro Calderon released on bail

by Jan McMurray

Alejandro Calderon, who allegedly showed up at his neighbour’s party in Needles with a running chainsaw and attempted to cut down a power pole, was granted bail on August 1 in the Castlegar courthouse.

Calderon had been in custody since the chainsaw incident occurred on January 28.

Judge Brown set bail at $500, with several conditions. Calderon was ordered not to attend Needles, Edgewood, Barnes Creek Road, or Nakusp; not to have contact with a list of 10 people from the Needles area; and to live with his friend.

Kahlani Martens in Osoyoos. He was to report to the bail supervisor by the end of the day, and is not permitted to move from Martens’ residence in Osoyoos without consent from the bail supervisor. He is also not to possess any weapons or items resembling weapons.

Crown Counsel Dave Meagher told Judge Brown that he and Calderon’s lawyer, Don White, had discussed the case and had intended to resolve the matter at the August 1 court hearing, but this changed when Meagher received a call from Needles resident Jeff Smith. Smith, who was hosting the party on January 28, “has a very strong desire to fill out a Victim Impact form,” Meagher said.

Other people who were at the party have recently contacted Meagher asking to make Victim Impact statements, as well.

“The Bill of Rights, victims do have a right to complete the forms… These are serious allegations, with real victim impact. The Victim Impact Statements are crucial – not to the extent that they will affect the disposition, but I think they are very important to the victims themselves to feel they are heard,” Meagher said, adding that he recognizes the Victim Impact forms should have been sent out to victims much earlier and he doesn’t know why they weren’t.

Judge Brown agreed that the Victim Impact Statements were very important. “The sentencing judge must have the Victim Impact Statements,” he said.

Meagher told the judge that the Crown won’t be seeking further custody for Calderon, but rather a lengthy period of probation.

The next step is to schedule a sentencing hearing. The date for the hearing will be set in Nakusp court on August 24 unless Calderon’s lawyer can arrange a date before then. “I’ll have it struck from the [court] list if I have a date before then,” White told Judge Brown.
by Katrine Campbell

New Denver council, July 25: Village and Chamber team up for doctor recruitment

The project would bring together the HCS, Lucerne School, Wildsafe BC, Harvest Centre, the CBT Climate Action group, the RDCK, and School District 10 to “help our area reduce its landfill burden, reduce wildlife attractants, and hopefully create a useful end product.”

Council approved staff’s recommendation that the Village become a full member organization of the National Association of Japanese Canadians. Funding to maintain and improve the Nikki Intermemorial Memorial Centre is available to NAC members, including one-time grants of up to $2,000. In addition, joining the organization will “improve the NIMC’s exposure by highlighting its unique experience at a broader national level.”

Council approved a request for variance from the owners of 408 Slocan Ave, the old Forestry building, to increase the height of fences on any part of a parcel from 1.2 m (4 ft) to 1.53 m (5 ft). The request was made because the owners said the insurance company recommended a higher fence around an existing hot tub. They applied for the variance and the timeframe for approval was extended, but they went ahead and built the fence before the process was finished. Von Krogh said he wouldn’t approve a variance requested after the fact and said the owners should have applied earlier. Woodbury noted that the owners of 3-4” 8 ft fence posts reg $6.89

Lawrence reported. The board also wrote a letter to the Ministry of Health asking that the 1996 Hospital Act be updated, and requested a letter of support for a resolution at the fall Union of BC Municipalities conference calling for full cell coverage throughout BC. Lawrence said at every board meeting she has attended, von Krogh has asked for a long-term plan from Interior Health.

Councilor Nadine Raynolds reported that the 100th year of operation for Harvest Centre and she met with the group for the season’s kickoff. The cherry pick went well, she said, and added “No bears!” so far this year. Council approved a request for variance from the owners of 408 Slocan Ave, the old Forestry building, to increase the height of fences on any part of a parcel from 1.2 m (4 ft) to 1.53 m (5 ft). The request was made because the owners said the insurance company recommended a higher fence around an existing hot tub. They applied for the variance and the timeframe for approval was extended, but they went ahead and built the fence before the process was finished. Von Krogh said he wouldn’t approve a variance requested after the fact and said the owners should have applied earlier. Woodbury noted that the owners of 3-4” 8 ft fence posts reg $6.89.

Advocate for a court review of their request to proceed to court to eliminate all discrimination in civil rights law. Doty has attracted a lot of criticism from folks who are on a path of relations and other documents. Doty has asked if they have much support in the area. Doty said, “People here have built community with so are incredible. I know there are conversations that happen when people don’t know what to say because there are people here who totally get it and have my back, helping people who haven’t necessarily wrapped their heads around it to get here.”

I know this place has a long tradition of attracting free thinkers, folks who are on a path of relations with the land and the water and each other. That’s why I want to live here.”

Doty has attracted a lot of international attention, not all of it positive. They handle it by contracting out the job of screening emails so the haters don’t get through. I haven’t been receiving [negative] feedback, Doty said. I heard some people are confused but they’re not dangerous or anything. They’re split in thirds: one third are totally struck by what it is; one third are kind of confused but supportive; and one third are staunch in their ignorance, [saying] “you’re a crazy old man your DNA can never change, you’re denying science… kind of stupid.”

They were talking about it on Fox News but I don’t pay attention to that. The second thing I do is log on to the internet I get a highlight and read the headline, but don’t read the haters and I never read the comments.”
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Canadian Mosaic Project rolls into New Denver

by Jan McMurray

When Tim Van Horn pulls into your town, you can’t help but be intrigued. His van is literally the vehicle for his art – a mosaic of photographs of people from across Canada.

Tim travels across the country taking photographs of people for his Canadian Mosaic Project, designed to inspire and unite the country.

He pulled into New Denver on August 4 and took 80 photos in 24 hours.

“I’m a military kid on creative tour to do something good for the country,” he said. “We have this wonderful country, yet we don’t have an image that accurately represents who we are as a people – one single image that ties us all together as one. The Canadian Mosaic Project is a blend of beautiful life moments and a diverse cast of characters from across the land, all woven together into one.”

Of the 57,000 photos he has taken, 25,000 are displayed in the mosaic on his van. All 57,000 will be available soon on his website: canadianmosaic.ca, and will all be displayed on his next, much bigger vehicle – 37 feet long and 12 feet high.

“The Magic Bus will debut on my next tour in 2020,” he said. “All 57,000 photos will be on it, and there will be technology woven into it, too. Videos will be able to be projected onto buildings from the bus. I want to go to schools with it and get the next generation thinking they can do anything they want.”

Tim is on his sixth tour in nine years – his first one began October 1, 2008. This was his first time in New Denver. He was heading to Nakusp and then east. He says he visits new communities on every tour, and revisits communities he has been to before and tries to reconnect with some of the people.

“Until I was 13 years old, I travelled from air base to air base, and the story of the men and women who gave their lives for freedom convinced me to do something good for the country, so I married that sense of duty with my art.”

Tim graduated from the Alberta College of Art and Design in Calgary in 1992 and went straight into photography at 23 years old. He is funding the Canadian Mosaic Project himself, and accepts donations through his website: canadianmosaic.ca.


Paul Osak, President, Selkirk Wilderness Skiing Ltd., #105 Meadow Creek Road, PO Box 10, Meadow Creek, BC, V0G 1N0. All those parcels or tracts of unsurveyed Crown land in the vicinity of Cascade Creek, Kootenay District, more particularly shown on map shown above and containing 783 hectares more or less.

Comments concerning this application should be directed to the senior Land Officer at: 1902 Theatre Road, Cranbrook, BC V1C 7G1, Erin Keith, Authorization Specialist. Comments will be received by the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations until September 9, 2017. Ministry of Forests and Natural Resource Operations may not consider comments received after this date. Please visit the Applications and Reasons for Decision Database website at http://www.arfd.gov.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/index.jsp for more information. Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. Access to these records requires the submission of a Freedom of information (FOI) request. Visit http://www.gov.bc.ca/freedomofinformation to learn more about FOI submissions.
Leaving a personal legacy for your community through your estate

by Shannon Glasgow, Personal Financial Planner

One of the main considerations in estate planning is deciding how one wants to distribute the assets they worked hard to build up during their lifetime.

After ensuring family members and other loved-ones are provided for, many people find a real sense of joy in being able to use the value they have created to support a cause or community that is close to their heart.

During retirement it is often necessary to retain assets and savings to enjoy a quality of life and ensure there are sufficient funds to cover all needs. However, when considering estate planning, remaining financial assets can be substantial; consider the value of one’s principal residence, remaining savings and investments, and possibly secondary properties or life insurance policies. So, without impacting one’s current income, many people will have a very rewarding opportunity to be able to make a sizeable donation through their estate that may not be possible during their lifetime.

There are a number of ways a bequest, endowment funds, or a community foundation can be structured. It can be done through beneficiary designation on investments or life insurance policies, or mentioned specifically in your will as a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of your estate after all costs and other bequests have been fulfilled.

There are tax benefits for donations made, that vary depending on the method used and whether the donations are made during a person’s life, or done as part of the estate. It is a good idea to discuss your plans in advance with family members and with a trusted financial advisor (lawyer, accountant, financial planner) to ensure everyone understands your wishes and that everything is set up correctly to accomplish what you would like.

Community foundations create an interesting option when considering bequests, due to their structure. Your gift is added to the fund’s endowment, to be held in perpetuity, while interest from the fund is distributed to organizations within the community. This means that your donation is not spent, but rather invested — your money will continue giving for years and years into the future, supporting and breathing vitality into an area that is important to you during your life.

Your estate plan involves important personal decisions with a lot of factors that come into play. It is highly recommended that you consult with your legal and financial advisors to create a customized personal legacy plan. They will help you ensure that those important to you are taken care of, and your charitable wishes are carried out in the most efficient manner.
We Give Where We Live

Supporting your local community foundation is as easy as making a phone call or sending an e-mail. Check out the web-site of the foundation in your area, then start the dialogue today. The five community foundations shown below serve the Valley Voice coverage area. Whether you wish to create your personal legacy as a monthly donor, with an immediate gift, or with a bequest in your will, we would love to hear from you.

We are part of a nation-wide network of community foundations serving geographic areas right across Canada. In fact, there are 191 community foundations offering virtually all of the Canadian population an opportunity to leave a personal legacy in the community they love.

Community foundations are one of the largest contributors to Canadian charities and nonprofits. Nation-wide, our collective assets grew to exceed $4.8 billion with more than $250 million contributed to community foundations last year alone. Together, community foundations support thousands of incredible initiatives. Nationally, we grant more than $215 million per year — that’s a lot of community-building power!

Community foundations are a positive force to be reckoned with all across Canada. Here at home we are growing our foundations, as shown on the map below, Kootenay-style. We invite you to join the community-building action: this is about individual donors supporting the communities they love with a legacy that will endure in perpetuity. We count on your support so pick up the phone or send us an e-mail today...or a cheque!

To support your local community foundation:

Geographic area covered: RDCK Area K & Nakusp
Name: Nakusp & Area Community Foundation
Board Chair: David Jackson
Web-site: nakuspfoundation.com
E-mail: nakuspfoundation@gmail.com
Phone: David Jackson at 250-265-4818
or Karen Hamling at 250-265-3322
Postal Address: Box 15, Nakusp, BC, V0G 1RO
Status: Registered Charity
Canada Revenue Agency #: 859435281RR0001

Geographic area covered: North Kootenay Lake: RDCK Area D & Kaslo
Name: Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake (CFNKL)
Board President: Honora Cooper
Web-site: nklcommunityfund.org
E-mail: nklcommunityfund@gmail.com
Postal Address: Box 661, Kaslo, BC, V0G 1M0
Status: A community fund held within the Osprey Community Foundation, a registered charity.
Canada Revenue Agency #: 87492-5928 RR0001
Cheques should be made out to the Osprey Community Foundation with “for CFNKL” in the memo line

Geographic area covered: The Slocan Valley: RDCK Area H, New Denver, Silverton & Slocan
Name: Slocan Valley Legacy Fund
Board Chair: Alex Berland
Web-site: slocanvalleylegacy.com
Facebook page: Slocan Valley Legacy Fund
E-mail: svcls.chair@gmail.com
Phone: 1-877-649-5643 (toll free)
Postal Address: PO Box 363, Slocan, BC V0G 2C0
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Name: The Salmo Valley Fund
Contact: Mike van Wijk
E-mail: vanwijk.michael@gmail.com
Phone: 250-357-2722
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Status: A community fund held within the Osprey Community Foundation, a registered charity
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Geographic area covered: City of Nelson and RDCK Areas E & F
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Board Chair: Kim Boddy
Executive Director: Tina Choi
Web-site: ospreycommunityfoundation.ca
E-mail: ED@ospreycommunityfoundation.ca
Phone: (250) 352-3643
Postal Address: Suite B8, 625 Front Street, Nelson, BC V1L 4B6
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Burnaby-based author Ellen Schwartz will launch her book for young readers, Heart of a Champion, at the Kohan Reflection Garden in New Denver on Sunday, August 20, 2017, at 2 pm. The Slocan Lake Garden Society is coordinating this event on former Japanese Canadian internment lands on the 75th anniversary of our Japanese citizens’ unjust and difficult period.

Set in 1941-42, Heart of a Champion tells the story of Kenji, called Kenny, who longs to play on the famed Vancouver Asahi baseball team, like his older brother, Mitsuo, or Mickey. But when Japan attacks Pearl Harbor, Kenny and his family are sent to the Orchard internment camp in New Denver. Struggling to help his family survive, Kenny thinks his baseball dreams are over until he spots a field covered with scrap wood—a field shaped like a baseball diamond.

Released in 2016 by Tundra Books, a division of Penguin Random House, Heart of a Champion has been nominated for numerous awards, including the Silver Birch Fiction award, the Diamond Willow award and the Rocky Mountain Book award. It was also named a Top Shelf book by Voice of Youth Advocacy. This coveted honour represents fiction titles that raise the bar for outstanding storytelling for middle-grade readers aged 8-13.

In doing research for the book, Schwartz visited the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre in New Denver and interviewed several former internees, including Sakaye Hashimoto and the late Nobuyoshi ‘Nobby’ Hayashi. She also spoke to Momoko Ito, the former director of the Nikkei Centre; the late Richard Hambly, a Silverton resident who played baseball against many of the Japanese internees during and after the war; and Barbara Yeomans, a local educator who co-authored a school curriculum on the New Denver public book launch of interest to all ages from 8 years to adult, will feature readings and discussion by Ellen as well as book sales and light refreshments. Admission is by donation. Limited seating is available; please bring a lawn chair if you can.

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Kaslo carries the flame for the Terry Fox Run

The three options for Kaslo’s Terry Fox Run are a wheelchair/stroller circuit, a 5-kilometre walk/run, and a 10-kilometre walk/run. Refreshments will be available after the event. Mark this date on your calendar and join us.

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All meetings are open to the public.

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The performance was presented in three sequences: The Ballroom of Silence, A Suitcase of Memories and The Tree Fable. In the first sequence Takayama appeared as a clown mining the ever growing of the ‘balloon of silence’. This illustrates what happens when grievous mistakes are made that people refuse to talk about or apologize for, as during the initial decades after the internment. The clown’s childlike innocence was the perfect foil for the heaviness of individual and collective guilt. It was impossible not to be charmed by Takayama’s performance.

In A Suitcase of Memories, Takayama read a poem that appears in Gently to Nagasaki, invoking the Goddess of Mercy, “The goddess of mercy and goddess of abundance, which are the same, came to me in a dream,” she told the audience. Takayama reappeared as the clown, lugging a heavy suitcase and pulling out its contents to decide what to keep and what to leave behind. Only when the suitcase has been lightened enough can one begin to keep only memories and the reasons for the journey. Takayama continues the journey with the blessing of the god who reassures her, “I am with you… in the terror and at the heart of what you most fear, I am with you.”

The Tree Fable was a piece she’d written for Gently to Nagasaki, but which the editors had removed. Takayama explained how, during a visitful visit to the family home in Vancouver, she discovered a withered old tree in the back yard. Inexplicably drawn to it, she felt something akin to love at first sight, the empathic response of two wounded beings. Returning a few days later, she put her hand on the trunk and felt “a sensation, not as strong as a jolt but distinctly warm” course through her arm. For Takayama it was another step on the path to healing.

“One of the things I love about this show is that the kids love it,” says Frist. “It’s a combination of the cultural and the poetic. Words are rooted in each culture and when you bring those things together something else gets made.”

Takayama told the audience her goal with the show is to try to “make a heavy thing light.” Reconciliation with the ghosts of her past has been a lifelong journey, one she’s accomplished with impressive grace and wisdom. Neither her written words nor her soft spoken presence betrays any hint of bitterness. The amazing thing about the performance is that one comes away feeling good. “You can’t love people you can’t see.” The job is to find out what is hidden from you. That’s the task of this book. Eventually we’ll get there. Sometimes the arc of loving the enemy gets longer, but eventually it gets there.”

The Langham commemorates Japanese Canadian history submitted

As part of its ongoing series commemorating the 75th anniversary of Japanese Canadian internment, the Langham in Kaslo is highlighting the contribution of Japanese Canadians to Canadian history.

Two exhibitions will focus on various aspects of this history — Taiken: Japanese Canadians since 1877 and Memories from Home, August 4 to October 29.
Bill Kestell, woodlands manager at CCC, says he doesn’t expect government approval of the plan until October or November, as ministry staff is stretched during this busy fire season and the FSP has to be referred once again to First Nations for 60 days.

The public comment period for the FSP ended June 19. CCC received numerous pieces of correspondence during the comment period. Most of these comments resulted in “no material change to the FSP.” However, in the FSP, CCC commits to providing maps of specific cutblocks and road developments to individuals or interest groups who ask for them, and giving them 30 days to make comments prior to submitting the cutting permit application. CCC also commits to engage with organizations such as Friends of the Lardeau River, the Argenza Johnson’s Landing Management Working Group, CMH Helicopters, the Friends of the Lordeau River, Lordeau River Adventures, and Nelson Kootenay Lake Tourism.

Bill Kestell explained that FSPs are legal documents required by the ministry under the Forest and Range Practices Act. They are landscape level documents—they are not site specific. “Right or wrong, FSPs don’t provide specific plans like the old legislation [Forest Practices Code] offered,” said Kestell. “However, we’re more than willing to engage with people in communities.”

The company is putting together regular updates to the Lardeau Valley community website (www.lardeauvalley.com) and the new FSP. Kestell said CCC is willing to engage with First Nations and other interested parties on the new FSP. Kestell said CCC is committed to “meaningful and authentic engagement with the First Nations, to create a new work that is complete, which is expected to be in October.”

So there’s no development in the Argenta Johnson’s Landing area now except terrain work with terrain specialists,” he said. Another CCC area without an FSP is Laird Creek, in RDCK Area E, which CCC acquired from BC Timber Supply in late 2015.

However, in the FSP, CCC did not include the old MCC FSP, so the AJL FSP is not covered by an FSP at the moment. "There are only certain areas where there is no FSP, " says Kestell. SNCE now organizing the Nakusp Fall Fair submitted

The Society for Nakusp Community Events is planning the next one—the Nakusp Fall Fair, Saturday, September 16 at the Old Fire Hall Collective, 9 am-3 pm. Exhibit entries can be dropped off on Friday, September 15 between 3 pm and 6 pm at the Old Fire Hall Collective. Judging will take place at 7 pm. No entries will be accepted after 6 pm.

Non-profit societies are encouraged to help celebrate this event. Contact the SNCE at 250-265-2289 or email info@nakuspcommunityevents.ca to express interest in being a vendor or get a table for your craft or business.

Alpha Yaya Diallo trio to play all-ages show at the Silverton Memorial Hall on Sunday, August 20

The concert is sponsored by The Beat and the Kootenay Transportation Society. The concert led to two Juno Award nominations for the group Fatala. The concert is a tribute to the late Malian multi-instrumentalist and music producer, who is in Western Canada for just a few weeks. This is a chance to hear some wonderful African-style music. The trio is offering both upbeat dance tunes and virtuoso improvisations by Yaya Diallo, the traditional instruments the kora and n’goni. The kora is a 21-string lute-harp used extensively in West Africa, and the n’goni is a smaller stringed instrument traditionally used by Mandinka griots, and for ceremonial purposes. Diallo is originally from Canada but grew up in West Africa, and recently returned to Canada from Guinea over twenty years ago and made a huge impact on the North American world music scene. He was discovered in the late 1980s by Peter Gabriel’s Real World Records and since then his music has been heard all over the world. He has released three albums on the Real World label, and his albums make use of the most advanced technology. Diallo’s most recent album released in 2014 was a collaboration with Quicksound of Montreal, and released on Toronto-based World Trax Records. Diallo is currently touring Asia with some shows in Japan, China, and India. Diallo’s tour schedule includes a performance in Nelson, B.C. on August 20.

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EXHIBITS & CONCERTS

The Silverton Memorial Hall • Tickets at door only

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COMMUNITY

Cooper Creek Cedar submits new Forest Stewardship Plan to government for approval

by Jan McMurray

After an 89-day public comment period, Cooper Creek Cedar (CCC) submitted its new Forest Stewardship Plan to government on July 17.

Cedar (CCC) submitted its new Forest Management Working Group, CMH Helicopters, the Friends of the Lordeau River, Lordeau River Adventures, and Nelson Kootenay Lake Tourism.

Bill Kestell explained that FSPs are legal documents required by the ministry under the Forest and Range Practices Act. They are landscape level documents—they are not site specific. “Right or wrong, FSPs don’t provide specific plans like the old legislation [Forest Practices Code] offered,” said Kestell. “However, we’re more than willing to engage with people in communities.”

The company is putting together regular updates to the Lardeau Valley community website (www.lardeauvalley.com) and the new FSP. Kestell said CCC is willing to engage with First Nations and other interested parties on the new FSP. Kestell said CCC is committed to “meaningful and authentic engagement with the First Nations, to create a new work that is complete, which is expected to be in October.”

So there’s no development in the Argenta Johnson’s Landing area now except terrain work with terrain specialists,” he said. Another CCC area without an FSP is Laird Creek, in RDCK Area E, which CCC acquired from BC Timber Supply in late 2015. However, in the FSP, CCC did not include the old MCC FSP, so the AJL FSP is not covered by an FSP at the moment. “There are only certain areas where there is no FSP, " says Kestell.

The Nakusp Fall Fair submitted

The Society for Nakusp Community Events is planning the next one—the Nakusp Fall Fair, Saturday, September 16 at the Old Fire Hall Collective, 9 am-3 pm. Exhibit entries can be dropped off on Friday, September 15 between 3 pm and 6 pm at the Old Fire Hall Collective. Judging will take place at 7 pm. No entries will be accepted after 6 pm.

Non-profit societies are encouraged to help celebrate this event. Contact the SNCE at 250-265-2289 or email info@nakuspcommunityevents.ca to express interest in being a vendor or get a table for your craft or business.

Alpha Yaya Diallo trio to play all-ages show at the Silverton Memorial Hall on Sunday, August 20

The concert is sponsored by The Beat and the Kootenay Transportation Society. The concert led to two Juno Award nominations for the group Fatala. The concert is a tribute to the late Malian multi-instrumentalist and music producer, who is in Western Canada for just a few weeks. This is a chance to hear some wonderful African-style music. The trio is offering both upbeat dance tunes and virtuoso improvisations by Yaya Diallo, the traditional instruments the kora and n’goni. The kora is a 21-string lute-harp used extensively in West Africa, and the n’goni is a smaller stringed instrument traditionally used by Mandinka griots, and for ceremonial purposes. Diallo is originally from Canada but grew up in West Africa, and recently returned to Canada from Guinea over twenty years ago and made a huge impact on the North American world music scene. He was discovered in the late 1980s by Peter Gabriel’s Real World Records and since then his music has been heard all over the world. He has released three albums on the Real World label, and his albums make use of the most advanced technology. Diallo’s most recent album released in 2014 was a collaboration with Quicksound of Montreal, and released on Toronto-based World Trax Records. Diallo is currently touring Asia with some shows in Japan, China, and India. Diallo’s tour schedule includes a performance in Nelson, B.C. on August 20.

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CORRECTION FROM LAST ISSUE: Passmore Montessori Farm School is now accepting registrations for Fall 2017 with local teacher, Kelly Cobourne, KHMus. Contact Kelly at 250-693-2569.

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Hicks and Kokubo to exhibit at the Hidden Garden Gallery

submitted
Donna Hicks’ first solo exhibition titled Loose Kinds shows at the Hidden Garden Gallery August 14-19, with an opening reception Tuesday, August 15, 7-9 pm. Plant Memory, an exhibition of oils and acrylics by Tsuneko ‘Koko’ Kokubo, will run August 21-26, with an opening reception Wednesday, August 23, 7-9 pm.

Loose Kinds represents a sampling of the kinds of beauty Hicks sees in all things human and natural. She’s especially excited about this show because, as a proud art teacher, she has often shown off the work of her students but has never had a solo exhibition of her own work. You’ll see watercolours of chickens from her coop alongside the many colourful ladies painted from the complete archives – repositories of history and culture – as metaphors and as repositories of natural materials like deer antler and semi precioses stones. And her bees are dabbling in encaustic painting, too.

Kokubo’s show is a selection of works from the complete Plant Memory exhibition which first showed at the Kootenay Gallery of Art earlier this year. This series of large paintings in oils and acrylics on canvas explores edible and medicinal plants as living archives – repositories of history and culture in the Columbia Basin – and as metaphors for the migration of peoples. The reception for Plant Memory will feature “art music” by Jeremy Down, Paul Gibbons and F Buttle.

Hicks trained as an art teacher in 1990 and has lived in the Kootenays for the past 13 years. In addition to sheep shearing, and has worked extensively in theatre as a performer and costume designer, and continues to do so. In 1990 she returned to being a full time artist working mainly in oils and acrylics. She draws inspiration from her forest garden, her mountain home, and her memories. She paints in the studio of Robin Dauphant, a contemporary ceramic artist specializing in atmospheric ceramics and has exhibited widely and her paintings are in private collections in Canada, Europe, Japan, Mexico and the USA.

The Hidden Garden Gallery, 803 Kildare St, New Denver, is open 10 am-3 pm Monday to Saturday.

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MP Cannings introduces bill to protect waterways in South Okanagan – West Kootenay

On June 14 Richard Cannings, MP (South Okanagan – West Kootenay) introduced Bill C-360, An Act to amend the Navigation Protection Act (certain lakes and rivers in British Columbia). If passed, the bill would add some protection some of the most vital and important lakes and rivers in our region, waterways that have sustained our communities and rightfully hold a special place in our hearts.

Bill C-360 also represents a chance for the Liberal government to follow through on its campaign promise to reverse the Conservative changes to the Act.

“Bill C-360 will return protections to the Slocan River and Slocan, Summit and Box Lakes, as well as Skaha, Osoyoos, Christina, Tugnuitul and Vaseux Lakes, and the Okanagan, Granby, Kettle, and Pend d’Orielle Rivers and Christina Creek.”

COMMUNITY

Richard Kay and Gillian Maxwell have returned to Kaslo to open The Sentinel Retreat Centre.

The Sentinel Retreat Centre opening soon in Kaslo

by Jan McMurray

Former Kaslo residents Richard Kay and Gillian Maxwell – who met at the very first Kaslo Jazz Fest – have returned to open The Sentinel Retreat Centre on Kootenay Lake.

“We’ve been wanting to get back here, to spend more time in Kaslo, and I’ve always wanted a retreat centre. So we put the two things together and here we are. We are very excited about this project!” said Gillian.

The couple purchased a two-bedroom house on six acres, with 700 feet of lakeshore, just south of Kaslo, and are just finishing the first phase of renovations. When the Sentinel opens this fall, it will have nine bedrooms (most with private en-suite bathrooms), a dining room, and meeting rooms – all with lake views. By the end of October, there will be a large round building housing a meeting hall and two smaller meeting or clinic rooms. The plan is to expand the centre to 18 bedrooms in future.

The centre will host workshop leaders from out of town, but Gillian is interested in hearing from local alternative health practitioners, workshop or retreat leaders, and people interested in taking their professional development to a new level.

Gillian and Richard have been living in Vancouver’s downtown east side for the past 20+ years. Gillian has been involved in solutions to poverty and drug issues, and was part of a group who received a Queen’s Jubilee medal for opening the first supervised drug injection site in Canada. She is trained in negotiation and mediation, leadership, and is a personal coach.

Richard is a chef and has been in the furnished accommodation business for 20 years. “He’s got good business acumen, and he’s very creative – he designed the entire building. There will also be healing therapies offered such as acupuncture, massage, and cranial sacral therapy.”

The couple is also creating a ¾-acre organic garden, and a labyrinth that will be available to the public.

The name, The Sentinel, “is all about guarding this pristine region and keeping it that way,” said Gillian. “Over the 25 years I’ve known Kaslo, it somehow seems to keep its essence and its wonderful environment. So we’re holding that space here.”

Workshop and retreat themes will be health and wellness, leadership training, and community building. There will also be healing therapies offered such as acupuncture, massage, and cranial sacral therapy.

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Off-road vehicles prohibited on Crown land in the Southeast Fire Centre

Effective at noon (Pacific time) on Friday, August 4, the operation of any off-road vehicle for recreational purposes on Crown land will be prohibited throughout the Cariboo Fire Centre, Kamloops Fire Centre and Southeast Fire Centre. In addition, all on-highway vehicles must remain on defined road surfaces.

This step is being taken to help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. The operation of any off-road vehicles in these regions during the current wildfire situation creates a potential wildfire risk. While jeeps, trucks and other on-highway vehicles are permitted on designated roads, they are not allowed off-road.

The prohibition of off-road vehicles and on-highway vehicles does not apply to private lands or national parks. It also does not apply to emergency responders or to agricultural or commercial/industrial users who operate vehicles for farming, emergency response or business purposes.

A map of the affected areas is available online at: http://ow.ly/QTm30kG5sn

August is traditionally the most active part of the wildfire season. Given the number of fires currently burning in BC, the elevated fire danger ratings and the extremely dry conditions in many parts of the province, the BC Wildfire Service is strongly urging British Columbians and visitors to stay out of the backcountry in these regions.

Hidden Garden Gallery will be moving...somewhere

After 17 years in the cozy spot on Kildare Street in New Denver, the Hidden Garden Gallery intends to move to a new location for the 2018 summer season. The gallery is unable to renew its lease at the existing location, as the septic system is underneath the gallery portion of the building.

In 2000, a group of local, art-minded individuals remodeled the old medical office, created the “hidden” garden, became a society, and opened the doors of the Hidden Garden Gallery with the mission “to create and maintain a welcoming space where artists and the community can come together, fostering creativity and inspiration.” The gallery has consistently held a summer season open Saturday and Sunday, August 12 and 13, for the Columbia Basin Culture Tour.

Serbian-Canadian artist to exhibit at Studio Connexion

“I even made it to the Bugaboos a few years ago and that majestic scenery is still significantly represented in my work,” she says. “I’m thrilled to be in Nakusp and I’m sure that this beautiful area will soon show up in my paintings.”

She has been trained in most mediums, starting with watercolour portraiture, oils, pastels, even egg tempera, an ancient technique seldom used these days. Gradually she gravitated toward acrylics as her medium of choice, varying her tools to suit the needs of the image. Tatjana spent years studying ancient methods of composition and the use of colour, while developing new techniques of applying acrylic paint. She takes it as her personal creative challenge to find as many ways to paint with acrylics as possible.

“There are pieces in this exhibit which illustrate this new approach and direction I am taking. But my subject matter, the Canadian landscape, is still my main interest and inspiration, and I don’t see that changing anytime soon.”

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