Kaslo Jazz Etc. Fest scores another successful year

by Art Joyce

“From the feel of colour and rhythm at the grand opening parade on Friday evening to the last sweet sounds trailing off into the night Sunday, Kaslo Jazz Etc. Fest once again made a lot of people happy this year. Over 2,600 of them, in fact – peak ticket sales reached 2,618 on Saturday. The local rumour mill claimed that 3,000 tickets had been sold, causing concern about overcrowding in the village. But according to festival director Paul Hinrichs, it’s not true.

“We actually sold more tickets on the Friday in 2016 with Michael Franti. That day we sold 2,670 tickets. That was a record, the biggest day Kaslo Jazz has ever had.”

Hinrichs explains that as a matter of routine, since 2016 the festival board in its applications to the Village of Kaslo and the Liquor Control Board (LCB) applies for a maximum capacity of 3,000. But this is primarily a bureaucratic routine, since 2016 the festival board in its applications to the Village of Kaslo and the Liquor Control Board (LCB) has never had a record, the biggest day Kaslo Jazz has ever had.”

Hinrichs says the first time Franti performed at the festival in 2006 created far bigger problems due to the sudden influx of people. The Village and emergency services admitted afterward they simply hadn’t been prepared and took steps to improve. Since then the festival management meets with the LCB, RCMP and the Village after each festival to debrief and see what improvements need to be made for the next year. This year’s festival organization has already garnered praise from both the Village and RCMP.

Some Kaslo residents were concerned by what seemed overcrowding in the campsites, but according to Hinrichs, two of the four sites the festival maintained – at the arena and riding club – weren’t even full. Jazz Fest campsites were also equipped with toilets, contrary to rumour. The biggest challenge in recent years has been the South Beach campsite, which allows a maximum of 200 vehicles but can accommodate up to 800 people. Jazz Fest addressed the issue this year by hiring a security manager and first aid staff.

“Running a campsite was something Jazz Fest had never done before 2016,” says Hinrichs. “It took us three years to get all the kinks worked out. Enforcing quiet hours from midnight to 8 am was really the biggest challenge. This year we did it perfectly; amazing what hiring security and first aid will do.”

“I think the impression of the Jazz Festival this year is that it was a very professionally organized and run event with few problems encountered by the RCMP and other emergency services. The staff and volunteers are to be congratulated,” says Village CAO Neil Smith. He added that council is aware of concerns that the event may be outgrowing Kaslo’s parking, camping and infrastructure capacities, and will examine these issues carefully before next year’s special event permit is approved.

Festival patrons noticed another change on-site this year – the floating stage rode higher in the water and has a new lighting rig. The stage was raised by 28 inches, partly in response to complaints in recent years about sightlines. In the past, dancers were relegated to zones on either side of the floating stage, keeping sightlines open to those sitting down. When the new management reversed this policy, allowing dancers up front, the view was blocked. To remedy the situation, the festival successfully applied for funding to renovate the stage, receiving funds from Creative BC, CRF 21-1BTV, and the Province of BC. This paid for a complete replacement of the superstructure, adding 50,000 pounds to its weight. The project is ongoing; next year the canvas arch above the stage will be replaced with trusses capable of suspending lighting and sound equipment. Nelco Marine and Gordie Burn provided engineering services. Others noticed a new LED lighting system onstage, which is in its early stages. Hinrichs says many bands now stipulate in their contract the lighting needs for their show and come with their own lighting director. It’s also the first year the stage has used a smoke machine for effects. There were some issues with lights pointing into patrons’ eyes, but Hinrichs says by Sunday this was remedied. “We’re going to continue to grow the light show. Was it perfect this year? No, of course, we’re still learning.”

Although the festival has had to change its roster of performers to reflect a more eclectic music market and younger audiences, Hinrichs says he’s not really interested in tracking age-related demographics. He sees Jazz Fest as an all-ages event featuring improved kids’ events and wheelchair access.

“I worry that by tracking age you can end up with an ‘us and them’ factor. I just feel like music lovers can be any age. I’m much more interested if somebody’s a repeat customer as well as where they come from. I just want the best live music experience people can have.”

Buffy St. Marie entertains at this year’s Kaslo Jazz Etc. Fest.
**Contaminated water dumped near Kaslo**

*by Jan McMurray*

The BC Conservation Service is investigating a July 31 incident where bilge water contaminated with marine fuel was allegedly dumped on two sites near Kaslo — at the airport and on the back road.

Village of Kaslo CAO Neil Smith told the Valley Voice in an email on August 8 that municipal staff witnessed the perpetrator deliberately dumping the material at the Village-owned airport, immediately above an area of forested Crown land. He said the Village reported the incident to several agencies — principally Ministry of Environment and RCMP.

The Village posted a precautionary warning for anyone using the Davidson Spring private water system located below the Village-owned airport, immediately above an area of untenured Crown land. He said the Village reported the incident to several agencies — principally Ministry of Environment and RCMP.

**News**

**Wildfires cause smoky skies, area restrictions and forest service road closures**

*by Jan McMurray*

This summer will be remembered as the smokiest one in recent memory. A smoky skies bulletin has been in effect for our area since July 26, and air quality as measured hourly at Castlegar has rated “very high” health risk for the entire month since mid-August.

The good news is that air quality is forecast to improve in the area over the week of August 20.

As of August 18, 33 of 56 fires were burning in BC. In the Southeast Centre, there were 149, and 18 of those fires are of note.

Although there are several fires burning in the Village, voice coverage is being reached by 11 fires, which started July 28 and was estimated at 135 hectares on August 20. The McKian Creek fire has caused the closure of Meadow Mountain Forest Service Road at the 28.1 km mark. This fire was estimated at 632 hectares on August 18. It started August 3 and has 110 hectares on August 20. It has caused the closure of the Wragge Beach Recreation Site and several forest service roads: Shannon Wragge Creek, Shannon Creek One, Slewiskin One and the Shannon Caribou.

The Little Slocan-Hoder Creek FSR is closed starting at the 10 km mark due to the Drinnon Lake fire, which started July 28 and was estimated at 135 hectares on August 20.

Conroy on August 14 to discuss this new development in the civil class action case and ask for her assistance. Burgoon reports that MLA Conroy agreed to bring this to the attention of government.

If the appeal of the decision to certify the class is unsuccessful, the class action suit is scheduled to go to trial February 12, 2019.

**Lemon Creek class action certification being appealed**

*by Jan McMurray*

Slocan Valley residents living for justice and compensation for the Lemon Creek fuel spill are no doubt growing impatient. Five years after the spill, the matter is still badly tangled up in the court system.

“We want some justice here and we want it wrapped up,” said Marilyn Burgoon, Slocan Valley resident and water system owner. “We don’t want them to continue to drag it through the courts.”

But drag it through the courts they certainly have. A court ordered mediation, scheduled for October 15 and 16, this time in connection to the class action suit filed by Robert Kirk on behalf of all affected residents. The Province and other defendants (Executive Flight Centre, Transwest Helicopters) named in the suit have launched an appeal against the decision to certify the Kirk case as a class action.

“At the end of the day, class counsel is only seeking fair compensation for the class. The damages claimed are for diminution of property value and for loss of use/ enjoyment of property arising from the spill. We could have asked for a lot more. Therefore, it’s in the public interest that the Province engage in good faith negotiations to see if this matter can be resolved now rather than another three years from now. Instead, the Province’s current legal strategy is to litigate every possible issue and to offer nothing more than nuisance money at mediation. A reasonable settlement would give the Slocan Valley the economic boost that it needs to recover from the spill.”

Burgoon met with MLA Katrina什么everyone has to say.”

Cannings will be in Nakusp at the Brouwer Building, Tuesday, September 7 and 8 from 9 am to 9 am on September 1, he then heads for Summit Lake, with a stop at Cannon’s Corner/Hilltop, then will have lunch at the Silverton Camp Café and talk to people from 12:45 to 2 pm. The following day, breakfast and lunch will be advertisement.

For anyone interested in offering tryout with the conservation officer as to what has happened…”

Clark also says he has the leftover diesel in buckets, and the conservation officer has informed him that he can take them to the local dealership in Nelson for disposal.

Clark did not respond to our request for an interview.

**Ecological Project updates at forum in Nakusp**

Every year Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology (CMI) hosts an event where both CMI members, and non-members get together to provide updates on ecological projects taking place in southeastern BC, such as research, field trials, or new ecological initiatives. These updates cover a wide range of topics and species. This event travels around the Columbia Mountains area to small communities and this year the Researchers’ Forum is coming to Nakusp at the Old Fire Hall, Friday, September 24, 2018 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm. It is an informative atmosphere and everyone is invited to attend. Moming presentations will be followed by field trips in the afternoon.

For more information, please check out www.cmiae.org/ event/3459 for submission guidelines. Please submit all presentation and field trip ideas to office@cmiae.org by September 4. Registration for the event is $50 + taxes and includes a day of presentations, field trips, refreshments, and lunch. To register, or for more event information, please go to www.cmiae.org/event/3459.

The Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology (CMI) is a non-profit group whose purpose is to improve ecological management by increasing and sharing knowledge among academic, stewardship groups, and other key players. (academics, educators, intellectuals, etc.) through conferences, forums, courses, workshops and online networking.
Hike to Housing for grand opening of Slocan City Suites

August 23, 2018 - The Valley Voice

Time to celebrate! The Slocan City Suites will be fully occupied by the end of the year, so the Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society is giving supporters a sneak peek next month, on September 27, before tenants move in.

Following the theme of the three-day hike or Bike for Housing that raised $16,500 two years ago, this will be a Hike to Housing. Starting at the Legion at 5:30, participants will parade to Slocan City Suites with bagpipes, banners, bunadums, and Betty Windsor in hiking togs and plastic crown. At the suites, they’ll hear a few words from MLA Katrine Conroy (who trekked with her grandchildren on the big hike), major funders BC Housing and Columbia Basin Trust (the Trust) as well as Mayor Jessica Lunn and RDCK director Walter Popoff. Then they’ll tour the suites and head back to the Legion for cake and celebration.

It’s such an exciting time; the culmination of years of work by hundreds of people, and the organizers say it’s time to thank the entire vast community who has made this happen; from the fundraisers and funders to the construction workers, to the village for all its help, and to the people who never gave up, no matter the stress or grind.

“Making sure seniors have access to secure homes is a priority for this government,” said Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. “The opening of this important project means more seniors have a home to call their own in the Village of Slocan.”

Eric Clough of Winlaw designed the suites, which are built by NDB Construction, with Tamara Smith coordinating the whole project on behalf of the society. The 12 units include eight one-bedroom units with lofts, two studios with lofts, and two two-bedroom units. (The society is still looking for a tenant who could use the amenities of a disability suite; call 250-226-7115 if you’re interested.) These 12 affordable suites are built with energy efficiency in mind, as well as being aesthetically pleasing and set in the midst of a beautiful village with many amenities close by.

The seniors’ housing society also built and continues to operate the 10-unit Passmore Lodge, which opened in 1999. While working flat out to make Slocan City Suites a reality, the board and administrator Nora Lillgren have worked to maintain and improve Passmore Lodge, obtaining several grants for energy efficiency, outreach programs, and ongoing work on the grounds.

The society’s AGM will follow the celebration at the Legion, for those who wish to stay. The hard-working board will report on all its activities for the year, and conduct the usual annual election. In order to vote, new members must obtain their $5 membership by August 29. Current members may renew their memberships by phone.

Please visit www.svhousing.ca for membership forms and more information, and visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/svhousing/

Two of the three quadrupleplexes under construction for Slocan City Suites.
Endemic bullying and harassment in the RCMP

Have you read about the the $1.1 billion lawsuit the RCMP now faces regarding alleged endemic bullying and harassment of women and females - dating back decades?

In April of 1994 I interviewed former RCMP member, Alice Clark, in the home close to Nanaimo she shared with her then husband, Bruce Clark, also a former RCMP member. She won $94,000 in a civil suit against the RCMP due to the sexual harassment she experienced while stationed at the Red Deer detachment in the early eighties.

Bob D’Eath of Vancouver and John Orr of Victoria were the lawyers I used to write the contract for the potential “An Acceptable Target: The Alice Clark Story.” There were a number of serious impediments I encountered while trying to develop “An Acceptable Target” which is why Alice’s amazing story did not get marketed at that time. This is 2018.

When is this nonsense going to stop?

Christian Tcherik
Whitehorse

Proportional Representation

One of the things that first attracted me to proportional representation, PR, apart from the fact that it just made sense, is that it is supported by people across the political spectrum. At my first PR meeting in 2004, I sat next to someone from the Canadian Rate Payer’s and it was Andrew Coyne was the highly entertaining keynote speaker.

PR is on a slow left plot, conned to keep its side in power anymore than it is a right-wing think tank’s solution to solve their electoral woes. That gives it some real credibility. Proportional Representation simply levels the playing field so all parties, politicians and voters get treated the same.

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Over and over and over we’ve disregarded our own bodies’ reactions and common sense. We need to think things through better, and let go of our fantasies about technologies that have too many downsides. Parents especially will fight the Wellington of a cell phone tower within a 200-metre radius of a school. And that is happening. Support their concerns. As you know, 2 and a half miles, the distance plants and animals, much like bees and some very sensitive humans can receive damage from or feel it, isn’t far enough away either. There is just no “AWAY” in “THROW IT AWAY” anymore, we are all upwind or downstream. Everyone else and the smoke these days proves it.

It’s time to work closely together for real change. Come out with your most recent observations about cell phone use and its effects to see the movie Generation Zapped. It’s an award winning 2018 most recent ‘documen’ry on the history of this issue. Putting up the electrosmog polluting microwave cell phone tower station in Slocan is like a fire which will cause harm through its ‘smoke’ even to non-users.

The only way to put it out is to not put it up.

Daphne Fields
Slocan

Greyhound bus

Apparently, Greyhound bus service has lost $70 million over a period of 6 years, and will cease operating by October. Sadly there has been no notice or concern from the provincial government.

Greyhound has been without service for some time already. And now, thousands more people are angry and frustrated, that their way of commuting will end, when their health and life depends on dependable service. How many lives have been lost on the highway of tears, for lack of services and money? How much for a human life? Why not add a billion dollar to BC’s $66 billion debt, or to the $657 billion Federal debt, and restore all essential bus and other social services.

The $70 million loss by Greyhound sound rather like ‘peanuts,’ compared to the massive debt that Canadian taxpayers are burdened with? The debt, which exists on paper only, or now in the ‘cloud,’ can never be repaid as we barely pay the $33 billion federal annual interest, and is owed to whom? We are all in debt and the PC’s are not doing anything to address the problem.

And once again, thank you so much to the Health Centre staff! Dr. Burkholder has just been his usual amazing self . . . our emergency department has had a very busy summer so far – just more proof of how much it is needed.

So, obviously there is much going on behind the scenes and more news to come. Stay the course, keep the end in sight and hang on to your hat . . .

Colin Moss
Slocan District Chamber of Commerce Health Committee

Note about Smoke and Fires

There are many harms happening from the smoke and the fire and the environment. The smoke is bad everywhere these days and as the days turn into weeks as we cough (some of an anyway) and sneeze and get tired.

It’s how they do it but next to ‘mother nature’ and brought in.

Community works to save health care

I would once again like to thank Richard Caniell for his insightful and timely letter in the Valley Voice August 9 edition.

When it comes to community participation and involvement in our Health Committee’s efforts to recruit and retain two physicians and keep our valley-wide health services intact Mr. Caniell couldn’t have said it better. Over the past two years we have put together a great team and have to continue on valley-wide citizen support.

To do this we accomplished far more than most people thought we were capable of – IHA included. Part of IHA’s reply to Mr. Caniell reads Interior Health remains committed to bringing new physicians to New Denver to support sustainable local health care services . . . we recognize local residents are passionate about their health care services.

Again Mr. Caniell is right on the mark in that the word “sustainable” is key to the preceding statement. Sustainable can be interpreted in many ways to different people and leaves the door open to various possible actions by IHA concerning the Slocan Community Health Centre and our valley-wide health services.

During the past year our Health Committee has reached out to other physicians to see if anyone was interested in the in the hopes of becoming better informed. Our membership in the BC Rural Health Network has proven very beneficial. Recently I was part of a teleconference through the BCRHN with the provincial Health Ministry. The topic was the soon to be implemented Primary Care Network and how community health centres will fit into this network.

Throughout our discussion the words ‘community’ ‘community driven,’ ‘community participation,’ ‘community managed’ continued to come up. When I asked how health authority owned and managed community health centres are going to be able to implement true health and ‘sustainable’ Health Ministry staff’s response was that health authority-managed CHCs are ‘community informed.’

My response to that I agreed there is no shortage of community information available to health authorities but in my opinion there appears to be a real problem of actually using that community information and translating it into true community involvement in their local CHCs.

With the support of the BCRHN we have requested a meeting with senior Health Ministry staff to deal with just how the Primary Care Network model will affect our community health centre and the services it provides. We have submitted proposals and suggestions and have recently been informed that our requests are now in the hands of Health Ministry analysts.

We seem to be in a period of change and I’m not sure what form the new Primary Care Network, a new CEO for IHA and various local management changes to IHA have resulted in a seeming lack of direction or at least concrete knowledge of what is planned for our health centre going forward.

What really do the words: ‘Interior Health recommends that the IHA bring in new physicians to New Denver’ mean? When we continue to find physicians interested in practicing here what kind of reception will they receive from IHA? Why should we consider fixing up the house on local IHA grounds to encourage physician recruitment when we’re not sure if we truly have IHA’s support in recruiting new physicians to locate and practice in New Denver?

In short, what the heck is going on?

For the past two years our Health Committee has been an integral part of a united valley-wide effort to retain our health services. We have and continue to present a united front comprised of all physicians, residents and citizens. We have accomplished much and IHA’s Ms. Whittleton couldn’t put it better . . . ‘we recognize local residents are passionate about their health care services.’

The Chamber Health Committee has been invited to participate in upcoming discussions chaired by the Rural Co-ordination Centre of BC, Physicians, elected officials and IHA representatives will also participate. The purpose of the meeting is to try and resolve some of the issues that are proving to light in the past year concerning physician recruitment and retention of health services offered from the Slocan Community Health Centre. The Chamber Health Committee has been an integral part of the Primary Care Network model and brought in.

Until told differently our Chamber Health Committee will continue with physician recruitment efforts. The Canada and Province-wide healthcare system has many systemic problems and rural Canada is struggling to maintain and hopefully improve the standard of health care available to them.

This is going to be a long hard fight that’s not going away any time soon.

There are lots of rumours out there that a physician has decided to stay and practice here for a year. To the best of my knowledge this is just one of the many small town rumours that are commonplace here.

Unfortunately like many man-made pollutants. In the case of this unprecedented amount of fires because of how we’ve managed fires in our own community. The answer is how to do it but next to ‘mother nature’ we’re pretty amateur, often worse. In the case of CFC’s, Asbestos Dust, or maybe plastic, to name just a few, once again, we had no idea the problems these new substances and our whole attitude to invention, would cause. With plastic, how hard it is to give up on those oh-so-convenient bags. But the suffering they have caused in our oceans. Goodness! And who would have suspected it would mimic estrogen in the hormone system and bring about a significant factor in human breast cancer.

We know that, like smoke, electro magnetic frequencies (a.k.a. wireless radiation) can disrupt our biological function, free radicals, cell cycles and cell death. The list of known carcinomas, “Radiation,” the second part of the name for wireless, commonly gets left out just as a similar carcinoma of the breast gets its original name for microwave ovens i.e. “radar stoves” did, because, “Oh dear that might remind the women of the wars.”

The Second World War was what was discovered they could cook things with it. For example a quick dose of

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Wolves and hummingbirds.

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Val Koenig completes another Voyageur adventure

by Katrine Campbell

Val Koenig of Kaslo has an invitation for you: join the Canadian Voyageur Brigade Society and spend some time in a large canoe recreating the path of early explorers and voyageurs.

Last month, the 72-year-old returned from a "relatively slow" 400 K paddle down the Lower River. Two voyageurs canoes carrying 16 people launched just outside of Livingstone, Montana and 10 days later reached their destination, Pompeys Pillar National Monument. The pillar was named after the infant son of Sacagawea, who guided the Lewis and Clark expedition through the area.

"Everything went good until we hit class 4 rapids," Koenig said. "One canoe flipped, but nobody got hurt—just our pride.

Although the paddlers have authentic voyageur outfits, they are not fanatics about completely recreating the experience of the original voyageurs. They wear modern clothing for comfort, saving the historic garb for special occasions. Koenig says they portage the modern way: "we put the canoes on trailers and away we go.

They camp along the route, sometimes setting up by the river but sometimes using the opportunity, when it arises, to stop by and camp in the hills. People have a choice of which newcomers will get a chance.

"We take them along, and teach them how to paddle a 26’ canoe.

Koenig urges those interested in the experience to get involved. “Hopefully we get more people from the Kootenay’s signing up [to paddle]. I’m only one," he says. “There used to be one from Castlegar, and a couple of others go as road crew.” Planning is already underway for 2019 but nothing is set in stone. Yet people have a choice of which trips to go on.

For more information check out voyagerbrigade.org.
Koenig, a retired bank manager, is the key Kaslo Trailblazer behind the Kaslo River Trail and its two signature red bridges. He has been canoeing and trailblazing for 50 years, originally in Alberta and for the last 18 years, in the Kootenays. In November 2017 he was presented with the Senate 150th Commemorative Medal for his contribution to his community through the development of recreational opportunities.
The proposed Silverton Gallery lease was approved, with minor alterations. It is to be signed by all parties and will be effective July 1, 2018. Of particular concern was that it be clear that fire suppression and HVAC systems are the Village’s responsibility.

Council has taken the lead on organizing the upcoming 26th exhibit at the Silverton Gallery. Councillor Carol Bell will bring revised terms of reference for the exhibit to the September meeting. The committee will consist of council members and local residents.

A proposal to merge the Silverton and New Denver archives is in the works. Councillor Henning von Krogh has obtained funding to pursue the possibility of such a merger. Council supports the creation of a proposal and will see if the study going forward. Wildlife Coordinator Bree Lillies made a presentation to council. In 2018 their main areas of concern have been bear fencing, assessment of the snow bear spray, encouraging people to secure their garbage, and issues at the campground. They are also working with the ongoing community composting initiative and with Harvest Share. They are continually building partnerships, and Councillor Leah Main suggested a liaison with the invasive species group.

The RCMP report stated their main focuses these days are loud motorcycles with aftermarket mufflers, and speed infractions. Council noted the police seem more visible lately, and thought perhaps their diligence had resulted in there being less collisions than this time last year. Council asked that people report infractions, and try to get the licence number of the offender.

A report was tabled concerning the Silverton watershed, and council will request a presentation about this information.

Concerns were raised about the footbridge, which is undergoing repairs. Currently the Village is awaiting quotes from engineers. In the short term, staff was directed to put snow fence along the railings to make it safer for children.

The Chief Financial Officer, Colin McClure, presented the quarterly financial report. He stated the Village’s finances were very similar to last year’s and well within the range of expectations. Revenues are slightly down but this is balanced by fewer expenses. Good news is the Small Communities grant came in over what had been anticipated, and the Silverton Gallery has been successful at acquiring grant money. Also the Village received funding for wildfire mitigation. Overall there were no surprises and the Village is “trucking along as well as can be expected.”

The Silverton and New Denver Trail Society will be holding the AGM at 6:30 pm on Thursday, Sept 6 at the Silverton Gallery

Silverton council, August 14: Red Mountain Internet Society calls it quits

by Moe Lyons

Following the vandalism of their equipment, Red Mountain Internet Society (RMSI) has decided to call it quits, Larry Lavan told council. This puts local access to high speed in jeopardy. Council would like to see someone else take it on, but it seems no one in the area has the technical expertise necessary to make the system work. If anyone out there has these skills, RMSI really wants to hear from you! Someone with administrative skills would also be required. Council wants to continue discussions with the Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation (CBBC), a subsidiary of the Columbia Basin Trust, to see what might be possible, and to draw this issue to the attention of the local MP and MLA. Council expressed a concern that they need to stay in the loop, and keep at least a “watching brief” and perhaps a bit more. Community consent was seen as important to the process, as was keeping things competitive.

Council received a 27-page Hydrogeomorphic Assessment report by Aeon Geoscience Consultants Ltd. states it was prepared for the Village because of the following considerations: “The Village of Silverton holds the consumptive-use water licence for Bartlett Creek and maintains a dam and water intake on the channel as a back-up water supply. Forest development is also planned within the catchment by Splatstn Development Corporation and the Village would like information regarding how this development and any future development could affect water quality and quantity in Bartlett Creek. In addition, bull trout spawning occurs in Silverton Creek at the point of confluence with Bartlett Creek, so additional concerns exist for changes to water quality in Bartlett Creek that could impact spawning habitat in Silverton Creek.” Council received the report and plans to meet with Splatstn to go over how the company intends to move forward now that they have both their own study complete and the hydrogeophysical study done in Silverton.

The Silverton Gallery

The Silverton Gallery has been running well since its opening in 2001. It is a volunteer-run organization that hosts art shows, exhibitions, and events throughout the year. The gallery is located on the village green in Silverton, BC.

The gallery’s mission statement is to provide a venue for local, regional, and international artists to exhibit their work and promote the arts in the Silverton area. The gallery is open to the public and welcomes visitors to come and explore the exhibitions and events.

The gallery is run by a group of volunteers who work together to ensure the success of each exhibition. They are responsible for everything from venue setup to promoting the show through various channels.

In addition to hosting exhibitions, the gallery also offers a variety of events, including workshops, film screenings, and music performances. Some recent events have included a photography exhibition, a film screening of local documentaries, and a live music performance.

The gallery is committed to supporting local artists and promoting the arts in the Silverton area. They have featured a diverse range of work from local and regional artists, and have also hosted exhibitions from artists from around the world.

The Silverton Gallery is located at 700 Main Street in Silverton, BC. It is open from 10 am to 5 pm on weekdays, and from 11 am to 4 pm on weekends. For more information, visit their website at www.silverton.gallery.
RDCK board, August 16: RDCK accepts Recycle BC offer of 12 core recycling depots

by Jan McMurray

The RDCK has accepted Recycle BC’s offer to provide 12 core recycling depots in the regional district. Core depots would work in conjunction with satellite depots, at locations to be determined by the RDCK. All depots would have to meet Recycle BC’s security and staffing requirements, at the cost of the RDCK. There are still many details to be worked out before the program is launched, in January 2019 at the earliest. RDCK staff will be working out details and bringing reports forward to the three sub-regions (West, Central and East). There are currently 27 recycling depots in the region. The proposed locations of the core depots are Edgewood, Nakusp, New Denver (or Silverton), Slocan, Crescent Valley, Ootischenia, Kaslo, Balfour, Nelson, Salmo, Crawford Bay, and Creston.

Chair Karen Hamling reported on Columbia River Treaty events on July 26 with Bea Anton. They had lunch at the Emergency Services Building, where Vivien Berry spoke about the effects of the treaty on the Burton/ Fauquier area. Hamling also spoke about the problems caused by fluctuating lake levels.

The RDCK’s resolution regarding large-scale harvesting on private land will be considered at the Union of BC Municipalities convention in September. The resolution calls for the Province to “develop and implement tree removal regulations for the planning and harvesting of trees on forested private land where there is harvesting of an area greater than four hectares, in order to protect the adjacent property, infrastructure or natural resources from incremental damage caused by the large-scale harvesting of trees.”

Nakusp and Area K

The Nakusp Museum will be supported with taxation starting in 2019. The Alternative Approval Process passed, with only one Elector Recount Form received.

Nakusp’s downtown revitalization project received a Community Development grant of $64,759.18 and a Community Works Fund grant of $93,900.

Area H

A Community Development grant was provided to the North Slocan Trails Society ($5,000) for an Environmental Impact Assessment of the Bonanza Corridor Rail Trail and motorized bypass from north of Summit Lake to the former Girl Guide Camp in Hills.

The minutes of the July 9 meeting of the Rosebery Parklands and Trials Commission note that the commission discussed the Galena Trail extension to the Girl Guide Camp. It was reported that the extension cannot proceed until the Province issues a Licence of Occupation for the trail, and the Province has indicated that the Licence of Occupation can be issued only when the moto-bypass trail is completed. Wayne McCrorey of the Valhalla Foundation for Ecology asked the commission to consider extending the trail past the Girl Guide Camp to include the section that passes above the Snk-mip Marsh Sanctuary in Hills.

Planning and development for Campbell Field at the Playmor Junction will begin, facilitated by RC Strategies and Professional Environmental Recreation Consultants, who completed the Slocan Valley and Castlegar Parks and Recreation Master Plans. The eight-acre Campbell Field property was recently acquired by the RDCK, and the intent is to develop it for recreational use. Because its location is central to Nelson and Castlegar and areas, the RDCK directors from Castlegar, Nelson, Areas E, F, H, I and J will be invited to the table to start the discussion. $50,000 from the Area H Community Development Fund will be allocated to planning and development of the property.

The Rosebery Parklands and Trails Commission provided comments on an application for tenure from the Rosebery Shores (development at former log dump site in Rosebery) owners. The applicant has applied to the Province for a 10-metre-wide tenure to allow them to cross the Galena Trail in order to access a small piece of their property on the lake side of the trail. The Commission has asked that the crossing be 3.5 metres wide, that the term of the tenure be decreased from 30 years to 15 years, and that the purpose of use for the lot is limited landowner recreational purposes only.

Community Development grants were approved for the Slocan Valley Community Arts Council ($4,000), the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society ($3,706), and the Slocan River Streamkeepers ($5,600).

A Community Works Fund application for $120,000 for upgrades to the Slocan Fire and Emergency Services Building was approved.

Kaslo and Area D

The Woodbury water service just got more accessible for emergency responders. The total amount of tax money that can be collected for the service was increased to $17,500, and the parcel tax was increased after four years.

The maximum amount of taxation for the Kaslo and District Fire Protection service was increased to $354,806 or $1,217,510.

A scope of work to assist with the planning and design of the Leadbeater Regional Park was submitted by Urban Systems. The board approved funding of $9,140 from the reserve of the Kaslo and Area D Community Facility Recreation and Parks service for the project, which is estimated to cost $29,840.

Fire at Alamo on Galena Trail

The old Alamo mining camp near the Galena Trail between Three Forks and New Denver on Sunday, August 19 caught fire, closing down the trail between Three Forks and Denver Siding. The fire was being held on August 20.

The Southeast Fire Centre reports that the fire has been classified as a nuisance fire, not a wildfire, so no information about the fire is posted at wildfire.ca.

The New Denver and Area Fire Department was called at about 8 am on Sunday, and a crew from the BC Wildfire Service attended to do an initial assessment. Doug Fischer of the New Denver department says the department’s sprinkler trailer was deployed and the sprinklers were set up around the fire. He estimated the fire to be about one hectare in size.

Fischer reports that the wooden ruins at the Alamo townsite are gone, and only metal and concrete remain.

An August 20 update from the RDCK Emergency Operations Centre on the RDCK Facebook page states that the local fire department took the precaution of warning people in the area about the fire. “We have been advised by the Southeast Fire Centre that there is no need for a formal Evacuation Alert at this time.”

Ken Butler, Denver Siding resident who has allowed the department to use his land as a staging area for emergencies along the trail in the past, says motorized access to the trail is necessary for emergency responders.

To access the Alamo fire and get firefighting equipment in, Butler says the firefighters had to make trail across Carpenter Creek. “The bridge at Three Forks accommodates pedestrian and bicycle traffic – it’s time now to make this accessible for emergency responders. A simple gate and some reconstruction of this bridge would allow fast and easy access.”

Butler says he has contacted Area H Director Walter Popoff with this concern.

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COMMUNITY
Family Fun day in Slocan submitted

A Family Fair Fun Day will be held on Sunday, September 2 at Expo Park in Slocan City. This event is hosted each year by the Spirit of Slocan committee, volunteers committed to implementing various projects designed to improve the appearance, quality of life and spirit within the community. The committee’s current project is landscaping and development around the cenotaph site by the library on Harold Street.

The day will include a variety of activities for young and old. Bring a chair to enjoy live music at the bandstand. Other events include adult carpet bowling, artisans market, food at the concession booth, kids games and races set with a carnival theme, a bouncy castle, face painting, and a popcorn and candy-cotton wagon. There will be a silent auction in the gazebo and an area on the soccer field available to all who wish to bring their Trash to Treasures items. The event starts at 11 am and runs until 3 pm. Be sure to sign in at the Spirit of Slocan booth for a chance to win a door prize supplied by one of the event’s generous sponsors.

Silvertown-New Denver Trail Society AGM submitted

The Silvertown and New Denver Trail Society will hold its AGM at 6:30 pm, on Thursday, September 6 at the Silvertown Gallery. For more than 10 years, the society’s efforts have been put into negotiations, grant writing and studies. The directors say they know a trail between the villages is feasible, and they know the trail would be used. What they need now is for a group of committed people to bring it to completion. Currently the few volunteers have too many other commitments and would like to pass on the torch to make this trail a reality.

Saving one elephant at a time submitted

Elephant Ambassadors Taylor, Juniper, Lily and Nonie raised more than $400 in donations at New Denver’s Friday Market for the David Sheldrick Wildlife Trust. For the past two years a group of Lucerne students have been raising awareness and funds to help the elephants, who suffer due to poaching, hunting and snares. They have adopted two baby elephants who live at a refuge in Kenya.

The girls will be at the market again to share information about the work of the Wildlife Trust, and the plight of elephants in general. They will also be selling home-baked goods as part of their fundraising effort. Visit their booth and learn more!
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New Denver council, August 14: Solar carport for the EV charging station discussed

by Katrine Campbell

The valley is exploring the possibility of installing a solar carport over the electric vehicle charging station. A report from Bill Swan of Solar Now offered a galvanized steel structure for about $50,000. Solar Now has a matching grant available to a maximum of $25,000.

Solar Now has offered a galvanized steel structure to see if the solar carport qualified as part of the project. If so, this would allow the Village to proceed with the purchase without tapping into its gas tax funding.

The carport structure would support an array of solar panels. The power generated would go to the charging station when it’s needed, to the township when needed, and to the grid, giving the Village some revenue. Total cost is about $50,000 so the Village would need to raise $25,000 for its share.

Council received a letter from Columbia Shuswap Regional District’s Action Program encouraging the Village to submit an application for a project. The letter from Bruce Woodbury said staff had contacted CAP coordinator Meredith Hamstead to see if the solar carport qualified as a project. If so, this would allow the Village to proceed with the purchase without tapping into its gas tax funding.

Council received for information an update from staff on the speed reader board purchase. The Village has received correspondence from residents about speeding vehicle traffic in several areas in the community, staff were directed to buy a speed reader with data collection software. It will be mounted on a trailer so it can be moved to various problem areas. The board went on display in Centennial Park from Saturday, August 11 through Friday, August 17.

Pursuant to section 464 of the Local Government Act, a public hearing will be held to allow the public to make representations to Council regarding the Village of New Denver’s Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 717, 2018, a bylaw to amend the current zoning bylaw. The proposed amendments pertain to fence heights, sight triangles at corner parcels, and multi-family dwellings in the C1 – Core Commercial zone.

WHEN: 8:30 pm on Tuesday, August 28, 2018
WHERE: Council Chambers – 115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, BC

A copy of the Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 717, 2018, may be inspected at the Village of New Denver Municipal Office (115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, BC) between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm on weekdays except statutory holidays.

ANTIQUE CAR SHOW

The Rockin’ in the Rockies Car Club from Cranbrook will be visiting New Denver! Members of the public are invited to come see the antique cars on display in Centennial Park from 11 am until 2 pm on Sunday, August 26, 2018.

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER
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WINNELL AND AREA MOSQUITO CONTROL SERVICE

Applications to volunteer as a scrutinizer for the Winnell and Area Mosquito Control Service Establishment Assent Voting on October 30, 2018, will be received by the Chief Election Officer or appointee at 202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson, B.C. from 8:30 a.m. September 4, 2018 to 4:30 p.m. September 14, 2018. Each applicant, who must be entitled to vote as an elector, will be required to complete an application which will state the volunteer’s full name, place and time the volunteer wishes to work, mailing address, telephone number, and a statement as to whether the volunteer is in favour of or against the question.

The question will be:

“Are you in favour of the Regional District of Central Kootenay adopting Bylaw No. 2923 to provide for the following:

• the establishment of the "Winneill and Area Mosquito Control Service" with the annual assessments for the service not to exceed the greater of $749,999.98 or 0.041951% of net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area?"

Please note that one scrutinizer against and one scrutinizer in favour of the question will be appointed for each voting place if sufficient applications are received. Applications must be received by 4:30 p.m. September 14, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
Randy Matheson, Chief Election Officer
Phone: (250) 352-6665 or 1-800-268-7125
Email: matheson@crrc.bc.ca

NOTICE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

The regular council meeting scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2018 at 7:00pm is cancelled.

The September 17, 2018 council meeting will be held at 4:00 pm.

Submissions for the September meeting must be received by September 10th at 4:00 pm.
Gravity Waves coming to the Langham Theatre

Café Langham presents A Ripple In Space/Time Saturday September 8 at 7 pm. This mind-bending multimedia presentation by amateur astronomer Sandy Nichols explores the nature, significance of gravity waves, and what causes them, and why they are important to the future of astronomy. The talk will provide background information needed to better understand this finding that confirms theories first proposed by Albert Einstein in 1916. An eye-opening documentary about the true cost of living in the wireless age.

September 6, 2018 • 6:30 - 8:00 pm Slocan Legion Hall

FORMER CASLO MAYOR ROY GREEN’S CANOE RETURNS TO KASLO

Roy Green decided to settle permanently in Kaslo in 1927. He worked in construction, building houses and mining buildings, but also in boating and building and boat repairs. He was an ardent outdoorsman and led the local Boy Scout troop for a while, and spent almost every weekend in the spring and summer on Kootenay Lake and beaches. Eventually he arranged to have his canoe shipped out to Kaslo and in 1976 he refinished it. In his later years he often paddled his canoe on Kootenay Lake. For 12 years, he was the curator of the SS Moyie and was mayor of Kaslo on a number of occasions from 1942 to 1977. In 1969 he was instrumental in motivating the citizens to persuade city council not to tear down the 1896 City Hall and replace it with a cinder block building. The City Hall is now a National Historic Site.

Roy Green’s canoe has been returned to Kaslo and is on permanent display at the SS Moyie.

The problems listed in the letter are as follows: JV Humphries school property was included in SSA#1 but was not billed for sewer operating costs from 1998 to 2009; Village owned property within SSA#1 have borne all costs of the sewer system so far.

Over the past 20 years Village of Kaslo Councils have undertaken unfair actions and implemented decisions that did not comply with Village of Kaslo Sewer Bylaws and/or provincial requirements. This information has come to our attention during the Liquid Waste Management Plan (LWMP) process currently underway in the community,” states the group’s letter to the Ombudsperson, dated August 15.

The letter is signed by 26 individuals and couples, representing some (but not all) of the properties that are connected to the sewer system.

The letter lists four “errors, omissions and prior Council decisions” that the group claims have resulted in a financial burden of $241,173 on members of specified sewer area #1 (SSA#1). Currently, SSA#1 property owners are the only people on the sewer system, and have borne all costs of the system so far.

The letter states the group has suggested to the Village that an appropriate remedy would be a contribution to the SSA#1 sewer reserve fund. The group has also written to the Ministry of Environment, requesting that consideration of Kaslo’s Liquid Waste Management Plan Stage 2 and 3 Reports be deferred until a remedy has been found for SSA#1 members.

Office of the Ombudsperson asked to help resolve Kaslo sewer issues

by Jan McMurray

Some of the Kaslo property owners who are on the Village sewer system feel they have been treated unfairly, and have asked the BC Office of the Ombudsperson to help them seek redress.

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A new subdivision on Kaslo’s southern border is starting to sell lots which will eventually add 31 new homes to the area. Contractor Sean Brenton has teamed up with real estate agent Kul Nijjar in the venture.

This spring Brenton bought a block of titles surrounding the Esso on Hwy 31 from a woman who had owned them along with her husband. When he passed away, she decided to sell the roughly 30 acres and Brenton saw an opportunity.

He doesn’t regard himself as a developer, though, as “ultimately I’m selling pieces of land,” Brenton said. The property, Brenton says, was divided into lots on paper “back in the day when Kaslo was laid out.” The pieces vary in size and price. The smallest start at $85,000 for 150’ x 110’, and go up to $220,000 for the 3.3 acre lot. The majority are 200’ x 110’.

“Some are flat and quite usable, others are flat and usable but with a nice view, others have a nice view but less usable land,” he says. “One lot we’re working on listing is probably close to four acres. It fronts on the lake but it’s clifffy and rocky down to the water. There’s something there for anyone and everyone.”

Although there are 31 lots in total, only 23 are for sale at present with six actually listed. Brenton says he’s not one of the big league guys that come in with a million dollars for infrastructure, or with investors to pay for it up front.

“Kul and I have been working trying to make sales to generate some money to reinvest in services,” he adds. If someone is interested in a lot that isn’t for sale yet, they can buy it as is or reserve it for such time as the services are in place.

Brenton will not be involved in building the homes, although he says “its possible that by doing this I’ve bought myself some work” doing excavations and foundations. There will be no contractual obligation for buyers to use his services but “I’m hoping that as a contractor with a fair reputation in Kaslo I’ll win people’s business.”

Nijjar says the lots are listed on MLS around the world, she’s working with realtors in larger centres and is doing local marketing as well. Two parcels have already been sold to local people.

Brenton and Nijjar are also working on restrictions on the type of dwelling although the plan isn’t finalized. For example, they want people building homes, not just parking RVs or mobile homes on their lots. There will also be height restrictions on buildings and on trees, as a courtesy to neighbours whose views might be blocked.

“The beauty of these properties is both proximity to Kaslo and wonderful views,” said Nijjar. “This land has always been treed, with no views.”

“I took possession of land in mid-May, and it’s all still quite new to me,” Brenton said. “My goals for this year were to do view enhancement, done by means of mechanical harvesting, and ultimately logging the property. I haven’t taken the conventional logging method of cutting all trees; I’ve cut some and left some for privacy between the properties.”

He is cleaning up the property from the logging, hoping to finish that cleanup in burning season later this year.”
by Jan McMurray

The Red Mountain Internet Society will be holding its AGM at 7:30 pm on September 6 at the Silverton Gallery.

A press release issued by the society states: "The time has come to make changes to this service. There are a number of challenging factors that are contributing to current difficulties, including the need for a local technician. At this time options and alternatives will be explored.”

Larry Lavan, RMIS founder, attended the July Silverton council meeting to inform council that the society will be shutting down the service. In a telephone interview, Lavan said RMIS has sent letters to its clients informing them of the shut-down as of October 1, and of alternatives to the society’s wireless high-speed internet service. He said the reason for calling it quits is that there are “too many alternatives” such as Telus Hub, Columbia Wireless, and Xplornet satellite internet.

Area H Director Walter Popoff told the Valley Voice that he is exploring possibilities to ensure continuation of the service. RMIS, a non-profit society, has provided internet service for clients in Rosebery, Hills, Red Mountain Road, and Silverton for many years. Lavan said they had 110 clients at their peak, but now have only 52.

Dr. Jeffrey J. Hunt, naturopathic physician based in Trail, is coming to Silverton. Starting September 15, he will be available for appointments at Hand and Soul Wellness Centre every third Saturday.

Dr. Hunt has 25 years of experience as a naturopathic physician and is looking forward to fulfilling the primary health care needs of Silverton and the surrounding communities.

Dr. Hunt graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Canadian College of Naturopathic Medicine in 1993. His practice has been family based, treating both acute and complex chronic illness, including food and inhalant allergies, female and male hormone imbalances (PMS, perimenopause, menopause, andropause, thyroid and adrenal dysfunction), Lyme disease and associated co-infections, candidiasis, bacterial and viral infections, gastrointestinal parasites, obesity.

Chelation for the removal of toxic metals is one of Dr. Hunt’s areas of expertise. He uses intravenous chelation therapy to treat atherosclerosis, peripheral vascular disease as well as coronary and carotid vascular disease.

Dr. Hunt also has a prescription license and utilizes pharmaceutical medications if needed.

With his experience as a competitive athlete and having obtained an Honours Bachelor of Physical and Health Education, Dr. Hunt can prescribe an appropriate exercise program for each individual.

Contact Dr. Hunt at 250-368-6999.

drjeffreyjhunt@shaw.ca
Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology (CMI) will be holding their Annual Researchers’ Forum in Nakusp at the Old Fire Hall on Friday, September 28, 9 am - 4:30 pm. This event is a great opportunity to get together in an informal way to catch up on ecological news in southeastern BC.

People are encouraged to submit a poster, talk (15 - 20 mins), or a field trip. There is no theme/topic for the forum; if someone has an update on a project such as local research, field trials, new initiatives, etc. in southeastern British Columbia, we would love to hear about it! Presentations will occur in the morning with field trips in the afternoon. Please submit presentation and field trip ideas to office@cmiie.org by September 4.

More info on the event, how to submit a proposal, and how to register can be found at www.cmiie.org/event/3459/.

The cost is $40 + tax for everyone (presenters and attendees alike) and includes refreshments, lunch, and field trips.

The kids loved it,” Ludwar said. “They kids ran the whole day and evening of the league and their teams. They all wore their baseball hats to school and we heard that many slept in their uniforms when they first got them. They had fun and the coaches did a great job. By the end of the season our kids looked and acted like real baseball players.”

The idea started with Ryan Boisvert and Tyler Milton, who both played for the valley teams of old and wanted to bring baseball back for their children. In 2017, they worked with Slocan Valley Recreation to start a T-ball and rookie team. With a better than expected response, they decided to join the Babe Ruth Association in 2018 so the league teams can play other leagues around the province. Collin Ludwar, Craig Saprien, Barry Morris, and Erin Koorbatoff all joined in to help Boisvert and Milton.

“The support from the parents and community has been amazing,” says Ludwar. “Right off the bat – no pun intended – Telus donated $1,000 to us to get us started, and donated some labour to help improve the field. We then attracted five local businesses to sponsor the teams. The donations just kept coming in from the businesses and community, and the hall society has been great.”

Contact the league at slocanvalleybaseball@gmail.com.

The Valley Voice August 23, 2018

COMMUNITY

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (Arrow Lakes) 2018 GENERAL SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Public Notice is given to the electors of School District No. 10 (Arrow Lakes) that nominations for the offices of:

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will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

- By hand, mail or other delivery service: School District #10 (Arrow Lakes) Board Office 98 6th Avenue NW Box 340 Nakusp, BC, V0G 1R0
- By fax to: 250 265-3701
- By email to: rhonda.bouillet @sd10.bc.ca

From 9:00 am September 4, 2018 To 4:00 pm September 14, 2018
Excluding statutory holidays and weekends

Nomination forms are available at the School District #10 (Arrow Lakes) Board Office from Monday - Friday 8:30 am - Noon and 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm or Village of New Denver Municipal Office, 115 Slocan Ave, New Denver BC Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm or School District #10 (Arrow Lakes) website at www.sd10.bc.ca to the close of the nomination period.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a School Trustee if they meet the following criteria:
- Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older on general voting day October 20, 2018;
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed; and
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CAMPAIGN EXPENSES LIMITS

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For further information on the nomination process, please contact:
Rhonda Bouillet, Chief Election Officer 250-265-3638 ext 3301
Lynn Husberg, Deputy Chief Election Officer 250-265-3638 ext 3301

For further information on campaign period expense limits and third party advertising limits, please contact Elections BC:
Toll-free phone: 1-855-952-0280
Email: lcb@elections.bc.ca
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For further information on School District No.10 (Arrow Lakes) operations in general, please contact:
Terry Taylor, School District Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer 250-265-3638 ext 3304

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Contact the league at slocanvalleybaseball@gmail.com.

The Red Mountain Internet Society will be holding the AGM at 7:30 pm on Thursday, Sept 6 at the Silverton Gallery

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by Jan McMurray

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Fighting sexual assault in Canadian communities

August 23, 2018

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Until the early 1980s in Canada, it was impossible to convict a man for raping (having intercourse without her consent) a woman on just the evidence presented by the complainant alone.

Communities across the country are looking to ways in which we can better support survivors of sexual assault. One of the first things we can do is to create a Sexual Assault Response and Resource Team, or SARRT. This is happening in Nakusp, for more information, to become involved or to support the creation the SARRT, please contact Caree Hughes, Stopping the Violence Outreach at 230-265-3674 ext. 205, or email caree.hughes@asles.com.

For decades, communities have grappled with their response to sexual assault. Problems typically revolve around societal norms that tolerate or support sexual violence; little public awareness about sexual assault; what to do if an assault occurs; the reluctance of victims to use existing services and report to law enforcement; and the lack of services, to name just a few.

Sexual violence is a serious crime. It is rooted in power inequities and is connected to all forms of oppression. To address sexual violence, we also must commit to standing up against racism, sexism and classism.

Sexual violence is experienced and processed in countless ways; survivors deserve more than a one-size-fits-all systemic response. That’s why we must aim to embody the needs of those the system serves, not the preferences of the professionals who run it.

A SARRT supports a collaborative response to sexual assault. It is an organized group of professionals who help survivors navigate the complexities of medical, emotional and legal issues following a sexual assault. The goal is to improve the overall response to survivors and secondly to address the needs of the criminal justice system and aid in the prevention of the survivor and the community.

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In more recent years, the creation of a home art studio has re-ignited her work as an artist inspired by her continued studies of body structure and kinetics. Venturing from literal points of reference has been important in discovering abstract representations with broader emotional and visceral impacts. She also seeks to understand and express her natural surroundings, through a variety of landscapes and biological abstract/representational paintings.

Mitchell is very much looking forward to sharing more of her work with the Kootenay community, and it is especially meaningful for her that the show is in the home town of her mother, Kay Costley-White. For more information on Victoria and her work visit victoriamickeylee.com.

The Hidden Garden Gallery is located at 112 Slocan Ave, New Denver behind Sweet Dreams Guesthouse, and is open 10 am to 3 pm Tuesday through Sunday. For more information please visit hiddengardengallery.ca.

Artist's 'Descent' captures beauty of Nakusp and area landscapes

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**Slocan council, August 13: Rail trail improvements move forward**

by Jan McMurray

• Council approved two requests from Rec Sites and Trails BC (RSTBC) which will allow the proposal to enhance the north end of the Slocan Valley Rail Trail to move ahead this fall. First, council agreed to open up the Delany Avenue right-of-way towards the rail trail corridor.

This allows RSTBC to extend Delany to provide access to a proposed parking lot adjacent to the trail. Council will inform RSTBC that their preference is to surface the road extension with asphalt. Second, council will permit RSTBC to develop a path on a portion of the Main Street right-of-way (between Park and Fitz) adjacent to the rail trail, where the Mentwakwe boat will be on display. Council members agreed that gravel is preferred here. Councillors Pelletier and Perriere both commented that several people have informed the Village they don’t want the trail to be paved.

Council directed staff to draft and sign an encroachment agreement with RSTBC for the portion of trail on Village right-of-way, if applicable.

• The eight letters received from local residents regarding rail trail improvements will be forwarded to Rec Sites and Trails BC. Although all eight residents are in support of the upgrade, some seven of them, mostly members of the Slocan Valley Outriders, are opposed to paving the trail.

• During public participation, Nicole Tighelaar and Craig Humphreys, owners of Driftwood Vacation Home, expressed their opposition to the proposed rail trail parking lot. They doubt the parking lot will be built because the location is “basically a swamp” with habitat for birds and ducks, and so the extension of Delany Avenue will do nothing more than create a roundabout at the vacation home. “I don’t think we want a waterfront that’s all car park,” said Humphreys.

• The Slocan Waterfront Recreation and Development Society asked council to endorse recommendations for restoration of creeks, waterways and riparian zones within or adjacent to the Village of Slocan. “The society suggested that time was of the essence, as the old mill site had received too much rain and was washed. The mayor said the Village has received no information about a mill site sale, and council took no action on this item. During public participation, council members advised the group to request an audience with council.

• Council directed the public works crew to take down the outdated, vandalized signage at the lookout. Replacement will be considered during 2019 budget discussions.

• Public works will erect a ‘Dogs on leash’ sign at the entrance to the Owl Walk. Mayor Lunn reported that the Screech Owl Committee is waiting for the results of a Riparian Area Assessment by a ministry biologist. Lunn also reported that the main kiosk at Fletcher Avenue was demolished when a vehicle that was parked at the post office rolled back. “The kiosk stopped the car from going over into the river,” she said. CAO Gordon said the Village is working with the police and ICBC on this, and hopefully the reconstruction cost of the kiosk will be covered by insurance.

• Council approved the WE Graham Community Service Society’s request for a change in scope for their Learning Centre Computer Lab Upgrade project. Because the society did not receive as much funding through the CBT Community Initiatives Program as they had requested, they will not be able to purchase a 3-D printer. Instead, they will purchase two animation-capable computers.

• Council approved the request for $2,100 from the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce Health Committee for its physician recruitment efforts in 2018. The funds will come from the RDCK Community Development Fund. The Villages of New Denver and Silverton and Area H are all also providing $2,100 each.

• Rick Cutler, owner of Slocan Motel, applied for rezoning of the property to multi-family, which doesn’t provide long-term, low cost housing in the units and has no plan to operate as a motel. The property is currently zoned commercial, which doesn’t allow for long-term residential use. Councillor Perriere acknowledged that Slocan needs affordable housing, but pointed out that tourist accommodation is also badly needed. She suggested that Cutler rent out four units as housing and three units as motel rooms. Council asked staff to research this and report back at the next meeting.

• Jason Lessard has applied for the amendment to the zoning bylaw to allow him to build a commercial building with two accessory residential units on his four lots on Harold (and Park). The current zoning bylaw allows only one accessory residential unit per commercial building site. Lessard is proposing a 1,300-square foot building with two small office spaces on the bottom floor, with a two-bedroom apartment in the back and a three-bedroom apartment on the upper level. Councillors Perriere and Patterson spoke against the proposal because they feel the building would have too much foot traffic and not enough commercial space for a building in the commercial zone. They’d like to see a revised zoning bylaw to allow for a larger percentage of commercial space than residential space. Mayor Lunn spoke in favour of the proposal, saying that this is a unique circumstance. She also pointed out that Lessard could build two buildings under the current zoning bylaw, one office space and one residential space each.

Council first considered this proposal at its July 9 meeting, and tabled it to August. At this August meeting, they tabled it to September. During public time, Lessard expressed his frustration with the process.

• A Development Variance Permit application by Nellie and Curtis Dahl was denied. The Dahls proposed to construct a garage that is approximately 24’ high. The maximum height of an accessory building is 15’, as set out in the zoning bylaw. Council denied the application because two neighbours wrote letters opposing the proposal, and because it seems from the drawing that the garage could have a larger footprint on the ground rather than building it up so high. During public time, Dahl pointed out that his next door neighbour has a 21’ high garage and asked if council would approve 21’. Mayor Lunn advised that he submit any changes to his plans to the Village office as soon as possible.

• The Slocan Climate Action Committee recommends that the Village contact Sam Ahad of RenewGen Systems Inc to get a cost estimate for a business plan to become an independent utility.

• During public participation, Kevin Millership expressed his concerns about cell service in Slocan and if council approved the decision, he would be forced to file a Constitutional challenge.
Adaptive trails given a test run at Mt. Abriel Adaptive Camp

by Jan McMurray

Our local adaptive trails – the Spine Trail in Rosebery and the Mt. Abriel trail system in Nakusp – were given a test run on August 7 and 8 by Paralympic medalists and representatives of Spinal Cord Injury BC, Recreation Adapted Society (Victoria), and Whistler Adaptive.

“We wanted feedback on our trails, and we also wanted to do some networking,” said Mike Riediger, organizer of the Mt. Abriel Adaptive Camp event. “We’re slowly getting their comments in now, and so far, I hear only good things. Participants are excited that we’re pushing the boundaries of what’s possible for them.”

The group rode the Spine on August 7, Mt. Abriel on August 8, and also did some paddle boarding at the Nakusp marina.

“The Spine is a bit more challenging than what we have at Mt. Abriel right now,” said Riediger. “Abriel is more user-friendly – you don’t have the views of Spine, but it’s still a great location along the lake.”

Jocelynn Maffin of Spinal Cord Injury BC was on an adaptive bike with e-assist at Mt. Abriel. She said she hopes to bring people to the Nakusp area in future to ride the trails.

Riediger explained that most adaptive trails in other areas are fairly flat, and are walking trails that have been converted to be adaptive. “There are not many purpose-made adaptive trails around,” he said. “It’s true that it’s starting to catch on, but what’s happening here in Nakusp and area is definitely miles ahead of the curve.

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Community paramedicine program comes to Nakusp

by Jan McMurray

Nakusp now has two community paramedics. Sandy Scott and Randy MacKenzie completed their nine weeks of training at the end of June and started work on August 7.

Community paramedicine is being rolled out in BC in underserved rural and remote communities with aging populations. Community paramedics provide services primarily to older adults living with chronic conditions, to help them live safely in their homes and avoid extra trips to the hospital.

“We’re in the process of setting up, so we’re not seeing clients yet – we’ll start that at the end of September,” said Scott.

In the meantime, Scott and MacKenzie are giving presentations about the community paramedicine program, and demonstrating how to perform CPR, how to use a defibrillator, and how to get up from a fall. They have been present at fairs and community events, and have done wellness checks at the Arrowtarian seniors housing complex. They have also been shadowing doctors and nurses at the hospital.

Another objective of the program is to help stabilize paramedic staffing in rural and remote communities. Scott and MacKenzie respond to ambulance calls under certain conditions.

“If we’re close to a high acuity call or a large incident like a bus crash, we’d be asked if it’s safe for us to leave our client and go to that call,” MacKenzie explained. “Our car is fully equipped with almost everything an ambulance can provide, except the ability to transport patients.”

Scott and MacKenzie are Primary Care Paramedics, which is one level higher than the emergency medical responder (EMR). Most ambulance workers in remote areas are EMRs.

The program has been implemented in Kaslo, New Denver, and Winlaw. It was scheduled to begin in Nakusp in fall 2017, but there wasn’t much interest in the jobs. When the jobs were posted a second time, the hours were increased to .75 positions. Scott and MacKenzie both said the increase in hours made it feasible for them to apply.

MacKenzie has lived in Nakusp for almost 30 years, and has been with BC Ambulance for more than 12 years. He worked as a paramedic in Surrey, commuting back and forth from Nakusp.

“When this opportunity came up, I jumped on it, so I can work and stay in Nakusp.”

Scott lives in Kaslo and commutes to Nakusp. She has been in the ambulance service for 27 years. She was unit chief in Kaslo in the 1990s and loved the job, so decided to get a higher level of training and more experience. She commuted from Kaslo to Vancouver for 10 years, and from Kaslo to Nelson for seven years. “Then this job came up and I am very passionate about covering remote areas and supporting seniors to stay at home. Remote communities are underserved, so if we can help in any way to keep people at home and looked after, that’s my dream.”

MacKenzie said the community paramedicine program tries to get clients invested in their own care and bring them into the decision making process. “We don’t force them to do anything – we provide support, help them find specialists. We typically try to see clients for up to three months, but if they don’t have a handle on their own care by then, we extend for another three months.”

Nakusp and Kaslo each have two community paramedics. New Denver and Winlaw each have one. There is a position open in Edgewood. The Nakusp community paramedics are stationed at the Emergency Services Building, and report to the ambulance unit chief.

Our trails have comers, ups and downs, views and forests.”

One of the trails at Abriel will also have a bridge, built to adaptive standards, that will definitely be a huge attraction. The bridge spans an area of the lakefront trail that is too steep for construction of an adaptive trail. “It joins two adaptive sections together, and will be showstopper,” Riediger said.

The Mt. Abriel Recreation Site, just north of Nakusp along Hwy 23, includes a lovely campground with 30 campsites and accessible toilets. It will have 10 kilometres of trail by the end of this season – and five purpose-built adaptive mountain bike specific trails. The goal is to have 50 kilometres of trail by 2022. Not all of the trails will be adaptive.

Riediger explained that adaptive trails are inclusive trails. “They’re for everyone – people with mobility issues, people pushing strollers, children on strollers.”

The Mt. Abriel site is a project of the Kootenay Sufferfest Society, which is working on expanding into adaptive sports. “We are in the process of constructing Canada’s largest current adaptive mountain biking trail project just north of Nakusp. We’re working on becoming a leader in the region,” Riediger said.
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Connie Denesiuk seeks Liberal nomination

Connie Denesiuk has announced she will seek the nomination for the Liberal Party of Canada in the South Okanagan-West Kootenay riding, currently held by NDP MP Richard Cannings.

“I have been encouraged by many to run again in the 2019 federal election,” Denesiuk says. “Before I could make that commitment, I felt I would need to build on my experience and education.”

In the years since the last election, she has worked toward a Master of Arts degree in Leadership at Royal Roads University which she will complete later this year. She served as Chair of the Board of Governors of Okanagan College and continued to volunteer with the SOWK Liberal Party Association, door-knocking, phone calling, meeting new Liberal supporters and working on the Association’s outreach and events. These activities, she says, provided an increased sense of the key issues in our riding.

“My values are Liberal values,” Denesiuk says. “I believe that our diversity is one of our strengths in Canada, and that we have a shared responsibility to those most vulnerable amongst us. I believe in continuing to invest in the future of Canada through strategic support for infrastructure, housing, education, jobs training and environmental protection.

“As a business owner for 37 years I understand the importance of targeted reinvestment in Canada’s valuable assets. That strategy is working for Canadians, and there is more to be done.”

Denesiuk says she has a studied approach to issues and experience both as a school trustee and college board chair, which will help her assess and address policy decisions and debate in Parliament.

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Basin arts councils, local governments and First Nations are eligible to apply to the program. The grant will fund up to 80% of the cost of the artwork and installation, to a maximum of $30,000. The next intake will be in spring 2019. Learn more at ourtrust.org/publicart.

New public art coming to Basin communities

New public art will soon have new opportunities to interact with art created in the Basin by local artists thanks to more than $244,000 from Columbia Basin Trust’s Public Art Grants.

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Art for Peace Festival in Iran takes Frantisek Strouhal’s work to Tehran

Frantisek Strouhal, artist and owner of Mirage Studio in the Slocan Valley, was juried and invited to participate in the sixth International Art for Peace Festival in Tehran, Iran in September with his piece ‘My Freedom’. The festival’s attitude is to communicate and to reconcile how it is defined in the Eastern culture as tolerance. In doing so, it is to respect, to accept and value the rich variety of cultures, the various styles of living, and ways of expressing it.

Tolerance means-embracing the fact that all human beings regardless of their differences in appearance, position, language, behaviour, and values, are entitled to live in peace just as they are.

Peace considered as peace among people or as world peace and to any extent is only achievable when there is calm and reconciliation within each person. The external peace happens after the internal peace is reached and while art accompanies peace the art for peace is created.

Strouhal’s portfolio Art Embracing Awareness firmly advocates this need for a change in consciousness within each one of us.

He believes that by creating this work of art he contributes to the work of the universal awakening of humanity, and helping people to experience joy, and peace in themselves and also remove and transform the cause of prejudices and fear.

A work of art can help people grasp the nature of their sorrow and give them the ability to understand how to transform the negative and develop the positive in themselves. Art has two important responsibilities: to remind us of life’s beauty, and help us expand our perspectives allowing us to make room for the unknown.

To view Strouhal’s artworks go to www.frantisekstrouhal.com.

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will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

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By fax to: 250-358-7251
By email to: office@newdenver.ca

From 9:00 am September 4, 2018 To 4:00 pm September 14, 2018

Originals of faxed or emailed nomination documents must be received by the Chief Election Officer by 4:00 pm on September 21, 2018.

Nomination forms are available at the New Denver Village Office from July 27, 2018 to the close of the nomination period.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

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For further information on the nomination process, please contact:

Catherine Allaway, Chief Election Officer, 250-358-2316
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For further information on campaign period expense limits and third party advertising limits, please contact Elections BC:

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STUDENTS RIDING SCHOOL BUSES MUST BE AT THEIR STOP 5 MINUTES PRIOR TO POTTED BUS ARRIVAL TIMES

HILLS / NEW DENVER / SILVERTON ROUTE
Stop # AM RUN PM RUN
2 7:17 Pre-Trip 3:00
7:42 Leave YRB 3:14
7:42 #1 Purdy Rd 3:17
7:42 #2 Drum Around 3:21
7:47 #3 Owl Rd 3:23
7:59 #4 S. St. Silvertown 3:33
8:00 #5 4545 Hwy 6 3:33
8:11 #6 Hills Upper Rd 3:33
8:17 #7 Lait Rd (p/a at the gravel pit) 3:34
8:14 #8 Bonanza Rd 3:42
8:21 #9 Rosebery Loop 3rd St 3:44
8:21 #10 Provincial Park Campground 3:44
8:22 #11 Log Dump Rosebery 3:44
8:24 #12 St. Silvertown 3:45
8:35 #13 Silvertown Bigway 3:47
8:43 #14 1st Ave New Denver 4:14
8:45 Leave Silvertown 4:24
9:49 Leave LESS 4:27

FAUQUIER/BURTON/NAKUSP ROUTE
Stop # AM RUN PM RUN
6:39 Pre-Trip 2:55
6:41 Leave Base 3:01
6:47 #1 Minnaw Rd Hwy 6 3:07
6:55 #2 Arrow Market Transfer 3:23
7:57 #3 Leave Arrow Market Transfer 3:28
7:57 #4 Tukulik Campground 3:30
7:58 #5 7833 Brydges Rd 3:32
7:59 #6 Hwy 6 3:32
8:11 #7 Reveller Rd 3:35
8:13 #8 Silver Queen Rd 3:37
8:14 #9 McCormack Rd Hwy 6 3:40
8:15 #10 Burton Main Rd Hwy 6 3:42
8:17 #11 5305 Hwy 6 3:53
8:19 #12 5115 Hwy 6 3:54
8:21 #13 4890 Hwy 6 3:55
8:24 #14 Arrow Market Transfer 4:00
8:25 #15 Arrow Park Ferry Rd 4:45
8:34 #16 Baysview Rd 4:37
8:37 #17 1417 Hemidge Mill 4:38
8:43 #18 NES 4:39
8:43 #19 NES 4:58

BOX LAKE / GLENBANK / HWY 23 ROUTE
AM RUN PM RUN
7:25 Pre-Trip 2:55
7:50 Leave Base 3:10
8:08 #1 Box Lake Mailboxes 3:10
8:06 #2 1261 Hwy 6 3:12
8:08 #3 1198 Hwy 6 3:12
8:16 #4 501 Alexander 3:14
8:17 #5 Hegner Rd 3:15
8:16 #6 Alexander Turn Around 3:18
8:20 #7 612 Alexander Rd 3:20
8:22 #8 481 Nakusp East Rd 3:25
8:22 #9 324 Nakusp East Rd 3:28
8:23 #10 367 Nakusp East Rd 3:31
8:23 #11 377 Shakespear Rd 3:31
8:25 #12 507 Wells Rd 3:31
8:25 #13 640 Wells Rd 3:35
8:27 #14 Matchett Subdivision 3:35
8:28 #15 Home Ranch 3:40
8:33 #16 7833 Brydges Rd 3:40
8:33 #17 Kuskuzan Bridge 3:40
8:34 #18 13th Ave 23 North 3:44
8:35 #19 Royal Coachman 3:47
8:35 #20 23rd Street & Gracie 3:49
8:36 #21 1450 Hwy 23 N 3:50
8:36 #22 1450 Hwy 23 S 3:50
8:40 #23 Home Ranch 3:46
8:40 #24 601 Alexander Rd 3:47
8:43 #25 612 Alexander Rd 3:48
8:43 #26 1198 Hwy 6 3:50
8:50 #27 1261 Hwy 6 3:50
8:50 #28 Box Lake Mailboxes 3:51

CRESCEBT BAY / BROUGH LOOP ROUTE
AM RUN PM RUN
7:40 Pre-Trip 2:55
8:05 Leave Base 3:05
8:10 #1 417 Crescent Bay Rd 3:09
8:12 #2 Waterfield Rd 3:14
8:13 #3 Billings/Crescent Bay 3:20
8:14 #4 Upper Waterfield Rd 3:25
8:15 #5 Bird Rd 3:30
8:17 #6 Beech Rd 3:35
8:18 #7 803 Billings Rd 3:40
8:20 #8 855 Billings Rd 3:45
8:21 #9 Kanganar Trail 3:50
8:22 #10 Billings Rd/Arrow Loop 3:55
8:23 #11 301 Brough Loop 3:57
8:24 #12 220 Brough Loop 3:57
8:26 #13 642 Brough Loop 3:57
8:27 #14 647 Brough Loop 3:57
8:31 #15 Brough Loop/Hwy 6 4:00
8:33 #16 982 Hwy 6 4:02
8:34 #17 Helen Rd 4:03
8:35 #18 608 Hwy 6/Nakusp Sign 4:05
8:36 #19 Cotswold Rd 4:08
8:36 #20 Hillcreek Convenience Store 4:08
8:36 #21 352 Hwy 6 4:09
8:40 #22 NES 4:10
8:45 #23 NES 4:15
8:47 #24 Base/Past Trip 4:17

EDGWOOD ELEMENTARY ROUTE
AM RUN PM RUN
6:53 Pre-Trip 3:16
7:18 Leave Base EES 3:19
7:21 #1 Jordan Rd 3:24
7:22 #2 Forest Rd South Junction 3:24
7:25 #3 1420 Inakoinka Rd 3:37
7:27 #4 Robinson Rd 3:45
7:29 #5 Hwy 23 North 3:50
7:34 #6 Gravel Pit 4:00
7:34 #7 Forest 4:15
7:55 #8 Arrow Market Transfer 4:20
8:00 #9 Forest 4:23
8:15 #10 Gravel Pit 4:28
8:21 #11 Robinson Rd 4:28
8:30 #12 544 Forest Rd South 4:29
8:32 #13 Jordan Rd 4:29
8:36 #14 EES/Base 4:37

Where bus service is not available, transportation assistance may be provided to eligible parents who apply for assistance: Year. Assistance must be applied for annually.

SCHOOL ZONES: Between the hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on school days the speed limit in all school zones is 30 km/h.

VEHICLE OPERATORS: September 4, 2018 will be the official opening of school for School District 10 (Arrow Lakes) 2018/19 session. We would like to remind motorists to watch out for children walking to school or waiting for school buses.

ALTERNATE FLASHING LIGHTS: School buses are equipped with alternate flashing red lamps and when they are flashing, traffic in both directions must stop and remain stopped until the red flashing lights are turned off. The flashing lights are intended to indicate the school bus is loading or unloading school children.

IT IS AN OFFENCE UNDER THE MOTOR VEHICLE ACT TO PASS A SCHOOL BUS WITH ITS OVERHEAD RED LIGHTS FLASHING.

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