Local election candidates announced: elections in all five Villages, acclamations in the RDCK

by Jan McMurray

The upcoming municipal elections on October 20 have generated a lot of interest in our communities.

There will be elections in all five municipalities covered by the Valley Voice (New Denver, Silverton, Slocan, Nakusp, and Kaslo), as well as in School District 10 Arrow Lakes.

The three Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) seats in our area are not being contested, so Area D (North Kootenay Lake) Director Aimee Watson, Area H (Slocan Valley) Director Walter Popoff, and Area K (Arrow Lakes) Director Paul Peterson will all continue on for another four-year term.

The two School District 8 trustees in our area will return by acclamation, as well – Slocan Valley Trustee Sharon Nazaroff and Kaslo/Area D Trustee Dawn Lang.

In New Denver, incumbent mayor Ann Bunka is being challenged by Leonard Casley. Casley is the New Denver and Area fire chief and has served on New Denver council in the past.

None of the incumbent New Denver councillors are seeking re-election. The brand new slate of candidates includes John Fyke, Vern Gustafson, June McMillan, George Meier, Colin Moss, and Gerald Wagner.

Silverton also has a race for mayor. Incumbent Jason Clarke is up against Don Broughton, longtime Silverton resident who lets council know when he’s unhappy with their decisions. There are five candidates for the four Silverton councillor positions. Incumbents Carol Bell, Leah Main, and Arlene Yofomoff are seeking re-election; Bill Christian is not. The other two candidates are Kerry Gordon and Tanya Gordon.

Slocan will see no change in mayor – Jessica Lunn will be elected by acclamation. The five candidates for the four councillor seats include three incumbents: Joel Pelletier, Madeleine Perriere, and Burly Van Bynen. Ezra Buller and Denise Dufault have also tossed their hats into the ring. Incumbent Jean Patterson is not seeking re-election.

Nakusp has a slate of 12 candidates in total – two for mayor and 10 for councillor. Bob Lafleur and Tom Zeleznik are vying for the mayor’s seat. Zeleznik is an incumbent councillor and Lafleur is the Village’s former Chief Administrative Officer.

The ten councillor candidates for Nakusp are: Clayton Brooks (former councillor), Susan DeSando, Len Heppner (incumbent), Joseph Hughes (former councillor), Reny Kito, Aidan McLaren-Caux, Janis Neufeld, Mike Riediger, Lee Rooks, and Bill Tobey (incumbent).

In Kaslo, there is a three-way mayoral race between incumbent Suzan Hewat, former mayor Pat Mackle, and former RDCK Area D director Andy Shadack.

The seven candidates for Kaslo councillor are: Geoffrey Halliday, Michael Halliday, Kellie Knoll (incumbent), Rob Lang (incumbent), Molly Leathwood (former councillor), John Rasmussen, and Henry Van Mill (incumbent).

In School District 10 Arrow Lakes, there are four candidates for the two at large seats: incumbent Lora Lee Brekke, Christine Dixon-Grout, Aidan McLaren-Caux, and incumbent Judy Struck. Melissa Teindl will keep her seat for the Central Zone (Nakusp) and Rhonda Farrell will keep hers for the Eastern (New Denver) Zone. Daneya Simon is the sole candidate for the Southern (Burton, Fauquier, Edgewood) Zone; incumbent Quinn DeCourcy is not seeking re-election.
Nelson cannabis public meeting yields a good exchange

Wayne Stetski hosted a public forum in Nelson last week to discuss the cannabis legalization legislation that will come into effect on October 17. Stetski was joined by his caucus colleague Murray Rankin, the MP for Victoria.

Rankin is the NDP Justice Critic and has studied the legislation in depth. Rankin began by giving an overview of Bills C45 and C46 which cover the legalization of cannabis and amend the Criminal Code to include cannabis impairment while driving motor vehicles and boats. The scope of the new law is huge and complex and its implementation and ramifications are in many aspects still evolving.

Uruguay is the only other country to legalize cannabis and so Canada does not have extensive examples to draw from that provide a nation-wide framework. It is to be expected that there will be some hiccups along the way and both Rankin and Stetski assured the audience that they are working to assist people in their ridings to navigate the new rules and to access the information needed to participate in the regulated industry.

“I very much appreciated the personal stories shared by people at the meeting on how the new laws will impact their lives” said Stetski. “We will continue to work with, and on, the Liberal government to try to get this important initiative right. It was clear from the meeting that there is still a lot of work to do.”

Two topics were raised the most: the detrimental impact on medical cannabis users and dispensaries under the new regulations; and, the challenge to protect public safety on the roads through use of new methods of measuring impairment and enforcing cannabis impairment with roadside saliva tests and follow-up blood tests.

The use of edibles will not become legal until October 2019. The NDP caucus fought this delay in Parliament but the Liberal government defeated their attempts to amend the legislation. A large number of people rely on edibles for medical treatments including young children and seniors, so what are these people supposed to do? Why topical treatments will be banned when they do not cause impairment, and why medical dispensaries in Nelson have to close when recreational use stores open, were two of the questions raised.

Limits for impairment related to driving have been set at two nanograms per millilitre of blood with fines and penalties increasing with impairment similar to drinking and driving legislation. There will be many challenges to this process according to audience members and much uncertainty about how to know when you are impaired. One person suggested that the government should spend some money to purchase testing devices to be made available so people can self-test; similarly, access to free blood tests in clinics would help to gauge how long cannabis stayed in your body. One person asked “can I be charged with impaired driving if I am a medical cannabis user?” Answer: yes.

Rankin explained his concern that the government did not introduce measures to expunge criminal records for simple cannabis possession to take effect at the same time that cannabis use became legal. He noted that as the legislation was being written, in 2016, 75% of charges in Canada were for simple possession. Rankin will introduce his own Private Member’s Bill to make those charges disappear from people’s records as of October 17.

Reflecting on the evening, Rankin said “The interplay between the municipal, provincial and federal laws is the subject of great interest as governments and all Canadians work together to achieve an effective regulatory system for cannabis after October 17. The audience in Nelson was remarkably knowledgeable and the quality of the debate therefore very high.”
Kokanee fishery in Kootenay Lake in danger of collapse

by Art Joyce

Provincial fisheries biologists Jeff Burrows and Matt Neufeld had some difficult news to deliver at a public information session held in Kaslo September 5. Kokanee stocks in Kootenay Lake have fallen from a historic high of over two million spawners in 1998 to just 12,000 last fall. As Burrows explained, kokanee are a ‘keystone species,’ meaning that if their population collapses, the aquatic ecosystem that relies on them could collapse in response to impacts from Revelstoke and Mica dams. Nutrient supplementation requires a careful balancing act to avoid creating algae blooms, which starve aquatic ecosystems of oxygen.

Mysis shrimp, introduced in Kootenay Lake in 1949 as a potential food source for kokanee, turned out to be a competitor, consuming daphnia, a primary kokanee food stock along with zooplankton. But Neufeld doesn’t see the shrimp as seriously impacting kokanee food supply. Zooplankton production has actually soared since 2012 and remained high in 2017. Recent data shows up to 20% of the rainbow trout diet has Mysis shrimp, an increase since monitoring began. Burrows said it’s unclear whether this will be shifted or debris to kokanee: are the shrimp supporting kokanee predators and delaying their growth? For some years it appeared the NRP was a roaring success, but recently the Gerrard rainbow trout and the bull trout population – which feeds on kokanee fry – has exploded. That has upset the optimal predator-prey ratio, causing the kokanee population to plummet. In response, the provincial fisheries branch of FLNRO initiated an advisory team with experts from across the province in 2014, releasing its Action Plan in 2016. Action tools, also known as ‘levers for change,’ include continued nutrient additions; importing millions more kokanee eggs and fry; predator management actions, including directed removals of predator species; changes to sport fishing regulations to allow for higher daily catch limits, especially on bull trout; and the possibility of conservation aquaculture or land-based “fish farms” if bull trout or Gerrard rainbow collapse.

So far, only this last option has not yet been tried, but none of these actions has had the desired effect. A bull trout call at Duncan dam in July was met with protest from local residents. Using fish pens for kokanee was considered but the problem is that raising kokanee beyond a fall fry size – raising their survival prospect – is difficult. Fall fry are prime food stock for predators. During stable periods, there were 200-300 predators per ton of kokanee, but this shot up over 1,600 per ton in 2014. This has since dropped to about 1,000 but kokanee survival rate is only 25% in the lake, even so.

Neufeld said that 16 million eggs and fry have been stocked in Kootenay Lake over the past three years from hatcheries across BC. Stoking accounted for 60% of the eggs in the main body of Kootenay Lake in 2017. However, the typical survival rate has been as low as 5-6%. At that rate, Burrows explained, the stocks could go as low as 2,000. “If it stays at that rate, kokanee are extirpated as a keystone species.” Recovery will not occur without a change in survival rates.” If that happens, both bull trout and Gerrard rainbow trout may also face an uncertain future. There’s a large gap between Gerrard spawners, which are at about 160 – enough to sustain them – and bull trout spawners, which were at 3,500 in 2017. Earlier this year the Action Plan came under review, recommending additional stocking and predator management, i.e. reductions. ‘Kelt fences’ will be installed to intercept post-spawner adult bull trout for sampling and some removal before entering Kootenay Lake from the Kaslo River and Hamill Creek during the last two weeks of September. Angling changes – in addition to the increased catch quota for Kootenay Lake – could include a Duncan River harvest of bull trout. Ironically, historic “catch and release” public education campaigns have succeeded in keeping bull trout numbers too high – up to 50% of anglers return their catch. They will be encouraged now to keep their bull trout catch, but it can take years to make a dent in their population, Neufeld cautioned. He said the return of barbed hooks could be allowed but would only be a short-term solution.

In response to audience questions Neufeld said it’s beyond the capacity of current hatcheries to produce more kokanee eggs and fry than they do currently. “We’re doing the best we can,” he said. “We’re taxing Kinbasket reservoir and Whistler as much as we can without risking collapse there too.”

Sloanc Valley TV Society

We are experiencing technical difficulties with recently purchased equipment that we are installing to meet new requirements of our signal provider (Shaw Broadcast Services). We appreciate your patience as we work through these technical problems.
Nature’s cure for mosquitos

Often greed, lies, corruption, and dishonesty get the money. After all, that’s the origin of money in its more ancient origin. Plus greed motivates. But it’s time to use money for good. Instead of using the $80,000 for pesticides, we can use it to build birdhouses and bat homes to naturally control mosquitos. The bird that eats mosquitos is the violet-green swallow.

There is a correct design for the birdhouses to keep raccoons at bay. The hole is 1 3/8” in diameter and it is at least five inches from the bottom so the racoon’s arm can’t reach that deep. Saw grooves are made on the inside to help the young birds get out.

Namo Nanning Nelson

Euphemisms in forestry

I am sick of vocabulary used by the industrial forestry industry that lies to and misleads the public. It goes so far that they believe their own bumf. Forest Stewardship Plan. What does that evoke? A nice select logged forest, or “Tree retention?” It really is absolute devastation, dead silence, fauna crushed, animals fed or dead. A clearcut most likely.

Wildlife Tree Retention. Do you imagine at least a stand of trees? Could be only one.

Guidelines for wildlife management. They could be very old and do not nearly compensate for what is done to their habitat. When there are questions, doubts, reactions, it is always: “We follow the guidelines,” the Holy Bible of management. They could be very deep. Saw grooves are made on the deep. Saw grooves are made on the bottom of the valley.

I would also like to thank the fire chief for putting the residents east of Duncan Drive on ‘evacuation alert.’ Even though Forestry and RDCK noted they had no part in this alert, it gave us residents a chance to move livestock and personal papers and items in advance in case the fire got larger. We have a great group of people looking after us and having our backs. New Denver, Silverton and Area Fire Department, you are greatly appreciated.

Ken Gordon

Liberal shortcomings make election prospects dismal

A federal election looms in 2019. One year can make a huge difference, I know, yet I’m close to 100% sure I cannot cast a ballot for one of the three major parties. Liberals failed to come close to our expectations when Justin got elected. He has shown himself a miserable lightweight, a poser who knows how to project attractive imagery. He delivered thin substance after trumpeting progressivist promise. Trudeau told a (Texas) audience Canada must “develop” petro-resources, that any nation so blessed would tap Alberta’s abundance – tens of billions of barrels of fossil fuels, its deepest mind revealed.

Conservatives are still Harperites, just sneakier about it. Harper was an Alberta-made nightmare. To defeat his worldview – for no other reason – I joined the federal Liberals, electing Justin to party leadership (April, 2013). I achieved my minimal goal; Harper is gone, defeated by the man I knew would do it.

The NDP have lost their compass; they used to be socialists. They cannot speak socialism, for that would lose votes from Canada’s mediocrities. Ruling-class puppets have brainwashed our mediocrities against socialism. The NDP response is to ‘go middle’ by jettisoning principles. I support a party which loses elections but is right on substantive issues and tells the truth.

Capitalist consciousness impresses Trudeau’s mind. He lied about balancing economy with environment to gain office. Power was the goal; he has it. His reforms are few, superficial, feeble, underwhelming. These election prospects are dismal. I’ll find a fourth option.

Charles James Nelson

Judge’s pipeline decision thoughtfully rendered

Whether you support or oppose the Kinder Morgan pipeline expansion this is a must-read decision, with the judiciary at their finest. You can find it online at: https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/4801795-Fed-Court-of-Appeal.html

Madam Justice Dawson spends the bulk of her time dismissing appeal claims that she found to have no merit as both the NEB and the government of Canada met the requirements of the law. She then zeroes in with razor-sharp precision, explaining where first the NEB and then Canada and the ‘Government in Council,’ Trudeau and Cabinet, failed to apply the law correctly.

This judgement is a review as to where the full extent of the law was not followed prior to the issuing of the permit for construction of the pipeline expansion. For those of you who do not have time to read the full extent of the decision here are some highlights you can review:

1) Failure of the NEB to include the Judge’s pipeline decision

2013). I achieved my minimal goal; Harper is gone, defeated by the man I knew would do it.

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

Forests “tree” in an ecological disaster. It’s also been a disaster for the economy and jobs, which have been negatively impacted by fellers-bunchers, self-loading logging trucks, and other log export and logging industries.

Instead of “natural forests” of multi-aged and various species, fungi, diversity of insects and wildlife, single species “tree plantations” of genetically modified trees resulting from drought stress and few cold winters for bug kill due to global warming, no older tree cover protection for both seedlings’ sun shade and snow loads. They even use nonsensical toxic herbicide spraying to kill “competing species” – self-grown fir, deodar firs and other “fire retardant” deciduous trees. Bushes like huckleberries and wildlife forage that have a 25-year protective life span, and actually enhance the desired species cover.

Fifty years ago, forest fires not put out for regenerative growth with conifer seed release, reducing fuel loads, made some sense. Prescribed burning today is not a healthy “prescription” for climate change. Spring and fall burns in smokier, damp conditions extend burning season, too much carbon in the atmosphere, depleted carbon sink trees, air quality for asthmatics, and the vulnerability, and fire intensity which could lead to fire escape...we’d be like the Okanagan wildfire of 2017, killing 26 people. The fires. The blazes.

We’ll protect our human homes from fires...what about the wildlife who have suffered deaths, habitat and food sources, human encroachment on their territory, long and deadly wildlife seasons, and now “prescribed burning”? An inventory on wildlife and wildlife loss (some aerial surveys, GPS can be used), and a moratorium on all old growth forestry clearcutting (i.e. the Incompleupass), should be done, after 6000 forest fires in past two years. In 2017, our BC carbon footprint exceeded by three times the allotment from wildfires alone.

In the past, the scolding of our councilors, a “forest cheat” in BC, is the only law the forest company and the forestry society follows. The price they pay isn’t the 1.2 bill lions that is their air pollution. The cost is the air quality in the Lower Mainland and Slocan Valley.

As Hurricane Florence wrecks the US east coast, Trudeau, Horgan and general public will use the renewable energy funds. They are all “sustainable” by using natural gas and the “clean coal” generators that will pollute the rivers. In fact, the 80% of BC energy comes from renewable energy.

The river is also used for recreation. The Rainforest to Trails brings many tourists to visit the river. This is the new economy of the Slocan Valley. And it’s the power of the water. The increase of water and temperature is not acceptable.

Governments breaking the law

Marion Bergvein Nelson

Open letter to government: re: Trozzo Creek water licence application

First, an invitation to the Rivers Day Celebration. Come be part of the River Day September 30th 2018 in Slocan. Meet at 11:30 at Pavilion and lunchhead at Legion. See ad.

The Perry Ridge Water Users’ Association is a water user group in the Slocan Valley. Our constitution includes protection of biodiversity, which includes the water in the Slocan Valley, where the many creeks flow from the mountains.

We are familiar with Trozzo Creek and prior to the new water licence and diversions from the river. The Slocan Water Users’ Association stopped the new water licence from being granted to protect the water of the Slocan River and should not be diverted.

Therefore, we oppose the application.

Marilyn Burgos Perry Ridge Water Users’ Association

Stop being Mr Big, RCMP

It is painful to watch the RCMP railroad people into the courts and jail with their Mr Big sting operation. Perhaps the RCMP does not want to get rid of Mr Big because he was made right here in Canada – BC to be precise.

The sting works effectively enough. The RCMP just go to pretend to be big tough gangsters or big-time criminals. When they enlist a new “recruit” they tell him to come clean on all the crimes committed so there won’t be any surprises. They reassure the poor sap that he won’t go in trouble because they have lawyers to erase any problems. When the new “gang member” tells of murder or some other heinous crime, the undercover RCMP confesses the record and the new recruit is saddled with it.

John Nutall and Amanda Korody were two destitute junkies on welfare in Vancouver. The RCMP Mr Big lashed them with money, methadone, a hotel room and leadership to set off pressure cooker bombs on Canada Day on the BC Legislature (2013). Millions of dollars in wages and overtime were spent on 240 RCMP members railroad these two dupes to be terrorists with ties to the Middle East.

Instead of realizing they have no case, the RCMP continued down the road of entrapment; a “case of police- manufactured crime” said BC Supreme Court Justice Catherine Bruce. Bruce struck down the Mr Big sting and the RCMP had to pay Nutall and Korody in 2016. Nutall and Korody have spent three years behind bars.

The RCMP set up Nutall and Korody in a sting and lashed them with whatever they wanted for their future terrorist crime. Usually the Mr Big sting involves coercing a new criminal by offering them the chance to admit to crimes in the past and the confession to convict them. This twist of the Mr Big was deemed to be “innovative in crime investigations” by BC Crown prosecutors. Nutall and Korody soon grew in fear of their lives as the five-month sting operation dragged on. "I need this done. If this doesn’t get done, we are done. Get it? We will be dropped. We will be deleted," Nutall said to his common-law wife Korody. Now fearing for their very lives, the “innovators” lobbed pressure cooker bombs on the BC legislature among some shreds on July 1, 2013. The bombs were made defunct by the RCMP before handing them to Nutall and Korody.

The case has become a real court football and the BC Crown is actually appealing this case, saying in effect that BC Supreme Court Justice Catherine Bruce was in error when acquitting Nutall and Korody. The Crown feels Nutall and Korody are a danger to the public. Expect more court shenanigans and a waste of taxpayer money. The real danger to the Canadian public is a police force and justice system that is completely broken and characterized today to produce confiscations and convictions.

Higher up the justice ladder we have CSIS (Canadian Security Intelligence Service) the organisation that was supposed to hold the RCMP’s nuttall that should be investigated for terrorist activity. CSIS answers to Justin Trudeau, so we have a real justice problem here in Canada, clear to the top.

The Nutall & Korody case is to proceed in court in October 2018. The justice system of Canada is completely broken.
Residents near Playmor pit will protect their way of life

On Friday, September 7, a meeting was held in the Playmor pit in South Slocan, MoTi (Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure) representatives, Selkirk Power and Gas, and an engineer and a biologist. Our community is very appreciative of all the offices that came out to the meeting to share their varied expertise of service and to address our questions. It was a good first step to open communication and find resolutions.

Over the past few years, MoTi has been allowing the Playmor pit to become their central hub. Our residents understand and support having the pit used for winter clearing and sand storage and to house some rip rap for emergency situations. However, this recent use has been way over the top and residents’ complaints over the past few years had been met with apathy.

As a group, we came in with not only our concerns but with possible solutions for those concerns. We have very real health and safety concerns. These include but are not limited tooga and lung cancer caused from silica dust; possible traffic fatalities from increased traffic, no pedestrian crosswalk to the bus stop, and too much speed limit; loss of our water from possible shifting of subsurface geological formations that are the structural supports of our aquifers caused by continual pummeling from trucks, dumping of materials such as rip rap, etc; possible contamination of our groundwater in the event of a spill or with other chemicals used in daily activities; constant noise from using jack brakes, backup beepers, clang ting tags, continual idling; etc; loss of the peace of our homes and way of life; adverse effect on our health with poor environmental timing. For example, our local elk come in to our area during rut (which is now) and some fear what the impact of the increased breeding season would be. MoTi took out trees that helped contain dust and noise and that beautified the lot.

The neighbourhood’s general reactions to the meeting were mixed and ranged from complete disappointment to cautious optimism. One resident stated that to put a band-aid on a big sore will not work. Others felt it was told by MoTi that what we’re all hearing, seeing, feeling and breathing every single day doesn’t occur was not only invalidating but not conducive to working together to address our concerns.

A Canadian State of the Environment Report said that the country would be through by 2015 the population was about 350. Since then, the population has increased to approximately 1,500. Today there is concern about the sustainability of this kind of farming. Some people I talked with in the community were saying that the population is growing that these farmers were returning to the same area of land. They could not do that. The ash would add to the fertility. The land would then be left to grow back to forest for maybe 20 years to recover. It also produces such a terrible mess of salting and skin-tackling weeds that one can hardly travel through it. Then as the trees grow taller they shade out the little vegetation that is left.

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A logging operation in the Springer Creek watershed above Slocan City was blockaded on September 11 by the same three protestors who staged a blockade near Argenta on August 20.

Jessica Ogden of Ymir, Aila Goldynfyre of Argenta, and Mick Grabowsky of the North Kootenay Lake area set up the blockade about eight kilometres up New Ottawa Forest Service Road, and had discussions with representatives from Interfor and Reitmeier Logging at the site.

“It was a successful blockade,” reported Ogden. “We peacefully negotiated with Interfor to have the feller buncher removed from the Springer Creek watershed, and to stop further clearcutting, to the point where that was our primary core demand.”

Geoff Bekker was one of the Interfor reps who spoke to the protestors on Tuesday, September 11. He confirmed in an interview that Interfor agreed to stop cutting with the feller buncher, and the protestors agreed to clear the road so the logging contractor could finish hauling the logs already harvested.

Bekker said the hauling and cleanup would take about a week.

Bekker reported that the forestry reps had “a respectful conversation” with the protestors about professional reliance, watershed logging, and other forestry topics, but there was no discussion about anything specific to the Springer Creek block.

“They indicated there was at least one person with concerns about harvesting in their watershed, but not about harvesting from any other location and we are open to dialogue. We are always open to talking about it and we try to follow up with that process,” he said.

The three protestors plus one other, Tom Prior of Nelson, blockaded a woodlot logging operation in Argenta on August 20. They successfully negotiated the removal of the feller buncher, as well as the use of a pilot car to address road safety concerns. In the Argenta case, as in the Slocan case, the harvesting was almost completed at the time of the blockade.

Ogden said the reason behind the protests is to bring attention to the fact that many Kootenay citizens want a review of the professional reliance model, reform of forestry practices, and public input into proposed local logging, particularly in domestic watersheds.

The Accelerate Kootenays project, the $1.5 million network of electric vehicle charging stations throughout the East and West Kootenays and the Kootenay Boundary, was recognized with an award for excellence in sustainability at the recent Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention. Mike Sosnowski, RDEK director, accepted the award on behalf of all 10 partners: RDEK, RDCK, RDKB, CBT, Province of BC, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Teck, FortisBC, BC Hydro, and Community Energy Association. Pictured here with Sosnowski are Arjun Singh, UBCM president, and Hon. Selina Robinson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
Kaslo council, August 28 and September 4: Mayor writes to minister re: dumping of contaminated water

by Jan McMurray

KASLO & DISTRICT

Saturday, September 15th, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Ronald Howlett

father Lawrence Howlett, mother Edith Elisabeth Howlett and his son Lorne was predeceased by his infant son Ronald Howlett, his sister Carroll Robinson (Paul) and Gary Wilson (Joan) and children Amanda and Kevin.

nephews Larry Barr (Hozumi) and children Tousei and Daisen of Vancouver, Lorne is survived by his brother-in-law Don Barr (Maryann) of Fort Steele, BC, family and the medical staff of East Kootenay Regional Hospital in Cranbrook.

battled cancer for 3+ years before requiring brief additional care from his moved to his log cabin on Twin Bays Road just outside of Kaslo, BC. Lorne's Working life in Trail was at Cominco; Lorne retired around 1991 and he west side of Trail to Rossland; he enjoyed the rope tow in the early days of and golfing. He enjoyed skiing on Red Mountain and Granite as it was a naturalist.  His activities often included hunting and fishing trips, skiing on several occasions for family visits.

Lorne always had a fondness for the great outdoors and was somewhat of a naturalist. His activities often included hunting and fishing trips, skiing and golfing. He enjoyed skiing on Red Mountain and Granite as it was known then. Lorne would hitch-hike or ride his bike with his skis from the west side of Trail to Rossland; he enjoyed the rope tow in the early days of the mountain. Lorne hunted across northern BC and enjoyed many years of fishing and golfing across BC and Alberta.


Working life in Trail was at Cominco; Lorne retired around 1991 and he moved to his log cabin on Twin Bays Road just outside of Kaslo, BC. Lorne's log cabin was his dream, living there independently for 27 years. Lorne battled cancer for 3+ years before requiring brief additional care from his family and the medical staff of East Kootenay Regional Hospital in Cranbrook.

Lorne is survived by his brother-in-law Don Barr (Maryann) of Fort Steele, BC, nephews Larry Barr (Hozumi) and children Tousei and Daisen of Vancouver, BC, Ron Barr (Sally) and children Lily and Tanner of Toronto, ON and niece Jayne Taylor of Vancouver, BC. Lorne is also survived by cousins Marlene Robin (Paul) and Gary Wilson (Joan) and children Amanda and Kevin. Lorne was predeceased by his infant son Ronald Howlett, his sister Carroll Barr, and niece Lorna Barr. He will be missed by many additional family and friends from Kootenay Lake and the surrounding area.

Lorne will be laid to rest in the Trail Mountain View Cemetery next to his father Lawrence Howlett, mother Edith Elisabeth Howlett and his son Ronald Howlett.

A service was held at McPherson Funeral Home in Cranbrook, BC on Saturday, September 15th, 2018 at 11:00 am.

Arrangements entrusted to McPherson Funeral Service. Condolences for the family can be offered at: www.mcpersonsonfh.com

The OCP and zoning bylaw amendments (omnibus) were adopted.

Two new art exhibitions at the Langham submitted

You are invited to play!

Interactive exhibition Child’s Play by Krestova college artist Natasha Smith features artworks that reference old children’s games, initiating audience participation and encouraging us to play. Viewers are invited to interact with (yes, touch!) this installation of original artworks.

• The City Gallery A Brush with the Wild showcases the watercolour paintings of 10 Kasco-based artists. This group exhibition features unique perspectives of the mountains, lakes, and occupants of the local area. Exhibits run from October 5 – December 16, 2018.

month talks, music, snacks! Free to the public at the Langham Galleries opening reception Friday October 5, 7 to 9 pm.

Lorne Delmer Howlett

October 21st, 1934 - September 6th, 2018

Located at the Kaslo and District Arena, a letter from Mayor Hewat to Minister of Environment George Heyman regarding the alleged dumping of contaminated water on municipal property near the airport on July 31 was included in the agenda package. Mayor Hewat states: “On behalf of council and all residents, I would urge the Minister to ensure that not only those cases that particular piece of legislation are ultimately charged and punished if appropriate, but that those responsible for generating and inappropriately disposing of the waste through a third party are equally identified and held to account. Mayor Hewat goes on to draw the Minister’s attention to the vulnerability of private/unregulated water system users in such a scenario, both outside and within municipal boundaries. They appear to have little recourse beyond civil actions to recover damages incurred when an event like this occurs.

• The Kaslo Outdoor Recreation and Trails Society (KORTS) is planning to repair the large washout that occurred in 2012 on the north side of the Kaslo River Trail – but not until they’ve raised all the funds for the project. Fundraising is estimated to take two years. No wheelchairs can access the Trail during this period because of the washout. Council agreed to provide support in principle for the project.

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New Denver Council September 11: a very quiet meeting
by Katrine Campbell

- Lucerne School was granted permission to close 8th Ave from 7:30 am to 1:30 pm September 28 to accommodate the 10th annual Harvest Fest. Usually the school asks for closure of 7th Ave in front of the school but made the change because of parking issues “and to facilitate zucchini races,” Village staff will place barricades that morning.
- Mayor Ann Bunka (who was absent due to attending the Union of BC Municipalities conference) will attend a dinner to mark the first British Home Child Day in Canada. She has been asked to make the official announcement proclaiming the day. British Home Children were poor children, some but not all orphans, who were shipped to Canada between 1869 and 1948 and used as indentured labourers on farms and domestic servants in households.

Silverton/New Denver Trail Society folds at AGM
by Katrine Campbell
At its Annual General Meeting September 6, members of the Silverton/New Denver Trail Society voted to dissolve and turn over its assets to the North Slocan Trails Society.

Director Carol Bell reported she had talked to the Villages, who then asked the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to make Hwy 6 as wide as possible during resurfacing to accommodate non-motorized traffic. This was done, but only in areas where the terrain was suitable. To blast out and build the road wider would have cost $1 million a mile, Bell said.

Last year the society hired Vern Gustafson to prepare a preliminary report on the trail’s feasibility. He walked the route and said a lot of work would be needed to create the between-villages trail, and it would have to cross the highway in some areas. Bell also said Area H director Walter Popoff was “very much in favour” and would do “everything he could to open doors at the regional district.”

Mike Koolen, on behalf of the North Slocan Trail Society, said the society would accept the approximately $3,875 in funds with the proviso the money would be used for a feasibility study. Gustafson’s report would be a good start for a full study, he said.
First British Home Child Day in Canada to be celebrated

by Art Joyce

This September 28 will be a historic occasion—Canada’s first national British Home Child Day. The celebration honours the families of the more than 100,000 boys and girls who were shipped to Canada between 1869 and 1948 to work as indentured labourers. Across Canada, historians and descendants of these child immigrants will be hosting special events. A local celebration for British Home Children descendants and their families will be hosted at the Camp Café on September 29 with MP Richard Cannings, Mayor Ann Bunka and Mayor Jason Clarke present to mark the occasion.

The event is being organized by Valley Voice reporter Art Joyce, who wrote a book on the Home Children and who briefed former MP Alex Atamanenko and current MP Dick Cannings on this issue.

When the motion to declare September 28 British Home Child Day was passed in Canadian Parliament on February 7 this year, its sponsor, MP Guy Lauzon, was justly proud. All political parties were given a chance to vote on the motion and it passed unanimously. Among those speaking in favour of the motion on behalf of the NDP was MP Cannings.

Every year since the end of WWII we honour our veterans. Yet it’s only during the past 20 years or so Canadians have even been aware of the child immigrants, thanks to the sellswell work of historians and volunteer advocates. It’s estimated that four million Canadians are their descendants, and about 10,000 British Home Children served their country in World War I alone. Despite facing intense personal hardship, neglect and often abuse, these boys and girls helped build the Canada we know today. Their labour—mostly unpaid—subsidized a nascent agricultural industry long before farm mechanization became the norm.

Separated from both their parents and their siblings, these children faced a lonely childhood thousands of miles from their families in Britain, isolated on remote Canadian homesteads. Some would never see their families again. Others would take a lifetime to reunite with parents, brothers or sisters. Very few would speak of their childhood to their own children because of the shame they had been made to feel by society at the time. As the poorest of the poor, they were called “gutter trash,” “waifs and strays,” and other derogatory terms, seen not so much as individuals but as a social problem for Britain to solve.

Canadians were falsely led to believe these children were orphans who had been living on the streets of British cities, but in truth only two percent were, says MP Linda Duncan. “Most of the children came from intact families that had fallen on hard times. It was because of a lack of a social safety net that these families had no other choice but to surrender their children.”

The solution—shipping them in groups of up to 200 boys or girls to the colonies of Canada, Australia and New Zealand—was designed to offload Britain’s poverty problem while keeping the colonies white. Australian children suffered the added trauma of being housed in institutions run by the Christian Brothers that were rampant with sexual abuse. Australia’s former Prime Minister, Kevin Rudd, apologized to that country’s child migrant families in 2009. Britain’s former Prime Minister Gordon Brown offered an official apology in 2010, Canada finally passed a House of Commons motion of apology on February 15, 2017.

Certainly, for some of these children, Canada was a step up from the depths of poverty in British cities, estimated in the late 1800s to be as high as 30% in London alone. Some, like Joe Harwood, thrived in their new country. Harwood became a prominent businessman in Vernon following his arrival there in the 1890s, eventually serving on hospital and school boards. Another success story was the namesake for Nelson’s high school, LV Rogers, who was sent on his own to Ontario at the tender age of five. Thanks to his native intelligence and the kindness of his host families, he attained a teaching degree and served part of the Nelson High School from 1922 to 1946. His kind nature and skill as a teacher made him hugely popular with students.

Judy Neville, a strong advocate for British Home Child (BHC) families, was ecstatic when the news of the BHC Day motion passed. “My hope going forward is that we will collect, preserve and share the stories of these children and make sure this is taught in history classes across Canada.”

Government partners with communities on wildfire risks

Investment (CRI) Program takes a holistic approach to wildfire risk reduction and fuel management treatments, and will consider fire prevention activities on provincial Crown land and private land, in addition to local government and reserve land.

A key component of the new program is that it allows communities to apply for funding to cover up to 100% of their wildfire risk reduction projects, as opposed to the previous cost-sharing requirements. The types of activities eligible for funding have also been expanded to include more activities covered by the FireSmart program’s seven disciplines.

The Community Resiliency Investment Program will replace the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative. The new program will include two distinct funding streams: FireSmart Community Funding and Supports; First Nations and local governments can apply for funding of up to $100,000 for activities that will help reduce wildfire risks; High Value Assets and Critical Infrastructure Protection: This program is currently being developed and will focus on protecting important, provincially owned infrastructure (power lines and highways) from wildfire threats.

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Preference will be given to applicants with knowledge and experience in building restoration and site management. Please submit a resume and cover letter to:

Village of New Denver, Attention: Bruce Woodbury, CAO
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Email: office@newdenver.ca
In person: 115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver

This position will remain posted until filled. All applicants are thanked for their interest—only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Slocan Lake Golf Club

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The Corporation of the Village Office Slocan 503 Slocan Street, Slocan, BC V0G 2C0

NOTICE OF TAX SALE

The following property will be sold at the Annual Tax Sale on Monday, September 24th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Municipal Office, Village of Slocan, 503 Slocan Street, unless the Delinquent Taxes with interest are paid prior to the sale.

~ Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer

Property transfers resulting from municipal tax sales are subject to tax under the Property Transfer Tax Act.
September 20, 2018  The Valley Voice

Celebrating 10 years of Harvest Festival at Lucerne School in New Denver

submitted

Lucerne School’s annual harvest festival promises to be bigger and better than ever as it celebrates its 10th anniversary. What began as kids showing off their produce and children in the zucchini race cars has grown to encompass square dancing, livestock displays, cob oven bread and a pie-baking contest open to the community.

The festival to celebrate the fall bounty starts at 9 am September 28 and runs until 1 pm. All are invited to participate in the fun events. Bring your large, perfect or unusual fruits and vegetables for the harvest display tables. Awards will be given for the biggest pumpkin, the best flower bouquet, the best vegetable art, the best fall photo and the prettiest preserve.

Bakers are encouraged to bring their favourite pie and enter the contest. Pies will be judged on taste and presentation by a lucky panel of local judges.

Take a coffee break to fight dementia

September is World Alzheimer’s Month and the Alzheimer Society of BC is inviting everyone to bring farm life to Lucerne school fields and allow locals to show off their favourite livestock, poultry, bunnies or equine friends. To display your animal(s), call Julia at 358-2745. Kerry Heichert’s donkey will also be back, if she can convince him. Portable fences will be set up to house animals.

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by Jan McMurray

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New seniors housing grand opening September 27

Gerald Walker 1941–2018
Gerald (Jerry) Robert James Walker passed away of natural causes on August 24th, 2018 at the home of a friend in the Slocan Valley. He was 77.

Jerry was born on August 24th, 1941 in Elora, AB, the youngest child of Harold Walker and Winifred Walker (née Lowe, later Utke). He is survived by his daughter Tessa CJ Walker of Portland, OR, his former partner Stephanie Judy of Kaslo B.C., and his sisters Elizabeth Truant of Trail, BC and Barbara Walker of Vancouver BC and their extended families.

Jerry grew up in the Okanagan, graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1965 with a degree in music, and settled in Slocan Park in the 1970s where he worked as an electrician and plumber.

Jerry was independent, eccentric, and always interacted with the world on his own terms. He loved classical and jazz music, electronics, the I Ching, and walking the land around his home in Slocan Park. It was common to see him hitchhiking in the valley, or driving under the speed limit while shaving or flossing his teeth.

Jerry was cremated as he wished, and his ashes scattered without a ceremony. In memory of Jerry, have a sit outside and listen to some Glenn Gould or Thelonious Monk.

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER
PUBLIC NOTICES
PLANNED POWER OUTAGE
Residents and property owners are reminded that there is a planned power outage scheduled for Sunday, September 23, 2018, from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. to enable BC Hydro crews to complete upgrades to the distribution system.

SPRINKLING RESTRICTIONS END
With the arrival of fall weather, the Village of New Denver has removed restrictions on sprinkling. All residents are thanked for their compliance this past summer, and their continued efforts to reduce water consumption.

CAMPFIRE BAN LIFTED
As a result of the recent rain, the provincial campfire ban has been lifted. Small campfires and cooking fires (contained and having a surface area of less than four square feet) are now permitted within the municipal boundaries.

OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS
All residents and visitors are reminded that outdoor burning is regulated within the Village of New Denver and permits are required for all outdoor fires except cooking fires. Buring permits for small fires (less than 3 feet high and 5 feet wide) to burn yard and garden debris are available at no cost from the Village Office until November 15. If wind and weather are keeping smoke too close to the ground and affecting your neighbours please wait for a better day to burn.

Red Mountain Internet prepares to hand over to Columbia Wireless
“We have begun negotiations with Columbia Wireless to assume responsibility for the RMIS clients with little or no interruption of service,” the directors’ report said.

However, the current directors (Larry Lavan, Diane Germain, Carol Bell, Ken Ormerod and Alan DeCheser) will stay on the board to carry on the negotiations, and the actual dissolution will happen at the 2019 AGM. The proposal is to have Columbia Wireless take over the fixed assets such as towers, tools, radios and routers; the total value of these is more than $200,000, which is why negotiations are necessary.

CW’s Ben Leslie was on hand to answer questions from the 20 or so people who attended the meeting. Leslie promised a seamless transition which would take “a couple of hours, at most,” and faster speeds due to less competition for bandwidth. There is a possibility of putting a tower on the west side of Slocan Lake to beam coverage to areas hidden from the existing towers. The base package, he said, would be $65/ month for 75 GB.

Other items included in the directors’ report was the “costly incident of vandalism” July 25, which cost the RMIS more than $2,000 and was reported to the RCMP. The total current liability is $267.46. However, there is a long-term liability of $56,727.79, which is the amount Larry Lavan spent from his own pocket to get the service up and running.

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The Valley Voice   September 20, 2018

The Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society wants to let the public get a glimpse before tenants move in and before the weather changes.

“We call it a ‘soft’ grand opening,” says president Rita Moir. “There are three quadruplexes and we’ll tour the most completed one.”

The event starts out from the Slocan Legion at 5:30 with a ceremonial three-block Hike to Housing. It will start out with greetings from Betty Windsor (who also kicked off the hike two years ago), huggies and a special carriage conveying Lydia Kania, the oldest hiker, who has raised about $16,000 for construction of both Passmore Lodge 20 years ago and now the Slocan City Suites.

At the Suites, there will be brief greetings from dignitaries including Mayor Jessica Lunn, MLA Katrine Conroy, former MLA and Trust representative Corky Evans, Area H director Walter Popoff, Leah Main for SVECD, and BC Housing. Then the tour of one- and two-bedroom suites begins, followed by a celebration at the Legion and the housing society’s AGM for those who wish to stay.

Bring your umbrella and wear sensible shoes!

“The new project is funded by BC Housing and the Columbia Basin Trust, with significant contributions from local fundraising efforts, the Village of Slocan, RDKC, Heritage Credit Union, Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission (SVECD), Slocan Valley Community Legacy Society, CMHC, Bartel Skeete, the Slocan Legion and many individuals, businesses and organizations. The Village leased the land to the housing society, professionals donated large amounts of time and expertise, and board members contributed thousands of volunteer hours.

“This is a huge project for our volunteer board,” said Moir, “and we could never have done it without the work of designer Eric Clough and coordinator Tamara Smith. And we specifically thank the Village of Slocan and staff for all their help throughout.”

NDBC Construction, a local firm, is building the project using local labour.
All suites have been filled except for the unit specifically adapted for a disabled person. For more information about it, please call 250-226-7113. With the Slocan City Suites and Passmore Lodge, the SVSHS is providing affordable housing in the Slocan Valley for seniors whose housing was no longer appropriate for their needs, and who want to stay connected with their community.

Slocan Valley
the new seniors’ housing complex that celebrates its grand opening September 27. The Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing...
Slocan Lake Dragon can now see where it’s going

submitted
The Slocan Lake Dark Water Dragons (DWD) proudly debuted their boat’s new head and tail on their paddle-by at Garlic Fest this year. These additions to the dragon boat were crafted by local artisan Paul Gibbons and generously donated to the group.

He started work in May 2017 and it took him more than 500 hours to make the dragon head and tail. “It was quite a challenge to make the dragon strong but light,” Gibbons said, “and to fit it to the dimensions of the boat, as well as making it easy to take on and off. It was great to see it finally on the water with all the paddlers on board.”

The Dark Water Dragon crew were all thrilled to be part of the inaugural paddle and everyone on the team is very appreciative of Gibbons’ artistic contribution to their boat. A couple of members remarked on how menacing we must have looked from the shore.

Gibbons, a Silverton musician and occasional sculptor, made hundreds of masks and a variety of sculptural sets for the Snake in the Grass Moving Theatre company at the UBC Museum of Anthropology. The Dark Water Dragons usually paddle from May/June to September/October depending on the weather. They are a non-competitive recreational club for both men and women from the local area. Dragon boating is an excellent exercise regardless of your age or skill level; no experience is necessary. They are always looking for new members, so if you are interested in joining the crew, making new friends and enjoying our beautiful lake give Kay a call at 358-7280 for more information.

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David Orcutt’s ‘Puppets from the Past’ at Sleep is for Sissies

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The late David Orcutt (1923-2009), longtime Slocan Valley resident, was a puppeteer and pioneer in visual animation in addition to his other many talents (visual artist, visionary, educator, creator of WorldSign Communications system). For the month of October, ‘Puppets from the Past’ – a retrospective exhibit featuring David’s vintage puppets – will be on display at Sleep is for Sissies in Winlaw. The show kicks off on October 1 at 7 pm.

Come and see David’s original acetate rod shadow puppets, which were used on the CBC’s 1950s children’s television shows Alice through the Looking Glass and The Peppermint Prince, and original footage from David’s stint at CBC from 1955 to 1957.

“You’ll get an up-close glimpse of the stunning simplicity and effectiveness of vintage shadow puppets and play,” says Safire Jones, who put the show together with financial assistance from the Slocan Valley Community Arts Council. “I hope the show will inspire some shadow play on the walls of your own homes.”

Sleep is for Sissies is under new management and continues to offer scrumptious food and beverages. Where possible, the food is organic and sourced locally.

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Lucas Myers’ latest one-man show Kaslovia at the Langham
To honour Kaslo’s 125th birthday, the Langham kicks off its guest artist series with a special Langham production, A Beginner’s Guide to Kaslovia, written and performed by Lucas Myers. The show is PG/13ish and contains some adult material.

BC Timber Sales Operating Plan #18 Arrow Timber Supply Area (TSA)
The public is invited to review and comment on proposed Operating Plan #18 being prepared by Yucwmenilucwu (Caretakers of the Land) LLP in partnership with BC Timber Sales under BCTS’ approved Forest Stewardship Plan #601.
Written comments will be accepted on or before October 4, 2018.
Operating Plan #18 includes proposed logging and road construction located in the vicinity of New Denver and Silverton at:
- Bartlett Creek
Maps can be viewed online at: https://tinyurl.com/y87g98ed
Written comments are to be submitted to:
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**Colours of Grief: an art-based workshop in Kaslo**

by Jan McMurray

New owners at the Domes in New Denver

Gerald and Abi Wagner had stayed at the Domes in New Denver a few times while on vacation, and loved it. Now they are the proud new owners of the unique accommodations business.

The couple sold their adventure tourism lodge in Golden in May, and thought about moving to Nelson. “But we kept gravitating to New Denver,” Abi says.

They looked at a few New Denver businesses for sale, and then decided to call the owners of the Domes, Joan Morgan and Salah Eldeib, to see if they would be interested in selling. Gerald and Abi took over the business on July 1.

“We jumped right in and are having a great first season,” Gerald said. “Now we’re looking forward to the quieter time so we can meet some people and really get to know the community.”

Both Gerald and Abi say they are keen to get involved – and it’s not just talk. Gerald has tossed his hat into the ring for a seat on New Denver council.

The couple plans to keep the Domes open year round, but will take some time for a holiday, probably in November. “We’re looking forward to being part of the community,” Abi said.

by Jan McMurray

**The Domes in New Denver**

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250-358-7242
BC Community Forest Association (BCCFA) has released its annual report which summarizes the benefits of community forestry in BC.

Forty community forests participated in the survey, providing data from their last reporting year. This sample represents 93% of the operating community forests in the BCCFA. Most are small rural communities, with an average population of 3,360.

George Becke, manager of the Wells Gray Community Forest and president of the BCCFA said this about the report: “Every community forest is working to fulfill the range of expectations defined by their local community. We created 18 indicators to measure how they are doing. This report, our fourth annual, not only shows that data, it includes dozens of stories and photos about how community forest organizations are creating incredible economic, social, cultural and environmental benefits for their Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities.”

This year’s results show that community forests are creating 63% more jobs/ cubic metre of wood than the industry average in their forestry operations. They operate in sensitive areas, while reliably supplying logs to both major processing facilities and small manufacturers. They are showing leadership in reducing the risk of wildfire to their communities and have a significant role in the process of First Nations reconciliation beyond the legal requirements of the tenure.

A community forest agreement (CFA) is an area-based forest licence managed by a local government, community group, First Nation, or a partnership of local governments, First Nations and community groups, for the benefit of the entire community.

The BCCFA is a network of rural community-based organizations engaged in community forest management, and those seeking to establish new community forests. They represent over 90 rural and Indigenous communities across the province.

Find the Indicators Report and Executive Summary on the BCCFA website (bccfa.ca).

On September 30 from 1-4 pm, join poet Fred Wah at Touchstones Gallery in Nelson for a creative workshop that will consider juxtapositions between creative writing and images. Participants are asked to bring an image (photograph, sketch, painting, etc) of a local Kootenay waterway along with a short piece of creative writing (poetry, fiction, creative non-fiction) that relates to the photo. Wah will introduce the topic with reference to his recent collaborative project on the Columbia River, beholden: a poem as long as the river (riverrelations.ca/new-page), which was displayed at Touchstones recently.

During the workshop, there will be time to look at, discuss, and listen to each person’s image/text. Digital projection is available and, since the workshop is limited to 10, participants are asked to bring 10 copies of their text to share. Attendees must preregister at Touchstones Nelson and the cost is $20 plus GST. Cash, cheque, and debit are preferred. Registration is first come, first serve.

This workshop is brought to you by Kootenay Co-op Radio and Touchstones Nelson, with support from the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance, and the Osprey Community Foundation.

Fred Wah is a former Parliamentary Poet Laureate and has published a variety of poetry, fiction, and non-fiction. He lives in Vancouver and on Kootenay Lake.

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**Rental housing shortage in Nakusp prompts Rental Property Management Feasibility Study**

**by Jan McMurray**

The Nakusp and Area Development Board (NADB) is tackling the rental housing shortage in Nakusp. The organization conducted a survey on the issue earlier this year, and has now issued a Request for Proposals for a Rental Property Management Feasibility Study.

“The purpose of the feasibility study – assuming a positive outcome – is to encourage someone in the commercial sector to establish a property management service,” explains Andi Gabb of the NADB. The information gathered in the feasibility study will be shared with anyone interested in establishing such a business in the community.

Gabb says the NADB feels that a rental property management business would improve the housing situation in Nakusp, as property owners would be more inclined to put their properties onto the market if there were a professional company available to manage the rentals. Also, the property management company would serve as a centralized source of information for potential renters regarding available properties.

Proposals for the feasibility study are due September 24, and the successful proponent is expected to be chosen by October 10. The Request for Proposals document is posted at www.nadb.ca.

After identifying the shortage of rental housing as a barrier to economic development during a planning exercise in late 2017/early 2018, the NADB conducted a survey in March. The survey garnered 74 responses. Gabb says the major conclusions of the survey were as follows.

While people were searching for a variety of accommodation, most were looking for a “small house” as a single person, a couple or a small family. The majority of respondents relied on word of mouth to find accommodation. People were prepared to pay up to $500/month for a room, up to $750 for a small house and up to $1,500 for a large house or an acreage. The rent expectations of landlords were a little higher than those of potential renters. Nearly 40% of the respondents had spent over six months looking for accommodation. Most people were looking to rent for a year or more with over a quarter prepared to rent for over three years.

Of the landlords responding, most indicated that they had suites or small houses for rent.

**Community comes together to help boy with bone cancer**

**by Jan McMurray**

The Arrow and Slocan Lakes community came together last month to make a difference for Alfie Rixon, an 11-year-old boy with bone cancer. Alfie and his family lived in New Denver for a few years before they returned to the UK.

Katrina Sumrall, Alfie’s former teacher at Lucerne School, was contacted by Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services about the Return It Forward Program. The program is in place to raise funds for community causes. People can donate their returnable beverage containers at a Return It Forward trailer located near the Nakusp Village office, and community organizations sort the containers and keep the proceeds.

The program is a partnership between ASLCS and Nakusp PharmaChoice.

“We made $1,345 in three hours!” Sumrall reports. Three of Alfie’s former classmates – Yonah, Anatoli, and Nikoli – and a few adults from New Denver all went up to Nakusp to sort the bottles and cans from the Return It Forward trailer.

Drew Farrell, another of Alfie’s friends from Sumrall’s class, took in over $300 in donations for Alfie at a table at the New Denver Friday Market, and Sumrall’s class decided to top up the donation to $1,800 by taking money out of their class account.

Sumrall says that Alfie has two more rounds of chemotherapy and then he will likely have surgery. “So our plan is to do another big fundraiser when it comes to surgery time,” Sumrall said.

Sumrall also reminds the community that the Terry Fox Run/Walk/Ride event is happening on September 27 at 11 am, starting at Lucerne School in New Denver. “We are hoping for really good participation this year – if we raise $3,000, the principal will dye his hair pink,” she says.
New history booklet explores the life of Martin Fry
by Art Joyce

A new chapter in the communities. Published by Chameleon Fire Editions as booklet number seven in the Slocan History Series, it provides an overview of Fry's life between 1861 and 1892.

Although by today's standards Fry would be considered uneducated, at a time when settler society was just getting established, he had the skills that counted. He was adept as a hunter and handyman, trapper and fur trader, prospector and miner, oyster fisher, cook, carpenter, boat builder—what used to be known as a 'jack-of-all-trades' before the working world became specialized. He was also one of the West Kootenay's first white homesteaders and farmers, as well as being a well-read schoolteacher.

Cole Harris cautions that, as with any memoir, his grandfather's impressions of Fry are filtered through his own grandfather’s impressions of Fry were not a life of repetitive, routine work. Fry thus quickly adapted to the mining rush of the Slocan Valley, realizing that staking out town sites was as good an investment strategy as actually mining ore.

Cole Harris, Frontiersman is available at local outlets, including Raven's Nest and the Silvery Slocan Museum in New Denver, the Sandon Museum, and Otter Books in Nelson. It can also be purchased as an e-book online at slocanhistoryseries.ca.

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In particular, we wish to thank the following:
• The people of New Denver, and especially Orchard residents, for welcoming the Garlic Festival into Centennial Park once again.
• Mayor Ann Bunka, Village Council, and the Village staff for their support and assistance.
• Tracy Brown, campground host, for her help throughout the weekend.
• Mel Swanson for machine assistance.
• Alex Joseph for being quick to respond to our call.
• Volunteers from Hills and elsewhere who cheerfully contributed their time and energy.
• The Outlet Youth Centre and Grad 2019 class for welcoming the Festival and keeping the live music moving.
• Katrina Sumrall and all the Green Team volunteers for managing waste and recyclables, especially for their efforts in making the composting system a success and leading us in the direction of a Zero Waste Event.
• Mountain Station and Ojo de Agua for fantastic music, Flydini the Magician and Bubbles the Clown for great family entertainment and bringing joy and smiles throughout the day.
• Bill Johnston for being an awesome MC.
• Jeff Pilster for technical expertise.
• All the vendors who brought produce, food, crafts, services, and information to the Garlic Festival and who contributed to the Hills Recreation Society raffle baskets.
• The community at large for supporting the Garlic Festival as a fun event and a fundraiser for the entire community.

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Tourism Information/Boat Information

Valhalla Pines Guesthouse and Campground - Nakusp
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valhallapines.com
www.valhallapines.com
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April 1 - October 31, weather permitting. Serviced (30/35) Unserviced sites (25). Water and power, water and septic available at designated sites. Reservations recommended.

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MUSEUMS

Nikki Interment Memorial Centre National Historic Site
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The Kaslo Housing Society (KHS) wants the electorate and all the candidates in the upcoming local elections to consider the impact they can and do have on housing.

“When it comes to issues of affordability and availability of housing, people have come to assume that non-profit societies, rather than government, will be moving the agenda forward,” says Erika Bird, chair of the non-profit housing society. “It’s been decades since any level of government has put significant resources into creating non-market housing, or has introduced effective legislation against real estate speculation, so that’s not surprising.”

Municipal and regional governments have roles to play in addressing these issues, which have profound implications for our economy and social fabric. Our economy, not to mention our belief in ourselves as a viable, thriving community, depends on housing security. KHS is very grateful that the Kaslo mayor and council have already shown their resolve by granting the Kaslo Housing Society a 99-year lease on a property behind the Public Works yard. The goal for that property is to create eight to 10 units of non-market housing for single people, seniors and families, that will remain affordable for generations to come.

But even that addition to local housing stocks will not solve the shortfall which is projected to become even more problematic for those in the lower income brackets, or for seniors hoping to downsize.

On Wednesday, October 10, the Kaslo Housing Society wants to explore with community and election candidates just what the Village of Kaslo and the RDCK are doing – and what we think they should do – to influence housing affordability and availability. The Society is hosting an open house and all-candidates forum at JV Humphries School. At the open house, information will be provided about what municipalities can do and what some of them are doing.

Bird believes candidates will welcome the opportunity to articulate their views on topics such as short-term rentals, the disposition of Village land for affordable housing projects or community land trusts, our area’s ‘dark homes’ or their vision for new development on Village-owned land south of the Kaslo River.

The open house and forum will give voters a chance to find out whose views line up with their expectations. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and seek clarification of candidate viewpoints. KHS is also asking all candidates to put their thoughts in writing, answering a survey on affordable housing. Their answers will be made public after the election.

Short documentary on Japanese Canadian internment to be shot in New Denver

by Jan McMurray

A short documentary on the internment of Japanese Canadians in BC during WWII is scheduled to be shot in New Denver this fall with the latest 360 video technology.

Kelowna-based VR360 Media Inc. has received a $5,000 grant from the National Association of Japanese Canadians Endowment Fund to produce the film, and is raising further funds for the project on the crowdfunding website, Indiegogo.

Graham Cairns, director, writer and producer of the film, says he stumbled upon the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre in New Denver 12 years ago. Fast forward to a year ago, when it occurred to him that the Japanese Canadian internment story would be an interesting one to tell using virtual reality video, using the Nikkei Centre as the set.

"With virtual reality, the viewer has a 360-degree view and is essentially there in the film," Cairns explained. “I thought it would be interesting to do re-enactments in the Nikkei Centre with performers in period costume. For viewers, it’ll be like taking a time machine back to that time and place.”

Because this year marks the 30th anniversary of the Japanese Canadian Redress Agreement, Cairns is pushing to shoot the film this year. He says the story will start at Hastings Park, where Japanese Canadians were rounded up before being sent to internment camps, move on to a steam engine sequence in the Okanagan, and then to New Denver.

“We’re trying to capture a day in the life,” Cairns said. “The internment is a huge topic – there are so many components to this story. Instead of trying to jam it all into one film, this may be the beginning of a series.”

Cairns has been working with the Nikkei Museum in Burnaby, the Koyowaki Society in New Denver, and the New Denver Village office.

“We want the film to be accurate, and we want to be sensitive,” said Cairns.

Visitors to the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre in New Denver will be able to watch the video. “In appreciation for production support, we will be leaving VR headsets pre-loaded with the video at the Nikkei Centre in New Denver to enhance the visitor experience and preserve the history,” Cairns said.

“The company will be putting out a casting call in our area soon. “We’re planning to hire locally as much as we can, so we’re hoping there will be interest.”

Cairns would also like the film to be “a really outstanding, authentic experience.” Anyone wishing to help can make a contribution through the company’s website: www.vr360media.ca.

Old Fire Hall opens farm tool library

The Old Fire Hall Collective Society (OFHCS) is another step closer to realizing its vision of making the Old Fire Hall an agricultural hub for Nakusp and area. In July it received a grant of $17,284 from the CBT Community Initiatives Program to purchase agricultural equipment for a tool library.

As an integral part of the Society’s mission to assist in the advancement of local food production and encourage small-scale farmers, the board had identified a tool library as a fundamental need. Many essential farming tools are costly and used for just a few days a year, but many farmers are unable to afford them. The board had identified a need for a tool library in the area and decided it would be a valuable asset.

The equipment was delivered on August 31; when the society has its rental policy in place it will be available to Nakusp and area farmers and gardeners.

The high quality Italian made BCS equipment is very popular in Europe, and there, similar to our region, small plot farming requires machines that are highly versatile and manoeuvrable. The rotary plow attachment can build ridges up to 12 inches high, 7 inches deep, dig shallow swales and hill potatoes. It is excellent for a first turning of sod as its augmented plow slices the earth and flips it over, resulting in maximum aeration with minimum soil compaction.

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Pat Bowsen of Savvy Equipment in Kelowna, spent a morning with Old Fire Hall Collective Society board members, demonstrating how to safely operate their newly acquired farm tools.
Sylvan Reflections at Nakusp Library
submitted
Artist/author Barbara Brown will be showing her paintings and reading from her book SYLVAN REFLECTIONS: Wanderings, Paintings and Ponderings From the Forest cared for 25 years, she has a special way of perceiving the world and translating her experiences onto canvass. In the book, she takes us on a journey through the forest, sharing her musings on nature, life, and her love for the land.

This beautifully designed book features 16 original oil paintings as well as numerous other illustrations and musings on the forest. It is also enriched with nature lore and inspirational quotes from some of the writer’s favorite muses. This is a book you will pick up again and again.

Brown is no stranger to Kootenay residents and travellers; for many years, as Raven Creations, she produced the widely-distributed annual West Kootenay map. Now she has taken those skills to make a dream come true and to present her art to the world.

For the Nakusp Public Library, we extend our thanks to Barbara Brown for sharing her talents and allowing us to host this exhibition. We encourage all to come and enjoy the display of her work. The show is scheduled to run from September 6 to October 6, 2018.

The move toward supporting adaptive sports started three years ago, with the participation of adaptive bike athlete Ellieh Brown and the fillip of board member Mike Koolen – Koolen was instrumental in the development of the AMTB Spine Trail in Rosebery. The two motivated the question: how can Sufferfest get more people of all abilities involved?

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SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Will be held on Saturday, October 20th, at 2 pm at the Archives, located in the Centennial Building, #92 6th Ave NW, Nakusp (behind the library and museum). Memberships will be available for purchase at the meeting. Refreshments will be served.

NAKUSP & THE ARROW LAKES
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PUBLIC MEETING
Edgewood Water System Project Update
The Regional District of Central Kootenay invites Edgewood residents to a public meeting where they will be provided with an update on the Edgewood Water System upgrade project and Wellhead Protection Plan.

Wednesday, October 10, 2018
at 6:00 pm
Edgewood Legion
234 Grandby Drive
Edgewood, BC

Annie Beatrice (Evelyn) Thorpe
nee Nelson
1925 – 2018

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September 20, 2018   The Valley Voice

by Claire Paradis

In the back room of The Lodge in Nakusp a group of trail builders, adaptive bikers and marketing specialists met on September 14 and 15 to discuss Kootenay Sufferfest’s future direction.

Janis Neufeld, Kootenay Sufferfest Society president and project manager for the Nakusp and Area Bike Society’s (NABS) Mount Arief bike trails and campground project, announced that Sufferfest will be undergoing some major changes. Thanks to great response to last summer’s adaptive mountain biking (aMTB) and stand-up paddleboard camp, Sufferfest is moving further into exploring how to get people with spinal cord injuries out and active.

Neufeld said she feels as though Sufferfest is “on the verge of something amazing,” and compared the society’s position to standing on top of a mountain with a snowball in hand, ready to roll it downhill and watch it grow. Neufeld sees a large future for Sufferfest, which she states is leading the charge in adaptive summer sports like mountain biking.

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Basin sees increased support from the Trust

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Columbia Basin Trust delivered a record $57 million in funding benefits and commercial investments to residents and communities in the Columbia Basin region, as released in its 2017/18 Annual Service Plan Report recently. This included $2.7 million in capital investments related to broadband and economic development, $5.3 million in business loans and commercial properties, and $49 million to support 1,600 projects and partnerships through 65 active programs and initiatives.

“Being able to deliver this many programs is a testament to how much effort Basin residents, organizations and communities put into making this region the best it can be,” said Johnny Strilaeff, Columbia Basin Trust President and Chief Executive Officer. “While we’re proud to be able to deliver such extensive support, we’re even more proud of how people in the Basin use this support to make a difference.”

In 2017/18, the Trust earned $64 million in revenues – up from the previous year’s $59 million. This was primarily due to the solid performance of its investment in local hydropower facilities which account for 85% of the revenue. Other sources of revenue include business loans, real estate investments and market securities.

“Our continued strong fiscal performance is a result of carefully investing to ensure we generate a predictable, sustainable and growing income stream to support our delivery of benefits to the region,” Strilaeff said. “The performance of our power facilities exceeded our expectations, contributing to a boost in revenue.”

The Trust supports the ideas and efforts of people and communities in the Basin to strengthen the region’s social, economic and environmental well-being. Through extensive consultation, the Trust developed 13 strategic priorities for 2016-2020, and has made significant progress with many new programs and initiatives announced in 2017/18, including: $28-million partnership with BC Housing to create new affordable housing units over three years and $4.5 million to support First Nations communities with affordable housing over three years; $30 million Ecosystem Enhancement Program that will help maintain and improve ecosystem health and native biodiversity over five years; $3.6-million child care support program to maintain and create new child care spaces over three years; a fibre-optic link between Kaslo and Ballfour to increase broadband capacity in the area through the deployment of a 36-kilometre underwater optical fibre cable in Kootenay Lake; expanded support for arts, culture and heritage, with $11.6 million in programs and support over three years.

Join staff and the board of directors at the Trust’s annual general meeting in Fernie on Friday, September 21 from 4 to 5 pm MT at the Best Western Plus Fernie Mountain Lodge. The AGM will be followed by a free, family-friendly community barbecue from 6 to 8 pm at the Fernie Community Centre that will also feature live, local music. Visit ourtrust.org/ferniefbq for details.

Kootenay Lake Conservation Fund accepting project proposals

submitted

Kootenay Lake Conservation Fund (KLLCF) is now accepting proposals for the Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund (KLLCF). The KLLCF was established by the RDCK in 2014 by referendum and property owners in Electoral Areas A, D and E pay an annual parcel tax of $15. Each year the fund provides financial support to local projects that help conserve and restore the area’s prized natural surroundings.

The KCP, which partners with the RDCK to administer the fund, encourages conservation groups operating in the participating areas to submit funding proposals for 2019 projects. The deadline for applications is November 1. If you have a project idea that can benefit fish and wildlife or other conservation values in the region, please contact KCP program manager Juliet Craig. Community groups and associations can partner with an eligible non-profit to qualify.

“The KLLCF is an excellent resource for local organizations that have projects helping support fish and wildlife habitat, open spaces and water quality,” says Craig.

In 2018, four projects received funding: grizzly bear conservation (Grizzly Bear Coexistence Solutions), water monitoring of north Kootenay Lake (Kootenay Centre for Forestry Alternatives), Western toad conservation in the Fish and Bear Lakes area (Valbella Wilderness Society), and bat enhancement program that will help conserve and restore the area’s prized natural surroundings.

Legacy sign near Revelstoke to mark forced labour

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Kootenay Lake Conservation Fund has financially supported a study and efforts to reduce the highway mortality of this yellow-listed species at risk.

The last of eight highway legacy signs marking the 75th anniversary of the Japanese-Canadian Internment will be unveiled September 28 west of Revelstoke. At 1:30 pm, the Revelstoke-Sicamous Road Camp sign will be unveiled at the Rutherford Beach rest area at Three Valley Gap on Highway 1. The signs were installed in a partnership between the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Legacy Committee of the Japanese-Canadian community.

The internment is fairly well-known in BC history, however, many Japanese-Canadian men were used as forced labour. Able-bodied men were drafted from their families or found work that paid better than the 20¢ per day they got as farm labour.

“This is an historic opportunity to learn about what happened in our own backyard so that we take seriously not to repeat the mistakes of the past.”

For more information and how to apply, please visit kootenayconservation.ca/conservation-funds/KLLCF. For phone or email inquiries, please contact Juliet Craig at 250-352-2260 or juliet@kootenayconservation.ca.

Annual General Meeting

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Friday, September 21, 2018, 4 p.m.

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Pandemonium at Playmor gravel pit

by Moe Lyons

Residents near the Playmor pit feel as if they are under siege. This active gravel operation, run by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI), on Osacoff Road, has seen ever-increasing use in the last while, and the neighbourhood is suffering. On Friday, September 7, over 30 concerned citizens turned up at the pit to meet with various officials to see what can be done.

Numerous MoTI employees attended, led by spokesperson Katie Ward. As well, there was a biologist, and representation from Selkirk Paving and others who work the pit, including the project supervisor, Rob Ostrikoff, Andy Davidoff and Walter Popoff, RDCK Directors for Areas I (rural Castlegar) and H (Slocan Valley) attended the meeting to record and forward citizens’ concerns.

“We were told when we moved that the gravel pit had minimal operations and was going to be decommissioned,” says Judy Lamb-Richardson, who lives across the road and coordinated the response to the situation. “But now it is 100-fold worse. Every truck raises dust. At the very least we need dust control – we’re not getting that. There are very real health concerns here, what with silica, magnesium chloride and other particulates in the air. Everything is covered in dust, everywhere in vehicles and in our houses, and can cause silicosis. The dust is everywhere in vehicles and in our homes and is spread more with each passing vehicle.”

Lamb-Richardson came well prepared for the meeting, with a bulging folder bristling with coloured markers. For every issue raised, she had a response based on established guidelines, legislation and research. Several others also raised various concerns: traffic and speeding; interference with elk during rutting season; an inadequate and poorly maintained Berm, effects of heavy vibration on the water table, as their water comes from wells; endless noise, particularly late at night. Ward pointed out that the noise is suffering from a lack of research. Several others also mentioned the lack of consultation overall in the surrounding community. As well, the residents requested some sort of supervision of traffic, as well as the installation of a pedestrian crosswalk for students crossing over the highway coming from the school to the park and ride, a fruit stand, two schools and a proposed daycare near the turnoff to Osacoff Road. Residents requested a pedestrian crosswalk for students crossing over the highway coming from the school to the park and ride. With ever more highway traffic, it is becoming increasingly dangerous for pedestrians to cross in safety.

Lamb-Richardson addressed the meeting several times, pointing out people knew there was a gravel pit when they moved there and that it is vital to road safety and maintenance. One woman said, “I have lived here for over 40 years, and it has never been like this. Back in 1975 the pit was inactive – the kids played there and people rode their horses through. The ministry at that time told us the pit would remain inactive and that there would be no Thru Road sign, as often people speed down there thinking to bypass the junction. While the crowd seemed to accept that they were going to have to live with the pit, clearly consensus is that the current situation is completely unacceptable.

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Ward denied that the ministry would ever have said that. The pit was re-activated several years later.

While Ward and Lamb-Richardson engaged in vigorous and civil debate, with many others joining in, Davidoff took extensive notes, intervening to confirm he has heard numerous concerns from his constituents about night paving and pit operation. Compounding the current situation, the next large project will see 10-20 trucks running through the night from 7 pm to 7 am.

“Our main concern,” said Lamb-Richardson, “is about our water. While we actually do have some testing, it’s not a comprehensive and hydrocarbon test.” Davidoff assured her there would be more testing, saying he has provided a grant for an upgraded water study of the area’s aquifers.

Davidoff committed to taking the residents’ concerns into consideration, writing a report with recommendations and forwarding it to MoTI within a few days. He also committed to arranging for a safety review of the entire Playmor Junction area, particularly as there are numerous concerns about safety now that the area is becoming congested, with a park and ride, a fruit stand, two schools and a proposed daycare near the turnoff to Osacoff Road. Residents requested a pedestrian crosswalk for students crossing over the highway coming from the school to the park and ride. With ever more highway traffic, it is becoming increasingly dangerous for pedestrians to cross in safety.

Lamb-Richardson summed the meeting up: “The neighbourhood’s general reactions to the meeting were mixed and ranged from complete disappointment to cautious optimism. One resident stated that to put a band-aid on a big sore will not work. Others felt that to be told by MoTI what we’re all hearing, seeing, feeling and breathing every single day doesn’t occur, was not only invalidating but not conducive to working together as good neighbours… Other residents felt that we were heard by all the involved parties and that each of them would try to minimize the impact of the night paving and follow through on mitigating the dust and noise issues created by the day-to-day operations of the pit. Only time will tell if positive changes occur for the health and safety of the neighbourhood.”

Davidoff commended Lamb-Richardson for her organizing work and thanked her for making the meeting happen and getting things out in the open.

COMMUNITY

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Take notice that Columbia Wireless Inc. located at Nelson, BC, has applied to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD), Kootenay Boundary Region, for a License of Occupation for communication sites, situated on Provincial Crown land in the vicinity of Nakusp and Balfour BC, and containing 0.012 to 0.02 hectares more or less.

The Lands File for these applications are 4405937 for the Kuskanux Tower, 4405940 for the Nakusp Summit Tower, 4405943 for the Balfour Tower. For more information, or to submit written comments concerning this application, please visit the website at http://flnr.gov.bc.ca/applicationPostingIndex.jsp > Search > Search by File Number: 4405937 for Kuskanux Tower, 4405940 for Nakusp Summit Tower, 4405943 for Balfour Tower

Written comments can also be directed to Authorizations Specialist, FLNRORD, Kootenay Boundary Region, 1902 Theatre Road, Cranbrook BC V1C 7G1. Comments will be reviewed by FLNRORD up to Nov 3, 2018. FLNRORD may not be able to consider comments received after this date.

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Category 2 burning allows one or two concurrently burning piles no larger than 0.2 hectares. The use of fireworks, burning barelss, flying lanterns and exploding binary targets are also prohibited in the Boundary fire zone. Cranbrook fire zones, but remain permitted in the Arrow, Kootenay Lake, Columbia, Invermere and Arrowhead fire zones. Category 3 open fires are once again permitted throughout the Southeast Fire Centre’s jurisdiction, due to decreased wildfire risks in the region.

The BC Wildfire Service reminds members of the public that they also need to use extreme caution in regions where fires are still burning. Wildfires are active worksites where fire suppression efforts may be ongoing. People can expect to see smouldering ground fires and smoke within the perimeters of existing wildfires over the coming weeks. This is common with large wildfires and may continue for some time. If smoke is rising from within the perimeters of existing wildfires, it is surrounded by black, burned material, this is typically not a concern. However, smoke rising from green, unburned fuel or from outside a fire’s perimeter should be reported immediately.

A list of areas affected by area restrictions orders is available online: gov.bc.ca/wildfirebans. Even if an order has been rescinded, officials engaged in fire control (including firefighters) have the authority under the Wildfire Act and its regulations to order anyone to leave the area.

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Alamo fire prompts discussion on Emergency Response Plan for Galena Trail
by Jan McMurray

The difficulty accessing Galena Trail in emergencies has been brought to the attention of the RDCK Rosebery Parklands and Trails Commission.

An email from Ken and Donna Butler, saying it’s time to create motorized access to the trail for emergency purposes, was reviewed at the commission’s September 5 meeting. The Butlers have allowed emergency crews to use their Denver Siding property for staging over the years.

As a result of the email, the commission is looking at developing an Emergency Response Plan in collaboration with local emergency response and firefighting crews, with options for motorized emergency access to the trail if feasible. A staff report on this issue is expected to come to the next commission meeting, November 21.

The Alamo Siding fire along the trail on August 19 prompted the Butlers to write the email.

New Denver and Area Fire Chief Len Casley reports that the fire department used three ATVs to haul equipment and fuel in to the Alamo fire site. “The bridge [at the Three Forks trailhead] isn’t accessible to ATVs, so we had to find another way around,” he said. “It did pose a fair bit of challenge, not being able to cross that bridge. That’s the second fire on that trail over the years and access is a problem every time. We’ve had to go in to respond to injuries as well – access is always a challenge.”

Casley reports that the department put a total of 170 kilometres on the ATVs to fight the Alamo fire, which was about two kilometres in from the Three Forks trailhead. “We were burning five gallons of gas every hour for each of the two pumps, so lots of fuel had to be packed in and out,” Casley said.

Although the fire was in the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Forests, the New Denver and Area Fire Department took an active role in putting it out. “Forestry did the danger tree assessment and helped set up the sprinklers, and then they left it to us,” Casley said.

The equipment used to fight the fire was from the department’s sprinkler trailer. The three ATVs are the personal property of fire department members.

The crew worked in four-hour shifts of three people from Sunday, August 19 at 8 am to Monday, August 20 at 8 pm. They took the night off and returned Tuesday morning. They ran the pumps on Tuesday, and the fire was out by the end of the day. The crew pulled out the equipment on Wednesday.

“The members did their usual outstanding job,” Casley commented.

The Rosebery Parklands and Trails Commission will send a thank you note to the volunteer fire department for their prompt and effective efforts in controlling and dousing the fire, and to the Butlers for the use of their property for emergency staging.

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Holly Woods returns to Studio Connexion

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ending its 10th exhibition season

Studio Connexion Gallery is with artist Holly Woods, who is

returning for her third solo show with her new watercolour series Frames on the Landing. The show and sale run until October 6, Thanksgiving Saturday.

A former resident of Nakusp, Woods now resides in Grand Forks. Well known for her whimsical and free flowing style, she has exhibited in various venues. Woods was on the Arrow Lakes Fine Arts Guild board for many years and her financial skills were an asset to the organization.

Thursday afternoons, you will find her volunteering in the Gallery 2 gift shop in the Grand Forks & District Art & Heritage Centre.

Woods’s inspiration comes from anything and everything. This past year, an eclectic collection of picture frames intrigued her: old and new, a variety of materials, shapes and states and finishing. Her curiosity pushed her expression of freedom onto the paper with her watercolour and ink, and sometimes acrylic. Excitement happens with her use of colour and line.

The opening reception is Friday September 21 from 5 to 8 pm. Come meet and greet the artist and enjoy the refreshments at 203 Fifth Avenue NW in the heart of beautiful Nakusp. Regular gallery hours are 11 am to 4 pm, Tuesday to Saturday; other times are available by contacting the gallerist at 250-265-3586. Follow the daily posts on social media at facebook.com/studioconnexion

Year round, the gallery has a great selection of fine artworks by dozens of artists from BC, Alberta, Ontario and Quebec. Paintings, soft pastels, sculptures, oil & cold wax, and watercolour artwork portraying landscapes, wildlife and abstract art pieces are available.

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