Broadband backbone project proposed for Slocan Valley corridor to Nakusp

by Jan McMurray

Improved internet connectivity in the Slocan Valley, from the Playmor Junction to Nakusp, is on the radar. The Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation (CBBC), a wholly owned subsidiary of Columbia Basin Trust, is applying to the provincial Connecting BC Funding Program to build the backbone fibre and corresponding towers from Playmor to Nakusp. This infrastructure would benefit almost 5,000 households.

Letters of support for the project have been provided by all the local governments along the corridor: the RDCK (Areas H and K) and the Villages of Nakusp, New Denver, Silverton, and Slocan.

The project, according to high-level information given to the local governments, would include 125 kilometres of backbone expansion, construction of five new points of presence (Slocan, Silverton, New Denver, Playmor Junction, Nakusp), and construction of six wireless towers (Slocan Park, Passmore, Lebahdo, Appledale, Perry’s, Lemon Creek).

The total cost of the project is $7.365 million. The application to the Connecting BC Program is for $3.582 million, 50% of the project cost. Columbia Basin Trust has committed $1.797 million. The local governments have been asked to contribute a combined total of $525,000, divided up partly based on the number of households that will be serviced in each area. Area H has been asked to contribute $303,613, Area K $39,558, Nakusp $90,519, New Denver $37,577, Silverton $26,058, and Slocan $27,675. At a special meeting September 24, the Village of Slocan agreed to its share of $27,675, to be paid out of the Gas Tax Reserve Fund over three years.

CBBC is still looking for $1.361 million for the project. Nakusp CAO Laurie Taylor reported to Nakusp council that CBBC is exploring partnerships with utilities and an increase in the CBT contribution, and is “confident they can make up the shortfall.”

In an email response to a request for an interview, Dave Lampron, Chief Operating Officer of CBBC, said, “Columbia Basin Trust (through CBBC) is looking for local government support as part of our planned application to the Connecting BC Program. We know that improving high-speed access from the junction to Nakusp is important to the area, which is why we’re planning this proposal.” If and when the application is approved, Lampron said he would be happy to share more details.

The current intake of the Connecting BC Funding Program opened September 1 and is operating on a first come first served basis until the funding of $16 million runs out. Approved projects must be completed by March 31, 2020. The objective of this round of Connecting BC funds is to accelerate the delivery of high-speed internet connectivity at minimum target speeds of 50 megabits per second (Mbps) down and 10 Mbps up to homes and businesses in rural communities in BC. The Connecting BC program is funded by the Province and administered by Northern Development Initiative Trust (NDIT). More information is available on the NDIT website.

The grand opening of the Slocan City Suites took place September 27. Many dignitaries were in attendance, including star fundraiser Lydia Kania. “I think everyone knows I don’t mind asking people for money for a good cause,” she says. “In fact, they told me some people were thinking of putting up a sign saying, ‘Lydia Kania has already been here!’ ” See story page 3.
Affordable mixed use housing to be ready in Nakusp for 2020

by Claire Paradis

Affordable mixed use housing has been a long time coming to Nakusp, but it’s well on its way now, says Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services (ASLCS) Executive Director Tim Payne. The non-profit society has a well-established history of operating assisted living housing through its Halcyon Assisted Living Society (HALS), and is looking forward to developing mixed use housing.

Payne said ASLCS had been considering developing senior housing, but a gap analysis commissioned by the society and conducted by City Spaces showed that housing was needed by more than just the elderly.

“It wasn’t just seniors,” confirmed Payne. The study showed that young families, single moms and people with diverse abilities were also hurting due to the lack of rentals in the Nakusp area.

The affordable housing project, which is being managed by Vancouver- and Victoria-based City Spaces, will build ten rental units on the piece of land sold to the non-profit by the Village for $70,000. Due to its central location at 101-107 1st Avenue (the empty lot behind the Village office), residents will be able to get around without need for a vehicle of their own, yet will still live in a residential neighbourhood.

The homes will be designed to be a mix of two one-bedroom units, six two-bedroom units, and two three-bedroom units.

The designs shown at an open house on September 18 were for “stacked townhouses,” with two-storey townhouses stacked above single-storey apartments. The one-storey homes would be suitable for people with disabilities or mobility issues, with each unit having its own entrance, and there will be a shared greenspace for the complex. However, the drawings presented were to give an idea of possible designs – exact plans are yet to be determined. The executive director also said that the architects at Arrow and Slocan will design the complex’s aesthetic to be in keeping with the culture of Nakusp, but exactly what that will mean is still in discussion.

Although ASLCS approached local builders, said Payne, most said they didn’t have the capacity to take on a project of this size. The company that was chosen is from Revelstoke and has said they are interested in employing local workers.

Richard Hunter in Kamloops said that the architects at City Spaces showed that housing was needed by more than just the elderly.

If more than half the votes support proportional representation on the first question, the proportional system with the most support on the second question will be adopted.

If a proportional voting system is adopted it must be in place for any provincial elections called on or after July 1, 2021.

Elections BC is encouraging voters to get ready by learning about all four voting systems on the referendum ballot. Neutral information about the voting systems is available at elections.bc.ca/referendum. The two groups chosen to be the official proponent and opponent groups are Vote PR BC (www.voteprbc.ca) and No BC Proportional Representation Society (www.nobcpoprorep.ca). A good description of the three proportional systems can be found at www.fairvote.ca. Fair Vote Canada has also launched a Pro Rep Fact Checker website at www.prorepfactcheck.ca that reviews claims made by opponents, proponents and media columnists.

To register to vote, or to make sure you are registered, call 1-800-661-8863 or contact your local government office.

BC’s referendum on electoral reform submitted

Soon after the upcoming local government elections on October 20, British Columbians will be voting in a referendum on electoral reform to decide what voting system BC should use for provincial elections.

The referendum is being held by mail. Voting packages will be mailed to registered voters between October 22 and November 2. The voting package will include a ballot, a personalized certification envelope, and a postage-paid return envelope. Elections BC must receive your ballot by 4:30 pm on November 30.

The ballet will have two questions. The first question asks if British Columbia should keep the current First Past the Post voting system, or move to a system of proportional representation. The second question asks voters to rank three proportional systems: Dual Member Proportional (DMP), Mixed Member Proportional (MMP), and Rural-Urban Proportional (RUP).

If more than half the votes support First Past the Post on the first question, British Columbia’s voting system will stay the same.

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Slocan City Suites grand opening: a dream come true

by Mon Lyons

Thursday September 27 is a date that will go down in history in the village of Slocan. At least 150 people showed up to celebrate the grand opening of the Slocan City Suites, a dream that came true because of endless amounts of hard work, sheer determination and community support.

“You can do anything,” says Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society (SVSHS) chair Rita Moir, “if you can get a board of directors who will actually do what they say they will do.”

The event began at the Slocan Legion with an address by Betty Windsor, aka Her Majesty, who has previously graced such fundraising extravaganzas as the highly successful Hike and Bike for Housing in 2016. She apologized that her consort, Prince Philip, was not able to attend because of a hip operation, and in his honour led the crowd in three rounds of “Hip hip hooray!”

The crowd then set out to hike from the Legion to the site of the new seniors’ housing complex three blocks away. Led by a bagpiper in full regalia, the hike was headed up by a pedal-powered chariot driven by Charlie Mack and bearing Lydia Kania, who is royalty herself when it comes to contributions bearing Lydia Kania, who is royalty herself when it comes to contributions.

Once the crowd reached the housing site, a number of people spoke. First up was Jessica Lunn, mayor of Slocan. She acknowledged the early First up was Jessica Lunn, mayor of Slocan, who commented “I can’t wait to welcome you right into the heart of our community!”

Dick Cannings, MP for the region, sent a congratulatory letter. MLA Karine Conroy was on hand, having rearranged her schedule with considerable encouragement from Moir, who pointed out Conroy has a personal connection to the project: “She and her daughter and grandchildren went on the hike for far longer than they had ever imagined they would!”

Conroy said, “This shows what can happen in this Valley. There is such a need in the region, such a need in the province.”

More extended very special thanks to two people, Eric Clough, who donated all his time and expertise to design the suites, and Tamara Smith, project coordinator, who oversaw the entire effort, including mammoth fundraising, from beginning to end.

She also expressed great appreciation to Bartel Skeete, of Slocan Valley Planner Mills, who donated $25-$30,000 worth of materials, including the beautiful siding with which the buildings are clad.

Corky Evans came wearing three hats, representing the Columbia Basin Trust, the Heritage Credit Union, and himself. He said the Trust granted $580,000 to the enterprise, out of $27,000,000 they are spending to build housing in Southeastern BC. Heritage Credit Union donated $5,000 for the sprinkler system, which may seem small in comparison, but as Evans pointed out, “as a percentage of their revenue, it is probably an even bigger contribution than that of the Trust.”

And finally, he spoke from the heart: “I live here, and it is an honour to be here, that we live here with people like Rita and Tamara and Lydia and the board of directors who have made this wonderful thing happen.”

Along with a large forgivable loan from BC Housing, the society will enter into a mortgage agreement of approximately $650K with them. Donations also came from NDB Construction (Nancy and Darin Berg, local contractors who did local hiring), the Village of Slocan, the Slocan Legion, RDCK, CMHC, Slocan Community Legacy Society, the Hike or Bike for Housing, and many individuals. All the society’s financial records are available at https://svshousing.ca.

The final speakers were Lydia Kania and Dawn Anderson. Anderson and her husband Alf, long-time Slocan residents, will be some of the first to move into the suites. “I am so glad to be able to stay in our wonderful community at this stage in our lives,” said Anderson. “To have to leave our fantastic friends after all these years – well, I just don’t even want to think about it.”

All is a well-loved local musician, and she says, “He still plays every day. I keep looking at the place trying to figure out how I am going to fix my piano into it!”

In summation, Jessica Lunn said, “I’d really like to thank the SVSHS for the tremendous effort that went into making this happen. It’s a tremendous accomplishment and a much needed community asset. I know they had more than twice as many applicants as they had suites, so the need is there. And now people have a cozy wonderful home to be in. Wow. Just wow.”

Moir summed it up like this, “We always knew this project would take a village to make it happen. And boy, did we ever find the right village!”

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My father would say this world has too much sugar in the throat, meaning everything comes too easy. We must stand up for ourselves.

Nick Cifarelli

Silverton

Arming teachers

I would like to quote from an essay titled ‘The Thankless Profession’ by the late Canadian writer Hugh MacLennan, published in 1949. “So far from being easy, good teaching is one of the most arduous, exacting and difficult tasks a human being can perform. To teach well means more than the transmission of knowledge; it means the transformation of some of one’s own energy to the pupil… It is this necessity of giving which makes good teaching so racking to the nervous system, just as it makes being a teacher something of a reward in itself.”

Donald Trump’s solution to the torrent of murder and mayhem that is inundating and devolving his country has too much sugar in the throat, a poor man’s disease.

I lived in that country the rest of his life, a third world country. What influence British Columbia might have on the rest of Canada. What influence British Columbia has on the rest of Canada?

To the citizens of Kaslo

First off, I’d like to say that I am very proud to have represented the citizens of Kaslo as a councillor (12 years), mayor (3 years) and municipal RDCK director (5 years). I have decided it is time to pass the torch in serving the community in this way.

I’m doing something that I’ve never done – I’m writing a letter to the Valley Voice, and endorsing a municipal candidate. Here’s why.

Good government, by council, is sorely lacking in Kaslo, and has been for quite a while. The basis of good, transparent, open and credible governance is less influence that by allowing advance notice of resolutions to be waived by council, but it has to be a unanimous decision.

Conflict of interest guidelines have been routinely ignored for years in Kaslo council chambers. Council has received legal opinions and advice, provided to local governments across the province, that an elected official dealing with business that involves an organization in which the councillor is a director is in a conflict of interest. The law states that even the perception of a conflict should be disclosed. The time way overdue for the voters of Kaslo to hit the reset button on the governance practices of Kaslo council. This election presents a great opportunity. There is no one who is practically an expert at governance – a retired political science professor – a person with a very high standard of political process and openness, with a proven track record in our immediate area.

I am being approached by residents of Kaslo, asking me for advice on the current list of candidates. For those who might want my input, here it is – vote for Andy Shadrack for mayor. In one term, continued on page 5.
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Andy, with the assistance of the great stuff down in City Hall, could build a legacy of credible, open, transparent and highly effective government.

I would like to thank everyone that is running for office for offering their time and service to the Village, and the best of luck in whatever comes after the election.

Jimi Holland
Kaslo

Dear logging industry workers and professionals

You may know me now as a ‘blockader’ against clearcut logging. I want you to know that my cause is not against you, personally; I am not bullying you. I am blocking exploitation of industrial activities because I care about Earth and our future generations.

How can we cooperate to create a sustainable, healthy future for ourselves and our children?

I believe we share common ground. I believe we all want clean air, water, soil, an abundance of fish and wildlife, beautiful forests, and long-term livelihoods where we can feel proud of how our skills contribute to a better world and we feel valued by others.

I see how hard you work to feed your families and provide them with a comfortable life, and I know you care deeply about their well-being and also the well-being of Earth and all people.

So I ask you, how can we work together to make things better for you, for me, for all beings, for Earth?

I have an idea. What if, collectively, we all stood up and spoke up about the four basic principles of sustainable logging practices?

1. No ‘electric’ or ‘saw’ logging
2. No corporation industrial activities which cause harm to forests, water, wildlife, communities, and Earth!
3. What if we decided to participate in the systems which are corrupt?
4. If we were to give up short-term gratifications and realign ourselves around values which support long- term resiliency? What if, instead, we chose to live by our own values and invested our precious energy only in activities that bring health, peace, true happiness, and connection with others?

Imagine if we all went on strike together against the corrupt systems which are harming us. Just imagine how powerful a movement that would be; many ripples form an unstoppable wave!

Please consider joining me to say ‘No’ to harmful forestry activities and to the exploitative corporations which seek only short-term profits at our cost, and in doing so, creating change. Let’s restore management of the forests to the public, to the communities of the Kootenays.

Please, let us be guided by Vision, Wisdom and Guardianship.

We ALL share a mutual contract with Earth to live in balance with, and respect and gratitude for, all we are provided with by Nature.

Aila Ghaznavy Argenta

Pro Rep leads to watered-down decisions

Harvey Armstrong’s letter supporting pro rep blames the Horgan government’s decision to go ahead with Site C on our current voting system, but the Horgan government doesn’t have a majority. They have to please the Green Party, who hold the balance of power. The Green Party is the party that stands to benefit from proportional representation, and were keen to switch over to that system in order to hold more clout, so they agreed to go along with Site C in exchange for a referendum on pro rep. To be blunt, they traded the destruction of the Peace River Valley to enhance their own political power. You can’t blame the voting system for that.

Corky Evans was also in the Nelson Star speaking in favour of proportional representation. In his mind, the current system is wrong ‘cuz it causes a lot of nice folks to do a lot of “shouting.” He believes that proportional representation will force people to get along, even if they don’t agree.

I think he is right to a point... it will force people to compromise, and Mr. Armstrong may also be right that those compromises may undermine the government’s ability to push through stupid projects like the trans mountain pipeline, but, it will also ensure that no smart, principled upstate like, say, Tommy Douglass or Dave Barrett, will ever have the power to push through the odd little thing like medicare, or the Agricultural Land Freeze.

Proportional representation will force the governors to make some form of consensus decisions, and consensus decisions are best at watered-down versions of good decisions.

Rod Retzlaff
Glade

First Past the Post causes instability

Some commentators on the forthcoming referendum on the future voting system in Nelson reflect that Columbia has suggested that Proportional Representation (PR) would result in government instability. In our experience, the opposite is the case. In First Past the Post (FPTP) that has caused political instability. FPTP manufactures artificial majorities for parties that have only minority support among the voters. Worse, FPTP then causes a complete change of government when there is a comparatively small change in the vote. According to a recent election, one minority replaces another, but usually with a grossly exaggerated majority of seats.

We experienced this in the UK particularly in the succession of elections after 1945, when Labour was replaced by the Conservatives who were then replaced by Labour only to be replaced by Conservatives. At each change of government, there was complete change of political representation; parties that try to transform society, renationalize, denationalize again. It was the same in every area of economic and social policy, including health and education. Gross policy instability, and also the well-being of Earth and our families and provide them with a sustainable healthy future for

Morality and politics

The riddle of the proposed Jumbo Glacier Resort

What holds two generations of Obertists to the turf of the Jumbo Valley Resort? What substance will soon be a more prudent investment than today’s black gold? What naturally abundant resource is plentiful in the Columbia River Basin? What human necessity is predicted to be the focus of future wars? What substance will education to the Juniper Valleyym may be the key to the salvation of the Columbia river basin? What human necessity is predicted to be the focus of future wars? What substance will education to the Juniper Valleyym may be the key to the salvation of the Columbia river basin?

Summer has been pretty miserable for some to say, “They don’t bother me” or “They’re not that bad.” But for many, they do and are. Please vote YES on October 20 for mosquito control.

Rosemary Miles
Winlaw

Lemon Creek civil suit

I encourage Slocan Valley residents to please read and, if you agree, sign and send the letter that is included in this issue.

Marilyn Burgeon
Perry Ridge

Mosquito control vote

October 20

Well folks, almost time to vote again, and in Area H, we also get to cast a vote on the use of Bti for mosquito larvae are proposed in October 20. Summer has been pretty miserable this year for many with all the smoke from the wildfires and the hordes of mosquitoes. It really appears fires and flooding are worse than ever, and some experts say this is a sign of things to come. More flooding – more mosquito larvae – more mosquito control. I care about the environment, too. I, my children and grandchildren all live on the same planet as the rest of humankind. I believe we must create a garden 60 years ago and have been gardening whenever possible ever since. I have never used pesticides, herbicides, or chemical fertilizers in my gardens, as I would not want to harm bees or any beneficial insects. We all rely on pollinisation for food supply. I prefer to rely on my own food and cannot afford to buy everything organic. It is extremely difficult to grow gardens with the constant harassment from mosquitoes. I need this food for my health. Fresh air and sunshine are also important.

I don’t want to harm animals! But I draw the line at parasites. If there was a tick on my dog, I would remove and destroy it. I use a flea comb on my cats and quickly squash them, and I have no qualms about killing mosquito larvae. Those who already know about using Bti to kill mosquito larvae. Those who already know about using Bti to kill mosquito larvae. Those who already know about using Bti to kill mosquito larvae. Those who already know about using Bti to kill mosquito larvae.

Otherwise Jumbo is still wild, and, the public continues to enjoy Nature’s delights on both West and East sides of the Jumbo Pass vicinity, and, the habitat is still vital for all those great and small. Rowena Eloise, Nelson for the West Kootenay Coalition for Jumbo Wild

Generale des Eaux, who still prevail

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LOCAL ELECTIONS

Nakusp mayoral and councillor candidates introduced

by Jan McMuray

Nakusp’s ballot will be full, with two candidates for mayor and eight for councillor. Voters can choose one mayor and four councillors.

The ballot will also include the names of four school trustees – voters can choose two. Incumbent Melissa Teindl, representing the Central Zone (Nakusp schools), has been elected by acclamation, but there are two seats available for trustees at large. See page 7.

Here’s an introduction to the two mayoral and eight councillor candidates. (Although Mike Riediger and Clayton Brooks had originally put their names forward, they have both withdrawn.) Watch for our coverage of the All Candidates Meeting in our October issue.

Voting day is October 20 (advance voting October 10), 8 am to 8 pm at the arena auditorium.

Bob Lafleur, mayoral candidate

I have 40 years of government experience (17 as CAO), building inspector, planning, public works manager, and police officer. I want to apply this knowledge and experience to community governance. I don’t have a silver bullet or a pretty face, but I do have the courage and knowledge to do the right thing, and the desire to treat everyone fairly and with respect. My priorities are to focus council on the big picture, restore trust with our employees, do a serious management review, do a major OCP review with a new vision for the future, and to ensure there is a meaningful Wildfire Protection Plan in place.

Aidan McLaren-Caux, councillor candidate

I am running for both Nakusp Village council and school trustee. The main reason I am seeking these offices is so that I can have a positive impact on the community for our children and for generations to come. I believe economic stability and steady, but measured, growth are central to improving the quality of life for residents, to attracting young families and entrepreneurs to the area, increasing school enrolment, and diversifying and strengthening the tax base for the village. Maintaining the character and quality of our communities and schools must be fundamental to any decisions made about the education of our children and the direction of our municipal governance.

Janis Neufeld, councillor candidate

I am capable, action-oriented, and know how to get things done! I question, research, analyze, find solutions and execute plans. Co-owner of Shon’s Bike and Ski, President of the Kootenay Sulphurfest Society, Project Manager of the Nakusp and Area Bike Society, athlete and Mom. Qualities: Visionary, ‘Big Picture’ thinker, problem solver, empathetic, ethical, determined and community-minded. Priorities: Recreation and Parks, physical activity, business sector, proactively guiding tourism, a vibrant downtown core, preserving our quaint mountain feel. I am a natural leader who understands the value of TEAMWORK... Council – staff – community – YOU!

Bill Tobey, councillor candidate

Beyond the basics of responsible fiscal management, the Village owns NACFOR, which through contributions to our Legacy Fund provides funding for extraordinary projects – $1.2M since 2014. It has been a goal of mine to see our Hot Springs contribute in the same way. The Hot Springs are borderine break-even. Although the facility is an attraction that contributes to every other business in town, it only makes sense to see the Hot Springs actually profitable as a stand-alone item. That will take some major changes, maybe a separate board of directors like NACFOR is governed, but this separation of Village from the running of a profitable business should be an initiative for the new council.

Joseph Hughes, councillor candidate

I would like to serve Nakusp for a third term on council. I am very fond of this town and a want to be part of its future. The best way for me to be of service is through representative governance. I want to serve because I am well suited to the task of defining the moral compass of a community, of seeking out all the sides of conflict and standing up for what the people want to see. I am a husband, father of three, Real Seal carpenter and business owner with a diploma in Marketing Management.

(Nelson) Lee Rooks, councillor candidate

I came to Nakusp about 20 years ago and love it. I come from a medical background in a microbiology lab. I’m very interested in helping get low income housing and jobs for the young. This to me is the number one priority in our town. We have a very interesting group of people running, and I look forward to helping all I can. If you vote for me, I thank you and will do my best to help our new mayor and council. I am a member of the arts council and the youth council. I’m also a member of ACTSS.

Reny Kitto, councillor candidate

I am not the person to just shout from the sidelines – I get in there and get my hands dirty! My business acumen would be a great asset to the Village. We need change, but we need transparency and communication more than anything. If everyone knew the why’s behind the decisions being made, I feel our community would have fewer battles to wage against each other and more energy to focus on solving the real issues... and there are a few! If we get the community informed about the decision and it still fails, then we failed as a community. Succeed together and fail together, the key word is ‘together’!

Tom Zeleznik, mayoral candidate

Why I’m asking for your support as Mayor of Nakusp is simply this knowledge and experience to community governance and want to give back to the community in a positive way for what this community has given to our family over the years. I have lived in Nakusp all of my life, as a business owner/employer in the private sector with 40 years of experience working in forestry, sawmilling, farming, consultant, two terms as councillor, volunteer fireman, and many other volunteer groups. Important issues I see to promote economic opportunities: forestry, housing, tourism, agriculture, water, green energy, youth, broadcast, breakwater.

Susan DeSandoli, councillor candidate

I’ve lived in Nakusp for 20 years and have been deeply involved as a community volunteer with the Arts Council, Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services, Arrow Lakes Hospital Board, Arrowtarian Senior Citizens Society and other organizations. Priorities include supporting affordable, accessible housing and economic development in our resource and tourism sectors. We have a beautiful village that we can all be proud of. I would be honored to serve on Nakusp council to help make real your hopes for an even better community.

The Village of Nakusp is currently seeking a fulltime Housekeeper at the Nakusp Hot Springs in our Chalet units. Hours are varied and are dependent on the operational need. This position is best suited for a person with excellent customer service skills who has the ability to work shifts as required. Duties include maintaining facility hygiene and cleanliness standards, light building and grounds maintenance, janitorial/labor/housekeeping work throughout the Hot Springs, Chalets, and Campground.

Minimum requirements are a High School Diploma, a Class 5 Drivers license, and a dependable vehicle.

Please forward your resume to the Village of Nakusp – Box 280, Nakusp, BC, V0G 1R0. E-mail correto@nakusp.com. These positions will remain open until filled. Further information is available through the Village Office.

The Valley thanks all who apply, however only those chosen for interviews will be contacted.
School District 10 candidates for trustee at large introduced

by Jan McMurray

Four candidates are seeking election for the two available seats on the School District 10 board of education. The two seats are open for trustees at large. The trustees for each of the three zones have been elected by acclamation: Melissa Teindl (Central Zone - Nakusp), Rhonda Farrell (Eastern Zone - Lucerne School), and Danyea Simon (Southern Zone - Burton and Edgewood Schools).

Voting day is October 20

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I am running for both Nakusp Village council and school trustee. The main reason I am seeking these offices is so that I can have a positive impact on the community for our children and for generations to come. I believe economic stability and steady, but measured, growth are central to improving the quality of life for residents, to attracting young families and entrepreneurs to the area, increasing school enrolment, and diversifying and strengthening the tax base for the village. Maintaining the character and quality of our communities and schools must be fundamental to any decisions made about the education of our children and the direction of our municipal governance.

Christine Dixon-Grout, trustee-at-large candidate

My name is Christine Dixon-Grout. I retired from teaching after 26 years, all spent in Arrow Lakes District 10. I believe in the District goal and motto of providing 'Global Learning in a Rural Setting.' In the current time of declining enrolment, I believe that adequate funding to each student to ensure that they receive an academically, technically, and creatively enriched education from their earliest years, right up to graduation. The area is attracting young families and, only by providing a well-rounded education, can we retain and prepare them for a global future.

Judy Struck, trustee-at-large candidate

I am seeking a seventh term as a school board trustee. With 35 years of experience, 16 with the Parent Advisory Council and the last 19 on the school board, I am fully committed to working to offer a well-rounded education to all of our students. All four of my children went through our schools and I have five grandchildren up and coming. I have loved my time as a trustee and I ask for the opportunity to continue to serve to the betterment of our children’s education. Thank you for your consideration.

Lora Lee Brekke, trustee-at-large candidate

I am running for my fifth term as school trustee, serving from 2002 to 2008 as the Eastern Zone rep and from 2011 to present as trustee at large, with 13 years of enjoyable experience. The school board is a corporate entity, following the guidance of the BC School Act and the Ministry of Education. We are a governance body, overseeing the school district. I ask for your support in the election on October 20. A vote for me will be a vote for the students of School District 10. I am proud to be a school trustee.
New Denver mayor and councillor candidates introduced

by Jan McMurray

New Denver’s election will definitely bring change, with a slate of brand new councillor candidates. Voters will have to choose four councillor candidates from a list of

Ann Bunka, mayoral candidate

I have been fortunate to work on council with many intelligent, community-minded people. I have learned leadership and the value of good respectful debate, as well as the importance of partnerships. I am running for mayor because there are some projects I would like to see through or at least further along. This includes the community halls renovations, the economic development partnership project, the boundary extension/Denver Siding water project, the work to expose the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre to a greater audience, and the continuation of conversations regarding the Slocan Community Health Centre. Please get out and vote.

Leonard Casley, mayoral candidate

I’m a lifelong member of the community and have raised a family here, created a business, been a council member and served for 23 years as the local fire chief. My three key points of focus include: continual community engagement in emergency and health services; culturally, environmentally, and fiscally balanced economic growth; create opportunity to increase programs and incentives for young families to thrive within the community. For more information, check Facebook (Leonard Casley - New Denver Mayor Candidate 2018) or the local bulletin boards.

George Meier, councillor candidate

Our goal on moving to New Denver was to add value to our community. Becoming a Village councillor supports that goal: I’ll bring humour, intelligence, compassion, the ability to ask good questions. With the new council and CAO, I’ll work to create a culture of effective management, leadership, and accountability. I spent 19 years as a business lawyer and currently work part-time as a United Church minister. I consult for CBT’s Non-Profit Advisory Program and volunteer as president, Slocan Lake Stewardship Society; president, Silverton Co-Work Society; member, Roseberry Parklands Development Society; and president, SMS (charity providing special transportation in Spokane).

Vern Gustafson, councillor candidate

Our goal as a new family in New Denver is to add value to our community. I was awarded Citizen of the Year in 2015, currently serve on the boards of SLGS (Kohan Garden) and Healthy Community Society, which initiated the Village Hearth farm to table restaurant to foster local food resiliency. I’ve volunteered yearly at Lucerne School mentoring science teachers. If elected, I will work with council to: construct a realistic town revitalization plan attracting young families; encourage new business by exploring tax incentives, convenient off-street parking and modifying sewer system infrastructure allowing higher building density; draft a financially realistic Bosun Hall design incorporating greater multi user capabilities; be 100% energy renewable by 2050.

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June McMillan, councillor candidate

I have lived in New Denver home all my life. My husband Rick and I have raised our three kids here and now we’re pleased to watch our grandkids being raised here. Therefore, it is important to me that all young families can continue to enjoy life here, as well. I would like to see some budget changes in the village. Perhaps allocating some of those funds for a bit of revitalization of main street, exploring road projects, and improving sidewalks. I look forward to these challenges should you choose to elect me as your councillor.

Gerald Wagner, councillor candidate

I am a new member of your community, having moved here with my wife and 4 children. Prior to moving here, we lived in Golden for eight years, but spent many holidays in the West Kootenays. We decided to sell our business in order to make New Denver our new home. We purchased the Dome Cottages and are now feeling very welcomed and settled. I believe the best way to be a part of a new community is to get involved, and this is the reason I am running for town council.

18 years of age or older
Canadian citizen
resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately preceding voting day
resident of OR registered owner of real property in the Village of Slocan for at least 30 days immediately preceding voting day, and
not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

Non-resident property owners must produce 2 pieces of identification (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

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Silverton mayoral candidates introduced by Jan McMurray

There’s a race in the Silverton election for the mayor’s seat, between incumbent Jason Clarke and Don Broughton. All four councilors have been acclaimed: Leah Main, Arlene Yofonoff, Kerry Gordon and Tanya Gordon. Incumbent Carol Bell had put her name forward for councillor, but then decided to withdraw.

Silverton’s ballot will include the names of the two mayoral candidates, and four candidates for school trustee. Trustee Rhonda Farrell, representing Lucerne School, has been elected by acclamation, but there are two seats available for trustees at-large — to be chosen from the four names. Information on the trustee candidates can be found online.

Come to the Meet the Candidates/All Candidates Meeting at the Silverton Memorial Hall on October 11. All mayor and council and school trustee candidates have been invited. Coverage of the meeting will be included in our October 18 issue. Voting day is October 20 at the Memorial Hall; advance voting October 10 at the Village office.

Slocan councillor candidates introduced by Jan McMurray

Slocan residents will choose four councillor candidates from a list of five on their ballots. Here is an introduction to four of the five councillor candidates.

Incumbent Madeleine Perriere is also running, but is in France on a family business trip, and has been invited to run. Coverage of the meeting will be included in our October 18 issue. Voting day is October 20 (advance voting October 10), 8 am to 8 pm at the Village office in council chambers. Watch for our coverage of the All Candidates Meeting in our October 18 issue.

Denise Dufault, councillor candidate

I came to the Slocan Valley to see a friend, then I swam in the lake and I was enchanted by the calm, clean, fresh water and scenery. I fell in love with the lake and the healthy beauty of it all. My background is mostly in office work and television, internationally. I have studied administrative management, permaculture design. I am a firefighter and I volunteer on many societies. We all want a healthy, safe environment in which to live and raise our families. I am hoping to serve the people of Slocan as a councillor.

Burly Van Byen, councillor candidate

Served as a major and councillor for many years. Enjoys talking to people and serving the public.

Slocan councillor candidates introduced by Jan McMurray

Joel Pelletier, councillor candidate

After four years serving Slocan as a councillor, I have decided to run again. The Village is in transition and I would like to continue guiding this beautiful community to grow and prosper. I will continue to be a voice for the community, environment and culture and also support the growth of small local businesses. I envision a great future for our diverse community. As a father of three boys, my 19-plus years of experience as a small business owner and entrepreneur, my four years served as a city councillor, I have the right mindset to bring Slocan to its fullest potential.

Erica Buller, councillor candidate

I have lived in Slocan since 2004. I have been an executive board member at Valley View for the past eight years, and this is my third year as president. I am the Assistant Golf Professional at Granite Pointe Golf Club in Nelson. I feel like I would make a good councillor because I have a good rapport with the community, and feel that in such a small town, we are really taxed with the benefit of the community, rather than voicing our own personal political desires. Support the Valley Voice with a voluntary subscription.

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Don Broughton, mayoral candidate

I was born here, mostly raised here, and have always thought of this area as my home. I was here when we all knew each other and the whole community interacted with each other. I’d like to see Silverton become that town again. I think with me as your mayor, we have a better chance to do that. We need to make plans for our assets long term, not wham by whim. I hope you will come to the All Candidates Meeting, listen to what I have to say, and ask questions. If you can’t make it to the meeting, please call me and we can talk.

Jason Clarke, mayoral candidate

I have had the pleasure of serving Silverton for seven years on council, the last four as mayor. I have put my name forward because I love my community and want to play my part in keeping a great place. If re-elected, I will help council decide where they want to go and help get them there. I will continue to do my best to grow council into a cohesive team; one where everyone pulls in the same direction and has the opportunity to be effective. Thank you for your consideration – please remember to vote.

NOTICE OF ASSENT VOTING (REFERENDUM)
Winlaw and Area Mosquito Control Service

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors within a portion of Electoral Area H (Winlaw and Area) of the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDK) that “Assent Voting” is necessary to determine if the electors are in favour of the Board adopting:

Winlaw and Area Mosquito Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2623, 2018.

The vote will be conducted in accordance with the Local Government Act (LGA).

The question to be asked to obtain the assent of the electors shall be:

Are you in favour of the Regional District of Central Kootenay Adopting Bylaw No. 2623 to provide for the following:

- the establishment of the “Winlaw and Area Mosquito Control Service” with the annual requisition for the service not to exceed the greater of $74,400.00 or 0.41/1,000 of the net value of land and improvements within the service area?

The advance voting opportunity will be on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. for qualified electors within a portion of Electoral Area H (Winlaw and Area) as follows:

Winlaw Community Hall
Winlaw 2879 Highway 6, Winlaw, BC

Eligible electors

The LGA sets out the qualifications for electors entitled to vote at local government voting, and if you qualify, and you are not on the list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the required application form available at the voting place. To register you must meet the following qualifications:

For residents of Silverton, the Bylaw must meet all of the following requirements:

(a) General Voting Day You must be eighteen years of age or older on October 10, 2018.
(b) You must be a Canadian citizen.
(c) You must have resided in B.C./Columbia in accordance with Section 67 of the LGA for at least six months immediately preceding the date of registration.
(d) You must have resided within the area in which the vote is taking place in accordance with Section 67 of the LGA for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of registration.
(e) You must not be disqualified by the LGA or any other enactment excluding you from voting on General Voting Day or be otherwise disqualified by law.

Resident electors not on the Voters List and wishing to register on voting day will be required to produce the following:

- 2 pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) to prove identity;
- Evidence of ownership in the real property (one of the following):
  - state of title certificate;
  - registered agreement for sale;
  - property tax notice (last); or
- property assessment notice.

Written consent of a majority of the other property owners (if any) that they are entitled to register for the jointly-owned property. (Consent form may be downloaded from the RDKC website at www.rdkc.ca.)

Pursuant to the LGA, no corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector and no corporation is entitled to vote.

Voting by Mail

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(a) persons who have a physical disability, illness, or injury that affects their ability to vote at an earlier voting opportunity; and
(b) persons who expect to be absent from the RDKC on the General and Advance Voting Days.

Eligible electors wishing to receive a Mail Ballot Package must apply to the RDKC before October 18, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Ballots must be returned to the voting station at the RDKC at Box 590, 202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson, BC. By 8:00 p.m., Saturday, October 20, 2018.

SYNOPSIS OF BYLAW NO. 2623

As required by the LGA, the following is a synopsis of the Bylaw to be submitted for the assent of the electors:

Bylaw 2623 authorizes the establishment of the Winlaw and Area Mosquito Control Service and the annual requisition for the service not to exceed the greater of $74,400.00 or 0.41/1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area.

This synopsis is not intended to be and are not deemed to be an interpretation of the Bylaw. TAKE NOTICE that the above mentioned Bill may be discussed at the following location:


For more information Randy Matheson, Chief Elections Officer
Angela Lund, Deputy Chief Elections Officer
Phone: (250) 352-6665 or 1-800-268-7325
Email: rmatheson@rdkc.bc.ca or alund@rdkc.bc.ca

I. FAST FACTS

- Total population: 1,890
- Total assessed value: $574,247,614
- Number of electors: 750

II. BACKGROUND

- The purpose of the referendum is to establish a Mosquito Control Service in the Winlaw and Area
- The service will be provided by the RDKC
- The service will be funded through a property tax levy

III. MEASUREMENTS

- Data from the 2016 Census
- Data from the 2017 Tax Assessment

IV. CONCLUSION

- The establishment of the Mosquito Control Service is a prudent measure to control the spread of mosquito-borne diseases in the region.
- The service will be disaggregated to ensure that all affected areas receive an equal share of the service.
- The service will be provided in a cost-effective manner, with regular reviews to ensure its ongoing viability.
Kaslo candidates for mayor and councillor introduced

by Jan McMurray

There’s quite a choice of candidates in Kaslo’s election. Three people are vying for the mayor’s seat, and seven people are vying for four councillor seats.

Watch for our coverage of the October 10 All Candidates Meeting in our October 18 issue.

Voting day is October 20 (advance voting October 10), 8 am to 8 pm at Kaslo City Hall.

Andy Shadrack, mayoral candidate

A former three term Director for Area D (2005-2014), Andy served as Regional District Central Kootenay’s Chair of Rural Affairs, on the Emergency Planning Executive, Vice President and then President of the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments (2010-2014), and on the Union of BC Municipalities Small Water System Working Group, and the UBCM Executive’s Healthy Communities and Environment Standing Committees (2012-2014). Andy received the 2015 Kootenay Conservation Program Conservation Leadership Award: “For 28 years...[as a] champion for conservation in the Kootenays... [including] the establishment of the Kootenay Lake Local Conservation fund... which will see over $1 million invested... over ten years.”

Geoffrey Halliday, councillor candidate

When my family and I moved to Kaslo a few years back, we thought this the perfect village, with its welcoming people and scenery. After joining Search and Rescue, and getting to know many of you, I also learned about issues our village faces, such as the affordable housing crisis and the sewer expansion. Like many of you, I feel decisions on such important issues must be made with informed community approval, and therefore put to a vote. If elected, I will make sure the public is consulted and the past owner of several successful businesses.

Henry Van Mill, councillor candidate

I would be very pleased to be re-elected as council. For the past year, I’ve been the liaison to the Chamber of Commerce and the Housing Society, and a member of the Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Committee and the KASO 125 Committee. I have been a permanent resident of Kaslo for 11 years. I am actively involved with Kaslo Search and Rescue, and am a past board member of the Abbey Manor society, the Kaslo Curling Club, and the Water Street Committee. I am an entrepreneur at heart and the past owner of several successful businesses.

John Rasmussen, councillor candidate

Almost a year ago, I was contemplating this same piece for our by-election. In that year, much has changed but much has stayed the same. I became a board member of the Kaslo Housing Society because I consider appropriate housing necessary for Kaslo to survive. I started a new job, accounts receivable at the Pennysave, so I can put my love of numbers and my background to good use. Those are the changes. What’s stayed the same is the lack of open communication from council and an apparent unwillingness to encourage open dialogue. That’s one of my reasons for running – to change that, too.

Suzan Hewat, mayoral candidate

Besides much volunteer work in Kaslo since 1979 and a career in accounting, I’ve served on Kaslo’s Village Council since 2005 and as mayor since 2014. I have also served as Kaslo’s RDCK representative during this time. I love everything Kaslo and would be honoured to be re-elected as your mayor. Goals for 2019-2022: With partner organizations, support economic development opportunities and affordable housing for Kaslo; Complete Liquid Waste Management Plan; Complete Phase 2 of sewer line; Continue improving aerodrome to enhance safety and tourism; Develop plan for Kaslo Bay with tenures secured.

Kellie Knoll, councillor candidate

Local municipalities are changing dramatically. Not only are they responsible for roads, water, and sewer, they’re engaged in economic development, affordable housing, healthcare, and parks and recreation. There is a need for authentic leaders in our community, ones who collaborate and communicate, ones who build partnerships and share ideas. Being on municipal council is all about working as a team, while at the same time being an individual. Please re-elect me for Village of Kaslo Council.

Michael Halliday, councillor candidate

My vision for Kaslo - Encouraging open dialogue, promoting a shared vision of our community; working with each other to solve the community’s challenges together; empowering individual, making council transparent, open to the public and welcoming; facilitating easy public accessibility to Village plans and records; council representing the needs and wishes of the community, keeping the spirit of independence; promoting self-sufficiency; encouraging learning and innovative sustainability; protecting our way of life keeping the positive spirit Kaslo is known for; holding regular public ‘round table’ meetings, for council is your employee, not your boss.

Rob Lang, councillor candidate

I have had the privilege of representing you the last two terms and would be honoured to be re-elected. Council has been working hard on a number of initiatives, but much work lies ahead. The future of the Kambell building, the sewer extension, the A Avenue waterline project, land use and OCP amendments and the replacement of the government wharf in the bay are just a few of the projects that lie ahead. These are exciting times for Kaslo – with new businesses starting up and with the efforts of all our non-profit organizations, we can look forward to a bright future with a positive attitude.
The Argenta Fall Fair, celebrating its 31st birthday on September 22, was a fairly low-key event this year. As volunteer facilitator Sven Birch says, “It ebbs and flows. It’s Argenta’s event. A lot depends on who decides to get involved – and who doesn’t. It needs six to eight people involved to fold it down. And there are a lot of new families here just getting established.” In fact, several people remarked they hadn’t even heard of the fair before. Unfortunately, the weather really didn’t cooperate either, heavy rain putting a bit of a damper on things. Still, there was a lawn full of the usual suspects – including beef, pork, and lamb – and a number of the usual suspects were present, including the library book sale, a cake and cookie concession, Sara from Grandma’s Farm with her organic vegetables and delicious homemade food, Terry the Honey Guy, the ever-popular Chinese food concession, and potters, farmers and food vendors. The Argenta Fall Fair started on the fair for many years. Before her time, many years ago people came for a popular Music and Arts Week of workshops, ending with a concert of music learned and a show of the crafts and art. The current fair started in 1987, and was the dream of Aylonia Valentine. “She had dreamed about the fair for years,” Smith says. “Finally in 1987 it happened. And the following Christmas she died. Her dream came true just in time.” For a few years, the fair was a real good concern, two days long with two community meals, a brunch with classical music, and two dances, one of them a square dance. Since those days, it has become a fairly low-key affair, often with all-day music and always with some kind of dance at night. For many years, Roeswena Elkoe held the reins (as loosely as possible), but three years ago she put up a sign saying she wasn’t going to do it anymore (she has since moved to Nelson). Now the community is figuring out how to do it without her. Terry the Honey Guy from Grand Forks is always a big draw. When asked how long they had been coming, he said, “Since 1983.” “I’m sure, but Kathy Patt, who ran the post office, contacted us and told us if we would come and sell honey at the post office, she would put up signs and people would come.” His wife and her father, who were the original honey producers, showed up in Argenta not having a clue where they were and stopped at a farm house to ask where the post office was and where they could get a coffee and some breakfast. The kind soul who answered the door invited them in, fed them breakfast and gave them directions. And so it began. “I think we might have missed the first fair in 1987,” said Terry, “because we didn’t understand how it was going to work. But we’d never missed a year since.” Another constant feature of the fair is the library book sale. The library is a vital community resource and runs out of the community hall basement. Active volunteer Ellen Watters says the book sale is good because it’s a way to move some books and make a little money for the library. When asked why she does this work, she laughed and said, “I’m a retired librarian. I wouldn’t be comfortable if I didn’t have a library key in my pocket!” Another vendor this year was Ron Biro Farms from Meadow Creek. Their produce is Kootenay Mountain Grow certified, and they are part of a vibrant new agricultural movement in the Meadow Creek area. “It is a very cooperative environment over there,” said Dick Martin. He and his partner have recently joined with Brock Snyder and his partner and produce a lovely array of organic vegetables. The really younger generation was represented on the front porch by Larkspur Phoenix and his sister Zafira. With their assistant, grandmother Karen Newson, they sold out stock of cakes and cookies made with all organic ingredients. The lemon poppyseed cake was a huge hit. As the day parted the fair wound down, younger faces began to appear in preparation for the DJ dance that took place that evening. Throughout the fair there was talk about what might happen in the future. The old guard is giving way, and the young families are now getting their feet on the floor and seem to have some ideas about what might happen. It undoubtedly won’t be the same as before. As it is true everywhere in the Kootenays, this is a time of succession in the Argenta community. The Argenta Fall Fair is a beloved institution whose reputation goes far beyond its immediate locale. Stay tuned, there will be something happening next year and beyond, and it will be fascinating to watch and see what that will be.
Slocan council votes to bring in cell service

The Valley Voice 
October 4, 2018

by Barbara Curry Mulcahy

Slocan council voted at the September 17 council meeting to grant Telus a licence to establish a cell tower on the right-of-way by the curling rink at 903 Hume Street. The licence will take effect on October 1, 2018 and will be irrevocable for 10 years. Telus will have the right to extend the agreement for two consecutive periods of 10 years each. Telus will pay $10, plus cost of living inflation, each year for the license rights.

Telus may start work on the site in October and plans to have service in place in 2019, possibly as early as the end of January. A 20-metre (65 ft) pole topped by three antennas providing macro cell wireless service will replace an existing 8-metre (26-foot) wood telephone pole by the curling rink. A new building will be placed on the ground next to the pole and will be surrounded by a 2.1-metre cinder fence.

Slocan council will not post any future ads related to this request. Inquiries will be taken to measure the availability and interest of required trade professionals.

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Not a Solicitation Process

Note that this is not a tender process, nor a request for proposal, but only an inquiry to measure the availability and interest of required trade professionals.

The Village of New Denver will post no future ads related to this request.

The Village of New Denver reserves the right to proceed with inviting only parties deemed to most effectively meet specific operational requirements.

Interested parties are requested to submit their response in writing to the following address:

Village of New Denver
P.O. Box 40
New Denver, BC, V0G 1S0

or by facsimile to 250-358-7251

or by email to cao@newdenver.ca

As this may be the only invitation to submit interest in this phase of the project, owners or their agents should provide their response by October 12, 2018. Any response received after this date may not be considered.

2018 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Eligible electors can vote in the upcoming municipal election at the general voting opportunity which will be held from 8 AM – 8 PM on Saturday, October 20, 2018 at the Village Office. An advance voting opportunity will take place on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 from 8 AM – 8 PM at the Village Office. Mail Ballot voting is available for eligible electors unable to vote at the general or advance voting opportunities. For information about elector eligibility, requesting a mail ballot package or other election matters, please contact Catherine Alaway, Chief Election Officer or Lisa McGinn, Deputy Chief Election Officer.
New program to help homes and residents be more energy efficient

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is pleased to announce the launch of the Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP). This program will make it easier for homeowners and tenants to make their homes more energy efficient, and will support the RDCK in achieving its climate action goals.

“The Regional Energy Efficiency Program arose from the RDCK’s commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the quality of life for residents in all RDCK electoral areas and nine member municipalities,” said Karen Hamling, RDCK Board chair. “Thanks to this innovative program, which will operate over a two-year period, we will be able to reduce carbon emissions in new and existing buildings, improve operational efficiency of buildings, and make it more affordable for residents to be RDCK board, September 20: Climate change adaptation for agriculture by Jan McMurray

• The RDCK will participate in the Regional Agricultural Adaptation Strategies Project with the Regional District of East Kootenay and Kootenay Boundary. The project will involve planning a process, and then up to $100,000 in funding will be available for projects related to agricultural adaptation to climate change.

• Area H Director Walter Sinclair will be thanked for his service.

• The board received the report and took no action.

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• The RDCK will ask the Ministry of Forest Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to consult with local governments to establish standards and objectives for wildfire mitigation.

• The board received a letter from the Green Communities Committee, congratulating the RDCK on its efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in 2017, and awarding the Regional District with “Level 3 recognition.”

• The wooden bridge at km 9 of the Galena Trail will be replaced with two spans of bridge, fill, and retaining walls. This project will be included in the 2019 financial plan.

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Slocan council, September 17: Harold Street Plan funding application to be submitted

by Barbara Curry Mulcahy

• Council agreed to apply for a BC Rural Dividend grant to fund the second phase of the Harold Street Plan. In this phase, civil, electrical, and landscape engineers will be contracted to design a plan for the north end of Harold Street, focusing on the west side of the block between Delaney and Park Ave. Parking, sidewalks, and landscaping will be planned with consideration for drainage. A detailed cost estimate and tender documents will also be created. The Village is applying for $60,500 from the Rural Dividend Fund. The Village will contribute $15,000 plus $1,200 for marketing and in-kind office expenses.

• The Slocan Waterfront Restoration and Development Society gave a presentation on healthy waterways. Denise Dufault asked council to support a resolution to restore creeks to fish-bearing status. She said that fish in the Slocan are endangered because there is no place for them to spawn. She said groundwater extends kilometres in both directions beneath the river, and water passes back and forth between the groundwater system and the river. To protect the river, it is essential to protect the groundwater. Gregoire Lamoureux, program manager for the Slocan River Riparian and Wetland Restoration Program, said that riparian areas are vital for a healthy river system, for filtration, mitigation of flood and drought, and carbon storage. He said the Columbia Power Corporation and CBT could provide large grants to restore fish habitat. He pointed to the newly protected wetland at the northern end of Slocan Lake and the park on the west side, and asked council to protect the south end of the lake. Council did not discuss the requested resolution.

• Council supported in principle the Climate Action Commission’s plans for a Climate Action Ambassador Program in Slocan and said it would consider approving a grant application to support this program once the commission completes and submits it. The three-year Ambassador Program would focus mainly on low-cost, effective, community-led climate action on energy efficiency, air quality, watersharm behaviours, and food sustainability.

• A letter from CBT stated that Slocan would not get a Public Art grant for a beach washroom mural. CAO Michelle Gordon said CBT suggested the Village apply for a CCKA grant – the next deadline is in January. Council agreed to discuss this at its December meeting.

• A zoning amendment application from Jason Lessard to permit him to build a commercial building with two accessory residential units on the property at the corner of Harold Street and Park Ave was approved in principle, pending consideration of first and second readings of the amendment and public hearing. This application had been debated and tabled at previous meetings. At this meeting, Joel Pelletier and Burly Van Byen voted to submit a map showing that this amendment would apply to only three of the applicants’ lots. Council voted in favour of this. City Planning and Development referred the application to the community for consideration. Council first denied a request from Curtis and Nellie Dahl to reconsider their variance request to build a 24-foot-high garage at 3119 Arthur Street. Two of the Dahls’ neighbours had submitted letters asking that the Dahls not be allowed to build higher than the regular 15 feet. During public participation, Dahl said it was unfair to deny his request because he had proved his neighbours’ concerns about privacy and sunlight were unfounded. Council then reconsidered the matter. Joel Pelletier and Burly Van Byen voted in favor of allowing Dahl a variance for a 21-foot-high garage. Jean Patterson remained opposed. Since Madeleine Perriere was absent, the two votes in favour were enough to pass the resolution.

• The Village will once more participate in the Woodstove Exchange Program. The Village will top up the provincial $250 rebate with $100, for a maximum of 3 stoves. The rebate is for Village residents replacing inefficient woodstoves with new energy-efficient wood or gas stoves.

• Council agreed to write a letter of support for an application from Michelle Gregoire to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

• Slocan will notify the RDCK that it does not want to participate in the Wildfire Mitigation Service at this time. The Village has been penalized because of wildfire mitigation services provided by SIFCo and, with the help of grants, costs have been minimal. Signing up for the RDCK service would raise tax rates.

• Council passed the Village Permissive Tax Exemption bylaw 19-32, which would be valid from 2019 to 2021. Seven community service properties and churches are exempted; the curling club and golf course are not. Council did not discuss the resolution.

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Rhonda Bouillet
Chief Election Officer

AllenSong to perform PALS benefit concert

If you love quality live music and have a soft spot for our furry friends, then you won’t want to miss an evening with AllenSong as they perform a benefit concert for PALS (Protecting Animal Life Society) at the Nakusp Legion hall on Saturday, October 13 at 7 pm.

AllenSong is Paul and Petra, a local singer-songwriter duo who have performed in BC, Alberta and Nova Scotia, blending the styles of folk, pop and country music to create songs about love, life and the human condition. Their thoughtful and evocative lyrics exude a warmth, gentleness and simple honesty that can elicit a tear or two, and Paul’s humorous anecdotes are sure to bring a smile.

Paul says that he and Petra have always been animal lovers, “so as a result we have been involved with PALS with helping them rescue stray and arrange homes for them. Since moving to BC in 2007, we have adopted three stray cats and two dogs who needed a home. PALS was also instrumental in helping us with our dog’s cancer treatment last year, for which we are eternally grateful.

“AllenSong is pleased to be performing and will be donating a portion of our CD sales from the concert to PALS. All proceeds from tickets, food and beverages will go to PALS in support of their ongoing efforts to defend the rights of animals, educate the public in responsible pet ownership and rescuing animals in need. The is one way we can all say thanks and support a worthwhile group of caring individuals, dedicated to an organization, built on a simple love for innocent creatures.”

PALS is very grateful to AllenSong for their generosity in offering this benefit concert.
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The Streamkeepers invite one and all to Winlaw Hall on October 13 to watch the beautiful Primeval: Enter the Incomappleux. Audiences all over BC have described this documentary by award-winning filmmaker Damien Gillis as “breathtaking.”

Filmed deep in the heart of the Selkirk Mountains, this 20-minute documentary is the story of the majesty, magic and endurance of one of the world’s last truly intact temperate rainforests — the incomparable Incomappleux!

Damien Gillis joined an expedition of conservationists, biologists and wilderness explorers to document the nature and history of this unique place, replete with 2,000-year-old trees and rare lichens. The film outlines a plan to preserve the area through a new provincial or national park.

The Incomappleux River is a major tributary of the Columbia River. The River issues from glaciers deep in the wilderness of Glacier National Park, and its valley is at the heart of Valhalla Wilderness Society’s proposal for the Selkirk Mountain Caribou Park. While logging has diminished much of the valley’s ancient forests, the core of the primeval forested valley is thought to have been growing undisturbed since the last ice age. So far, it has been preserved through dedicated efforts by conservationists, but activists continue to confront the possibility of industrial encroachment.

VWS director Craig Pettitt and biologist Amber Peters will bring the film to Winlaw for the showing. The VWS initiated the making of the film “because we wanted people everywhere to experience, in some way, this ancient heritage known by our ancestors.” At 7 pm Pettitt will present, as a prelude, a slide show about the VWS’s park proposal and the state of BC’s mountain caribou before the film is run. Admission by donation. Doors will open at 6:30 pm.
These girls were fascinated by this time-honoured way of carding wool at Lucerne Harvest Festival in New Denver.

The Lardeau Valley Historical Society’s 1931 Model A Ford was on display at the Lardeau Valley Harvest Festival September 29. Donated by Roy Lake, the car was taken to Johnson’s Landing in 1938 on the SS Moyie.

Devon Duerichen shows the younger kids how the fruit press works at the Lucerne Harvest Festival September 28.

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New Denver & Area Fire Department - Leonard Casley (Chief), Nigel Thomas (Deputy Chief), Derek Hicks (Captain), Doug Fischer (Captain), Mercedes Casley (Captain), Jamie Grieson (Captain), Keith Steenkoff (Captain), Wil Wilson, Alvie Bouillet, Jordan Dalois, Calvin Rothmeier, Sara Rainford, Richard Hanwood, Casey Law, Roy Duncan, Tyler Paynton, Ric Barta, Brent Olsen, Isaac Carter.

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Nakusp council, September 24: NACFOR pays substantial dividends; broadband plans

by Claire Paradis

• The Nakusp and Area Community Forest (NACFOR) handed the Village of Nakusp a big dividend cheque just before the meeting - $350,000. With the formation of NACFOR’s legacy fund, several dividend declarations have been made, said NACFOR President Kathy Smith. In 2014 there was a $582,064 dividend; in 2016, $197,371; and in 2018, $350,000 for a total of $1,125,000 disbursed to Nakusp and area.

• BC Ambulance Service Area Manager Doug Garland and Regional Training Officer Chris Hui gave a presentation about the Community Paramedicine Program. The program is designed to help stabilize staffing at the ambulance station while filling health care gaps in communities. Heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and diabetes are three major ailments that the program will be addressing, among others. The community paramedics will help with a variety of proactive health steps such as establish of walking groups, tips for healthy eating, car seat clinics, and walk-in wellness checks. Connecting people with resources in the community and supporting healthy living are other services the paramedics will provide as part of their community program. Sandy Scott and Randy Mackenzie are the Community Paramedics stationed in Nakusp.
• The Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation (CBBC) is planning a project to bring broadband from Playmor Junction to Nakusp. The project will cost $7.5 million in total, but Nakusp would be on the hook for only $90,000 thanks to funding from the Province, RDCK, and Columbia Basin Trust. The Village is joining the RDCK in writing a letter of support for CBBC in its pursuit of funding for the project.
• Summit Lake and Brouse Loop owners should have reliable internet soon, thanks to Columbia Wireless towers being set up in the area. The towers should be up in October, with service to the two areas before Christmas.
• In response to the proposal to block off 16th Avenue to prevent camping on the north road across the Kuskanax, Mayor Karen Hamling said, “I don’t know how the locals would feel about [closing 16th Avenue access to the lake] if they’re used to camping or fishing down there.” She added that she didn’t think a barrier would stop people in any case. Council voted to deny the request from property owner John Chernoff to close the access.

Two letters from residents expressing concern about the parking and height issues were received by the Village. CAO Taylor reported that BC Housing representatives said people in affordable housing usually have fewer cars than single family dwellings. Mayor Hamling asked if there were comments from the gallery, but there were none. The variance was approved by council.
• The library and museum are asking to relocate the backboard wagon and its shelter from the front lawn of the Centennial building to another Village owned property, and to paint parking space lines beside the Centennial building. Council directed staff to research both items for an upcoming meeting.
• Water and sewer extensions up the north road across the Kuskanax are now complete, reported Public Works Director of Operations Bert Chemuz.
• A notice will be placed on the title of the Will Hewat Properties, as a structure comprised of two shipping containers with a roof built over them was constructed without a building permit. Darren Willfied Hewat of Will Hewat Properties sent a letter to the Village saying he had no objection to the notice being placed on the title, which will remove the Village and the RDCK from liability. It is possible to put an order through to have unpermitted structures taken down if the Village feels it’s necessary, said Mayor Hamling, but that won’t happen in this case. The building was reported to be held by the RDCK Building Inspector Peter Southin.
• The Village will support the RDCK’s Regional Residential Retrofit program by giving RDCK $2,500 of in-kind monies for staff time and facility rental, and a letter of support. The program will give incentives, education and tools to help people make their homes more energy efficient.
• Asset Management Planning continues, and the next phase is prioritizing asset replacement and creating an asset management plan (AMP), CAO Laurie Taylor said it is vital to have an AMP in order to be eligible for future funding. Nakusp’s partnership with Silverton, Slocan and Warfield has garnered interest. Land Info Technologies has asked to give a presentation at the BC Assessment Management Plan conference to “show how four small communities can bundle together for savings,” said CAO Laurie Taylor.

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
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Sandy Scott and Randy Mackenzie are the Community Paramedics stationed in Nakusp.

NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS
Arrow Lakes Historical Archive
Grant-in-Aid Service Establishment

The Board of Directors of the Regional District of the Kootenay Boundary, hereinafter referred to as “RDKB”, the “Regional District” or “Board”, in accordance with the Community Charter, the Local Government Act and the “Regional District of the Kootenay Boundary Act” (the “Act”), herewith give notice of its intention to grant-in-aid the financial support described herein to the Arrow Lakes Historical Society, hereinafter referred to as “ALHS”, and its Archives (the “Project”) for the Project Year 2018. The Project will be identified in the future by the Project Number 2018-0001-001. It is anticipated that the Project will result in a Notice of Amendment to the Project Plan (the “Notice”) by 30th June 2019. The Notice of Amendment will be filed with the Regional District of the Kootenay Boundary Office and the Office of the Columbia-Shuswap Regional District. The Notice will be placed for a period of 30 days for public comment. The Notice of Amendment will consist of the following:

a) The Project will continue for a duration of 4 years beginning with the Project Year 2018. In addition to the services to be provided to the community, the Project will include a Letter of Support to the Board, a Grant Agreement with the RDKB and a Memorandum of Understanding with the Arrow Lakes Historical Society. The Project will be labelled “Grant in Aid of Service Establishment” (the “GIA”) on the Project Form.

b) The Project Year 2018 will be included in the Project Year 2018-2021

TAXATION IMPLICATIONS:
The expected cost for property owners in the Village of Nakusp and a portion of Electoral Area K is as follows:

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ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS:
Under Section 86 of the Community Charter, approval of the elections within the Village of Nakusp and a portion of Electoral Area K is being held at this meeting. The Board will hold the vote in accordance with the Act. Therefore, eligible electors within the service area opposed to the RDCK establishing a grant-in-aid service for the Arrow Lakes Historical Society may petition the Board against the adoption of the Bylaw No. 2630 by signing an Election Request Form. At least 10% of electors must petition against the proposal prior to the deadline date, which is at least 90 days after the last publication of this Notice, in order to prevent the Board from proceeding with the Bylaw without the approval of the electors.

Board from proceeding with the Bylaw without the approval of the electors.

ELECTION RESPONSE FORM:
The Election Response Form must be in the form established by the Board of Directors and is available from Regional District of Central Kootenay in Nelson, BC at 202 Lakeside Drive during regular office hours or from the RDCK’s website at www.rdck.bc.ca.

WHO MAY SIGN THE ELECTION RESPONSE FORM:
Elections, other resident or owning property, within the boundaries of the “Arrow Lakes Historical Archive Grant-in-Aid Service Area” are the only persons entitled to sign the Election Response Form. An elector is a person who meets the qualifications and definitions outlined in the Local Government Act as described in detail on the Election Response Form. The Board of Directors has resolved that a fair estimate of the total number of electors in the subject area is 1762. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 86(1)(c) of the Community Charter, 177 or more electors must sign the Election Response Form to prevent the Board from proceeding without the approval of the electors.

DEADLINE: The Election Response Form must be received by the undersigned before 4:00 p.m. on November 13, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding this proposal or would like to request an Election Form, please contact the undersigned. Information relating to this process and a copy of the Notice of Service Area are available at www.rdck.ca/AAP/ArrowLakes.

Dated at Nelson, BC this 25th day of September, 2018.

Angela Lund, Deputy Corporate Officer
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NACFOR presents a dividend cheque for $350,000 to the Village of Nakusp.
New economic development coordinator for Slocan Valley

submitted

The Villages of Slocan, Silverton and New Denver, RDCK Area H (Slocan Valley) along with the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission (SVEDC) have hired Ron LeBlanc as the SVEDC Coordinator. In this newly-formed position, LeBlanc will be tasked with implementing the recommendations of the Slocan Valley Economic Development Plan. The plan, drafted by EDCD Consulting, was developed in partnership with the Villages and Regional District and is the result of community and stakeholder consultations over the past few years. The overall goal of the plan is to encourage a thriving, resilient, local economy through appropriate economic growth.

“The Commission has done great foundational work over the years, and has laid the groundwork for this next step,” said SVEDC Chair Leah Main. “Having Ron working with the Commission to deliver our bigger goals will make it possible for us to nurture new businesses and industries, support existing ones, and grow deeper connections throughout the Valley. His demonstrated business capabilities, broad thinking and enthusiasm for new challenges will definitely be assets to the Commission.”

LeBlanc is a long-time Valley resident and brings his education and experience in marketing and business to the role. Being a business owner in the Slocan Valley for many years has given him a practical understanding of its people and economy. He is best known in the community for previously operating Little Slocan Lodge and Littlefest music festival.

“I am excited by the opportunity this challenging new role represents, both personally and for the Valley,” said LeBlanc. “I feel I am stepping up in a new way to serve my community, to help as best I can and offer my perspective moving forward.”

He continues to live off-grid in the Little Slocan Valley, where he helps steward a large property and caretake a strawbale lodge with micro-hydro system.

For inquiries about economic development in the Slocan Valley, contact him at RLeBlanc@rdck.bc.ca.

Ron LeBlanc is the new co-ordinator for the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission.
Nakusp transmission line work is nearing completion

by Jan McMurray

The work done along the Nakusp transmission line during the planned power outage from 7 am to 7 pm on Sunday, September 23 was successful, reports BC Hydro’s Jennifer Walker-Larsen.

About 90 BC Hydro employees and contractors completed replacements of 23 transmission line structures that day. Helicopters were used to access seven of the structures located in remote areas not accessible by vehicle, while the other 16 structures were replaced along the roadways.

Walker-Larsen said BC Hydro originally anticipated that this work would take two full-day planned power outages this fall. “However, by assembling crews and resources from across the province, we were able to complete the work in one day.”

In addition to pole replacements, crews did maintenance work at the Nakusp and New Denver substations, and the local Nakusp line crew replaced some challenging poles on the distribution lines. Vegetation crews made sure work sites were safe for the crews and removed hazard trees from the transmission line right of way that could pose a risk to the line during storms.

“All of this work will help prevent unplanned outages as we head into the winter season,” said Walker-Larsen.

Since spring of 2017, BC Hydro has been working to restore the aging transmission line that serves over 3,000 customers in the Nakusp area by replacing wooden power pole structures and upgrading access roads. This is a $57.1 million investment in new equipment to improve safety and reduce the duration of outages.

Originally constructed in 1957, just over one-third of the 800 plus power pole structures along the 100-kilometre-long transmission line were damaged or in poor condition before the project began.

To date, crews have completed work on over 80% of the Nakusp transmission line structures that require replacement or repair, and will continue work this fall. No further planned outages are anticipated. BC Hydro expects the work to wrap up at the end of October.

Across the Province, BC Hydro maintains and regularly inspects 900,000 wooden poles. They have a 70-year service life, but this can be reduced by adverse conditions such as fluctuating temperatures, precipitation, changing soil conditions, and wildlife use.

Megan Chadwick of BC Hydro said cavity-nesting woodpeckers can weaken the poles when they burrow into them, looking for a place to build their nests. Old woodpecker cavities can later be used by other wildlife species such as songbirds, owls, squirrels or martens.

“During pole replacement or repairs, we have protocols in place to ensure that we do not disturb active nests. Work is stopped when there is any evidence of active nests in the poles,” she explained. “Where wildlife damage is extensive, we consider replacing the wood for a fiberglass pole to increase a pole’s anticipated life span.”

A BC Hydro crew member works on the structure.
New Denver council, September 25: Support for hotel tax reinstated

by Katrine Campbell

Jan McMurray attended as a delegation on behalf of the Arrow Slocan Tourism Association, which had asked for council’s support in its application for a Municipal Regional District Tax (MRDT), a hotel/accommodations tax. Council had previously supported the application, but withdrew its support when the Province decided to include previously excluded accommodation providers with less than four units. McMurray gave council an update on ASTA’s efforts to consult small providers, shared info from the Province, and asked again for support. She pointed out that many of the smaller providers are under the radar and choose not to register with the Province, meaning they pay no PST or MRDT.

The 2% MRDT tax collected would go to ASTA for use strictly for tourism marketing.

Later in the meeting, council voted to reinstate its support.

Council received three items of correspondence for information. They discussed one of them, a letter from Elisabeth von Ah of Lemon Creek on behalf of two German citizens who own property on Red Mtn Rd. It seems they are looking for a consultant to consult small providers, share info from the Province, and asked again for support. She pointed out that many of the smaller providers are under the radar and choose not to register with the Province, meaning they pay no PST or MRDT.

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RESTAURANTS & ACCOMMODATIONS

The Paddy Shack - Nakusp
(250) 265-3235 The Paddy Shack, located on Highway 6, Nakusp open from mid May to mid Oct. Breakfast, lunch and dinner served daily. Casual atmosphere, outdoor seating and a variety of pies and sandwiches. Great for lunch or a quick bite to eat.

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October 4, 2018 The Valley Voice
Nakusp gets its first Little Free Library on Broadway

by Claire Paradis

What do you get when you subtract the librarian, the card and the building from a library? If you’re lucky, you might have a Little Free Library (LFL) like the one installed on Nakusp’s Broadway Street by Librarian Susan Rogers.

The LFL project has been in the works for a couple of years now, inspired by the libraries on the streets of Calgary near Rogers’ daughter’s home. “I thought it was really cool when we’d see them out for walks; there were a couple within a ten-minute walk of where she lives,” said Rogers.

Researching the LFLs, the head librarian of the Nakusp Public Library discovered that most of the libraries are installed on the private property of someone who decided to be a steward of a small book nook. The LFLs are all different shapes and colours, although the dimensions are similar. Once an LFL is built, the steward can then register it for a small fee and the library’s location is then put on a global map of all the LFLs.

As soon as its official plaque arrived and its number was registered, Nakusp’s Little Free Library, with its cedar shakes and bright yellow door, joined the other Kootenay LFLs in Creston, Cranbrook, Kimberley, Christina Lake, and Fairmont Hot Springs.

Rogers was convinced to open one of these cabinet-sized lending libraries when she heard that there were some people who found it intimidating to go to the library. “There are barriers for people coming into the library,” said Rogers, who noted that people who may have difficulty reading might feel intimidated and might feel more comfortable picking up a book from one of the Little Free Library shelves. “Getting books out into the community for people to pick out things to read, people who maybe can’t afford books, helps literacy. Just keep it going!”

The official motto of the LFLs is “take a book, share a book” and the idea is for people to take a book and leave one in its place to keep the shelves stocked. Fortunately, the Nakusp Public Library has a surplus of books to donate for stocking the LFL for the first time.

Next time you’re close to the Century 21 Building on Broadway, take a gander through the glass at what Nakusp’s very own Little Free Library has on its shelves for the taking, and be sure to leave a book for someone in your community to enjoy reading.

The Valley Voice October 4, 2018

Slocan River Streamkeepers members are invited to a Special General Meeting to vote on adoption of revised organization bylaws, as required by law.

October 15 7:00 pm

Slocan Waterfront Restoration & Development Society (SWRDs) invites you all to a community event, featuring Professor Robert Macrae, who will make the connections between Climate Change, Renewable Energy and Mycellium (Mushrooms) to clean up our environment.

Thursday October 11th, 2018 Slocan Legion #276, 502 Harold St. Starts with Dinner by donation 5:00 pm, til 8 pm.

The Legion welcomes members & guests.

Adaptive mountain biker Ethan Krueger participated in the Sufferfest Adaptive Cyclocross event on September 16 in Nakusp.

Kootenay Sufferfest 2018 Cyclocross event offers adaptive course

by Jan McMurray

The first adaptive cyclocross race ever to be held in Canada was held in Nakusp on September 16 as part of Kootenay Sufferfest’s final event of 2018 – the ever popular Cyclocross.

Adaptive mountain biker Ethan Krueger from the Lower Mainland participated, making him the first adaptive cyclocross racer in Canada.

Cyclocross races incorporate different types of terrain on a loop course, and participants go around and around the course as many times as they can in a set time period.

“This is a really fun event and it’s great for spectators,” says Janis Neufeld, Kootenay Sufferfest president. “Nobody gets left behind – you’re competing with yourself.”

Neufeld explained that Nakup’s regular cyclocross course is 2.5 kilometres long and circles the park, incorporating the beach. This year’s course included two built obstacles and “lots of natural ones, too, like sand and tight corners.” The adaptive cyclocross course, also used for the kids’ race, was one kilometre long, had no obstacles, and had a much larger turning radius.

Over 60 people participated, and three participated in the adaptive race: Ethan Krueger, and Joe David-Blackman and Dario Dubuc of Nakusp.

The Nakusp event is part of the Interior Cyclocross series, run out of the Okanagan. “Everyone agrees that we have the best venue and the best course of the whole series,” Neufeld says. “2018 was a great year for Kootenay Sufferfest. It’s the end of an era in a way, because we’re going to be evolving into something new and exciting next year,” she said, referring to the organizations plans to expand into sports and recreation for people with diverse abilities. “We’re not leaving everything behind, but there will be a shift next year. The Cyclocross will continue, as will the Idaho Peak Race. The Wildside Enduro will most likely continue, but beyond that, we’re not sure yet.”
Geology of Kootenay Lake and the Lardeau Valley submitted

As part of the Friends of the Lardeau River Series, retired Selkirk College geology instructor Lesley Anderton will speak about the geological history of Kootenay Lake and the Duncan and Lardeau Valleys on Wednesday October 17 at 7pm at the Argenta Hall.

Come and discover how the rocks and our present landscape came to be, how Kootenay Lake was formed and why we have so many north-south trending valleys in southeastern BC. Learn how the Kootenay Lake area was the site of an intense collision between the rocks of ancestral North America, as seen in the Purcells, and slices of ocean floor and volcanic arc rocks formed offshore, as seen in the Selkirks. This collision, which occurred about 170 million years ago, created the ancestral Columbia Mountains long before the uplift of the Rockies to the east.

Find out why the Kootenay region is so rich in mineral wealth and hot springs. Learn how rivers and glaciers have shaped our present landscape.

Anderton will also look at the influence of rocks and surficial materials such as glacial till, lake silts and fluvial sands and gravels on land use and slope stability. Find out why the Johnson’s Landing Slide occurred and what karst is and why there are salt licks in road banks that attract wildlife.

There may also be a bit of time for identification of some of your rocks and minerals for final funding approval.

Projects that are technically sound and effective, and provide value for money through partnerships with other funders will be given priority. Proposers must be a registered not-for-profit organization, First Nations band or local government. Unqualified partnerships with other funders will be given priority. A Technical Review Committee will review project proposals and make recommendations to the RDCK for final funding approval.

Projects must be delivered by email to info@kootenayconservation.ca. Applications will be reviewed for completeness. Successful projects must follow through to project start and completion.

The closing date for project submissions is 4:30 pm PDT November 1, 2018. Project proposals must be delivered by email to info@kootenayconservation.ca.
Thank you all for your support and contributions to help us make this year’s fair a success! We hope the weather was kind and cooperated for a successful weekend.

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- **Skelton’s Coffee Company:** Coffee and tea.
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We would like to thank the following volunteers and contributors:

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**Card of Thanks**

**Hidden Garden Gallery**

**Helping artists grow.**

The Hidden Garden Gallery will hold its Annual General Meeting on Saturday, November 10 at 1:00 pm at Knox Hall in New Denver. Members and the general public are welcome.

**Hills Emergency Services Society (HESS) AGM**

Tuesday, October 16, 7pm. Hills Fire/Community Hall. All Hills residents welcome.

**Benefit Concert for Purr!**

(Protecting Animal Life Society) Come and enjoy local musicians AllenSong and help support our animal rescue programs.

Nakusp Legion, Saturday October 13 at 7 pm. Tickets $15. For advance tickets call (250) 265-3792.

**Coming Events**

**SLANTHONY’S 16th ANNUAL FLEA MARKET**


**ST. ANTHONY’S 45TH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET**

October 29, 9 am – 2 pm. St. Anthony’s Community Hall. Tables $25. Call Bev Casley 358-7771.

**FUNDRAISER**

**Slocan Valley Rail Trail.**

**FALL COLOURS RIDE AND FUNDRAISER**

Slocan Valley Rail Trail. Sunday, October 14. Begins at 2 pm at the South Slocan Trailhead. Ride the new paved section to Crescent Valley and then return to the Dam Restaurant and Bar to support us at a silent auction. Treats for kids, Burger and Beverage special, live music. Visit our Facebook page or website for more details.

**Grizzly Bear Research and Management**

in the West Kootenays. Wildlife biologist Gary Madsen will talk about the research and management work being done in the West Kootenays to help recover at-risk grizzly bear populations and what the implications are for people living in the Slocan Valley area.

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**Jeremy Reitmier**

are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Kynadi Anne. Born on August 24 at the Dawson Creek and District Hospital, weighing 8lbs 1oz and 21 inches long. They would like to thank their family and friends for their love and well wishes!

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The Arrow Slocan Tourism Association to their guests. This 2% will come back to accommodators within the Arrow Slocan Villages of New Denver, Silverton, Slocan, Nakusp and RDCK Areas H (Slocan Valley) and K (Arrow Lakes). If the application is successful, all registered accommodators within the Arrow Slocan region will collect an extra 2% tax from their guests. This 2% will come back to the Arrow Slocan Tourism Association to be used for tourism marketing purposes. Registered accommodators in the Arrow Slocan region will get 90 days notice of the implementation date. Check out the ‘Latest News’ section on the Home page of valleyfh.ca for more details. To provide feedback or for more information, contact Jan McMurray: 250-358-7218; 250-358-7215; jmcmurray@gmail.com.


Are you looking for a caregiver for a family member or yourself? Reliable German couple would like to provide help in Nakusp or area. He has 35 years experience in working in a hospital and a seniors residence, she has a few years experience with the elderly care. For further information please contact Harald and Susan Sauter, 1110 Schleiferei, 220-0005 • www.rodck.ca

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New and young farmers in the Columbia Basin are receiving support and services from a dedicated land matcher, as part of the new BC Land Matching Program.

This program connects farmers looking for land with landowners wanting to lease their land for farming. “This program will help young people enter into the agricultural industry, which might otherwise be a challenge because of the rising cost of land in some regions of BC,” said Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture. “We’re helping British Columbians new to farming get around the rising cost of land in some regions of BC, because of the rising cost of land in some regions of BC, which might otherwise be a challenge for people entering into the agricultural industry, wanting to lease their land for farming.”

Land matchers offer support and service ranging from hosting land-linking events to developing relationships with landowners, land seekers and community leaders, to facilitating negotiations and terms of leasing arrangements, with the support of a lawyer, between landowners and land leasers.

The price of land in some parts of the province is making farming unattainable for many families, especially where some of the highest-quality agricultural soil is found. Many established farmers are often motivated to support local food systems and provide an opportunity to a young farmer entrepreneur by leasing their land. Hailey Troock is the dedicated land matcher for the Columbia Basin. Her professional background in public policy, bilateral negotiations, environmental advocacy and business coaching, brings a level of expertise to the table that will help local communities within the Columbia Basin promote and strengthen sustainable and independent food systems.

Resolution. (let’s get this resolved). From there, she moved to Conflict Management, (let’s be more conflict competent now and in the future). For her doctorate, she studied Conflict Analysis, (let’s ask better questions about the heart of conflict, analyze earlier, and delve deeper). Sword has convened thousands of innovative conflict management processes, locally and internationally, has taught conflict studies at universities and privately, and trained boards of directors in effective governance. She’s active as a writer, researcher, trainer, coach, and keynote speaker. (www.hiddengardengallery.ca)
Sleep Is for Sissies receives award for inclusive hiring

When asked what he likes about his job at Sleep Is For Sissies coffee bar in Winlaw, dishwasher extraordinnaire Cody Archambeault replies “They have great food!” He further explains the benefits of working close to his home, which allows him to commute to work using his wheelchair adapted bike. “Dishwashing is something I can do, and everybody is nice.”

On September 24 Sleep Is For Sissies was recognized for their inclusive hiring practices. Raina Gardner accepted the Kootenay Career Development Society/WorkBC Inclusion Award, given to employers demonstrating leadership in building accessible, inclusive workplaces and for hiring individuals with disabilities or significant barriers to employment.

In the spring Gardner was approached by Archambeault and his Customized Employment Counsellor, Sharon Van Doesburg, about the possibility of a wage subsidy work placement. Gardner embraced the opportunity – and she has no regrets.

“Cody has been an absolute pleasure to work with. He is steady and reliable, performing his tasks to the best of his ability without complaint and always with a kind demeanour. In a workplace that can be stressful during the busy times, Cody remains calm and stays focused on doing his job well. He positively influences all those who work with him, and his quiet sense of humour is a joy.”

In December 2007 Archambeault was diagnosed with an arteriovenous malformation that required removal, and left him legally blind with limited use of his right hand. Then in December 2008 he felt a lump on his leg and was diagnosed with bone cancer that required the removal of his leg. With tremendous strength and determination, he was able to complete high school and attend Selkirk College. Now, says Gardner, he is a fantastic worker and an incredible addition to the Sleep is For Sissies team.

According to the provincial government, more than 334,000 British Columbians between the ages of 15 and 65 have a disability. The unemployment rate for these individuals is 4.5% higher than those without a disability.

“More people should give us [people living with a disability] a chance,” says Archambeault. Van Doesburg agrees. “Everybody has talents, skills and abilities,” she says. “And inclusive hiring practices make good business sense. Studies show workplaces benefit from increased morale and productivity – and consumers prefer companies that employ people living with disabilities.”

For more information on employment resources available for people living with a disability, contact KCDS or visit www.workbc.ca/accessibility.

Newspapers matter, more than ever – show your support!

Today marks the start of National Newspaper Week and the launch of a new campaign to rally Canadians’ support for newspaper journalism – and the in-depth, credible, independent reporting that newspapers provide. The campaign, dubbed #NowMoreThanEver, is inviting Canadians to show their support for the news media industry at the newly launched newspapersmatter.ca.

“The role of newspapers has never been so crucial,” says Bob Cox, chair of the board of directors of News Media Canada, the national association that represents Canadian newspapers. “Every day, newspapers work to bring Canadians from coast to coast to coast real, trusted, truthful news – which is as vital to democracy as clean air, safe streets, good schools and public health.”

Recent research conducted last year found that 63% of Canadians were unable to distinguish between legitimate news websites and fake news stories, and 65% of Canadians are worried that false information or fake news is being used as a weapon.

Access to truthful news is under threat. For years, the credible, independent news reporting that newspapers provide has been funded by local and national advertiser support. But as readership moved online, Canadian brands and companies moved their advertising dollars to global conglomerates: 70 per cent of Canada’s online ad revenue goes to Facebook and Google – despite the fact that ads in either digital or print newspapers are the most trusted of all ad formats.

“Newspapers do not have a readership problem,” explains Cox, who points to recent research that shows that 8 in 10 Canadians – and 85% of millennials – still read a newspaper every week. This National Newspaper Week, Canadians are asked to simply sign a pledge of support at newspapersmatter.ca and send a message — to Canadian businesses, advertisers, to all levels of government, to newspaper journalists and all Canadians — that newspapers matter, now more than ever. The campaign includes print and digital ads running in newspapers across the country and is extending into social media, with a call-to-action that invites newspaper readers to share a photo of themselves with their favourite paper on their social channels — using #NewspapersMatter and #NowMoreThanEver.

National Newspaper Week in Canada runs from October 1 to October 7, 2018.

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Valley Athletes perform well at 55+ Games, Currie brings home gold

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The 31st annual 55+ Games (formerly BC Seniors Games BCSG) attracted more than 2,500 participants, volunteers and officials to Cranbrook and Kimberley from September 11 – 15. The multi-sport event included more than 25 sports competitions as well as performances by an array of top flight local artists at opening and closing ceremonies.


Participants from the Slocan Valley included two cribbage players, two track athletes and three soccer players.

Joan Decans in the 70+ group and 93-year-old Lydia Kania of Winlaw competed in the cribbage tournament.

Linda Martin of Winlaw (70+) posted a fourth place finish in the 5,000m power walk (52.02.60), 100m (11.83) and the 50m (15.00) sprints and participated in the mixed 4x4 100m relay.

Don Currie of Slocan (60 to 64) placed in all his events. In the sprints: 50m (10.38 bronze), 100m (21.09 bronze), 200m (43.48 bronze) and 400m (51.06 silver); and in the middle distance runs, 800m (4.11.49 silver) and 1,500m (9.11.20 gold) as well as the 5,000m power walk (38.50.82 gold) and 4 X 4 400m power walk relay (silver).

Soccer players Georges Perierre from Slocan, a midfielder-forward; Jerome Liboiron from Passmore, fullback-halfback; and Dave Lawrence from Crescent Valley, outside left midfielder in the 65+ age group, battled their way to the bronze round members of the Koots soccer team, but fell short in the final game.

Next year the 55+ Games will be in Kelowna September 10 to 14, 2019.

Silverton’s Bill Christian places second in Rocky Mountain Motogiro

by Jan McMurray

Silverton resident Bill Christian placed second in the Rocky Mountain Motogiro vintage motorcycle event, September 14-16 in Nakusp, riding his 1962 Ducati.

“I got into Ducatis in my early 20s and I’ve had one – at least one – ever since,” he said.

The Rocky Mountain Motogiro event is for 1969 or older motorcycles, 250 cc or less. On the first day (Saturday), riders take a 300-kilometre reliability test from Nakusp to Nelson to Kaslo to New Denver to Nakusp. Some of the bikes break down on this journey.

“That takes a number of bikes out of the race,” Christian said. This year, 20 motorcycles started out on Saturday, and there were just 8 left on Sunday.

On Sunday, the remaining racers do a timed run up the Nakusp Hot Springs Road. Christian did the run in 6:15. Jim Wylie of Calgary came first with a time of 6:05, riding a 1966 Benelli.

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“Thank you to the volunteers who helped us with the event,” Christian said. “We had 27 volunteers – and only 20 participants, and only eight on the hill. So it takes quite a few volunteers to make it safe and give us access to hill. We couldn’t do it without them.”