Lucerne teacher Katrina Sumrall finalist for Premier’s Award for Excellence in Education

by Jan McMurray

Lucerne teacher Katrina Sumrall was one of three finalists for the Premier’s Award for Excellence in Education, in the community engagement category.

She received a Certificate of Recognition at the Awards Ceremony at Government House in Victoria on World Teachers’ Day, October 5. Sumrall, her nominator Julia Greenlaw, School District 10 Superintendent Terry Taylor and Sumrall’s daughter, Danika, attended the ceremony.

“I feel very honoured to be a finalist for this award, and am particularly touched when I read the letters of nomination,” Sumrall said in an interview. “I was deeply touched when I read the letters of nomination.”

“It is with great pride that all of us in the school district honour the amazing Katrina Sumrall, a teacher in SD 10 for over 35 years, for her accomplishment in being recognized as a finalist in the Premier’s Excellence in Education Awards,” says Superintendent Taylor. “Katrina’s contributions to school and community are legendary. I was happy to attend the awards banquet in Victoria as her proud superintendent. Hurrah, Katrina, and thanks for all you do for our kids and our community!”

Julia Greenlaw, Lucerne parent, took the lead on nominating Sumrall for the award. Greenlaw is Educational Assistant at the New Denver Nursery School, where Sumrall is involved as a longtime board member. Greenlaw gathered letters of nomination from Signy Fredrickson, Lucerne teacher, and Jan McMurray, parent of two former students of Sumrall’s who has worked with Katrina on the nursery school board.

“The community engagement award is intended for a teacher who increases student’s understanding of good citizenship by integrating community involvement with the classroom; improves community life by linking students, parents, and the community in innovative and meaningful ways; coordinates community services to be accessible to students and their families; and actively participates in their community.

The three nomination letters highlight Sumrall’s canoe trips with her students and community members, weekly class visits to the Pavillion longterm care facility, active role bringing fine arts programs to the community through the Valhalla Fine Arts Society, active role in the school garden, composting and recycling programs, caring role during tragedies and crises in the community, and numerous volunteer activities.

“There is a general consensus in our community that there must be more than one Katrina,” says Greenlaw’s nomination letter. “No one person could possibly be there to support her students and community so frequently and so tirelessly. Her generous spirit is contagious and encourages her students, including my two sons, and all of us to be community minded citizens and volunteer our time to help others. She is a truly deserving candidate for this award for excellence in education.”

Fredrickson’s nomination letter says: “Katrina is the heartbeat of our community. She holds us up and she holds us together. Katrina unites us in times of celebration and in times of grief. She fosters relationships between the elders, the youth and everyone in between; she connects us to the astonishing and precious environment in our tiny mountain village – her actions ripple through to make our community a community of people who care.”

McMurray’s letter begins: “Katrina Sumrall is an outstanding candidate for a Premier’s Award for Excellence in Education, Teacher Award in Community Engagement. Volunteerism and community mindedness are integral to who she is, and she teaches these values by example to everyone in her classroom and beyond. A grades 4/5/6/7 teacher at Lucerne Elementary Secondary School in New Denver for the last 30+ years, Katrina takes every opportunity to get her class involved in the community.”

There were 188 nominees, 27 finalists, and nine award recipients in this inaugural year for the Premier’s Awards for Excellence in Education. Murray Sages from Vernon won the award in the community engagement category.
The Edgewood Fire Hall is almost complete, lacking only some drywalling. And water. “Once the washroom is complete we will have to put a padlock on the washroom door,” said Lynda McNutt, president of the Edgewood Volunteer Fire Department Society, “because we cannot afford to hook up to the Edgewood water system and complete the install with a septic system.”

“If and when we do hook up… the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCk) requires that a water meter be installed on the fire hall. It all seems a bit ridiculous. A water meter be installed on the fire hall with no water. Just another hurdle to creatively jump.”

“Calling on local professional photographer Tasha Hall for help, they started planning. “As the planning meetings took place and photo ideas started to come together, something happened within our group of 11 women. We began to affirm our beauty and worth as women: as senior women, we want people to know that we can still actively participate in worthwhile projects, have fun living and celebrate growing old.”

“Most of us feel that this has been one of the most fun and uplifting experiences of our lives as women. The calendar, which we named The Burning Desires, is beautiful! It is humorous, playful, mischievous, creative, tasteful and whimsical. It is sure to tease your senses.”

The project took 12 photo shoots producing hundreds of pictures to get just the right shot. The calendar was printed at Wayside Press in Vernon. The Burning Desires calendars are $25 and can be purchased printed at Wayside Press in Vernon. The Burning Desires calendars are $25 and can be purchased by emailing theburningdesires11@gmail.com or by calling 250-269-0049.

“We appreciate the opportunity to speak with local farmers, producers and processors from throughout the province about the local meat industry in BC,” said Ronna-Rae Leonard, committee chair. “The input we received was key to the development of the committee’s recommendations.”

“The report makes 21 recommendations on the meat producing and processing industries, focusing on abattoir licensing, industry growth, and the development of a strong, skilled workforce. “We appreciate the opportunity to speak with local farmers, producers and processors from throughout the province about the local meat industry, said Ronna-Rae Leonard, committee chair. “It is our hope that the committee’s recommendations will lay the groundwork for a strong and growing local meat industry in BC.”

During its consultation, held from May 16 to June 15, 2018, the committee travelled to five communities and heard 50 presentations from British Columbians around the province. The committee also received 36 written submissions and 74 responses to the online survey. The committee’s recommendations seek to provide support for BC’s local meat production and processing industries while promoting the interests of local producers, processors, retailers and consumers.

“Throughout our consultation, we heard about challenges for abattoir licensing and inspection, slaughter capacity, and the recruitment and retention of skilled labour,” added Jackie Tegart, deputy chair. “The input we received was key to the development of the committee’s recommendations.”

The committee will present its report to the legislative assembly in October. More information about the committee and its report is available online: www.leg.bc.ca/cmt/aff

Edgewood women produce calendar for fire hall

by Katrine Campbell

The Valley Voice  October 18, 2018

“I don’t think “The City of Nakusp” would be a better place, I think most of you would agree. We simply aren’t ready for any substantial growth, but maybe we aren’t “stumbling” at all. There is slow growth, and we are becoming more sustainable. People are retiring here where they have too much growth and affordability. That’s a whole new industry, Hello out there…

The age friendly report put Nakusp on notice 8 years ago (we were 30% seniors then) I suspect that number has grown. Now we all agree with it – and we’re in a housing crisis. Ask the Realtors who is moving here. I don’t think it’s too late to respond but we better pull our head out of the sand soon. If we don’t move forward, someone else will. Don’t get caught watching the parade go by.

• FIX WHAT’S BROKE, THEN CREATE A NEW VISION FOR THE FUTURE.
• ESTABLISH PRIORITIES, AGREE ON A STRATEGY, THEN “DO IT” TOGETHER.
• IT’S NOT THAT HARD, UNLESS YOU WASTE YOUR ENERGY THINKING AND TALKING ABOUT IT, AND FINGER POINTING AT EVERYONE EXCEPT THE GUY IN THE MIRROR.

There is some new and fresh blood trying to get in the door and win a place at the council table. We need them, regardless of who your mayor is…

Running for Mayor is not a popularity contest, it is about leadership, knowledge, and the courage and strength to challenge status quo.

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Volunteer Fire Department Society, we will have to put a padlock on drywalling. And water. Almost complete, lacking only some drywalling. And water. Obviously we can’t afford that so have settled for a one-inch connection,” says McNutt.

The fire trucks are in the fire hall and ready to go at a moment’s notice but have to be filled elsewhere in the community.

Columbia Basin Trust granted $18,000 to the fire hall project for equipment. McNutt says she talked to CBT about applying for a grant for water and septic, but was declined. She has also applied for a gaming grant to buy a pumper truck.

“Some folks are of the opinion that because we are volunteering hundreds and hundreds of volunteer hours to keep the fire hall running that RDCk might hook us up to town water for either a reduced amount or for free,” she says. “I think it might be a nice gesture by the RDCk to hook us up to town water for free and forego the water meter.”

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Wildsafe BC provides update on grizzly conservation

by Art Joyce

New Denver’s Knox Hall on October 10 was packed with about 30 people interested in an update on grizzly conservation in the region. Local Wildsafe BC Coordinator Brenda Proctor is a passionate advocate and the Trans-Border Grizzly Project that includes both Canadian and American grizzly conservation programs.

In recent news about other species the region has been facing habitat loss due to development and human activity is in serious decline, grizzly populations have been gradually declining. Managing access to backcountry grizzly habitat and public policy and education programs such as Bear Smart communities have combined to foster this positive trend.

Dr. Paul co-authored the Compost Council of Canada. The society is now delighted to recommend assistance with the help of her team.

Phase One of the Organics Diversion Pilot Project ran from May 2017 to May 2018. The pilot project was supported by the BC Ministry of Environment, the Canadian Forest Service, the School District No. 20 (the former Darkwoods School District), the Village of Silverton, the Village of New Denver, the Healthy Community Society, the Creston Community Foundation, the Creston Valley Community Foundation, the Creston Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Creston Valley News, and the Creston Valley Lions Club.

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Two members of the HCS’s new Organics Diversion Pilot Project are Katrina Sumrall, completed his advanced three-day course in April and have been experimenting with large, bear-safe composting facilities for almost 30 years. He teaches three-day courses that certify Compost Facility Operators, and designs processing facilities across the region from large industrial sites to summer camp systems. Transform focuses primarily on aerated composting technologies that speed up the composting process and reduce the composting footprint. Dr. Paul co-authored the Compost Facility Operator Manual, approved by the Compost Council of Canada.

The six-hour course will cover the basics of composting and why compost is important for the health of the environment. This course will look into the biological, physical and chemical fundamentals and the microbiology of composting with a focus on improving high-quality, safe product. In the afternoon, participants will go outside for some hands-on practice in compost processing and compost testing. Various methods for achieving composting success will be examined.

As John Paul promotes, “This course is for all who are curious about composting and compost non-lethal responses to human-bear interactions has also been a positive development through the experience of being trapped and shot with a tranquilizer to install a tracking collar is mildly traumatic, it’s a far less invasive procedure than the bear become better known.

The approach has an overall effectiveness of 74% in reducing bear mortality. However, quality compost management has never been abandoned as a management tactic since it rarely works. Black bears are managed differently, with habitat loss and hunting making shooting and occasionally relocated. By using GPS tracking collars, biologists are able to map the movements of grizzlies across their range for up to two years. This resulted in positive action in the Creston valley, when the collar proved that a grizzly had been frequenting the town’s landfill. A Creston council was persuaded to install an electric fence there.

Unlike black bears, grizzlies tend to actively avoid residential areas and humans. Consequently, their populations are relatively thin in the valley bottoms where human settlements are clustered. That means minimized bear-habitat security by limiting access to backcountry habitat.

For up-to-date details on bear safety and wildlife activities, visit the Friends Hall.

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Open letter to Telus

It is apparent that your company has not done its diligence on the effects of cell tower placement. Research over a 25-year period shows that the closer one lives to a cell tower, the greater the occurrence of cancer. This study was done in San Francisco with a cell tower placed close to a university. As the distance from the cell tower increased, the occurrence of cancer brain tumours decreased. Your company should be aware that locating a cell tower in Slocan City next to a school puts young developing brains and immune systems at high risk. If your company has the go-ahead to install the tower, at least use common sense and place the tower away from the school and the housing surrounding the area.

Linda Louise Passmore

Nine words to my credit

I would like to comment on Jim Holland’s “To the Citizens of Kaslo” letter to the editor in the October 4 edition of the Valley Voice.

In his editorial, Holland exposed Andy Shadrack, and added that: “Good governance, by council, is sorely lacking in Kaslo in recent times”. These statements are added to agendas without proper notification.” He also adds: “Conflict of interest guidelines have been routinely ignored for years in Kaslo council chambers.”

Holland put forth these allegations without corroboration; so I confronted him and asked why he did not speak out sooner if things have been that bad for so long? Holland responded by stating that it started years ago with a previous mayor.

So, once again I asked him why did he wait for so long to make these allegations? Without looking at me, he said he just recently figured it out. “I am not convinced” was all I told him.

I think our elections are being hacked by Russians. Patrick Mackle

Kaslo

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continued from page 4 and Immanuel Kant that we must recapture the sacred in order to fight radical evil. And... we will do this "with the belief that the good draws it to the good."—Father Daniel Berrigan

Marsee Manitou. Jacques Savard

Winlaw

Open letter to Rob MacDonald, BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service Division

I am writing to express my concern about the state of trails in Valhalla Provincial Park. As a long-time resident of the area and an avid adventurer, I am dismayed by the deterioration of multiple trails in Valhalla PP. Of particular concern are the trails that go up into the mountains from Slocan Lake. These trails are of great interest to the hikers who use the lake, and are access points for backcountry hikers doing traverses. I'm writing to find out what BC Parks is doing to maintain them.

When I hiked the Sharp Creek Trail (opposite New Denver) to the New Denver Icefield three years ago, it was already in rough shape. There were many trees down along the trail and sections of the trail were obscured and very difficult to follow. When I tried to hike it again this summer with an international vacation visitor, a note in the trail sign-in book said there were over 150 trees down across the trail. Needless to say, we did not attempt to go to the Icefield.

Already a few years back, I noted that the Wee Sandy Trail is no longer maintained. I would have loved to hike it back then and I would still love to hike it today. Also, at the beginning of this summer, there were many trees down across the very popular Castles Trail out of the Nemo Creek campground. These trails had not been cleared by mid-August.

Our local economies depend on tourism to a large extent and these trails that begin at the lakeside are of special interest to visitors; where else can you enjoy the views of multiple trails in Valhalla PP. Of all three of the trails and others like them that begin at the lakeside are of special interest to visitors; where else can you enjoy the views of multiple trails in Valhalla PP.

The wagon was eventually stored in a barn at the Home Ranch. Werner Schneebeger wanted it moved, as he was selling the ranch. The museum board hired a draftsmen to draw up plans to house the wagon close to the museum. The board then went to the Village council meeting to request permission to build it. The mayor and council gave the go-ahead and because it was under 100 sq ft we didn’t need a building permit. We hired Guy Duchaine to build it in the fall but he left town for a new job in Merritt, leaving it unfinished. We were grateful that Earl Frenich volunteered to finish the project, costing us about $5,000 of fundraising money.

Since that time, I’ve decorated the wagon six times a year from Valentine’s Day to Christmas to entertain locals as well as tourists.

The library is certainly welcome to use the left-hand side of the lawn area for reading or whatever they require. Are the fundraising dollars going to foot the $100,000 bill or will Village waste time and energy on a grant?

This reversal of a Village decision should be up to the taxpayers, not the library. The wagon should stay put.

Sharon Montgomery

Valhalla

Mosquito referendum. Just say NO!

It’s both infuriating and depressing that in this current era of ecosystem collapse and species extinction, there are still those who are pushing hard for this solution. The chemical eradication of flood water mosquitoes without any regard whatsoever for the long term destructive impact on other species in the Slocan River ecosystem.

We are living in and witnessing the Sixth Extinction, the ongoing huge extinction event of species occurring in this present Holocene epoch, spanning countless species of birds and insects, animals, amphibians, reptiles and arthropods. It is the human impact on the environment and the widespread degradation of biodiverse habitats that is responsible for and driving these extinctions.

Instead of spraying mosquito larvae and adults, an important food source, will negatively impact the food chain and the long-term effects of BTi on other insects will do further damage. As pointed out by the Slocan River Streamkeepers, mosquitoes and their larvae are a basic part of the complex food web and are an ecological matter in wetlands, helping to recycle nutrients. Larvae and adults provide food for fish, frogs, insects, spiders, bats, birds, turtles, dragonflies, water beetles and damselflies. Fish eat mosquitoes. Small animals feed larger predators such as birds of prey, coyotes, foxes, fishers, otters, many creatures needed in a healthy riparian ecosystem.

It’s only been 5 short years since our beautiful Slocan River was poisoned by the toxic fuel spill in July, 2013. Everyone in this valley was impacted by that shocking event. It brought home the reality of how fragile our ecosystem is, how suddenly and easily it can be damaged, how tragic the impact on all life forms, and how challenging the recovery for all the species, including ourselves.

It’s long past time we honour the wisdom that connects all living things. It’s time to focus our will and our love on protecting our ecosystem from toxic assault. It’s time to say NO to the quick chemical fix.

Vote NO on Saturday, October 20 – 8 am to 8 pm – Winlaw Hall.

Edda West

Winlaw

Mosquito referendum for Winlaw area

I am writing to remind people that we have a great opportunity on October 20 to vote yes for mosquito control and why I hope you will. I hope everyone received the RDCK notice in the mail by now. I’ve been plagued by mosquitoes for 20 years in this valley; they are a nightmare for many of us.

There is a great solution! It’s so tough for me to hear some people reject the idea of a biological control method when it’s the only answer. Kootenay Organic Growers Society has no issue with this being used. BTi is sold by organic supply chains for use in organic farming. Organic certification wouldn’t be affected. BTi is used in greenhouse food production and for mushroom growers to organically control fungus gnats. Mosquitoes, blackflies and fungus gnats are only impacted because of the alkaline environment of the insect’s digestive system. BTi is not a poison and isn’t toxic to other species. I wouldn’t want it if it posed a risk to health environment or all other life.

I can only imagine it dredges up images of planes dousing us all with saturating mists of toxic DDT or malathion. This is NOT what BTi is. It’s the idea of a biological control method that in this current era of ecosystem crisis is poison to me. Why are some people rejecting this idea when it’s the only answer? I would all encourage government to support this jump forward.

For the cost of a tank of gas, I could lose weight and die if mosquitoes were a threat. BTi is the top choice for most residential areas for its effectiveness and safety. People can request to be exempt from application of BTi for privacy, etc.

As for taxes, it would be great to pay for something that would actually help me. For the cost of a tank of gas, I could really LIVE here.

I appeal to all voters to please have compassion for your neighbours who are suffering and help us by voting yes. This is a wonderful opportunity that is unlikely to ever happen again.

Melanie Miles

Winlaw

Shocked at suggested solution to housing crisis

I recently attended an All Candidate’s Forum at Mr. Hoenlightner Sr. was driving the wagon six times a year from Valentine’s Day to Christmas to entertain locals as well as tourists. The wagon should stay put. A note in the trail sign-in book said there were over 150 trees down across the trail. Needless to say, we did not attempt to go to the Icefield.

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The implications of this idea have caused me much trouble for days. We need to truly think about what we wish to have represented in our community. This is not to say that women cannot choose to sell their homes, share them or rent them out, but that idea should come from them and not presented as a solution to a housing crisis. Please think about this when you go to vote for your local leaders, and ask those running for council about their views on this. And, to the two candidates who made these comments – perhaps you may think about ways to inspire house sharing, renting of empty homes and the idea of tiny home dwellings to all genders, all ages, single or partnered, part time and seasonal visitors, instead of focusing on this group of women. And while you’re at it, perhaps you could come up with ways to make the building of tiny homes more accessible – because they are a part of the solution. Your neighbor,

Morgen Bardati

New Denver

October 18, 2018 The Valley Voice
Candidates for mayor

Bob Lafleur’s opening statements began with: “Who is Bob Lafleur? He is disappointed how hurtful people could be just to get a place at the table.” He outlined his years of public service as a public works employee, building inspector, RCMP officer, and chief administrative officer. Lafleur served as CAO in Nakusp from 2006 to March 2011, and he held the position in other municipalities. Lafleur said he would address the low morale of Village staff and “fix what was broke.” Using the Official Community Plan, which is due for revision, to direct how questions wrap around Trail use and the Rail Trail washout arose, it was clear that Zeleznik was well-versed on the issues, and his experience as a small business owner, building inspector, RCMP officer, and chief administrative officer. Lafleur said he wasn’t aware of the potential that “maybe challenge the status quo.”

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Tom Zeleznik, a sitting councillor, presented himself as research-oriented, interested in seeking advice for decisions, and liking a bit of time to come to an answer. He said his motivation for running was to give back to the community that he said has been generous to his family. Zeleznik grew up and has worked and volunteered in Nakusp and area his entire life, and thanks to that he has a good knowledge of forestry, farming, sawmilling, and the community in general.

Zeleznik named forests, water, and hot springs as the three assets of Nakusp, as well as the green energy initiatives the Village has developed. He would like to see more energy go into tourism and recreation, and that revenue increase—an expansion of the Nakusp Hot Springs with that in mind—and broadband in town.

Value-added industry was another avenue for increasing employment and keeping skilled workers, said Zeleznik, but that will require keeping and increasing the amount of industrial land available.

Zeleznik was asked a corollary question. Lafleur’s claim that Village salaries have gone up 40% over the past five years. Zeleznik named the figure as 10.8%, which was confirmed by CAO Laurie Taylor. Zeleznik pointed out that wages are negotiated and set with the union. The non-unionized management positions are not entry-level positions, said the seated councillor, and are on par with other municipalities of a similar size.

How would the mayoral hopeful communicate with Nakuspians to ensure they were kept in the loop?

Zeleznik mentioned how council meetings had been moved to the Emergency Services Building so they were accessible to everyone, and he listed community opportunities, open houses, information sessions, surveys, and he would be instrumental in determining the future of the Village. Zoning can help shape growth, he added, and ensure small businesses aren’t crushed by big box stores.

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Tom Zeleznik reiterated his gratitude to the community, and that he looks forward to giving back to the community as part of local government. He said with the endorsement of Nakuspians, he would once again bring his experience as a small business owner, councillor, and community volunteer to serve in council. He also restated his commitment to supporting seniors, tourism, industry, and local recreation, and any future council would require the support of the community for its initiatives, and that councillors need to take a active role. “Having nothing to say about council and government is not good enough to be considered for those that voted for you,” said Lafleur. The mayoral hopeful also said it was encouraging to see there was new blood eager to get in and challenge the status quo.

Candidates for councillor

The second round of the forum involved the seven candidates that were present: Susan DeSandoli, Joseph Hughes, Renny Kitto, Aidan McNaren-Caux, Janis Neufeld, Lee Rooks, and incumbent Bill Tobey. Kees Van Der Pol read written statements from Len Hopper, who was unable to attend due to illness.

Susan DeSandoli has held many different jobs and been involved in housing projects in Nakusp for a long time, including Haida Gwaii and Terra Pondera developments. She said she is a participant rather than a leader, and that she was willing to go on-site owner, councillor, and community volunteer to serve in council. She also restated his commitment to supporting seniors, tourism, industry, and local recreation, and any future council would require the support of the community for its initiatives, and that councillors need to take a active role. “Having nothing to say about council and government is not good enough to be considered for those that voted for you,” said Lafleur. The mayoral hopeful also said it was encouraging to see there was new blood eager to get in and challenge the status quo.

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Silverton All Candidates meeting introduces candidates for school board, and mayor and council

by Moe Lyons

Although the only contest in Silverton is the mayoral race between Don Broughton and incumbent Jason Clarke, the All Candidates Meeting at Silvertown Memorial Hall on October 11 proved to be full of information. All the acclamed candidates for Silverton council spoke about their vision for the town. As well, the forum included school board candidates, and most of them attended, even those who have been elected by acclamation.

Here are quotes from everyone, starting with the school board trustees, to give you a sense of what the candidates bring to the table.

All the candidates assured the public that they are here to listen, and welcome everyone to attend the meetings.

Melissa Teindl, born and raised in Nakusp, is acclaimed as trustee for the Central Zone (Nakusp): “Children are our future. Their education will shape the future. Their education will shape the happiness and joy of others’ lives, as well as being an active member in my children’s education.”

Kevin Farrell, who has lived in New Denver since 1993 and has two children at Lucecum, is acclaimed as the trustee for the Eastern Zone: “I look forward to enhancing teaching and learning, cultivating connections and relationships, and building advocacy for SD10.”

McLaren-Caux is the father of twin daughters in grade one at Nakusp Elementary, and has lived in Nakusp for nearly nine years. “I am running for trustee because I believe I can bring a fresh, modern perspective to the school board.”

After the trustee part of the meeting wound up, it was on to the mayoral contest.

The incumbent, Jason Clarke, has spent seven years on council, four of them as mayor, and has lived in Silverton “for my daughter’s whole life”: “The job of mayor is to sit down with council, find out what’s going on, and help them to get there.” He encourages people to look at the village website for documents and agendas to see what council does. His final word “I’m lucky to vote for me, but not at least vote!”

Challenger Don Broughton was “born and mostly raised in this area”: “I don’t think council cares as much as they should.” He expressed his hope that we’ll have ways to attract and retain small entrepreneurs that aren’t just dependent on tourism.” Gustafson said he’s lived in Silverton the entire time he’s been mayor, and he’s suggested turning an unused room in the school into a daycare and promoting it as a community asset. Mayor Bunka said it starts with people needing a place to live: if they can find housing, they’ll be motivated to move here, and many will bring their own businesses with them. Fyke suggested adjusting the OCP to allow for carriage houses, multi-family dwellings and increased density, with innovative septic solutions. He also made Economic Development plan of his new businesses and new residential construction. Meier suggested rezoning a narrow strip along Centennial Park for the development of affordable housing, and adding housing to the new Bosun Hall design.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS

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by Art Joyce

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Waterfront issues highlighted at Slocan All Candidates meeting

by Barbara Curry Mulcahy

Four of the five candidates for the four seats on Slocan’s council spoke at the Slocan All Candidates meeting on October 4 at the Legion Hall. Incumbent councillors Burly Van Bynen, Joel Pelletier, and Madeleine Perriere are all in the race, along with Denise Dufault and Brandon resident Ezra Buller. Current mayor Jessica Lunn, who has been re-elected by acclamation and long-time councillor Jean Patterson, who is stepping down from council both also attended. Perriere was unable to attend the meeting as she was out of the country on family matters.

The meeting was moderated by New Denver’s Gary Wright. He told the audience of about 40 that municipal government was “the most important level of government” as it provides the “services important to our daily lives.”

The waterfront was the main issue for residents. Dave Frederickson said he wasn’t a “big in camera fan” and asked, “Are you going to involve the public every step of the way” in making decisions about the waterfront?

Pelletier answered that since the mill site was privately owned, council “has no control over… who can buy the site.” How the site was zoned was a decision council made and he said the community would be involved in any re-zoning.

Buller said the community would have to trust the initiative in order to have public involvement. The mill site needs to be “constantly discussed,” he said, so the village is ready to make decisions once there is a buyer.

Dufault thanked CAO Gordon, Mayor Lunn, and council for reducing the allowable uses for the former mill site – the property can now only be used as a sawmill site. This has made rezoning inevitable, so that a public process will be required.

Mayor Lunn added that council had been challenged because the mill site’s “current owners don’t want to work with us… (in the) community planning process.”

Anna Wigle noted the close tie between the waterfront and economic development. She asked if the Village would consider charging a minimal fee for a pass to use the “incredible boat dock.” She suggested that the money raised could be used to hire an “ambassador” to supervise the dock and beach, adding that “a bylaw doesn’t have any bite if it is not enforced.”

Van Bynen called having dog catchers “a costly ordeal.” When the Village hired one, no one could claim he killed the dogs caught.

Dufault said she’d like to see a boat washing facility on the beach to prevent invasive species. She thought another community that had a dock was a good idea to cover the ambassador and boat washing.

Buller said education would be used to prevent non-residents from redesigning the beach so people would have a place to walk dogs.

Pelletier said a boat washing station was “on the table to consider in the future.” There was a good prospective site on Delaney where boat water could seep into the soil (and not contaminate the lake). He said it is not cost-effective to hire an ambassador.

Dufault said that the Village would have to “educate herself.” She said she had ideas how to solve this problem, called them to talk to him. “We’ve been through the ropes pretty good but there’s gotta be a cure somehow,” he said.

Residents were also concerned about a few other issues, Wigle asked about support for a water user agreement with the RDCK residents on West Slocan Road. Buller said it is “important to have everyone who has access” to potable water. Dufour said she wasn’t familiar with the issue and would have to “educate herself.” She said she had been through the process of water treatment and plant a small microhydro project on Gwilliam Creek.

Ken Del Puppo noted that Buller hadn’t served as a trustee for the Brandon water council, which has a vacancy, and asked Buller why he was interested in serving “the Village and not Brandon.” Buller said that he had been asked to run for Village council and had not been asked to be on the Brandon water council. However, he acknowledged that he should consider serving in Brandon, as well.

Other important issues candidates mentioned were: Pelletier - cell service; Buller - flushing schools population; Dufault - volunteer needs, microhydro, economic diversity; Buller - jobs, housing, sewer, partnerships with the provincial and federal government; Mayor Lunn - parks, housing, Van Bynen - beachfront campers, education on beach rules.

As for what skills and experience they would bring to the position, Pelletier said he would “like to continue being the ears and voice of this community.” As a councillor, he has had it important not to take things personally – “to make a decision and move on.” He cannot be an “armchair tycoon” and said the third party study on cell tower safety issues had convinced him that it’s a safe project.

Buller is a gelatine pro at the BC Gelatine Golf Course and is the executive on the Valley View Golf Club. He said “I’ve put myself through school twice in the last five years by playing golf.” He said the community needs more mapping and water infrastructure.

Buller has lived in Slocan or Brandon since 2004 and has seen a lot of growth since then, noting the seniors’ housing and the condos.

Dufault said she was an environmentalist, concerned with green economics, sustainable economic development, and a healthy ecosystem. She’d like to improve the environment to bring back fish. She has a certificate in administrative management, and since she lived in Greece for 17 years, experience with other ways of doing things. She is a volunteer on the fire department. “I love New Denver,” she said.

Van Bynen said, “I love working in the community.” When he has differences with others, he likes to get together and work it out. “I can get them ironed out.” He said he has been a volunteer on the tennis court ice rink for “many moons” but needs to step down. “I’ll be the volunteer who has served for 25 years,” Van Bynen has been in and out of office. With a smile, he said, “I’ve been beat up and come back.”

Silvertown council, October 9: Reports from health meetings positive

Elected Judy Struck in School District 10

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 been in my role as a trustee and as a parent for the opportunity to continue to serve to the betterment of our children’s education.

Authorized by Judy Struck
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Elected Pat Mackle for Mayor of Kaslo

No take news or intimidation here, just innovative ideas with the experience to implement them. Restoré Kaslo Bay to be the jewel it once was, establish a helipad at the airport for fire protection and medvac services, pursue employment and public works opportunities in the shoulder seasons, and treat the public with respect.

I have leveraged funding and know how to partner with Provincial Ministries to complete infrastructure projects. I am not your “cookie cutter” politician that brags about meetings, instead I provide workable solutions with fewer meetings.

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Kaslo candidates answer the tough questions on housing

by Jan McMurray

The Kaslo Housing Society (KHS) hosted an All Candidates forum on October 10 at the Lighthouse Theatre, with society chair Erika Bird as moderator.

The same four questions were given to all candidates for seven councilor candidates, and Area D Director Aimee Watson in advance. Because of the large number of candidates, they were called upon to answer just two questions each – so the audience heard answers to all four questions, but not from every candidate.

The first question: Does everybody deserve a home? Do you feel that the Village or District has a role to play? What measures do you propose?

All candidates who answered this question agreed that everyone deserves a home, and that local government has a role to play.

As for measures, John Rasmussen suggested that the Village owns a lot of land that could be generating revenue. Andy Shadrack considered the Kaslo Regional District, showing that Kaslo’s rents are above fair market price. He believes in developing as much Village land as possible, to take the private portion out of the rental market. As long as it’s in private hands, landlords will make as much money as they can.

Pat Mackle said council has done what it can, as vacation rentals are in the private sector.

Correction

Molly Leathwood did not appear in our candidates’ profiles last edition. This was due to staff error, and should not reflect poorly on her candidacy.

The Valley Voice apologizes for any confusion to our readers, and to Molly for our shameful neglect of her campaign.

Kaslo & District

Molly Leathwood feels that more discussion is needed on this issue “to come to common ground and make it work for everyone.”

The third question was about dark houses. What measures would you promote and support to discourage non-occupied homes and leave their homes empty or conversely to encourage them to rent their homes to long-term tenants?

Lang said he believes “a man’s home is his castle and we are limited in what we can tell people they can do with their homes.” He said an additional tax would have to be carefully considered.

Van Mill pointed out that non-resident homeowners already pay a higher tax, and they pay for infrastructure that they don’t use. He feels it’s impractical to rent out a home and then “boot out” the renters when the owner is in town.

Watson said there are a lot of cottages in Area D, and she doesn’t think dark homes should be taxed. She favours incentives over penalties. She applauded the housing society for doing a survey to find out more about the dark homes issue. She feels that a bigger priority to encourage rentals is to build the landlord/tenant relationship, and suggested that the Village, Area D and the society work together on that.

Michael Halliday wants to consult with the community on the idea of an additional tax on summer vacation properties.

Knoll felt that networking and partnering with the owners of dark houses is “probably one of the better solutions.”

Geoffrey Halliday feels that an additional tax is not unreasonable. “If this discourages them, more houses will be available and with rent, we can work on affordable housing.”

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Slocan council, October 10: Mayor reports on Peter Degroot incident

by Sandra Smith

• Mayor Jessica Lunn reported that she was able to get some information about the Peter Degroot incident at the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) conference at the end of September.

She met with Attorney General David Eby to discuss the incident’s impact on the community as well as the length of time the Independent Investigations Office (IIO) is taking to investigate the police shooting of Degroot. Eby told Lunn that a new Chief of Police, Colin McDonald, has been hired to lead the IIO and the Coroner’s Office has received new resources to deal with the case.

Lunn also met with the IIO Director of Accountability, Martin Youseff. Youseff explained that due to limited civilian witnesses or video documentation of the RCMP shooting of Degroot, the case will rely on scientific reconstruction of the scene, adding a great deal of complexity to the case. Youseff agreed the timeline has been too long, attributing this to the IIO’s heavy caseload and limited resources.

If no wrongdoing is found, a full report will be released. Without providing a specific date, Youseff told Lunn the report will be out as soon as possible.

• Mayor Lunn congratulated WEGCSS on receiving a $15,000 FortisBC Community Giving Award. The funds will go toward new equipment, hardware and software at the Learning Lab. Lunn received the grant funds along with Councillors Ferriere and Van Byens at the UBCM conference. In her mayor’s report, she said, “It was exciting to see the project highlighted [at the UBCM conference].”

• WEGCSS approached council to request the Village’s support for expanding the Food Bank Garden by providing a licence to occupy adjacent lots 6 and 7. Frances Frobb, Food Bank Garden Manager, said the organization would like to include to expand to include community boxes for residents, build a second greenhouse, potentially produce a crop crush, and secure composting.

With yields increasing annually over the past five years, Frobb said they have fulfilled their mandate to provide the Food Bank with more nutritious fresh food.

“Are we feeding more than the valley through sharing the excess harvest with other food banks,” asked Holly Jolly, WEGCSS Executive Director, adding that they harvested 1400 lbs of food from the garden this year, 591 lbs more than the first year.

“The Food Bank Garden provides food security with locally grown organic produce, while providing community

10 SLOCAN VALLEY

The Village of New Denver is holding an Arbor Day on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. We will cut up all yard and pruning waste that is placed at the curb by 8 am. Please ensure that all branches are bundled and tied and all garden refuse (leaves, etc.) is bagged. Absolutely no household garbage or construction material will be picked up. Please ensure that all bundles are acceptable wood – no trees that bundles are not more than 3 feet in length. Remember, you only have to lift one bag in comparison to the number our crew will have to lift. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

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 Allaway, Chief Election Officer or Lisa McGinn, Deputy Chief Election Officer.

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THE VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

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FALL ARBOUR DAY

The Village of New Denver is holding an Arbor Day on Wednesday, November 7, 2018. We will cut up all yard and pruning waste that is placed at the curb by 8 am. Please ensure that all branches are bundled and tied and all garden refuse (leaves, etc.) is bagged. Absolutely no household garbage or construction material will be picked up. Please ensure that all bundles are acceptable wood – no trees that bundles are not more than 3 feet in length. Remember, you only have to lift one bag in comparison to the number our crew will have to lift. Thank you for your cooperation.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Low kokanee numbers prompt bull trout quota increase

Ministry declines to designate western toads as regionally important wildlife

by Jan McMurray

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) has decided not to designate the western toads at Summit Lake as regionally important wildlife under the Forest and Range Practices Act, as recommended by the Forest Practices Board.

In a May 2018 Forest Practices Board report, the board recommends: “Government should proceed quickly to designate this species as regionally important wildlife under GAR, which would enable the establishment of wildlife habitat areas and implementation of general wildlife measures for protection of western toad habitat, where such measures are warranted.”

FLNRORD’s response, dated September 27, 2018, explains why the ministry decided not to accept the Forest Practices Board’s recommendation. Western toads are a ‘species of concern’ and have not been identified as regionally important wildlife.

Ministry biologists assess population status, and the success of ongoing programs at Summit Lake, assigning western toads as regionally important wildlife under GAR is not a priority for FLNRORD at this time. FLNRORD will continue to support ongoing western toad programs at Summit Lake and beyond, to Nelson and Castlegar so car-pooling rides can be arranged.

For more information contact Gail Elder at 250-355-2459 or brendagailelder@gmail.com.

Columbia Wireless tower proposals ends November 3

by Jan McMurray

Columbia Wireless has plans to expand its wireless internet service to Nakusp and area, and has applied to the Province to install towers on Kuskanax Mountain and on a mountaintop on the east side of Summit Lake.

The Kuskanax Mountain site has caused some concern in the community, as it is on the popular Kuskanax Mountain hiking trail.

According to the Columbia Wireless application, the 8 x 15-metre site would have a steel tower (12.12m high) on three concrete pillars, a solar array (3.9m x 0.3m), a steel battery box, and a propane backup generator. A 5m x 5m helicopter pad would be located closeby, as Columbia Wireless would access the site by helicopter only – no access roads would be built.

Public comments on the Columbia Wireless application are being accepted.

Historically, the number of spawning kokanee in Kootenay Lake ranged from 250,000 to nearly 2.2 million. This number declined to 18,000 in 2017 due to historically high kokanee predator abundance (bull trout and Gerrard rainbow trout). There is concern that recent low spawner abundance and juvenile supply of Gerrard rainbow trout has led to population reductions of Gerrard rainbow trout in Kootenay Lake. Bull trout, on the other hand, have spawning populations that increased by more than 100% between 2015 and 2017.

Reducing bull trout populations in the short term, in addition to continued stocking of kokanee eggs, is a short-term strategy to improve kokanee recovery. The ministry began stocking kokanee eggs in 2015. Since then, 16 million eggs have been stocked and another five to seven million eggs will be stocked this fall.

Ministry biologists assess populations of kokanee, bull trout and Gerrard rainbow trout annually to monitor recovery status. The 2016 Kootenay Lake Action Plan was developed by an advisory team with representatives from the ministry, Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC, the BC Wildlife Federation and First Nations.

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感兴趣的人士，每星期三下午6:45 pm，可以加入社区乐队。

Community Band has been together since 1982 and performs at community festivals and events, seniors’ residences, schools and with other musical groups.

Ministry publicly comments on the Columbia Wireless proposals ends November 3.
by Jan McMurray

The Kaslo Lands report by CTQ Consultants was received. This report – the Kaslo Lands Investment Attraction Project Report – is a study of the 430 acres of Village-owned land in and around Kaslo to determine if any of the properties could attract investment or otherwise contribute to community economic development. The areas were identified as offering attractive development potential (former Scout Hall, river dyke and Loki Avenue, foot of river dyke and Third Street, Seventh Street North/ Washington). The report sets out goals, a marketing plan, and preliminary steps to help the Village divest of lands and preliminary steps to help the Village divest of lands and prepare for the Kaslo & Area Economic Development Commission. It is on the Village website, under Village Commission. It is on the Ministry of Environment for approval.

Council asked staff to begin working on a Development Cost Charges Bylaw, to ensure that new development contributes fairly to the new or expanded sewer and water infrastructure to service the new development. The original debt for the sewer specified area has been retired, as per the recommendation in the Fred Banham report. The CAO’s report to council on the LWMP states: “The reason for pursuing a LWMP was to provide a plan for the utility’s future, not to focus predominantly on expansion or environmental concerns. When then utility was not and is not community-wide, the lack of a plan has been and remains problematic for almost any inquiry, financial challenge or capital replacement project. This process has not been an easy or cheap one and it should not be viewed as a panacea that solves the last 20 years of debate over the decision to create a specified sewer area in the 1990s and financially structure it in a specific way. The LWMP offers a framework to begin funding the utility’s capital appropriately, makes borrowing for critical infrastructure easier and provides a roadmap for modernizing related bylaws of a financial and regulatory nature. While incremental expansion may come over time, what the LWMP really offers is a roadmap for its management.”

• Deputy Clerk Stephanie Patience provided a report on the status of the Legacy Park project. The perimeter wall and electrical work have been completed. A cement pathway and performance area are scheduled to be done soon, and landscaping is expected to be done in the spring. Council approved issuing an RFP for pre-fab railings for the wall.

• The Kootenay Lake Historical Society is proposing a feasibility study for a Kaslo & Slocan Railway Museum on the SS Moyie property, and asked the Village for a letter of support. The feasibility study was funded by Heritage BC and CBT. Council approved the letter of support.

• A Kaslo & District Community Forest report was received from Village rep, Steve Anderson. Logging took place in the area of the ‘Bucky’ cabin and along the wagon road this season, putting some cash in the bank.

Kaslo Hospital Auxiliary hosts fundraising tea

The annual fundraiser Hallowe’en Spook Tea presented by VHKAS Kaslo Women’s Hospital Auxiliary is Saturday, October 27, 12:30 pm to 3 pm at the Kaslo Legion hall. Tickets are $7 including food and drink; children under five get in free. Ticket pre-sales at the Thrift Store in Kaslo. You are invited to a thrilling stage reading of this new play, adapted by Kaslo actor/artist Ross Crockett from the original novel Frankenstein by Mary Shelley. A stage reading is a form of theatre without sets or costumes in which actors read from scripts to gain the effectiveness of dialogue, pacing and other dramatic elements. A stage actor since elementary school, this adaptation is Crockett’s first foray into playwriting. Thanks to the generosity of the late Holley Rubinsky, the Langham is able to offer him a unique script development opportunity. Working with local actors and Nelson director Geoff Burns, this reading is part of the community, with crafts, Silent Auction, or capital replacement issue. This process has not been an easy or cheap one and it should not be viewed as a panacea that solves the last 20 years of debate over the decision to create a specified sewer area in the 1990s and financially structure it in a specific way. The LWMP offers a framework to begin funding the utility’s capital appropriately, makes borrowing for critical infrastructure easier and provides a roadmap for modernizing related bylaws of a financial and regulatory nature. While incremental expansion may come over time, what the LWMP really offers is a roadmap for its management.”

2018 YARD & GARDEN DEBRIS PICK-UP IN KASLO!
The Village of Kaslo will be picking up organic yard debris and large brush from your yard! In order to help our residents tidy up yards and adjacent boulevards on: Thursday, October 18th for lower Kaslo, and south of Kaslo River Wednesday, October 31st for upper Kaslo, and Kaslo Bay area. Please make a note on your calendar.
A few things to keep in mind are:
• Material must be placed out as soon as possible prior to scheduled collection.
• Fines only charged if material is placed out for collection.
• The crew will not sort through unaccepted material.
• Leaves, dead plants and grass trimmings must be bagged in compostable bags available for purchase at local retail outlets; small branches must be cut to lengths less than 6 feet and tied.
• Only reasonable amounts of debris will be collected; anything over 3 cubic meters will be left for owner’s removal.
• Failure to remove additional material from your yard causes a fine.
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Frankenstein at the Langham!

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The reading takes place Sunday October 28 at 7pm. Suggested donation $10 at the door; doors open at 6:30 pm, 447 Ave. in Kaslo. www.thelangham.ca
Minister Mungall’s baby boy introduced to the legislative chamber

submitted

Michelle Mungall, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, introduced her son from her seat in the legislative chamber on October 15. After giving birth to her first child, Zavier Matieschyn, and an eight-week maternity leave, the minister made the following statement:

“On March 8 of this year, the BC legislative assembly unanimously supported a rule change that allows infants to be on the floor of the legislative chamber while in the care of a parent. This follows previous changes, over the last two decades, such as adding change tables in the washrooms and allowing for maternity leave.

“In 2018, women take on many roles, including motherhood and careers. By improving access to affordable, quality child care programs and supportive workplaces, it’s more and more possible that we’re able to continue in our jobs and careers while being a parent.”

Pictured here is Alejandro Ziegler, composer, pianist and conductor of the world-class Alejandro Ziegler Tango Quartet. The quartet will perform at The Royal in Nelson on November 5 and at the Silverton Memorial Hall on November 6. Selections from the Golden Era of Tango along with more contemporary pieces as well as original compositions by Ziegler will be featured. Don’t miss hearing these classical instruments playing passionate tango melodies. This event is sponsored by the Slocan Lake Arts Council. Advance tickets are available at the usual local outlets. Concert seating as well as a small dance area will be available.
Kootenay-Boundary region rich in cooperatives

submitted

There are more than 40 cooperatives and credit unions in the Kootenay-Boundary region, and each of these businesses is co-owned by its members – sometimes the members are the producers of the co-op’s product or service, sometimes they are the consumers, and sometimes it is the co-op’s workers who are the co-owners. Together these co-ops employ 280 people and generate $215 million in annual revenue, most of which stays in the community. The number of cooperatives and credit unions in the Kootenays shows how much we love and appreciate them!

Co-ops are not as common elsewhere in Canada and the world, where in most industries the wealth accumulates in the hands of private owners and the pockets of distant share holders. For example, in the grocery industry, 80% of the groceries in Canada are purchased by shareholders. For example, in Canada, the Kootenay co-op, is inherently different in that they are co-owned by their members, who have input into what products are offered on the shelves and who benefit from the cooperative’s success.

New co-ops are created when a community need is not being met, and with every generation of creative, collaboratively-minded settlers we have added a few more cooperative businesses. Whether your co-op rents cars or table saws, provides housing or mortgages, sells cabbage or croissants, all co-ops share a set of values. One of these values is concern for community. Concern for community is present when we have a personal connection with other co-op members, when we have a personal connection with other co-op members, when a co-op spends extra time and resources on education, or when co-ops support community projects and organizations. Transportation, housing, food, and banking are core services for the co-owners. Together these co-ops are the consumers, and sometimes they are the producers of the co-op’s product or service, sometimes they are the consumers, and sometimes it is the co-op’s workers who are the co-owners.

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Meet the 2018 Candidates on Kootenay Co-op Radio

Every Wednesday & Friday at 8am (repeat at 5pm) or anytime at kootenaycoopradio.com/election2018

KCR – Proudly Co-op!

submitted

Carshare offers free casual membership

submitted

Kootenay Carshare Cooperative is celebrating Co-op Week with free application. This means you can join as a casual member at no cost until you use a vehicle – a great opportunity to try carsharing with no risk.

The KCC has been providing transportation solutions with access to reliable and affordable cars and trucks since 2001. With the closing of Greyhound bus routes, now is the time to secure your membership with KCC to have access to a vehicle to get you to appointments, visit family or go on work trips. This is a great alternative to purchasing a second vehicle, purchasing a gas guzzling truck or having to deal with winter tires and unexpected repairs.

Being part of a cooperative means your membership is your vote. The co-op relies on its members’ feedback, ambitions and values to shape the future of the carshare. It is currently working towards launching electric vehicles into the fleet. Join and help to develop the evolution for carsharing in the Kootenays!

The Kootenay Carshare Cooperative is working to help meet these fundamental needs – when we choose cooperatives, we are choosing to strengthen our community and shape our region. To learn more about the transformative power of the cooperative movement, join the Upper Columbia Co-op Council for a free screening of the film A Silent Transformation on Friday October 19, 7 pm at The Front Room, 601 Front Street in Nelson.

National Co-op Week, October 14-20 with a Co-op Fair and a free film screening. The new film A Silent Transformation documents the innovative self-help efforts of communities across Ontario, including everything from a skateboard co-op to a tribal housing co-op. The film screens Friday October 19 at 7 pm at The Front Room, 601 Front St. in Nelson. Admission is by donation of a non-perishable food item to Nelson Food Cupboard. There will be a facilitated conversation after the film.

“The is a great opportunity to shine a light on the co-operative model,” said Zoe Creighton, UCCC coordinator. “We have over 40 cooperatives and credit unions in our region, with several exciting new co-ops emerging. The film and fair will help people realize the impacts that co-ops already have, and the incredible potential that co-ops offer for making our economic system more open and equitable.”

According to a recent UCCC study, the combined membership of co-ops and credit unions in the region is more than 90,000. They employ more than 780 local people, and paid over $25 million in wages last year. Co-operators are owned jointly by their members, who share in the profits and benefits.

The Kootenay Co-op will host a co-operative fair on October 19 from 3 pm to 5 pm prior to the film screening. Local credit unions and co-operatives will share their services with the public and celebrate the spirit of co-operation with free snacks, hot cocoa and tea, and prizes. National Credit Union Day is October 18 – stop in to your local credit union to celebrate the impact they’ve had on our communities.
In celebration of Co-op Week – October 14 - 20, 2018

from Cooperatives and Mutuals Canada and BC Co-op Association websites

Co-op Week 2018 is this week, October 14-20. Co-op Week is a celebration of Canadian co-operative and credit union members, in recognition of their continuing contributions in Canada and abroad.

Co-op Week is always celebrated during the same week as International Credit Union Day, which is the third Thursday in October of each year.

This year’s theme celebrates the worker bees and the hive, which are an age-old symbol of the co-operative movement that adorned the very first Rochdale Pioneers store in Manchester, UK. This year, we celebrate the power of the hive mind, working together and solving new challenges.

Co-op Week has been celebrated by francophones throughout Canada since 1958. In 1981, celebrations were held among anglophone co-ops in the Maritimes and Saskatchewan. The event went national in 1982 with the encouragement of the Cooperative Union of Canada, a predecessor of Cooperatives and Mutuals Canada.

Co-op Week appears to be a uniquely Canadian phenomenon. In the US, October is Co-op Month, and the International Co-operative Alliance and United Nations have an International Day of Co-operatives on the first Saturday in July.

International Credit Union Day, co-ordinated by the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU), has been celebrated on the third Thursday of October since 1948.

Cooperatives around the world follow a set of principles based on principles drafted by the Rochdale Society of Equitable Pioneers in England in 1844. The modern cooperative movement is founded on the Rochdale Pioneers’ co-op model.

Cooperatives are based on the values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity. In the tradition of their founders, cooperative members believe in the ethical values of honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others.

Principles

The cooperative principles are guidelines by which co-operatives put their values into practice.

1. VOLUNTARY AND OPEN MEMBERSHIP

Cooperatives are voluntary organizations, open to all persons able to use their services and willing to accept the responsibilities of membership, without gender, social, racial, political, or religious discrimination.

2. DEMOCRATIC MEMBER CONTROL

Cooperatives are democratic organizations controlled by their members, who actively participate in setting their policies and making decisions on the principle of one member one vote. Men and women serving as elected representatives are accountable to the membership.

3. MEMBER ECONOMIC PARTICIPATION

Members contribute to and democratically control the capital of their cooperative. At least part of that capital is usually the common property of the cooperative. The cooperative’s surplus is either distributed to its members in proportion to their transactions with the co-op, or directed to other activities approved by the membership.

4. AUTONOMY AND INDEPENDENCE

Cooperatives are autonomous, self-help organizations controlled by their members. If they enter into agreements with other organizations, including governments, or raise capital from external sources, they do so on terms that ensure democratic control by their members and maintain their cooperative autonomy.

5. EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

Cooperatives provide education and training for their members, elected representatives, managers, and employees so they can contribute effectively to the development of their co-operatives. They also strive to inform the general public – particularly young people and opinion leaders – about the nature and benefits of cooperation.

6. CO-OPERATION AMONG COOPERATIVES

Cooperatives serve their members and strengthen the cooperative movement by working in solidarity with other co-ops and national, regional, and international cooperative organizations.

7. CONCERN FOR COMMUNITY

Cooperatives work for the sustainable development of their communities through policies approved by their members.
Graham John Greensword
Born February 18, 1948
in Tewksbury, Gloucester
England passed away at
home October 1, 2018.
When his father a Royal Air
Force major and mother returned
to England, after a posting in
Canada, Graham stayed on
in Canada and became a
Canadian Citizen in 1976.

Graham graduated from Ryerson Polytechnic University
and started his career with the BC Ministry of Forests as a
surveyor of road design before taking the position as Road Area
Manager with the Ministry of Transportation and Highways.
He was a strong believer in local hiring and spent many hours
after work at the dining room table going over time sheets.
Graham was an avid golfer and photographer. He leaves behind
his wife Bonnie, sons Jason and Adam (Marilynn), and grandson
Leo. No service by request.

ELECT GEORGE MEIER TO
NEW DENVER COUNCIL

- I have the heart and soul for the
  position - 40 years working with
  local and regional governments.
- A great listener, imaginative,
  compassionate and collaborative.
- A business education - 35 years as a
  business litigator. Serving on boards involving housing, seniors,
  co-work space, special transportation, environment, parklands,
  homelessness, community center, and youth.
- President, Slocan Lake Stewardship Society.
- CBT Consultant Non Profit Advisory Program; facilitator, College
  of The Rockies Board Retreat.

FOCUS
- Creating a new culture with new Councillors and staff for
effective leadership, management and accountability.
- Supporting creative partnerships that bring needed progress
relating to our health facilities, housing and economic
development. Protecting our drinking water and environment.
- Continuing our culture of being a caring, kind and generous
  community – an island of sanity in a crazed world.

PREPARATION
I have interviewed Councillors, our CAO and am familiar with the five-
year financial plan, Official Community Plan, Slocan Economic
Development Plan, aging studies, why we stay here studies, processes
of Council, CAO job description, and prior Council’s priorities. I am
Board President of a transportation charity with operations exceeding
10 million dollars a year. I am ready to be one of your Councillors.

COMMUNITY
Wild Days (and night) in the Slocan Lake watershed
submitted
In August, in spite of smoky skies, the
Slocan Lake Stewardship Society completed its fourth summer of Wild
Days programs. Wild Days are a series of family oriented, free, half day field
trips within the Slocan Lake watershed designed to encourage participants to
explore and make sense of some of the small, wondrous creatures as well as
large, spectacular features that surround our communities in the North Slocan
Valley.

‘Hosts of Valley of the Ghosts’ took place in Sandon and along the K&S Trail.
Hal Weight and Vida Turok led the group on a walking tour through a
history that included spellbinding stories of the mining heydays and natural,
political, and economic events that lead to the present.

After a quick visit to the Silversmith Hydro Power Generating Plant (still
operating after 120 years), the group crossed Carpenter Creek on the
footbridge to the Kaslo & Sando rail line, now a popular recreation trail. Marcy Mahr, Wild Days Education Specialist, guided the children into
to look for plants with different leaf patterns. Local expert Jim Moore
helped with plant identification, and the
North Slocan Trails Society provided a nutritious snack.

The following week participants headed to Summit Lake for ‘Tracks &
Bats Take to the Trails’. With special permission to walk the trail that is
closed during the toad migration, Elodie Kidmørn from the Kootenay Community
Bat Project started off with a bat treasure hunt. Using models and photos of bats,
the group learned about the variety of bats that live in our region, the habitats
they prefer, and why some are listed as species at risk.

Kat McGlynn from the Summit Lake Western Toad Research Project
then took over as they reached wet areas of the trail where baby Western
toads were migrating. The children scrubbed their hands with gravel and
water to remove any residue from food, sunscreen, or other materials that might
be damaging to the tadpoles prior to gently holding one.

The final Wild Day was a Wild Night: ‘An Evening with the Stars’ in
Centennial Park. Colleen O’Hare, Guy Mackie, and Olaf Lutz from the
Royal Astronomical Society of Canada’s Okanagan Centre delivered an
interactive presentation that took all on an exciting tour of the universe,

Mt. Sentinel students send Parachute for the Planet to Ottawa
submitted
Mt. Sentinel Green Team and Art 7/8
Students worked together to construct a
Parachute for the Planet which was set
out on Parliament Hill on October 15 as part of a youth-inspired collective
international art project illustrating shared concern for climate change. Parachutes
are a metaphor for soft landing for a healthy and safe future for today’s youth.

The Citizens’ Climate Lobby Canada (CCL) displayed more than 30
Parachutes for the Planet from across Canada on Parliament Hill October 15
between noon and 5 pm. At the same
time, more than 50 citizen lobbyists from Halifax to Vancouver met with MPs
during the CCL’s national conference the weekend before. CCL volunteers have
been lobbying for a livable world since 2010 in Canada.

Over the past six months, people
came together in their communities
around the country to create parachutes
at schools, art galleries, fairs, and homes.

“What inspires me the most about
this project are the personal stories behind
each parachute,” says Laura Sacks, who
is helping with the national display. “Each parachute is a unique artistic creation
expressing local concerns about the
health of our planet and hopes for the
future.”

A parachute from Castlegar includes
images that define that community, such
as the Doukhobor dove of peace and the
joining of the Kootenay and Columbia
Rivers. Wildfires were included as
part of the mountain scene, expressing
the community’s concerns about the
summer’s hazardous air quality from
another record wildfire season.

The Stewardship Society
news, members recently welcomed a
new member to the board of directors.
Jonathan Reynolds has lived in Slocan
for two years. He is a co-founder of the
International Sustainability Education
Foundation and has a keen interest in
Slocan Lake and its environs. He has
worked with indigenous groups and
has experience in community consultation
and experiential education.

The annual general meeting of
SLSS will take place November 10.
Watch for announcements of time and
location.
New automotive repair shop opens in Kaslo

by Jan McMurray

Kaslo Mechanical is the newest automotive shop in Kaslo, located at the former Kaslo Truck & Saw site on Hwy 31 south of the Esso.

Derek and Candice Dewar from Claresholme, Alberta, bought the shop and opened it up in mid-July. “Kaslo is great!” Derek says. “We like the people. We feel welcomed, and we really appreciate all the business that’s come in. We’re happy to be here, and we’re happy to be busy.”

Derek and Candice were both born and raised in Claresholme, and raised their four boys there. They found Kaslo while staying at Kokanee Creek Campground on holidays a few years ago. They took a day trip up to Kaslo, and... “It felt like home,” Candice says.

They returned to Kaslo on holiday a few times, and were looking for a shop for sale, or land for sale where they could build a shop. “Then this one came up for sale, and the rest is history,” Derek says.

Derek is a mechanic, and worked at a shop in Claresholme for 21 years before he and Candice moved to Kaslo.

Kaslo Mechanical offers full-service automotive maintenance and repair, and has automotive parts and products for sale. “We do everything – brakes, tires, suspension, oil changes, diagnosis, tune-ups – you name it,” Derek says. “And a lot of people work on their own vehicles, so they can buy parts from us, like batteries, oil filters, and brake lines.”

Derek and Candice are waiting for their house to sell in Claresholme and then plan to buy a permanent residence in Kaslo. For now, they live above the shop with their three dogs, two cats, and two foster cats. They’ve already had visits from their extended family in Claresholme, and hope that some of them decide to move to Kaslo, too.

Derek and Candice Dewar from Claresholme, Alberta, bought the Kaslo Truck & Saw shop and opened it as Kaslo Mechanical in mid-July.

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Sunnyside Naturals
Nakusp Healthy Organics
Join & Drink Bar
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Kaslo
250-353-9667

Supporting and Celebrating Small Business in Nakusp and Area

Thank you to all our small businesses and entrepreneurs for your contribution to our economy and community, and for providing employment opportunities for a diverse group of workers in the Nakusp and area.

We can do so much more because of you!

The Employment Program of British Columbia is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.
SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

Slocan District Chamber of Commerce looks forward to changes ahead

The Slocan District Chamber of Commerce board is looking forward to some very exciting changes that are on the horizon. These upcoming changes have prompted the organization to embark on a strategic planning process this fall.

“There are some very interesting changes underway in economic development in the Slocan Valley, and the Chamber wants to look at it’s role in the context of the changing landscape,” says president Jan McMurray.

“What’s changing? Quite a bit! The Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission is expanding, and two new economic development organizations are soon to launch – the Arrow Slocan Tourism Association and the West Kootenay Boundary Community Investment Co-op.

The expanded Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission will include a seat for a Chamber representative. An economic development coordinator, Ron LeBlanc, has been hired to assist with the implementation of the Slocan Valley Economic Development Strategy. The strategy was completed in 2017 by EDCD Consulting and involved significant public and stakeholder engagement. Over the past couple of years, the Chamber has been partnering with the Economic Development Commission on business retention and expansion projects. “Going forward, we are very enthusiastic about having a seat on an expanded commission with a clear focus on implementing an economic development strategy,” McMurray says.

The Arrow Slocan Tourism Association (ASTA) has formed, and has applied to the Province for the MRDT program. If the application is successful, all accommodators in the Slocan Valley, Nakusp and the Arrow Lakes Valley will collect an additional 2% tax. These funds will go to ASTA for tourism marketing purposes. Up until now, the Chamber has done a lot of tourism marketing work for the Slocan Valley, but anticipates this role to shift to ASTA. The Chamber will have a seat on the ASTA board.

The West Kootenay Boundary Community Investment Co-op will be launched later this year. Community Investment Co-ops are an innovative tool for rural business and economic development. Community members invest in the co-op, and the co-op provides financing for local businesses and projects, such as affordable housing, renewable energy, sustainable agriculture and food production, small businesses, community organizations and community economic development projects. The Chamber participates on the advisory committee that has developed the co-op’s founding documents, and anticipates having an ongoing role in this exciting new venture.

“It seems that the time has come for economic development in the Slocan Valley, and the Chamber is really looking forward to the changes ahead,” concludes McMurray.

The Chamber has hired New Denver resident Nadine Raynolds to lead the strategic planning process, which is supported through the Columbia Basin Trust’s Non-Profit Advisors Program.

Of course the Chamber continues to serve the business community and respond to current needs in the community, and continues to engage in a variety of activities from the Health Committee to event coordination to managing the Visitor Centre in New Denver. If you would like to join the Chamber or provide input, email chamber@slocanlake.com.
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by Jan McMurray

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There will be wine and cheese both days in the afternoons, lots of freebies, $5 jeans, and other special discounts for the grand opening.

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Another new feature is a small set of lockers at the entrance, so customers can lock up their packages and shop burden-free.

What has stayed the same, of course, is the excellent selection of elegant women’s clothing in sizes XS to 2XL, and beautiful accessories — scarves, leather purses, belts, sunglasses, and jewellery. As Marian says, “you’ll find affordable luxury items at Kaslo Clothes Hanger.

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Small Business Week: Nakusp Chamber

The wildfire season likely affected visitor numbers, as August and September were down the most. The Chamber surveyed its membership on the impact of the wildfires, and only about 38% of respondents said there had been no impact. Of the approximately 59% of respondents who said their business was impacted, only one was not negatively affected.

• Late in 2017, in cooperation with the Village, a stage two electric vehicle charging station was installed in the Visitor Centre parking lot. The overall number of available parking spaces for regular cars will remain unchanged.

• The Chamber of Commerce replaced the brochure racks on the Fauquier/Needles and Galena/Shelter Bay ferries. Member businesses have the opportunity to rack their brochures on the ferries, and keeping those brochures protected from the elements and accessible to the travelling public is an ongoing challenge. The new racks are the best design so far.

• The municipal all candidates forum on October 2 in Nakusp was hosted by the Chamber. This is an exciting year for elections, with two mayoral candidates and eight people running for four council seats. That excitement was reflected in the turnout. Over 500 people attended the forum.

• 2018 also saw the submission of the shared Slocan Valley and Nakusp Chambers’ application to collect the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) also known as the hotel tax. This was the culmination of a lengthy process involving consultation with all affected accommodators in the Chambers’ districts. The provincial government has recently changed the rules governing the provincial sales tax (PST) – which the MRDT follows - so that more accommodators will be participating. The collected taxes are returned to their communities of origin to be spent specifically on tourism-related projects in those communities. Final word on the project is expected in early 2019.

If you are interested in supporting the Nakusp and area business community, please get in touch with the Nakusp & District Chamber of Commerce: nakusp@telus.net or 250-265-4234. The Chamber is always happy to have energetic people join its board of directors.

Shon’s Bike & Ski wins Commercial Building Award in Retail Renovation

by Jan McMurray

The beautiful renovation of the building that now houses Shon’s Bike and Ski and The Hostel @ Shon’s in Nakusp was recently recognized with a prestigious Thompson-Okanagan-Kootenay Commercial Building Award of Excellence in Retail Renovation.

Janis and Shon Neufeld, owners of the store, received the award at the gala evening on September 20 at the Coast Capri Hotel in Kelowna. Over 200 people were in attendance.

“We were the little guys there – our project was so small in comparison to all the others that won awards,” Janis says. “The other winners were multi-million dollar projects – massive building complexes, a winery, the Porsche building. It was a much bigger deal than I was expecting.”

Janis saw an ad in the paper calling for nominations for the awards, so she went ahead and nominated Shon’s Bike & Ski. The nomination form required a description of why the project deserves recognition, as well as responses to eight questions about the building: Does it complement the surrounding properties and area? Is it esthetically pleasing? Are there unique architectural features? What is the level of finish (choice in construction materials)? Does it answer a specific development need within the community? Does it contribute to a healthy, sustainable community? Does it have any environmentally friendly or green elements for possible consideration?

There were over 100 projects nominated, 37 finalists, and 12 award recipients.

In her speech, Janis says she described the project as a “labor of love,” and got a good laugh from the crowd when she added, “And yes, Shon and I are still married after all this.”

The 1910 building was originally the opera house, built by the first developer and visionary of Nakusp, developer and visionary of Nakusp. The building contributes to the vision of Nakusp as a recreation tourism destination.

“We’re so honoured to have received this award,” says Janis. “It’s nice to be appreciated for taking on a project like this.”

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Nakusp council, October 9: Public Art Committee members appointed

by Claire Paradis

Nakusp & The Arrow Lakes

The Public Art Committee members were appointed: Audrey Jensen, Betty Fahimian, Ali Raskob, and Rob Plasko. The committee, which will recommend public art and locations for public art as well as include the mayor or a designate councilor.

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New Edgewood water system requires community participation

by Claire Paradis

To keep their water from being chlorinated, Edgewood citizens will work to fight for proper care and storage for their aquifer and water system. That was one of the main messages that Elise Paré, an engineer who works with the town, brought to the table in Rossland, and her colleague hydrogeologist Lee Ringham had for the 18 residents at the October 18 Wellhead Protection Plan meeting. They informed the group about different ways to protect the water. Paré, who has been working on the issue with WSP since 2016, said that although the water is probably just fine for 80% to 90% of the population, it is no contamination from surface water. The two new wells which were drilled in 2017 are located 100 meters away from any human development in a forested area south of Worthington Road. With the aid of pumps which will have backup generators in case of power outages, Edgewood will receive 55 gallons per minute, roughly the same level of water service as they currently get from their gravity-fed system. The wells will pump into a new 152,000 US gallon reservoir – nearly twice the size of the current reservoir. And if all goes according to plan, the new water system could have room in your heart and hands for our people. The town is pleased to host Reiki Master Fran Ure, a professional, deeply thoughtful and conscientious Reiki practitioner who will be doing reiki sessions on October 21.

Heritage BC leads passionate discussion about history in our area

by Claire Paradis

Heritage communities scattered through the valleys and mountains, it’s easy to feel isolated and like you’re alone in your field of interest or work. If you spend time in a museum, archive or at a heritage site, it’s rare to have the chance to discuss what makes up heritage and why it’s important with colleagues. The discussion went deep into intention, solutions, and the acknowledgement of the value of staying in touch and keeping dialogue alive.

Over the course of the day, the conversation touched on tangible and intangible assets, the importance of story, what has changed in the field of heritage over the past decades, the part collaboration plays, the interrelations of economy, environment and heritage, and the challenges faced by heritage groups in the area. In the end, everyone brought their skills to the table and there was an exchange of potential solutions, and the acknowledgement of the value of staying in touch and keeping dialogue alive.

“This is an amazing example,” said Gravett. “Thank you, this is so impressive, we’re coming together.”

Public Works Director of Operations Bart Chenier said he will be going door to door to make it clear that something has changed in the town, and will be working with the residents on how to address the problem.

There was a question from the public about the closure of the rail trail where it has washed out, and whether steps have been taken to identify community stakeholders and hold meetings with them to find a solution, as was promised by the Village. Mayor Hamling said that hasn’t been done, and she thanked the community member for bringing it to their attention. They were two members of the press and two citizens in the public gallery, including council candidate Susan Desandoli.

As this was likely the last council meeting of this council, the mayor and sitting council members gave thanks to their colleagues over the past four years, and to Village staff. Hamling, who is retiring from civic politics after decades of services, thanked the staff and councillors, and wished them luck in the future.
Selkirk College serves up fine dining at Scholars

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Logging protestors show up in Balfour

by Jan McMurray

Local politicians in the Slocan Valley met with Minister of Health Adrian Dix and his staff at the recent Union of BC Municipalities conference to discuss the health care situation in the New Denver area.

The Mayors of New Denver (Amanda Cooper), Silverton (Jason Clarke), and Slocan (Jessica Lunn), Area H Director Walter Popoff, and MLA Kaira Conroy all attended the meeting.

Logging near New Denver and Silverton expected to begin in spring

by Jan McMurray

The Splatins Development Corporation’s natural resource management company, Yucwmenlucwu (Caretakers of the Land) LLP, has prepared the plan for proposed logging and road construction near New Denver and Silverton.

Brad Sindlinger, the company’s forestry supervisor, says he anticipates the timber sale to be tendered through BC Timber Sales this fall, with harvesting to begin this coming spring.

The plan includes five cutblocks, ranging in size from 8 to 26 hectares, with an area of roughly 2,000 to 3,000 cubic metres to be harvested. The harvest method is clearcut with reserves.

Sindlinger estimates three to eight loads per truck per day would be active at any given time.

New permanent roads are proposed for three of the blocks, and new temporary roads are proposed for four blocks. Sindlinger says that when harvesting is complete, all permanent roads will be fully deactivated to control erosion, and all temporary roads will be fully rehabilitated and planted.

Crescent Bay Construction is currently upgrading the mainline road.

Silverton council had concerns about the proposed logging, and had an independent hydrology/terrain stability report done. Sindlinger says that the findings in the independent report are consistent with third party reports commissioned by Yucwmenlucwu.

One of Silverton council’s initial concerns was the large size of the cutblocks, in particular block 4, which was originally planned as a 40-hectare block. Sindlinger says this block was reduced in size based on feedback and the harvest area in block 4 is now approximately 26 hectares.

“Yucwmenlucwu considers all blocks to be within the study area,” he said.

Another concern was the visual impact of cutblocks from Valhalla Park and Slocan Lake. Sindlinger reports that a Visual Impact, “sweep’see” was completed and shared with Silverton and New Denver councils.

“The assessment shows some blocks to be visible, with many portions of blocks screened by foreground landforms, and/or or partially visible,” Sindlinger said.

Sindlinger said that there will be no significant effect on temperature and sedimentation are the most significant factors that bull trout are sensitive to. He said that all streams that are tributary to the spawning area, and within the Bartlett Watershed, are within Old Growth Management Areas (OGMA) or have timbered buffers applied to them.

There is no mention of cutblocks along the operating plan. Sindlinger says that the visual impact study is a way for Yucwmenlucwu to incorporate recommendations in the Yucwmenlucwu report which will be implemented in road construction and�� no one enters the site.

Sindlinger concludes that the small group of protestors who have been headquartered at the camp are not likely to be significantly affected by the logging activities.

Following the meetings on March 20th, the Slocan Valley delegation prepared the plan for proposed logging, and the group’s camp is at the Balfour Face.

Sindlinger reports that there is one road crossing a stream within the Bartlett watershed, and the hydrologic assessments identify this crossing as a potential sedimentation risk which could impact Silverton Creek. Sindlinger reports that Yucwmenlucwu’s hydrologic assessment and Silverton’s independent assessment recommend that the road and road fill material be removed from this crossing as soon as harvesting activities are completed, and this recommendation has been incorporated into plans to minimize sediment delivery risk,” he said.

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Sindlinger says that all of Yucwmenlucwu’s third party professional assessments, reports and relevant information were shared with both councils, jointly reviewed, and any questions discussed.

Slocan Valley elected officials take health care concerns to Minister at UBCM

by Jan McMurray

The Slocan Valley delegation to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) conference to discuss the health care situation in the New Denver area. The delegation included the Area H Director Walter Popoff, and the three mayors met with Minister of Health Dix.

The delegation stated that the area is in need of additional health care, particularly professional reliance. She said.

She says they asked about the primary care networks and community health centres and asked if these could be expanded or otherwise improved.

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“Ministry staff are aware that the local health areas don’t reflect what’s actually happening on the ground,” Banka reported. “Once the primary care networks are in place, they’ll be re-drawing the lines to fit this new model.”

Another issue they brought to the meetings was 24/7 care at the Slocan Community Health Centre.

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

Slocan Valley TV Society (SVTVS)

The Slocan Valley Television Society (SVTVS) is holding its annual general meeting (AGM) on Monday October 29th at 7:00 PM at Passmore Hall (3656 Passmore Old Road).

In addition to regular annual meeting business (President’s report, annual financial statement, and election of officers) two special resolutions will be considered. The first will amend the constitution and bylaws to conform with requirements of the revised Societies Act of BC. The second special resolution would amend the bylaws to open membership in the Society to all permanent residents of the Slocan Valley living in Area H south of Slocan Lake. Currently membership is only open to property owners. Copies of the special resolutions will be available at the meeting.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTION OCTOBER 20

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE

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Image
Proud Parents Michelle & Jeremy Reitmeier are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Kynsli Anne. Born on August 24 at the Dawson Creek and District Hospital, weighing 8lbs 24 oz and measuring 21 inches long. They would like to thank all of their family and friends for their love and well wishes!
October 18, 2018  The Valley Voice

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5 Free - costumes optional - All ages event.
Legion - $7 includes food and drink, under
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27, 12:30-3 pm, presented by the Kaslo
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The ARROW SLOCAN TOURISM ASSOCIATION is applying for the Municipal and Regional District Tax (hotel tax) to Arrow Lakes designated accommodation area. If the application is successful, all accommodation providers within the Arrow Slocan designated accommodation area will be required to collect an extra 2% Municipal and Regional District Tax (MDRT), in addition to the 8% PST, from their guests. This 2% MDRT will come back to the Arrow Slocan Tourism Association to be used for tourism marketing purposes. Accommodation providers in the Arrow Slocan region will get up to 90 days’ notice of the MDRT implementation date. Check out the Latest News section on the Home page of slcankenake.com for more details. To provide feedback on information, contact Jan McMurray: 250-358-7218, 250-358-7212; mcmyranra@gmail.com

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From the Hill
Richard Cannings, MP South Okanagan-West Kootenay

Last week I became a grandfather for the first time. Politicians are fond of talking about what kind of future we will leave our grandchildren, but I can now say that having a grandchild sharpens that perspective dramatically.

On Thanksgiving Monday, two weeks before my grandson’s birthday, I read news headlines jumped out at me, both dealing with our path to a sustainable future. The first announced the latest report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). These reports provide the world with expert analysis on rising greenhouse gas levels and the climate change those gases create.

This is the first report since the Paris Agreement of 2015, an agreement in which Canada led the way in a pledge to restrict global temperature rise to 1.5°C. The IPCC report states that the world would have to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 49% of 2017 levels by 2030 and then achieve carbon neutrality by 2050 to meet the 1.5°C target.

We’ve just over the 1°C increase now, and under present policies we’re headed for an increase of only 1.5°C? The IPCC report says that we will have to do almost everything possible to reach the goal. One obvious task is the rapid construction of renewable energy systems such as wind and solar power – these will have to provide 70% to 85% of the world’s energy by 2050. World transportation systems must be transformed from fossil fuels to electric to take advantage of that shift to renewables. Managing forests to maximize their ability to sequester carbon in the long term is another route that Canada could take a lead role in.

That brings me to the second headline of the day – the announcement of the Nobel Prize for economics. This year’s winners were William Nordhaus and Paul Romer, honoured for their work on sustainable growth. Nordhaus’ work directly links to the IPCC report – he has shown how a price on carbon is the most effective tool to quickly bring down greenhouse gas emissions.

I am increasingly dismayed at the moves across Canada to fight a price on carbon. The political parties that take this position are ignoring the fact that carbon pricing is the easiest and most painless way to lower our carbon footprint. When they say they’ll take action on climate change through other means, they’re not admitting that those other actions will cost industry and taxpayers more than the carbon tax in the long run. They are harming our economy and our environment at the same time, all for short-term political gain.
FLIKS returns to the Langham

The Langham’s 2018/19 FLIKS film series kicks off in style with the award-winning documentary Quest: A Portrait of an American Family.

Filmed with vérité intimacy over nearly a decade, Quest is the moving portrait of the Rainey family living in North Philadelphia. Epic in scope, this award-winning documentary is a vivid illumination of race and class in America, and a testament to love, healing and hope.

Rolling Stone magazine called it “a rich and rewarding movie. One of the year’s best documentaries ... a gift.” Quest will be shown Friday October 26 at 7 pm. Tickets are $10 at the door, which opens 6:30pm. The Langham is at 447 A Ave. in Kaslo. www.thelangham.ca

Researchers gather in Nakusp to share applied ecology knowledge

The Columbia Mountain Institute of Applied Ecology (CMI) Researcher’s Forum in Nakusp was a great success, drawing 54 attendees, double the past average of 25. The CMI is a network of more than 1,000 people, a regional group that connects people working in the various fields of applied ecology. It is known for hosting balanced, science-driven conferences and specialized courses to present the newest information and methodologies.

Every year CMI members get together to provide updates on their projects such as local research, field trials, new initiatives in southeastern British Columbia, etc. This event ‘travels’ around the Columbia Mountains area to small communities to give members a chance to catch up on each others’ news. Interested non-members are also invited to attend.

The sessions are short, most of them 20 minutes, and cover topics ranging from invasive American bullfrog monitoring to saving bats from white-nose syndrome and ice changes in the Arrow Lakes Region and ecosystem health. Some of the 11 speakers were from government ministries, some are environmental consultants, others were from conservation societies and BC Hydro. Mia King, CMI’s interim Executive Director, says Nakusp was chosen for a venue this year because the forum ‘travels’ to different communities in the Basin and Nakusp hadn’t hosted since 2004.

Organizers were happy with their choice because of the high turnout, the sunny weather and the helpfulness of local people. When their room at the Old Fire Hall ran out of chairs, people stepped up and found some more, she says. At 2 pm, participants chose from two field trips. The first was a visit to the Arrow Lakes reservoir drawdown zone, right in town, to look at BC Hydro’s re-vegetation successes and failures. The second was a trip to MacDonald Creek to look at the influence of watersheds physical characteristics on channel morphology and hydrogeomorphic processes.

In this case, the participants went up the logging road and chose two spots along the creek to examine.

This annual forum is only one of many events that are held throughout the year. For more information, visit cmiae.org.
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“Did you enjoy Kaslovia?” asks Langham executive director Paul Campbell. “Then get ready for another great piece of local theatre all about village life in the Kootenays!”

Written, produced, and performed by Martina Avis and Marya Folinsbee, with guest direction by Bessie Wapp, Be/Longing is a dynamic portrayal of women’s lives in rural BC that lovingly harvests vignettes from the Slocan Valley, distilling them into a moving, absurd, and humorous look at community life.

The performance in Kaslo is Saturday October 20 at 7 pm. Advanced tickets are available at Sunnyside Naturals & Willow Home Gallery; doors open at 6 pm. The newly-renovated Silverton Gallery will host them November 3. The last show is November 10 at Hart Hall in Nelson. Tickets for all the shows are $15.

Be/Longing is a play told through a series of sketches, inspired by the history, stories and experiences of the writer/performers and other women in their community. The play debuted at the Vallican Whole in March to a sold-out and enthusiastic audience. Folinsbee and Avis have since received a touring grant from the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance, so they are taking their show on the road. Audiences can expect a funny, absurd, and moving evening of theatre, which sees the actors inhabit multiple characters, bizarre scenarios, and deep truths about rural life and community.

Avis was born and raised in Winlaw. She left for a time to study theatre in university, and to live and work in other places, but ultimately, she came back home. Since returning, she has been making theatre happen in her own little community, directing shows for the Valley Gems, a local troupe, and most recently, teaching drama at Mt. Sentinel.

She also found a collaborator in Folinsbee, a theatre artist and clown who moved to the valley six years ago. Together, they have created a humble portrait of their home, a two woman play that explores some of the experiences of living in rural community, written by a local, and someone “from away.”

The play is most suitable for a teen to adult audience, as it contains some mature subject matter.

For more information about the tour, and for ticket information, please visit www.missmarmot.com, contact the Langham or Silverton Gallery, or search ‘Be/Longing Fall Tour’ on Facebook.

Kootenay Lake Summit coming up

The Friends of Kootenay Lake Stewardship Society’s annual Kootenay Lake Summit takes place on November 3. The summit is a free event offering an opportunity for community members to engage by attending talks and presentations hosted by experts in their field. Last year’s event allowed more than 100 residents to participate and learn about stewardship activities going on around the lake which they can actively participate in.

The focus of the 2018 summit is to provide residents with sound knowledge on the history of Kootenay Lake including related cultural and archaeological history. This is a free event; however, there is a recommended donation of $15 to help the organisation cover the costs.

For more information and to register please visit friendsofkootenaylake.ca and click on events.