Vegetable oil powered bus to start service from Kaslo to Vancouver

by Art Joyce and Jan McMurray

A passenger bus that operates on used vegetable oil will be running from Kaslo to Vancouver, hopefully starting mid to late June. Kaslo resident Mike Hathaway’s application to the Passenger Transportation Board was approved earlier this month.

Hathaway, a former Vancouver school bus driver and mechanic, has held his bus licence for over 10 years. “I have driven this run over 100 times in all seasons, as I grew up in Vancouver and have family along the route,” he says. “I typically do this trip once a month, but have done it as often as weekly in a vehicle powered by waste fry oil.”

Hathaway says he made the choice to switch his personal fuel needs away from fossil fuel some time ago, and is excited to make a much larger impact with his bus. He did some research on the legality of waste fry oil in Canada, and found surprisingly little information and no laws preventing its use. He stockpiled 7,000 litres of used fry oil while waiting for his application to clear.

“The amount of fuel saved is tremendous,” he said. “A big part of Greyhound’s failure was lack of efficiency. You take a half-full bus that gets 5-7 miles per gallon with a driver change due to the Kelowna detour, and your margin is just too thin. Freeing ourselves from fuel costs, eliminating a driver change by not going through Kelowna, and running smaller buses at capacity that get better fuel economy is the key to this route working.”

Mountain Man Mike’s route will start in Kaslo and end in Vancouver, with stops in Ainsworth, Balfour, Nelson, Castlegar, Christina Lake, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Rock Creek, Osoyoos, Keremeos, Princeton, Hope, Chilliwack, and Abbotsford.

“Our rates will be cheaper than Greyhound, increasing the accessibility of the area to locals and visitors,” he said. He’ll start as owner-operator with once-a-week service in his 22-passenger bus, which has a washroom. He purchased the former Saskatchewan Transit bus at auction—an “nice government-maintained bus that got pushed out of service because of politics.” He says he will bring on more buses and drivers if demand exceeds capacity.

“I hope to make Kaslo an easily accessible destination, as well as all towns and villages we will be connecting on this route. Although Kaslo has a great tourism draw, the one thing I hear over and over again is it’s so hard to get to,” he says. “The trickle-down effect of easy and affordable access to the Kootenays and all towns along the route will be felt by many small businesses.”

He adds that the bus service will allow access to medical services only available in the larger towns, and will help bring families together.

Hathaway says he’s also looking at a run through Nelson, Salmo, Creston and on to Alberta on Highway 3. “With a small fleet of buses and drivers, these two routes could reconnect the severed services that affect small businesses and personal needs most.”

With Queen City Shuttle and Charters out of Nelson recently shutting down, Hathaway has been “ inundated with requests for charter service.” He says he is trying to bring on one or two more buses and hopes to provide charter service throughout the province, as well.

Hathaway used to offer ride share services but was frustrated with the experience as both a passenger and a driver. When he heard that Greyhound was dropping services, he decided to take the opportunity to fill in the gap. For more information and to book, check www.mountainmikes.ca.

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by Julia Greenlaw

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Shari Ulrich to perform at Slocan City Trading Company

by Art Joyce

Canadian musical icon Shari Ulrich will celebrate 45 years as a touring recording artist with a concert at the Slocan City Trading Company on May 31. Ulrich is touring her 26th album Back to Shore, her third collaboration with her daughter Julia Graff as engineer and producer. The album will be released on June 21 by Borealis Records.

Originally from northern California, Shari found her way to Canada in the early ‘70s and shortly after discovered music as her calling, performing with the legendary folk trio Pied Pumkin. The trio built a loyal following in the Kootenays through their high-energy concerts during that decade. Her work has garnered two Juno awards, five Juno nominations, an induction into the BC Entertainment Hall of Fame, and a 2014 Canadian Folk Music Award for English Songwriter of the Year. Although Ulrich tours as a trio, quartet and full band — usually with daughter Julia, another multi-instrumentalist — for her Slocan concert she will perform solo. The Valley Voice interviewed Ulrich about her tour career.

What brings you back to the Slocan Valley and what do you love about it?

It always starts with that one invitation, which in the Slocan is unfailingly a message from Lowell at the Old Castle Theatre in Castlegar, saying people are asking when I’m going to return. I love returning to the Slocan as it was such an important part of my introduction to being a touring musician when I was with the Pumkin. The spirit of the area and the people has always resonated with me and always will.

It’s been a long road since you began your solo career in 1978. What have you been some career highlights you recall that have made it all worthwhile for you?

Opening for Supertramp at Maple Leaf Gardens was pretty damn exciting. The whole Valdy and the Hometown Band era was so special. The whole Pied Pumkin era was absolutely magical. But the special moments are the small ones — the one-on-one with people sharing their stories triggered by one of my songs. It’s the relationships with other humans — especially people I play with and work with that have developed over time that are the heart of it all.

Would you say your sound and composition style has changed much since you started as a solo artist? How? What musical influences have crept in?

I started out writing to have my songs played on the radio. I was aiming for pop. And then other songs would spill out that I assumed would never be recorded and Claire Lawrence knew these were the important songs to share.

So over time I wrote to get to the heart of the matter and to be moved. Everything I’ve ever heard creeps in there.

Writing lyrics can often be a challenge for musicians, as it seems to occupy a different part of the brain. Has lyric writing always come easily for you, or has it been a challenge?

The first song I wrote was Feel Good at the end of the Pumkin era, which became a single, so that’s how I knew I should keep writing. I love writing on my own and seeing where things lead. And lyrics are generally not that hard for me. Getting down to writing is, however. But once I surrender to it and take lots of walks, the lyrics tend to come.

How have your lyrics reflected the changing concerns and priorities of getting older?

Oh, I have always written about the stage of life I’m in, as that’s what I’m experiencing. So that’s probably why my audience has generally been my age. They’re aging with me and my songs — what we’re experiencing and thinking about.

What lyrical or musical changes are reflected in your new album?

It’s a pretty wide range of subjects: a cautionary tale about infidelity; the power of love, creativity, dementia; lines and aging; the absurdity of travelling to Mars; regret about wasted time; the inevitability of change; forgiveness; and an apologetic love song to the Earth.

Are you optimistic about the future of music? If so, why? If not, why not?

The challenges of music being consumed in a fashion that doesn’t resonate with the creators, artists, and performers are very real. I’m still creating the actual artistic ‘thing’ in the form of a CD — I love the object. I love to play concerts and offer folks a way to take the music home with them — to read the lyrics and look at the artwork, etc. And from a sociological point of view, there is such a hunger and need for music. I think music is one of the best things we do as humans and is our saving grace. So it’s not going anywhere. We need it. It’s a comforting time and music helps weather the chaos.

The Slocan City Trading Company is a private house concert and potluck with limited seating. Call 250-355-2299 to check ticket availability. Visit borealisrecords.com to learn more about Shari Ulrich and her recent recordings.

Lucerne students to perform broadway musical, Once Upon a Mattress

submitted

“This is the story of The Princess and the Pea. Or rather, the TRUE story of The Princess and the Pea.” Once Upon a Mattress is a Broadway musical that will be performed by Lucerne’s Grade 5/6 class next weekend. For two months, the class has worked tirelessly to produce this show.

Kelly Coubrough is the music director. Through her magic as a voice teacher, she has been able to get this group to sing with joy and enthusiasm.

Many of the group have solos, and the confidence and poise they demonstrate makes the show wonderful.

Lynette Lightfoot, choreographer, recently moved to Silverton and has used her dance expertise to create beautiful movements that support the music and staging. Together Katrina Sumrall and Hank Hastings, our local theatre expert, have helped build characters, block scenes and design the set.

This project is made possible through an invitation from the Classroom grant. It is also partially funded by Arrow Lakes School District, the Silverton Gallery, Lucerne School and Lucerne PAC.

Once Upon a Mattress is a show to make you smile and feel good about the possibilities of our young people. This group of students and directors have worked hard to bring this musical theatre experience to Silverton Gallery on Friday May 24 at 7 pm, and Saturday May 25 at 2 pm and again at 7 pm. Tickets are $15. They will be sold at the Apple Tree and Lucerne School. Doors open at 6:45. There are only 70 seats per show so get your ticket in advance.

Students from Lucerne School in New Denver rehearsing the broadway musical, Once Upon a Mattress, ahead of showtime this weekend.
Nakusp courthouse not accessible

I am writing this letter to inform people of the fact that there is no access for wheelchairs at the Nakusp courthouse. My husband and I went to dispute a traffic ticket. Imagine our surprise when we went in the door and there was no way to get to the courtroom. The sheriff arranged for people to carry me up the stairs.

This is a public building in 2019. Anyone else have issues with this? Just curious – what if they dropped me or hurt themselves?

Linny Lamarche
New Denver

Response to Camille Baker

Would you rather have a justice system build on deceit or one built on truth? Would you rather have a prime minister implying a judge is lying (who is really telling the truth), or a judge who is trying to spare a prime minister from making a grave judicial error?

Jody Wilson-Raybould knew who she was making a grave judicial error? Jody Wilson-Raybould knew and worked with these people for years, and deemed it necessary to record conversations, and rightly so.

Ed Varney
Vallican

Liberals represent the rich

Just heard on the CBC news that the Liberal Party’s new bill to streamline the process to approve new development of oil and gas projects has been held up in the Senate. The bill was already designed to hasten the process and reduce litigation, but I guess it didn’t suit the industry, so the Senate (House of Lords) wants to change it to make it more industry friendly.

I guess those Lords are sick and tired of having those pesky environmentalists and native people interfering with their right to make money by developing everything to within an inch of its life. If you don’t believe that the Liberals are only there to represent the rich, how do you explain their clandestine cancelling of Chrystie’s debt to Canadians of $2,910,000,000?

Rod Retzlaff
Glade

Destruction of the planet

I love this little world of ours. I love its intricate complexity, its incredible beauty, its infinite variety. That’s why I get quite passionate about its progressive destruction.

The thought that children born today may never see a glacier, a mountain caribou, or a whale, never wake up to a chorus of song birds or drink from a clean mountain creek, breaks my heart. What a lousy heritage to leave our children.

In my letters to the editor, I have not pointed a finger at any one person, group, or class of people. We all, every single one of us, bear the responsibility for the catastrophe that is facing us. We have all, every one of us, travelled in a car, a bus, an airplane, benefited from long distance trucking, from snowplows.

Look around the house. Products you use every day are products of fossil fuel: that bottle with the dish detergent, your cell phone, that acrylic sweater, your toothbrush, the baby bundled safely in a plastic car seat. Our entire culture, our way of life, our economy are built on fossil fuels. And it’s destroying the planet.

Edgar de Boer
Faquir

South Slocan water users facing hefty water rates

I thought the surrounding communities should be made aware of what South Slocan residents are facing with regard to hefty water bill increases.

We just got our 2019 water bill and it’s gone up 28% again this year to $1,647/year. The bad news doesn’t stop there. A letter with the bill explains that the RDCK is going to raise our rate every year to staggering $3,100/year to cover aging infrastructure replacement.

To put this into perspective, when we moved here in 2012 our water bill was $471/year. So it’s already increased by 3.5 times in seven years and it’s going to increase further to 6.5 times our original cost.

Someone really blew it when they planned (or failed to plan) the expensive state-of-the-art treatment plant upgrade for South Slocan with only 51 paying users and an aging distribution system. Now we 51 users are paying dearly for that lack of planning, and it’s pricing us out of living here and drastically affecting our property resale value!

Chris Campagnaro
South Slocan

Slocan Community Health Centre update

We are writing this letter in an effort to bring Slocan Valley residents up to date on the current situation at the Slocan Community Health Centre in New Denver and how it impacts Slocan Valley residents.

Dr. Candace Munro, who many of you have come to know, has recently announced her intention to practice in Hazelton. We would like to thank Dr. Munro for her tireless effort and interest shown here. We are certainly going to miss you and your family but wish you all the best in your new practice.

A recent locum has expressed interest in a more regular presence here. He and Dr. Burkholder are working on submitting a “service development plan” to Interior Health and the Health Ministry. This plan is intended to resolve the impasse that has existed these past two years regarding physician recruitment and retention at the Slocan Community Health Centre.

New Denver Village council recently formed the Slocan Valley Health Select Committee. Members are Walter Popoff, RDCK Area H Director; Madeleine Periere, Slocan councillor; Leah Main, Silverton councillor; Mayor Leonard Casley, New Denver; Colin Moss, New Denver councillor; and Janice Gustafson, Slocan District Chamber of Commerce Health Committee representative.

The Committee has recently been working with Kootenay Boundary Family Practice representatives to establish a strategic plan. We have also been meeting with Karine Comoy, our local MLA in efforts to support our physicians’ upcoming proposal to IHA and the Health Ministry.

The Slocan Valley Select Health Committee fully supports our physicians in their current efforts to secure suitable contracts that include maintaining our current 24/7 model.

In addition, we are in communication with Nakusp physicians and have recently been meeting with other West Kootenay health committees and municipalities – all in the effort to find common ground and support each other in our efforts to maintain and improve our health services.

We are also members of the BC Rural Health Network. This network is a BC-wide association of rural health committees, organizations and municipalities. We present a united front to the provincial Health Ministry when it comes to fighting for rural BC’s right to the level of healthcare we need and deserve.

Mayor Leonard Casley and Councillor Colin Moss
New Denver
More on electromagnetic radiation

No surprise in this Trump era that Mr. Lindsay believes a five-minute Google search trumps decades of science and experts who have devoted entire careers to studying electromagnetic radiation. Meanwhile the technique of “astro-turfing” has long been used by industry to discredit critics of their products. What they do is set up bogus “study” groups paid for with industry money to challenge the scientific status quo. It’s therefore no surprise that Big Telecom reports the so-called risk to breast cancer from mobile phone use, citing pulsed waves because they do not pulse the waves. Research on microwaves already tells us that pulsed waves have more profound biological effects on our body compared to non-pulsed waves, leading – as Dr. Pall says – to gene toxicity and DNA strand breaks.

Dr. Devra Davis, an advisor to the California Department of Health who lectures at universities around the world, notes: “In 2015 a study replicated a 2010 experiment that found that weak cell phone signals significantly promote the growth of tumors in mice.” He calls the 5G studies misleading because they do not pulse the waves. Several provinces have already passed laws making animals sentient beings. The animals on earth are going extinct. An 1100-page report given to the United Nations this week suggested this extinction is becoming exponential.

The number of people who believe animals have rights are growing. Several countries have already passed laws making animals sentient beings and giving them rights of their own. BC, as always is a day late and a dollar short, but the upward trend will continue and BC will continue to be at the back of the bus. My wish is that the public will just move a little faster.

The BC Government spent over $1 million to stop me from taking my two cheetahs, Annie and Robin, to schools so that some local children might at least have a chance to see one before they go extinct in 2024, yet apparently they can’t afford to relocate one bear in Peachland – so they are going to kill it when they catch it. If you have children, please pause for a second and think about what you want to leave them.

Earl Pfeifer
Crawford Bay

Open letter to Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure re: all-electric ferry proposal for Kootenay Lake, BC

I am writing to request that the proposed new ferry for Kootenay Lake, which we are to be receiving in 2022, is 100% electric powered. Corvus Energy manufactures modular lithium ion batteries in Richmond, BC. As they already have 100% electric ferries in use in Norway using these BC-made batteries, it makes very good sense to proceed with this technology for our new ferry boat.

I am writing this letter as a director of our Nelson-Creston Green Party Riding Association and as a representative of the large number of Nelson Creston residents who wish to see our province moving towards a sustainable future. We feel this is an excellent opportunity to showcase forward-thinking 21st Century technology not reinvesting in diesel power at all but moving toward 100% electrical power.

The Norwegian MF Ampere Ferry is an example of the world’s first all-electric car ferry. View it at: https://corvusenergy.commarine-project/mf-ampere-ferry/.

This vessel alone saves one million litres of diesel per year, and 2800 metric tons of CO2 and 37 metric tons of NOx are mitigated, as an illustration of the environmental benefits.

In light of our urgent climate crisis, it is imperative that we vastly reduce fossil fuel use. The new Kootenay Lake ferry could be a prototype of BC’s first all-electric ferry, by using this Corvus Energy Storage System. And we have the technology available to us right here, with this multi-award-winning energy company in Richmond. We feel the time is now for this innovative action, and that perpetuating any diesel use is a backward step for the environment and society.

Mary Donald
Riondel

BC Hydro
Power smart
by Jan McMurray

• Before council decides whether or not they want an electronic recycling depot in Silverton, they will have a discussion about it at the May 22 Committee of the Whole meeting. CAO Hillary Elliott reported on what she’d learned from a phone conversation with Craig Wesehart from the Electronic Products Recycling Association. Monitoring of the bin would be important because only acceptable electronic items are allowed. There is a possibility of coordinating with the new recycling depot, which will be staffed, but this may require finding a secure place to store the container when the depot is not staffed. Council felt these issues warranted more discussion in Committee of the Whole.

• A letter from Henning von Krogh of the Silvery Slocan Historical Society (SSHS) thanks council for providing the Board of Directors from May 27 was accepted. Councillor Leah Main will attend. Council received a letter from BC Hydro regarding the ongoing transmission line work they are doing in the area. The work is expected to be completed this summer and will not require any more planned power outages.

• A composting update was provided by Julia Greenlaw of the Healthy Community Society. Mayor Clarke noted that working harder to engage communities was mentioned in the update, and Councillor Main noted that the ready compost will eventually be available to the community. The placement of the compost bins in Silverton will be discussed at the May 22 Committee of the Whole meeting. The Village of New Denver and the RDCK have signed an agreement for funding to do a regional housing needs assessment; local governments are now required to do a housing needs report every five years. The Village of Silverton was invited to participate as a partner in the RDCK grant application, or alternatively, to provide a letter of support. CAO Elliott suggested a letter of support rather than participation as a partner. Council agreed.

• Council directed staff to draft a resolution recognizing the climate crisis. The RDCK passed a resolution like this at its April meeting, and Councillor Main would like to see Silverton follow suit. Main, Silverton’s RDCK director and chair of the RDCK Sustainable Living Advisory Committee, put the resolution forward at the RDCK board table. CAO Elliott will draft the resolution for Council’s consideration within three months.

• Mayor Clarke reported on the AKBGL (Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments) AGM. Clarke served on the executive for four years, but did not seek re-election this year. The new executive includes Rob Lang from Kaslo and Gary Jackman, RDCK Area A (East Shore Kootenay Lake) Director.

• Councillor Tanya Gordon reported on the Recreation Commission’s meeting. All artificial turf needs to be removed. The fitness centre floor needs to be sanded and refinished; work will be done in coordination with Lucerne School, where the gym floor also needs attention. She also reported that community baseball practices will be held at Centennial Park in New Denver. The RDCK Board of Directors was considered, but not chosen because parents can’t see the children well from the backstop.

• CAO Hillary Elliott reported that the campground opened May 14 with Ron Greenwood as attendant, and that the first community engagement session for the OCP (Official Community Plan) review was scheduled for June 24 at 5 pm at Silverton Memorial Hall. There will be a series of sessions, each with a theme such as health, transportation, etc.

• An invitation to an event about living with climate change. The RDCK passed a resolution like this at its April meeting, and Councillor Main would like to see Silverton follow suit. Main, Silverton’s RDCK director and chair of the RDCK Sustainable Living Advisory Committee, put the resolution forward at the RDCK board table. CAO Elliott will draft the resolution for Council’s consideration within three months.

• Councillor Leah Main and Tanya Gordon volunteered to be members of a Climate Adaptation team for the RDKI Climate Adaptation Project. Councillor K. Gordon also expressed a desire to be involved. Councillor Arlene Yofonoff (alternate K. Gordon) volunteered to help champion the North Slocan Organics Waste Composting Project, otherwise known as the community composting project, initiated by the Healthy Community Society. Councillor Clarke suggested that the funding proposal for FireSmart initiatives in Silverton, New Denver and Slocan in partnership with SFPCo has been approved. A grant application for community education on FireSmart will be submitted soon to CBRT.

• Public Works has completed the museum area in the Silvery Slocan Gallery building. There is a grouping for up to 11 people with kitcheenette.

• The budget and tax rate bylaws were adopted.

• During public time, Vern Hartman and Gary Willman of the Silverton Community Club asked about the funding proposal for the Silverton ball diamond. There is a need for some help from Public Works. Mayor Clarke suggested they have a discussion with Public Works.

• Don Broughton had some questions about the hiring process for the camping ground contract, but was shut down by Mayor Clarke when he asked why staff lied to an applicant. “I can’t go into details,” Clarke said. “I don’t think you should be asking the Village as council wishes and is doing a fantastic job,” the mayor said. He also commented that the Village works hard for all residents, but especially hard for Broughton.

• Council approved an update from the North Slocan Organic Waste Diversion Pilots Project, presented by Katrinna Sumrall and Rhonda Friesen. The Silverton site is looking at putting two more Jora cans (heavy-duty milling composters) in the village. There has been little contamination in the existing composters from people throwing in garbage.

Councillor John Fyke, who hosts a Jora can on his property, says he has tested it by throwing in fish guts. The bears ignore it, while digging into a neighbour’s pile every night.

• Vern Hartman, on behalf of the Silverton July 1st Committee, invited Mayor Leonad Casley to attend the festivities and carry a Canadian flag in the parade.

• Councillor Colin Moss reported he attended the BC Rural Health Network AGM and was elected as a director. He recommended the Village join the network as a full member.

• Council approved opening a Business Account – Business Online Banking at the Kootenay Savings Bank to allow the Village to pay its employees with online direct deposits. The one-time cost to the Village will be $750 for a software upgrade.

• BEAR SIGHTINGS

Bears have been sighted visiting our area for a few weeks now. Please ensure that attractants are managed to reduce human-wildlife conflicts. Residents are encouraged to report sightings to the Conservation Officers Service using the RRAP line at 1-877-952-7727.
by Jan McMurray

The Kaslo and Area D Economic Development Commission has received a $170,124 provincial Rural Dividend grant for the North Kootenay Lake Rural Revitalization Project. The project includes three agricultural initiatives and two business and community economic development initiatives.

“We’ve applied three times for Rural Dividend funding for the Rural Revitalization Project and it appears the third time is the charm!” said Area D Director Aimee Watson.

Watson reports that Area D has been providing two of the farm innovation programs in partnership with Larcheau VALKINS for the past two years, “so these will happen the quickest.” These are the Farm Internship Program (formerly wage subsidy program) and the Infrastructure Supports Program.

The Farm Internship Program will provide a stipend and curriculum for four eligible farmers to extend their growing season, diversify crops, and increase production.

The third agricultural program is a feasibility study for a compost program, to be led by Kaslo’s Food Hub. The study will design a program “that will divert organics from the waste stream into a recycled product that provides value added business opportunities,” according to the grant application.

The two business and community economic development initiatives are to create a workplan for the Kaslo and Area D Economic Development Commission and to create a Community Marketing Strategy. Watson said a partner hasn’t been identified yet to lead these initiatives, and the RDCK will put out a Request for Expressions of Interest in the coming months.

The workplan will be developed by updating and implementing the 2014 Business Retention and Expansion Study. The purpose of the marketing strategy will be to attract new residents and young families, to retain youth, and to build on sustainable business opportunities.

Kaslo council, May 7: Seniors want bus stop to remain at seniors hall

by Jan McMurray

• On behalf of the Kaslo Seniors Association, Andy Shadrack made a presentation regarding transit issues within the Village. The seniors want the bus stop to continue to stop in front of the seniors’ hall, so would like council to consider moving the haulting parking zone away from the hall entrance and re-designating the area as a loading and bus zone.

• Dunlop also reported that arrangements were being made for gravel extraction at the airport gravel pit for the 2014 repaving project. “The Village is hoping to get its own paving projects done around the same time to save on mobilization costs and take advantage of royalties from the sale of materials to off-set the cost of paving,” he says in his written report.

• Council agreed to provide a $400 bursary for a Kaslo graduate again this year.

• Council authorized the removal of trees, as recommended in the Public Works Foreman’s report, at 413 3rd Street, 436 B Avenue (maple tree), and 746 Higashi Way (two trees to be removed by Village crew this year; eight in total were assessed for danger and would need to be refered to budget 2020).
by Katrine Campbell

- Before the council meeting officially began at 6:30 pm, Mayor Tom Zelenik read a proclamation declaring May 27-31 as ‘Victims and Survivors of Crime Week’ in the Village of Nakusp. The proclamation noted that crimes affect not just the immediate victim but also family members and the entire community. Many victim service providers, police officers, and professionals in the criminal justice system provide assistance to victims and survivors who need to know that they have a voice and there are laws in place to help them. The theme for the week is ‘The Power of Collaboration’ which will help to promote greater understanding and an increased awareness of victim issues, and the Village’s support will encourage a greater number of citizens to participate in the week.

- Among the events scheduled in Nakusp for the week is a Blanket Exercise led by the Circle of Indigenous Nations Society (CoINS Nelson), to teach people about Indigenous history and colonization.

- On May 28, retired detective Justin Boardman from Salt Lake City, Utah will train police and other service providers in ‘trauma-informed response’ to victims and survivors.

- Nakusp & Area Community Forest President Kathy Smith presented the 2018 Year in Review. Highlights included an overview of NACFOR’s land base, scattered around the area in small chunks; contributions to the community of $38,375 in cash and $10,813 in-kind, for a total of $49,188; community engagement which included maintaining three recreation trails and adding signs and kiosks; educational partnerships with School District #10; and environmental and safety compliance inspection and training; harvesting, log sales (30,824 cubic metres), roads and silviculture. Smith suggested the mayor and councilors, and NACFOR’s directors should take a trail walk together.

- Zelenik reported he met with the Nakusp Economic Development Committee on May 6 after the Village received a $866,400 Rural Dividend grant “to help position Nakusp for investment that will reinvigorate and diversify the local economy in industrial land and activity, develop residential housing, and create jobs. This is a four-phase project.” A steering committee for the project, Investment Ready, Nakusp, was appointed. In addition to the mayor and McLaren-Caux, council appointed Corrine Tessier, Karen Hamling, Marilyn Rivers and Ali Paskob.

- Councilor Joseph Hughes reported he met with RDCK Community Services Manager Joe Chirico to review both short-term and long-term goals for Recreation Commission #4. Hughes is calling for a recreation master plan and a part-time paid coordinator to ensure municipal facilities are utilized. Other communities that have completed master plans suggest the cost could be upwards of $20,000; about $15,000 could come from the RDCK and Area K grants, he said. Piggybacking on the Village’s OCP review would help to ensure good public involvement. Councillor Susan DeSandel spoke in favour of the community and create jobs. This is a four-phase project.”

- Councilor DeSandel spoke in favour of a steering committee to get with the modern age of green energy and e-bikes. The Village will participate in the RDCK’s regional housing needs assessment project. The RDCK is applying and funding for the housing needs study, which is a new requirement under the Local Government Act.

- DeSandel asked if the parking lot at the Emergency Services Building could be paved to smooth it and eliminate the dust, because she was concerned for the ambulance service. The mayor said the last cost estimate they received was $100,000.

- McLaren-Caux asked the CAO about electric vehicle charging stations. Martens answered she was in contact with Accelerate Kootenays. Zelenik noted Save-On Foods wanted to put EV chargers in two parks.

- Council agreed to proclaim May as Missing Children’s Month, and May 25 as Missing Children’s Day, at the request of Child Find BC.
by Claire Paradis

The Arrow Lakes Grape Growers Society’s (ALGGS) research is done, and the fruits of its labours are now available for farmers and gardeners to peruse. The report can be found on the ALGGS blog, and a copy will be given to the BC Grape Growers’ Association.

It all started nine years ago when Burton brewing enthusiast Jerry Botti heard that a group in Lillooet was doing wine grape research. Banding together with interested locals Jody Scott, Linda Harrop and Lorna Henschke, the Arrow Lakes Grape Growers Society was formed.

After a lot of research and consultation with Scott, a local vintner, and a grower on Vancouver Island, 21 varieties were chosen for their suitability to the relatively wet, cool Kootenay climate. The 38 vines planted in spring 2013 were chosen for their mildew and mold resistance, and varietals that couldn’t resist the moist air diseases or were poor producers got the axe.

Thanks to good fencing, deer and elk were not an issue for the ALGGS test plot. Birds and wasps were another story, however. To combat avian and vespine competition for the grapes, volunteers employed nets and hot water, respectively.

Epsom salts, vinegar and organic sprays were used to control weeds and mildew, but any plant that succumbed to powdery mildew was removed before it became a vector for the disease to spread. An irrigation system of drip lines kept the vines hydrated, and because the research plot was located on Botti’s property, the vines were checked on a daily to weekly basis. Each row was taken care of by a volunteer who trimmed the leaves and vines to manage the canopy.

Although it takes roughly five years for better-quality and larger quantities of grapes to be grown, the group started harvesting in 2016 in order to get an idea about the quality of grapes that grew here best. The verdict? White wine grapes do better than the red, generally speaking.

Of course, each growing season is unique, and better summers produce grapes with more sugars, which are better for wine, but the white grapes consistently showed themselves to be better for growing in local conditions. Osceola Muscat, Leon Millot, Acadia Blanc, Madeleine Angevine, and Siegerrebe might not be familiar names for white wines yet, but they could become so, as they were some of the best-producing varietals in the research project.

Some good news for red wine fans: the Leon Millot – a relative of the Marechal Foch – was a good strong red grape in the test plot. For local people wanting to enter viticulture, the report has tips for growing as well as specific findings that will help with the selection of the best varietals. Site selection, pest control, and crop management for grapes are all covered in the research paper.

The climate data collected by ALGGS will be useful for any agricultural endeavour. Thirty-eight climate data collection stations were set up around Nakusp, Arrow Park, Burton, Fauquier and Edgewood, and although 14 eventually failed because of animal interference – they were probably used as scratching posts by deer or cows – the spread of data is still impressive. The number of growing degree days, that is the number of days where the temperature reached above 10 degrees Celsius, revealed that the Arrow Lakes region has the sunlight but not the temperatures of the Okanagan. The ALGGS research paper also includes data on wind speed and direction, leaf wetness, and relative humidity – all useful information for local agriculture and horticulture.

All equipment that was purchased for the research project such as the tractor, weed whacker, irrigation lines, nets, and excess vines will be sold or donated. The group would like to use any money from the sales to create a scholarship to support a student entering the agriculture field.

Fauquier getting closer to acquiring former school building

by Jan McMurray

The former Fauquier school building is getting closer to being sold to the Fauquier Community Club.

“This has been a lengthy process and finally coming closer to fruition,” said Terry Taylor, School District 10 Superintendent. “Based on all the steps still ahead, it looks like summer or early fall for the sale to be finalized.”

A public hearing was held May 13 in Fauquier, and everyone in attendance was supportive of the plan, Taylor reports. The necessary bylaws are expected to be passed at the June RDCK board meeting, and then the subdivision process can be finalized.

The plan is to subdivide the property into two pieces. The smaller piece with the school building on it will be sold to the Fauquier Community Club for $35,000, with the funds coming from RDCK Area K, and the larger piece will be put on the market. A water connection for the smaller piece for future capital projects in the community.

Alan Brown, president of the Fauquier Communications Centre Society, made a presentation at the meeting about the CBT’s new Community Technology Program and how it will give the former school building a big boost. The society has submitted an expression of interest, and now the CBT will assign a technology specialist to the community. The specialist will bring together all users of the former school building to identify the desired technological upgrades.

The program will assist the society with acquiring new technology and equipment, completing site improvements, and developing and delivering programming.

“This is an opportunity to do an evaluation of the whole community and assess what the needs are, and plan for the future,” Brown said in an interview.

He points out that the funding can also be used for upgrades to the building, and that CBT Community Initiatives and Affected Area funding has recently been approved to reconstruct the front porch, install handrails on the fire escape stairs, and to purchase a portable wheelchair ramp.

Fauquier Communications Centre also presented an interview to the public and a copy will be given to the BC Grape Growers’ Association.

Community support from local businesses and growers has been great appreciated for contributing to both the smooth daily operation and exciting year-end CARMAIL on the hill.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, June 4th, 2019, 7:00 pm
Room 20 at Nakusp Secondary School
New members are always welcome.

Thank you to all our sponsors this season and the staff, volunteers, and our season pass holders for their dedication and continued throughout our ski season. Community support from local businesses and growers has been great appreciated for contributing to both the smooth daily operation and exciting year-end CARMAIL on the hill.
Internationally distinguished ecologist speaks on life’s work

Submitted

People interested in economic and environmental sustainability, in the health of our oceans and waterways, in ecological design and ecological restoration will recognize the name of one of the giants in these fields, Dr. John Todd. Slocan River Streamkeepers and Kootenay Permaculture Institute are honoured and happy to bring him to Nelson for a presentation on May 30.

After doing graduate work at McGill University and earning a PhD in marine biology at the University of Michigan, Todd joined the famous Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (Massachusetts). In the early ’70s he, his wife Nancy and Bill McLaren co-founded the New Alchemy Institute. The Institute garnered much media attention for its exploration of synergistic systems involving elegant biological cycling, in conjunction with cutting-edge alternative-energy sources and innovative building designs. The mini ecosystems or ‘bio-shelters’ were designed to provide food for people and to recycle human wastes.

The Todd’s moved into work focused on ocean and fresh water, for both developed and developing regions of the world, including a strong involvement with wastewater treatment during this period. The concept of eco-machines, developed by John and Todd, is defined as living technologies that treat and purify wastewater and heal damaged ecosystems while producing useful yields that can include food and other beneficial plants or animals.

In Massachusetts, Todd and his team designed and installed some living technologies that are cleaning a canal and river that have been polluted by years of leaching oil (including Bunker C oil) and other pollutants. A similar project was implemented in a highly polluted canal in the city of Fuzhou, China.

John and Nancy Jack Todd also became co-founders of Ocean Arks International, a non-profit research and outreach organization working on the protection and restoration of the world’s waters. They are working on a design for a solar- and wind-powered boat that includes living technologies that has the potential to help clean the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

John Todd has won numerous awards over the years. In 2008, he was the first winner of the Buckminster Fuller Challenge, which is annually bestowed on “the best idea to help save humanity.” The entry was “Design for a Carbon Neutral World. The Challenge of Appalachia.” This project laid out a strategy for transforming one and a half million acres of strip-mined lands in Appalachia into a harmonious self-sustaining community.

Todd, who has also been a university lecturer and professor, has a fascinating new book, Healing Earth: An Ecologist’s Journey of Innovation and Stewardship, released in January 2019. It documents his journey working in both ecological design and innovative ecological restoration projects around the world.

“The concept of ‘design for a carbon neutral world’ is a straightforward way to explain the work that I have been doing for 50 years,” Todd said. “It’s about thinking of the world as a giant living machine, and we are part of that machine, we have to design a new way of living that is better, that is more sustainable.”

Todd’s presentation is one of the highlights of the Slocan River Streamkeepers’ Journey of Innovation and Stewardship. The event will take place at the Shambhala Music & Performance Hall, Selkirk College, 700 Tenth Street, Nelson, Thursday May 30 at 7 pm in the Shambhala Music & Performance Hall, Selkirk College, 700 Tenth Street.

Passmore Lodge prepares for 20th anniversary in July

Hard to believe, but it was 20 years ago in July that Passmore Lodge celebrated its grand opening. And so, in the Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society’s fine tradition, it’s time to celebrate. A 20th anniversary committee is planning an open house on Saturday, July 27 from 2 to 4 pm and everyone is welcome. The afternoon will include tours of gardens, grounds and a suite, fine food, friends, short speeches, and music by the Claybrick Boys (that’s Tees, John Fearing, Ike Barber, and so many more). That CD will run on a screen during the event, so we can have our old friends with us as we celebrate 20 years.

Passmore Lodge is undergoing some big renovations: major energy upgrades, lighting, heating and cooling systems, as well as repainting of the central hall, new privacy fences and other general spiffing up. In its two decades, the 10 units at Passmore have been home to 38 tenants, and 68 society members have served on the board of the Slocan Valley Seniors’ Housing Society (which also operates the new Slocan City Suites). It’s a lot to be proud of and to celebrate. So please, mark your calendar for a fine afternoon with friends, to celebrate Passmore Lodge and the cause of good, affordable, beautiful housing in the Slocan Valley on July 27.

For more information, call Susan Harder at 250-226-7144.
Step back in time with Slocan City’s History Walk

The public is invited to step back in time on May 25 when the Slocan Valley Historical Society (SVHS) unveils its long-awaited History Walk and website, at noon at the Slocan Village office.

The project aims to tell some of the story of the settlers and citizens that have shaped the community since the late 1800s. The narrative is depicted on nine kiosks located around town, which display photos and text featuring themes and events such as First Nations, the mining industry, the Japanese Canadian internment, and early entrepreneurs.

“This is Slocan’s story as we know it,” says Joyce Johnson, president of the SVHS. “This tour is about the beginnings of our community and the significant developments along the way. It is about the people who built and re-built the community. It’s about resilience and determination. This is a tour of what can no longer be seen but is the story of the Village of Slocan.”

Illustrated guidebooks can be purchased for $5 or downloaded for free from the SVHS website at slocanvalleyhistory.ca.

The Slocan Kootenay Lions Club built the kiosks, which were then installed by Village of Slocan public works staff. Interpretive panels were fabricated by Ian Fraser & Associates. The website was designed by Shauna Fulder of brand and funded by Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance.

“In many ways, this was a community effort. We hope this project will educate, inform and entertain residents and visitors now and far into the future,” says Johnson.

The project was made possible with funding from sponsors Mountain Valley Station, Sockeye Enterprises, Lemon Creek Lodge, Slocan Village Market, the Valley Voice, Harold Street Café, Columbia Power, Fortis and the Village of Slocan; funders Columbia Basin Trust, Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance, Business for the Arts, BC150; and the community: Kootenay-Slocan Lions Club, Kalesnikoff Lumber, Ian Fraser & Associates, Shauna Fulder/brand, Village of Slocan staff, and the many people who shared their photos, stories and memories.

Joan Marion Hird of Slocan, BC passed away on April 27, 2019 at the age of 92 after a brief decline at the Kootenay Lake District Hospital in Nelson. She was the much loved matriarch of an old and large family from Slocan and the surrounding area.

Joan moved here in 1942 when she was 16 years old. She is predeceased by her parents (Bill and Vivian Adams) and all except for one of her 10 siblings and her eldest son, Allan Michiels. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Thor Hird, her sons Jerry Michiels (Anita), Randy Michiels (Elia), Gene Hird (Delaine), Ben Hird (Joanne), her daughter Freda Hird (Paul McLean) her 11 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

She was loved and will be missed by all who knew her.

The family at this time will be holding a Celebration of Life in August 2019. If you wish to leave a personal message of condolence you can visit the family’s online register at www.thompsonsf.ca
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Donna Jean Wright is New Denver’s Citizen of the Year, recognized for her achievements as president of the Silverton Gallery Society, chair of Recreation Commission #6, and board director of the Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services Society, Friday Market Society and the TV Society.

During her decade as president of the Silverton Gallery Society, the society raised funds by hosting coffeehouses, art shows and special events, allowing for extensive renovations to the building as well as sponsorship of youth art activities and the provision of darkroom facilities.

As chair of the Recreation Commission, she was instrumental in the establishment of Bigelow Bay Regional Park and the health centre gym.

While she was the Slocan Lake area’s representative on the Arrow & Slocan Lakes Community Services board, the New Denver office opened and ASLCS secured a contract to manage local transit and paratransit.

DJ has also served as president of the Friday Market Society and as director of the TV Society. She is part of a group of volunteers that organize and provide musical entertainment for Pavilion residents.

New Denver Citizen: Donna Jean Wright

Jayden Leblanc is getting an early start to her career in logger sports!

Bill Christian with his Ducati Meccanica at the first annual Motorcycle Show n Shine on Sunday of New Denver May Days. Christian had two other bikes in the show, and won Best Vintage Bike for his 1962 Ducati 250 GT Modified. Other winners were: Stuart Brown for his 1942 Harley Davidson (Best in Show); Ron Friesen for his 2006 1000 Paul Smart (Best Stock Bike); and Cole Hashimoto for his Harley Davidson chopper-mini.
Kaslo honours Karen Pidcock as Citizen of the Year

Kaslo’s Citizen of the Year 2019, Karen Pidcock, has been described as kind, generous, devoted, thoughtful, caring and committed by many, many people in Kaslo from a huge variety of organizations and from all walks of life. Some of the organizations that have benefited from Karen’s tireless volunteer efforts over the years are: Kaslo Community Garden; Kuimba and other choral groups; North Kootenay Lake Community Services; North Kootenay Lake Arts Culture & Heritage; Kaslo Concert Society; St. Mark’s Anglican Church; Kaslo Area Binders; and many humanitarian organizations such as Amnesty International. She has raised over $5,000 for the Langham by taking the plunge in the annual Polar Bear Swim. She has lived in Kaslo for over 30 years and has been an excellent neighbour, welcoming new neighbours to her street and to Kaslo, and always willing to assist.

Karen is an active skier, hiker, walker, paddler, birder and gardener. She has been described as a ‘true Renaissance woman’ because of her deep curiosity, knowledge and experiences. She is thoughtful and thoroughly involved both in her own life and that of her community.

Karen Pidcock, Kaslo’s Citizen of the Year, with two of her nominators, Shelley Ross and Bob Stair.
Québec painter presents workshop in Nakusp

by Art Joyce

Studio Connexion in Nakusp has had a small selection of Québec painter Marc Grandbois’ pieces available for sale since last August. At the end of this month, Grandbois, a signature member of the IAF (Institut des Arts figuratifs) and an active member of the Federation of Canadian Artists, will be in Nakusp to give a painting workshop on his expressionist technique. Organized in collaboration with Anne Béliveau of Studio Connexion, the workshop is full and will have participants from Vancouver, Calgary, Revelstoke and the Arrow Lakes and Slocan Valleys.

A resident of L’Anse Saint Jean, Québec, Marc Grandbois began painting at a very young age alongside his mother, also an artist. La Mauricie National Park is within the region, making it a prime tourist location and a natural draw for artists seeking inspiration. The Saint-Maurice River runs through the region. He completed his Fine Arts degree at Concordia University in 1991 and rapidly gained notoriety as a watercolour painter between 1992 and 2002. Tired of the financial uncertainty often associated with the life of an artist, he set aside the easel and brushes for 10 years, painting only occasionally and accepting a few contracts.

In 2010, he left the Mauricie for Saguenay/ Lac-Saint-Jean region to be on the Saguenay River, about 200 kilometres north of Québec City. The Saguenay fjord leads into the St. Lawrence River. Grandbois was motivated by the exceptional beauty of the Saguenay landscape and the unique environment of the fjord. It inspired a personal renaissance in his work and a renewed dedication to painting.

Grandbois’ work is characterized by the priority given to the atmosphere, the brushstroke casual but fair and the richness of colour. His palette, sometimes subtle, sometimes Fauve, adjusts to suit the ambiences he wants to create. He describes his work as a mix of expressionism, luminism and impressionism. “I firmly believe that figurative art, especially the landscape, remains very current if it transcends narrative and in a way becomes a basis for experimenting with gestures, colour and light.”

Even a cursory look at his website reveals a bold, vigorous use of brush strokes, lending a palpable energy to the paintings, which crackle with life. The tradition of French Impressionism is clearly never far from his aesthetic, but the influence of Canada’s Group of Seven is also present in his palette of rich, deep – at times almost stark – colours. And indeed, Grandbois cites Canadian icon Tom Thomson as one of his influences, along with Spanish painter Joaquin Sorolla.

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**Electric vehicle added to Kaslo Carshare fleet**

by Jan McMurray

An electric car is now available to the 26 members of the Kaslo branch of the Kootenay Carshare Co-op.

The 2017 Chevy Bolt was purchased by three Kaslo residents, who have added the car to Kaslo’s Kootenay Carshare fleet through the co-op’s new Peer to Peer program.

“We are developing a Peer to Peer model of carsharing where private vehicle owners can put their own vehicle into our fleet under our insurance,” explained Colleen Doyle, executive director of the carshare co-op. “Members can book the EV in Kaslo just like any other vehicles in our fleet. The Kootenay Carshare Co-op and the vehicle owner share the earnings on the vehicle.”

The co-op’s new Peer to Peer Program may be coming to the Slocan Valley in the coming year, Doyle said. There’s been interest in Winlaw, New Denver and Nakusp.

“With this model, we don’t have to build a solid membership base in the communities,” she said.

Currently, Kaslo, Nelson, Rossland, Revelstoke, and Kimberley have Kootenay Carshare. Revelstoke and Kaslo have EVs now, and Nelson is about to get one. Doyle says the co-op has ordered two Hyundai Konas, one each for Nelson and Revelstoke. Revelstoke already has a Tesla.

Kaslo’s slightly used 2017 Chevy Bolt is in mint condition with low mileage, according to Kim Walker. She and her partner Tom Duchastel travelled to Vancouver Island to pick up the car, and only had to stop for one charge on the return trip to Kaslo.

Under ideal conditions, the car can travel over 400 kilometres on one charge, Walker said.

Call Tom at 353-7427 for a free intro and test drive of Kaslo’s Chevy Bolt. Check www.carsharecoop.ca for more information about the co-op.

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**Stage band to start up at JV Humphries**

by Jan McMurray

JV Humphries School in Kaslo is planning to start up an outside-the-timetabled stage band in September 2019 for students in grades 6-12.

“For years, we’ve had an ‘introduction to rock’ band class with guitars, drums and bass, but not brass and wind instruments,” says principal Dan Rude. “Now, not brass and wind instruments, but ‘introduction to rock’ band class for students in grades 6-12.

Timetable stage band in September

Planning to start up an outside-the-timetabled stage band will be Casey Oswald, the band conductor. Oswald will be the band conductor.

Four Fine Arts credits will be available to grades 10-12 students who participate in the band. Band members will be chosen by audition or invitation, as members must make a commitment to practicing and performing.

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Slocan, May 13: Funding received for Harold Street North design plan by Barbara Curry Mulcahy

The Rural Development Program has awarded a $60,500 grant for the Harold Street North Detailed Design Plan, a report to improve the west side of Harold Street between Delany Avenue and Park Avenue. The detailed design plan is phase two of the project. Civil, electrical and landscape engineers will prepare the design plans, cost estimates, and tender documents. The site will also be surveyed and plans made for parking, sidewalks, landscaping and overall beautification. Council decided that the Village’s $15,000 contribution to the project would come from the Gas Tax Fund.

The 2018 climate action survey has been released, and the Village of Slocan has reduced emissions to 23 GHG – down from 27 GHG in 2017. The Village signed the Climate Action Charter and is committed to becoming carbon neutral in its buildings, infrastructure, and foot. Since 2012, the first year the Village reported greenhouse gas carbon emissions, rates have ranged from 24 GHG down to 21 GHG in 2014 and up to 27 GHG in 2017.

• After a 15-minute discussion, council approved a Development Variance Permit allowing Councillor Joel Pelletier to build a garage/shed up to 21 feet high – 6 feet higher than normally allowed in the zoning bylaw. Councillor Pelletier left the meeting during the discussion due to conflict of interest. Of the 10 neighbours notified about the variance application, one submitted a letter against it. She asked that all property owners and residents in Slocan be notified about the application, about what taller accessory structures could be used for, and about the increasing number of people who are asking for height variances. Councillor Ezra Buller noted that building styles are changing and that the bylaw might need to be revised.

• Mayor Lunn reported that there is a high demand for bloodwork in Slocan and the HBA is advertising for a phlebotomist to do bloodwork out of the Wellness Centre. She said the local health committee is considering having an open house for the Wellness Centre this fall. Lunn also called attention to RDCK’s approval for the purchase of a $240,000 used pumper tanker for the Slocan Valley Fire Department. The 2010 E-One International tanker will replace aging equipment and is expected to be used for 17 years.

• The Village will pay $50 to become a regular member of the BC Rural Health Network. Councilor Perriere will represent council on the network and Mayor Lunn will be alternate. The BC Rural Health Network shares strategies on healthcare issues affecting rural BC. Advocates for healthcare including improved access to mental health services, identifies areas of research, and partners with other provincial organizations to reach these goals.

• During Public Participation, Pat Ashton said the Slocan Emergency Medical Fund has been getting a lot of donations of medical equipment, including crutches, walkers, toilet risers, bed frames. He asked the Village to help provide a clean space for Government Affairs to use and the Village to help pay for the2 equipment.

• Ashton also asked about the timeline for Legion renovations, reminding council that he assisted with a large exhaust fan can’t be used and a window can’t be repaired until the renovations are completed. CAO Gordon said “such a large-scale project” needed a review panel and she was trying to form it. Mayor Lunn said the CAO was putting together a Request for Proposals to finish the work and CAO Gordon said she hoped to hire someone as early as August.

• An email from Christa Didham on behalf of the Slocan Valley Volleyball Committee asked the Village for assistance with grant preparation. Mayor Lunn responded that “such a large-scale project”, the Village disc the surface. Council directed staff to draft a Volleyball Court Terms of Reference for council review.

• Council directed staff to send a letter to Community Futures expressing the Village’s continued interest in the Cannabis Business Transition Initiative proposal, along with a cheque for $530 from the RDCK Community Development Fund. Mayor Lunn said she had attended the cannabis symposium and saw a need to support the proposal.

• There was a discussion about 5G. Anastos explained that people concerned about Wi-Fi technology will remain compliant. Anastos answered that technology. Anastos explained: “At present TELUS Fi-Wi modern broadcast unlicensed Wi-Fi frequencies, not licensed cellular spectrum.”

Slocan council alarmed about 5G by Barbara Curry Mulcahy

An email from Doug Anastas, Real Estate and Government Affairs Manager for Telus, has alarmed council council about 5G. According to the email, telus would want to deploy 5G wireless in Slocan and if council refused it, it would go to the federal government. Anastas said “such a large-scale project” the Village has made a decision to refuse 5G service. Mayor Lunn said the Village had made a decision that technology. Anastos answered that 5G in Slocan and if Slocan could refuse it, it would go to the federal government.

• Council directed staff to work with WEGCSS on submitting an Expression of Interest to the Clean Energy Leadership Program (CELP) to develop a “village-scale green roof and green wall project.” CELP is a provincial program that supports clean or renewable energy projects and innovative energy efficiency projects. During Public Participation, Denise Dufault mentioned there are 10 metal lightposts that can be removed.

• On Tuesday, May 21, the new council, and staff will plant a dogwood tree by the Village Office in honour of the Local Government Management Association’s 100th anniversary.

• Mayor Lunn, council and staff will represent Slocan at the New Denver May Days celebration on Wednesday, May 29, and the Vernon Canada Day July 1st celebration. Mayor Lunn will give greetings in New Denver and has offered to carry a flag for Vernon. Mayor Lunn said that council is considering including the 5G network in Slocan and if council refused 5G service, it would go to the federal government.

• Council adopted the Five-year Financial Plan Bylaw and the Annual Tax Rate Bylaw, 2019.

Eric Reguly discusses the health risks of 5G. “Wired fiber can essentially deliver 10 times the number of devices to be served. It doesn’t have the risks,” states the press release.

In answer to questions about how 5G differs from the wireless network currently in use, Anastas said the current service is a combination of 3G and 4G LTE. 4G LTE is the more modern and faster service of the two. The press release states that 5G is designed to provide speeds that are up to 10 times faster than 4G LTE. The 5G network will also allow 10 times the number of devices to be connected to the internet. He said this improvement will benefit e-health, smartgrid, smart transportation and smart agriculture applications; and empower new industries and businesses, augmented and virtual reality, and other innovations.

The Wire to Deliver press release had “a link to an article in the online journal ExpertWireless.” The press release said the article “reveals the sinister cyber and national security risks of 5G.” A press release listed cities that it said have chosen or are choosing community-owned fibre because they value data privacy, autonomy, local property and well-being.

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by Jan McMurray

Still no consensus for wharf at Lardeau Regional Park

Director Watson replied that the 2,300 people in Kaslo and Area D will be paying for the park with their tax dollars, so their input matters. Larry Greenlaw suggested that the RDCK establish a defined area to pay for the park, but Watson pointed out that it would be expensive for Lardeau to pay for it alone, and that others would use the facility, so they should help pay for it. She estimated the annual operational cost of a park at Lardeau to be anywhere from $8,000 to $20,000.

Mark Crowe of the RDCK said that because prior engagement processes hadn’t garnered sufficient input, the RDCK hired a consultant, Urban Systems, to complete a park management plan “to identify a future operational and management program for the park.”

Shasta McCoy, landscape architect with Urban Systems, presented the results of a more recent survey, which was completed by 180 people, mostly from the local Kaslo and Area D community. The grand majority agreed that improvements should be minimal and focused on the environment, and that the park should be rustic and have Kootenay character. Sixty percent disagreed that the park should include a wharf, and 63% disagreed that the park should support motorized watercrafts.

“You can’t go by the survey,” Ron Greenlaw said. “The people with vested interests live at the north end of the lake, not in Ainsworth or Kaslo.”

Watson said she tried to give the project back to Lardeau, but that wasn’t viable because of the insurance issue and because the RDCK now holds the LoO. “So now the RDCK has a legal obligation to manage the area,” she said. “If we give it back [to the Province] it becomes unmanaged crown land and they can do whatever they want with it. You as locals would have no control over it.”

Watson added that the parks and Recreation committee is looking for a wharf. At least one person at the meeting indicated a preference for cancelling the LoO altogether and giving the land back to the Province. A few indicated that just a wharf and pit toilet would be acceptable. Others warned that a wharf would change the community, bringing people, noise, traffic and water safety issues.

One man asked if there might be a more appropriate location for a wharf, and suggested Lost Ledge Provincial Park. Unfortunately, the park is not open year round, and Watson said she’d be happy to put any local stewardship group in touch with BC Parks to explore this idea. Watson said they hadn’t considered any other location for the park, as this was the area the RDCK acquired.

“I would completely re-evaluate if this was on a needs basis,” she said. “There is a need for a wharf on the west side for the Water Access Only communities.” Since the Kaslo Marina closed down, Schroeder Creek has been congested, she said.

One man suggested a pontoon dock, specifically targeted for seniors and the disabled, for a trial period of five years. “There’s so much diversity of thought and possibility of hidden agendas,” he said. A pontoon dock is “safe in any water and would have less capital cost than bringing in piling, and if it didn’t work, it could be towed out.”

Crowe said they could look into a pontoon dock and a trial period. She said wharves on Kootenay Lake are typically on piling and can move up and down with the water levels.

Crowe said once the park management plan is completed, improvements would probably be phased in over 10 years. “Recreation is trending right now, so we’re in a window of significant funding,” she said. “It’s timely right now to find additional money.”

Watson added that the parks and Recreation service, paid for by all Kaslo and Area D taxpayers, includes seven halls and five parks, including the Kaslo arena and curling rink. “It’s seeing changes in recreational use and we’re going to look at this in a master plan process,” she said.

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RDCK board, May 16: Wildfire mitigation pilot projects proposed

by Jan McMurray

• A $400,000 grant application will be submitted to the Columbia Basin Trust for a project of the RDCK Wildfire Risk Reduction Group. The funding would cover the costs of one project in the Nakusp and Area Community Forest and one project in the Creston Community Forest. These projects would pilot methods of fuel prescription and treatment with the overall goal of identifying new practices that increase efficiency and effectiveness, and developing realistic performance standards.

The significant barriers to wildfire mitigation that have been identified by the Wildfire Risk Reduction Group over the last two years include appropriate prescriptions for low and mixed forest type, high cost of treatment, efficacy of treatment, and the effectiveness of modeling to better understand possible outcomes before and after treatment. The group hopes this project will help them to better understand and remove these barriers.

• The RDCK has received $3 million in National Disaster Mitigation funding for a regional flood mapping project. In 2017, the RDCK received $500,000 from the same program to do the initial risk assessment, which identified 427 geohazard areas within the RDCK, encompassing 1,400 square kilometres of the most populated and developed parts of the district. BGC Engineering has been and will continue to be the consultant on this project.

• The first phase of the transition of recycling depot services from Waste Management to Recycle BC will see Recycle BC depots at Crescent Valley, Nelson (Lakeside), Otterhills and Creston – and possibly art Crawford Bay, Riondel, Boswell and Yaht. The RDCK is reviewing its Resource Recovery plan. Current goal of the plan is to continue to strive for zero waste; reduce improper waste disposal and waste management practices, including dumping and contamination of waste streams; increase collaboration with community partners; achieve financial stability; support the development of local waste management solutions.

• A letter of support from the RDCK will go to Community Futures Central Kootenay for the Cannabis Business Transition Pilot. The project aims to help cannabis businesses to successfully transition to the legal cannabis economy.

• As requested by the Citizens’ Climate Lobby (Nelson-West Kootenay), the board will send a letter to Minister Michelle Mungall asking the Province to develop a plan to phase out fossil fuel subsidies and shift financial support to help communities reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

• The board approved the RDCK Drinking Water Conservation Plan. The plan pertains to all RDCK owned water systems and is an overall planning document for water conservation. The document is a requirement for most senior government grants for water systems.

• The RDCK will apply for permission last August from the ministry to proceed to explore and drill the under-explored section of the main lode, referred to as the ‘Silver Mile’, the most productive silver-lead-zinc vein in the Slocan Mining Group. Four past-producing mines to the west and nine past-producing mines on Klondike Silver’s land package, all within 300 feet of the Silver Mile, host significant mineralization, the company says. It recently raised $152,500 by selling more than three million five-cent shares.

• The Kaslo and Area D Economic Development Commission decided to purchase a membership share in the West Kootenay Boundary Community Investment Co-op at a cost of $5,000.

• The RDCK will apply for a $150,000 grant to complete a Regional Housing needs assessment.

• The following traditional land acknowledgement statement will be read at the beginning of all RDCK board meetings: “We acknowledge and respect the indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.”

• RDCK residents are encouraged to use the Columbia Basin Boundary Internet Testing Portal at https://performance.cira.ca/columbiasunb. Data can be extrapolated from the portal to help determine the true state of connectivity in communities in the region. This data can be used by the Regional Broadband Committee to prioritize areas of need.

Area D

• An agreement will be made with Kaslo infoNet Society to allow them to install high speed fibre optic cable across a portion of Ainsworth Wharf Regional Park. This service has high potential for economic development in Ainsworth and Woodbury for a 20-year term.

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Area K

• A $100,000 grant was approved for the Edgewood Cemetery. This valuable community space is in need of system upgrades. The funding comes from Area K’s Community Works Fund.

• Community Development grants were approved for Arrow Slocan Lake Community Services ($700); Burton Seniors (450); Rod and Gun Club of Nakusp ($3,000).
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The Langham Cultural Centre - Kelowna (250) 353-2661 thelangham.ca 447 A Avenue, Kelowna. Named after one of the 12 best buildings in BC, the Langham is a national historic site and the centre for arts and culture in Kelowna. Art exhibitions in our two galleries, concerts, performances. During W.A.F. Japanese Canadians were interned here - visit the interpretive exhibits at our Japanese Canadian Museum. Museum open Tues to Sun 1-4 pm or (when where is un-accessible - gallery) galleries open Then to Sun 1-4 pm. Office open Tues-Thurs 10-5 pm (Closed 1-2 pm for lunch).

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Nakusp Municipal Campground - Nakusp (250) 265-0300 murphylanding.ca 1200 Highway 3, 3 blocks public beach and adjacent to the Community Park, which includes a tennis court, soccer court, ball parks, playground, and soccer field. Music in the Park every Thursday, during every August & Aug 4th, at 6:30 pm. Power and water service, 20 & 30 amp full service RV sites. Full 200 & 50 amp Full service RV Sites. No testing, free WiFi. Reservations recommended.

Centennial Campground - New Denver (250) 358-2351 newdencampground@newdencan.ca On the lake, is a private campground, with electric & water hook-up, sani-dump, showers & toliets, boat launch, firewood, pet must be leashed.

Silverton Municipal Campground - Silverton (250) 356-2472 silvertonmunicipalcampground.com at Leafield and Turner Streets. 46 sites, with full service for $25.00, electric and water for $20.00, or cash for $15.00. Sept 1 to May 31. Open 7:00 am to 11:00 pm. Early June to late September sites are $25.00 for 30 amp, $20.00 for 20 amp, $15.00 for cash. Breakaway sites available.

Spring Creek RV Park & Campground - Nakusp (250) 355-2266 springcreekfau@aol.com May 15th to October 15. Located at 1020 Giffin Rd. Turn right immediately off of Hwy 6 at entrance to Village of Skagom. Full and partial hook-ups, tenting sites, sani-dump, wheelchair accessible washrooms and showers, well, cell service, pets on leash and seasonal Tourist/Information Booth.

Lemon Creek Lodge Campground - Lemon Creek (250) 355-2547 info@lemoncreeklodge.com LemonCreekCampground.com Lemon Creek is one of the finest, oldest and largest campgrounds in the Okanagan. Lemon Creek is located in the City of Vernon just 5km from downtown Vernon, 3km from North Okanagan Airport, 10km from Kelowna and 12km from the Okanagan Center. Lemon Creek offers spacious, level, pull through sites with full power, water and sewage. Lemon Creek provides a quiet setting in the heart of Vernon.

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Mount Nebrodi Provincial Park - Kelowna Mount Nebrodi Provincial Park offers a scenic and peaceful environment. Mountain bike riding on the many trails in the park, and other activities like hiking, horseback riding, or simply enjoying the natural beauty of the park. Visitors can enjoy picnic facilities, fire pits, and a large parking area. The park is open year-round, but some of the facilities may be closed during the winter months. For more information on the park, including maps and trail guides, visitors can contact the park office or visit the website. Additional information on the park, including facilities and activities, can be found on the website.
EVENTS

THE LANGHAM landscapes of Climate Change Series presents ‘Facing the Future: Youth Speak out on Climate’ Friday, May 31, 7 p.m. A special evening of presentations on climate change and hope by Kootenay’s younger generations, with Avery Deben, Smith on minimalist optimism and Waya Aeon on the human potential for change. $10 suggested donation, students and youth free - everyone welcome!

THE LANGHAM landscapes of Climate Change Series presents a Film Screening of THE CHANGE AGENTS Saturday, June 1, 7 p.m. A 2013 Kootenay-produced drama about a Doctor who turns her environmental concerns into action, mobilizing a youth movement for global climate leadership. With a talk by Writer/Director Robyn Sheppard. Admission $10 at the door. Youth and Students Free.

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WINTER CHEF - Mount Carlyle Backcountry Lodge. Looking for an experienced backcountry chef to work at Mount Carlyle Backcountry lodge, located in the West Kootenay, for the 2019-20 winter season. Must have at least 5 years of relevant baking and kitchen experience. Must live within 2.5 hours of Nelson. Must have extensive experience with menu planning, preparing, and shopping. Must be mature, social, professional, organized, and reliable. Must have a flexible winter schedule. Please send resume and cover letter to Eryn Prospero: erynprospero@gmail.com.

SANDON HISTORICAL SOCIETY requires one student employee ($14/hour) for the Sandon Museum. Must have own transportation. Resume with cover letter can be emailed to sandonmuseum@netidea.com or mailed to Box 2, New Denver. BC. V0G 1B0 by May 31.

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Author Joy Kogawa speaks on forgiveness

Famed Canadian novelist and memoirist Joy Kogawa will give a series of talks on the theme of forgiveness in Nelson, Kaslo, New Denver and Silverton June 7-10.

Kogawa is the author of the 1981 Canadian classic novel Obasan, based on the author’s internment at Slocan during World War II. She is a member of the Order of Canada and Order of British Columbia. In 2010 she received the Japanese government’s Order of the Rising Sun for her contribution to preserving Japanese-Canadian history.

This year Kogawa is the headliner at the annual Convergence Writers’ Weekend in Silverton. She will speak on the theme of ‘Writing Toward Forgiveness’ on Friday, June 7 at 7 pm at the Silverton Gallery. Her talk is open to the public as well as Convergence registrants; cost to the public is $12.

Her three other talks are on the theme of ‘The Journey Toward Forgiveness.’ She will speak at 2 pm on Saturday, June 8 at the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre, 306 Josephine St., New Denver. Admission is $9 for adults, $7 for students or seniors.

On Sunday, June 9 at 3 pm, Kogawa will speak at the Nelson United Church, 602 Silica St. Admission is $15, $13 for students or seniors.

On Monday, June 10, she will talk at Kaslo’s Langham Centre, 447 A Ave. (Highway 31), at 7 pm. Admission is $15.

The focus of Kogawa’s West Kootenay talks will be her most recent book, the 2016 memoir Gently to Nagasaki. The Vancouver Sun’s Douglas Todd called the book “a mature work of history and spirituality, bravely detailing the intersection between mass global evils and those perpetrated intimately by members of one’s own family.”

“Kogawa’s memoir deeply explores how denial works in regards to racism, paedophilia, nuclear power, Canadian internment camps and Japanese war atrocities,” Todd said. “The Globe and Mail praised Gently to Nagasaki for “breaking the us/them dichotomy of victimization.”

More information on these events, including how to register for the Convergence Writers’ Weekend in Silverton, is at www.widospot.ca/convergence-writers-weekend. This year’s Convergence includes workshops by Slocan Valley author Leesa Dean, who teaches writing for Selkirk College, and by Fernie author, ski journalist and workshop leader Keith Liggert.

Convergence is co-sponsored by Selkirk College’s Mir Centre for Peace, The Columbia Basin Trust, RDCK Area K director Paul Peterson and Area H director Walter Popoff, the RDCK’s Recreation Commission No. 6, and the Villages of Silverton and New Denver through the Community Initiatives Program.

Nakusp Secondary School students learn to save lives

Teachers from Nakusp Secondary School are training their students in the lifesaving skills of CPR and how to use an automated external defibrillator (AED) through an award-winning high school training program. The presentation takes place Thursday, June 6, at 10:15 am at Nakusp Elementary School.

“With eight in 10 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests occurring at home or in public places, empowering youth with CPR training as part of their high school education will help increase citizen CPR response rates over the long term. To date, the ACT High School CPR Program has been established in 239 public standard secondary schools throughout British Columbia and more than 460,000 students have already been empowered to save lives with CPR. “Our front-line paramedics and dispatchers know bystander CPR saves lives. That’s why we’re so invested in helping to prepare future generations on how to help someone suffering from a sudden cardiac arrest,” says BCEHS Vice-President Clinical and Medical Programs, Dr. John Talon.

Early CPR, combined with early defibrillation can increase the chance of survival for cardiac arrest victims by up to 75% according to Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Screening of The Change Agents at the Langham

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The great filter and beyond about tapping into the vast human potential for change in times of great challenge.

Also, students from JV Humphrey School in Kaslo and LV Rogers School in Nelson will present ‘The Eternal Optimist: the reality of the millennials fight for climate action.’

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“Shifting Ground” A multimedia exhibition featuring new works from five Kootenay artists in response to one of the greatest challenges of our time, climate change. Pat Forsyth, Kevin Kratz, Richard Reeves, Maggie Tchir, Peter Velisek

SPECIAL EXHIBIT OPENING RECEPTION AT THE LANGHAM GALLERY

Friday May 24th 6:30pm-9pm, Langham Galleries

A Plastic Fable

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Vuntu Owch’s artist Jeneen Frei Njoti describes the intersection of her Nation & The Porcupine Caribou through sound and sketch, giving us a glimpse into Northern life and the impacts of a rapidly changing climate.

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