Basin residents ask CBT board to improve communications

by Jan McMurray

The Columbia Basin Trust board went into its 10th Anniversary Symposium in Cranbrook July 8-10 looking for some very specific direction from Basin residents on the Trust’s many programs and activities.

What it came out with was a clear message that it had left the people behind.

Although the board tried to bring the approximately 250 residents in attendance up to speed on its programs through PowerPoint presentation, resident after resident approached the mic to say that it was very difficult to catch upon it all in a weekend when the last symposium was in 1997.

While acknowledging the hard work and dedication of the board, and also that communication was a huge challenge for any organization, residents clearly identified communication as the number one priority for the board, followed closely by accountability and transparency.

Many felt that accountability had shifted to the government and away from the people, and chalked that up to changes in the Liberal government made to the board’s structure as a result of Core Review.

Many expressed concern that the board was straying from the Management Plan by focusing too much on economic and not enough on social benefits for the region. The suggestion many made was for the board to focus on communication and policy setting rather than on day-to-day operations.

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Slocan Riverwatch well underway

by Moe Lyons

SLOCAN VALLEY — Summer on the river will be much less messy and a whole lot safer this year, and you can be a part of it.

An active group now calling itself “Riverwatch” is inviting you to join them to raise consciousness about safety issues and litter problems on the Slocan River. At a meeting on Wednesday, July 13, the group approved a logo design and poster campaign to encourage people to “Keep our river alive — Keep yourself alive!”

Watch for the posters, designed and produced volunteer basis by Sonya Parmiuk, soon be at all commercial and recreational outlets in the lower Slocan Valley. The initial run of signs will depict the river’s surface, and then the snags and garbage that lie underneath, with the question “Do you know what’s under the surface?”

The next posters will have a description of some of the hazards of running the river, with a colour code: green for safe, blue for hazards of running the river, with a will have a description of some of the garbage that lie underneath, with the surface, and then the snags and

Riverwatch

The Rec Commission is arranging to have 100 mesh bags created for a trial run. These will be purchased outright or returned as part of the ghost system for tubes, which will be rented this year by the Spoken bike repair and collectibles shop in downtown Slocan Park.

Some concerns were expressed that the sale of these bags would encourage drunkenness on the river. The general feeling of the meeting was that their main function would be to keep garbage of all kinds out of the river, especially plastic bags, cans and bottles. “As far as drunkenness goes,” said meeting moderator Derek Murphy, “the RCMP have informed us that they are watching the river very closely for people drinking excessively, and they want to tryout this message across loud and clear. People need to realize they’re watching.”

Plans are also underway for the construction of kiosks with large maps of the river. The map committee is negotiating with Columbia Power Corporation to help with these big displays, as CPC has expressed an interest in drawing attention to the fish enhancement structures the corporation recently placed in the river.

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Brochure on invasive weeds comes out

BC Hydro has contributed $8,000 to the Central Kootenay Invasive Plant Committee (CKIPC) for the production of a brochure as part of a public education program planned by the committee.

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“BC needs a workable strategic plan for Interior and Northern communities that considers silviculture, forest health and economic development and diversification in places as soon as possible,” said Simpson. “A special committee will serve as a valuable tool for British Columbians and provide an excellent platform for policy development away from the partisan environment of the Legislature.”

Mike Farnworth and Bob Simpson have written the Forests and Range Minister as well as the Government spokespeople on BC Hydro’s vegetation management program contact Dean den Biesen.

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YRB responds to complaints about road maintenance

by Jan McMurray

After hearing complaints about the shape of some of our roads, The Valley Voice contacted YRB, the area’s road maintenance contractor.

Highway 3A from New Denver to Kaslo is a very popular road for scenic drives, especially among motorcyclists, and has almost daily informal contact with the Parent Advisory Council (PAC), volunteers who are newly involved in his Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

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Local parent wins provincial award submitted

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Paula has brought a spark of life to the PAC that the group hadn’t seen in a while. Parent participation was very low, and Paula succeeded in stimulating school-wide events. She volunteered for all activities and issues to a greater degree than any other parent who is actively involved in her or her Parent Advisory Council (PAC).

She cares deeply about the community and school interaction, and is working on plans for mentoring, “grandfriends,” and exposing students to the exciting possibilities of the larger world through outdoor education.

Lenora Trenaman, President of the Kootenay Lake DPAC, had the honor of accepting the Bev Higgins Motivational Award on Paula’s behalf at the BCCPAC’s spring conference and AGM in May of this year. Paula was recognized at DPAC’s final meeting of this school year, and was officially presented her award at the WE Graham awards day on June 29.

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Pavilion residents enjoy concert

Once again I am writing to your paper to tell your readers that on June 26, we had the Slocan Valley Band at 2 pm, on the Pavilion verandah. The music was out of this world. There were about 30 of the Pavilion residents that attended, as well as visitors, and we all had a snack. Some of the residents played along with the band with percussion instruments, and the band supplied the rest. We all really enjoyed it.

Ann Mott
New Denver

ATV club members enjoy area

Recently the Revelstoke ATV Club spent five days in Slocan on a club ATV outing. We all stayed at the Sprag at the Campground where we were very well received. The facilities were excellent as was the hospitality throughout the community.

We toured several areas including the Bambool Creek road, the road over the summit to the Arrow Lakes and to the Little Tim Mine area. Many of the members are planning future trips - there are many more areas we want to explore.

A notable interest: 20 members spent in excess of $400 in Slocan over the five days they stayed in the village. This included camping fees, fuel for both quads and vehicles and village fees. This included camping fees, fuel for both quads and vehicles and village fees.

M. Zimmerman
Kaslo

Silversmith Power working to improve penstock

Recent small washout occurred on the Cdy road due partially to a leak on the Silversmith hydro penstock which I maintain.

This included that the road was being washed out by a washout of water, and the installation by Highways of a new ditch on the road without any culverts in place. I re-dug the ditch on the inside edge of the road. It spilled over the bank causing a small amount of damage to the road.

My wife and I give my opinion to his "road unsafe for motorcycle traffic" article. I have give my opinion to his "road unsafe for motorcycle traffic" article. I have

Andrew Wright
Sandon

Thrilled to be seizing power in Sandon

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The Valley Voice

Lorna Obersmayer
New Denver

Hwy 31A almost dead

I enjoyed Doc Spanner's column in the July 6 edition of The Valley Voice. After having lived in Kaslo for 57 years (almost) and riding motorcycles for 40, I know what he is talking about. I know that the road is a poor road no matter what you are driving in, still if an and semi-

New Denver unfit might want to find the road between Kaslo and New Denver unequipped road. I regret that I didn't know the road.

My family has worked hard to make Silversmith a viable enterprise and we are very proud of what we have done at the plant.

Hwy 31A far from dead

In reply to Doc Spanner's editorial of July 6, I would like to give my opinion on this “road unsafe for motorcycle traffic” article. I have ridden many miles on my vintage Honda Goldwing on roads of varied conditions. Some were

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Build, Bail and Sail will have ladies’ division this year

Slo-Pitch tournament at Kathy Pederson in Nakusp.

Fans look forward to Slo-Pitch tournament

The Kontiki is a famous Build, Bail & Sail vessel constructed by Earl Frerichs and Leo Franzen.

and sponsored by Loma Lumber.

does it take skill? — in the annual Mud bog races always draw a crowd

On July 31, try your luck — or does it take skill? — in the annual Build, Bail and Sail race, co-ordinated and sponsored by Loma Lumber.

Teams of two build a boat and paddles on the Nakusp beach from 9 am to 12:30 pm, then race their creations at 1 pm. Not only the teams, but also the spectators, have an awful lot of fun at this event.

Mud bog races always draw a crowd

Nakusp’s Mud Bog races always draw a huge crowd for the August long weekend, and this year’s 14th annual will be no different. The event entails two afternoons of racing, starting at 1 pm on Saturday and noon on Sunday. Registration is from 10-11 am on Saturday. The entrance fee for a driver and two pit crew is $60. Street vehicles are welcome.

Side by side racing, which was done for the first time at this event last year, was such a hit that it will be done again this year. Last year was also the first time that Nakusp joined the Northwest Mud Racing Association point’s race circuit, but organizers have decided not to continue with that.

The event is absolutely free, with the organizers just covering the cost of prizes and materials to build your boat.

To make the race slightly more challenging, teams will build with a maximum of $75 worth of materials from Loma Lumber this year, and no building materials over 10’ in length can be used.

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Nakusp Mudogs, July 30 - 31

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NORTHWEST MUDD RACING ASSOCIATION or eat here.

The Nakusp Mud Bog, which is baseball that brings in and ushers out the August long weekend in Nakusp.

This year marks the 19th annual Slo-Pitch tournament at Kathy Pederson Park. The first game is on Friday night at 6:00 and the championship game is played on Monday afternoon at 3:00. The event typically attracts teams from Calgary, Nelson, Spokane, Kelowna and Creston. Although the competition is tough, the mixed teams and spectators also tend to kick back and have a lot of fun. Bavarian Gardens are open Saturday-Sunday and Monday.

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Silverton council, July 12:

The Campground Policy was re-visited, after some concerns about reservations arose on the July 1st weekend. Reservations can only be made by large groups occupying up to half of the campground, not by individuals. Some individuals did not understand why some sites were marked “Reserved” when they could not make reservations. Council deleted the part of the policy that stated that the reserving organization was to co-ordinate with the campground attendants. Instead, the reserving organization will make arrangements through the Village office. Also, all references to the overflow campground were deleted, and a note added to refer to the Overflow Campground Policy for overflow camping. The overflow policy will be dealt with at a later date. Mayor Wiesman explained that there were problems because the Village was trying to accommodate large groups, and that the policy may have to be changed to “first come, first served.”

• Acting on a suggestion from the campground attendants, council decided to increase fees for lakefront campsites to $5 per night, effective July 15. All other campsites remain at $10.
• During public and press time, Kathy Provans asked some questions about the blocked reservations at the campground. She wanted to know if the fee increase would affect blocked bookings and wondered how many sites constituted half of the campground when the number of sites charged at times from 16 to 18. Mayor Wiesman said that the fee increase would also apply to blocked bookings, but that any bookings already made for the season would be grandfathered. He said that half the campground was either 8 or 9 sites, depending on whether there were 16 or 18 sites available. Ron Provans asked if there had been any discussion about installing showers at the campground. Mayor Wiesman said that $40,000–60,000 was needed for the project. It would be wise if campground fees could go towards upgrading the site instead of generating revenue, and the same for the Memorial Hall, but that with such a small tax base, most of the Village’s resources had to go into the water system and fire department.

• Minutes of a special meeting held July 3 to deal with CBT Community Initiatives funding applications and a request for a grant in aid from the Valhalla Summer School of Fine Arts Society were adopted. Mayor Wiesman excused himself from the July meeting and appointed Councillor Larkin as chair. Councillor Hetherington was absent. Council recommended to the RDCK that CBT funding be disbursed as follows: Valhalla Summer School of Fine Arts Society ($200); Slocan District Chamber of Commerce ($200); Silverton Historical Society ($200).

New Denver Council, July 12: Open Burning Policy passed

New Denver Council held one of its most interesting council meetings in months last Tuesday. Unfortunately the irresponsible reporter that attended lost his notes, so I’ll have to deal with this vague recollection of what went on.

It’s possible that the reporter had been into the whiskey before attending the meeting as he also loudly heckled Councillor Bunka’s plan to turn the Main Street into a pedestrian zone. He also spoke out of turn during the mayor’s report.

He’s very contrite, and we can’t blame him, but we strongly recommend that Councillor Bunka go back to wring these reports.

An open burning by-law was passed to restrict the burning of garbage and yard waste within village limits.

Council decided to rent a couple of parking stalls to Raven’s Nest Gallery, since that business apparently has so much stock that they need to rent out onto the street to display it all.

Council rejected an offer by Norm Bradley to lease an alleyway adjacent to his property. Mr. Bradshaw and Council disagreed on the method for calculating the property’s value.

Councillor Bunka reported that the large fir tree outside the Silverton Slocan Museum was hosting a large colony of carpenter ants, and would have to be removed. The ants apparently threaten the nearby historic structure.

After public press time, council went into closed session to discuss something that they figure shouldn’t be part of the public record. Who can blame them, given the shoddy nature of the reporting?

Don’t miss the first annual “Blazed and Glazed” show, featuring five Slocan Valley potters, one guest potter and painter Tsuneko Kokubo at the Slocan Park Hall on the August long weekend, July 30 and 31. Pottery demonstrations will be held both days on the porch.

Raven’s Nest Gallery

Raven’s Nest Gallery has moved from Silverton to the old Hemp and Co. store in New Denver. The gallery offers custom framing, art supplies, clothing and cosmetics, hammocks, pottery and woodwork. Owners Lee Hammond and Taeko invite us in.

VSSM expands program to 3 weeks

This summer, the seven-year-old music camp in Silverton has expanded to three weeks of music and fun for young musicians from ages six through secondary school.

Each week will focus on a special program for piano and string students from all over Canada and the US, all under the umbrella of the Valhalla Suzuki Institute. Students will immerse themselves in the Suzuki approach, which focuses on direct involvement in the child’s music learning, with parents attending the institute alongside their children. Suzuki students share a body of common repertoire, and will arrive on the first day of the institute able to play many pieces together, making for a very exiting week. Throughout the camp, students will refine their individual playing and work on ensemble skills through choirs, orchestras, group classes and chamber music. The VSI has assembled a fine faculty of professional Suzuki teachers.

The camp will be held at the historic structure.

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New group forms to address housing crisis in New Denver

A group of concerned citizens is forming the Sustainable Housing Committee to address the issue of affordable housing in the New Denver/Silverton area, and welcomes anyone with an interest to join them.

The term “wireless” on its own is immediately connected to “wireless” technology. But before modern technology transformed what was previously “magic” into fact, it was rumour, curse, incantation, and ritual that dominated wireless technology. Thus “wireless bodies” (disembodied bodies) are comprised of the images and messages that fill the air, a flicker of thoughts, ghosts, television images, audio voices, photographs, hypertext messages, archetypal forms, spirits. “Wireless” bodies are bodies that have become separated from their material manifestations.

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Plans for the fall raffle are underway with a quilt as first prize and five other donated prizes. Tickets will go on sale September 1.

Members were reminded of the area conference in Grand Forks on September 15. Registration forms will be completed and returned to Grand Forks by September 15. A delicious lunch was served in the garden. The next meeting will be September 8 at the home of Freda Downs. New members are welcome. For information, phone 359-7864.

The Village of Silverton residents are invited to submit, in writing a statement of objectives that they would like to recommend to Council for consideration in preparation of the 2005 Annual Report.

Objectives are a statement of results or outcomes that the Village hopes to achieve.

Objective being recommended to Council should be realistic and meaningful to the community.

Submission Deadline: July 29, 2005

Mail or submit to: The Village of Silverton, 421 Lake Avenue, PO Box 14, Silverton, BC V0G 2B0

For further information and to register, visit www.dancingbeet.org or call 358-2448.

The village needs students to receive funding and our hospital is only viable if our population demands the service,” she says. “A question we must ask ourselves as citizens is what are the implications of allowing our community to turn into a predominantly recreational village, which empties out over the fall and winter months?”

Alexander says the initiative began when it became apparent that families and community members were leaving the area because of the lack of housing. “Our town cannot afford to lose families and community members. Frankly, we could use a few more, but without homes to rent or affordable permanent housing, what can we offer?” she asks.

Committee members believe that stable long- and short-term housing is essential to keeping a community healthy and sustainable. “A vibrant, diverse community promotes business, cultural awareness, and supports essential services such as the school and hospital,” says Alexander.

The group’s short-term goal is to encourage homeowners to open rental accommodation for many residents who need housing immediately.

The committee is meeting July 19 and July 20 at 7 pm in the education room at the Slocan Lake Community Health Centre (hospital in New Denver). Everyone is welcome to attend and be part in intentional planning for the housing needs in the community.

Village of Silverton Annual Report

The Village of Silverton has several exciting events in the works this summer including: a new festival, a new dance camp, a street dance and demonstrations, and live music. Singles are welcome and will be placed on a list until a same level partner registers.

Here’s a chance to dance on the new floor at the Bosun Hall, sleep under the stars plus enjoy the music and atmosphere of under the Stars at the Crescent Valley Youth Centre. If you are interested in volunteering sometime, contributing some talent, becoming a member of the Crescent Valley Youth Centre Society or making a donation, please call 359-8288.

The South Slocan chapter of the Kootenay Lake Hospital Auxiliary had its last meeting before breaking for the summer on June 9. It was held at the home of Elaine Woods, with the theme of an English High Tea garden party. The chapter decided to donate $1500 to the KFLH Foundation “Breath of Spring” campaign to raise money for a child’s college.

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**Open Birling:**

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**Ladies’ Dot Split:**
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**Jack & Jill:**
1st: Brenda & Derek Pouchnik. 2nd: Brad & Sandy Laughlin. 3rd: Mason Bischoff & Allie Jezowski of Nanaimo, BC.

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The line-up of bands this year was entertaining and sufficiently eclectic, the vendor area was well worth a visit and there were lots of fun things for the kids to do. There was parking and accommodation for all, the grounds were secure and emergency services were on site.

The festival’s focus is music from the 80s and 90s. This year’s headliners were Loverboy, Kim Mitchell, 54*40 and Chilliwack. Also performing at the festival were country music bands Barney Bentall & the Legendary Hearts, the Cob Lund Band and Driveway; a Queen cover band from Germany called MerQuy; Christine Evans, a 14-year-old award winning singer/songwriter; dance band Skavenjah; Moses Mayes, a funk-fusion 7-piece band; that popular 80s band, The Northern Pikes; and rock bands Supertonic, Freeflow and Winston.

Among the children’s entertainers was Harvest & David, an extraordinary juggling duo that incorporated stilt-walking, unicycling and magic into their amazing show. Mat Duffus performed his folk songs in the kidz zone. The portable climbing wall and face painting were other activities for the kids, and clowns and balloon artists roamed the grounds.

Vendor Village was bigger this year, with lots of beautiful wares for sale and lots of great food. Festival organizers and volunteers deserve a standing ovation for their professional performance in putting on this top-notch event in our area.
Nakusp council, July 14: Hot springs rates increase

by Jan McDougall

• Council ratified the Hot Springs board motions increasing rates at the pool and the campground. A package of 20 swim passes for $100 per adult and $90 per senior was designed for local citizens, explained Cowan. Otherwise, rates will be for a single swim, adults ($7.50); students and seniors ($6.50); and a daily swim, adults ($11); students and seniors ($9); family ($32); extra youth ($5). The campground rate was raised to $22 per day. The staff report states that these rate increases can generate up to $100,000 in extra revenue annually to cover future maintenance costs, and brings the fees more in line with those of other facilities.

• Representatives from the Nakusp Public Library board attended as a delegation to request approximately $58,500 towards the library expansion project. Total cost of the project is approximately $197,000. The group asked for help with capital costs to improve the historical Central branch building, which is owned by the Village. Specifically, they asked for $13,000 for a structural upgrade to the beams that support the first floor, $25,000 to upgrade the electrical system and $18,500 for flooring. They reported that they had $40,000 in savings, a $20,000 CBT grant from the recent vote, a donation of materials from BC Hydro, up to $60,000 in an HRSDC grant and possible matching funds of $20,000 from CBT’s Community Development Initiative. They were not successful with one grant application of $25,000, but they had other grant applications pending. Council encouraged the board to approach the RDCK, as the library is a regional facility, and to come back to council if they were still short after all decisions had been made on their grant applications. Mayor Cowan said that at the time the space was made available to the library, it was understood that the Village was making a significant contribution with the building, and that the library board would look at other sources of funding for its expansion project.

• Council had just heard on the recent CBT Symposium, which she said was very different from all previous symposiums, describing it as “disappointing.” She said that people clearly stated their concerns about the lack of communication, transparency and accountability of the board; the role of the board moving away from policy making towards a hands-on working role and a turn towards higher return investments instead of investment in the Basin. She moved and council passed a resolution that will circulate to all local governments in the Basin to encourage the CBT board to invest in the Basin, to remain a policy making board and to not participate on the investment committee.

• In his report, Mayor Cowan thanked Highways Manager Bruce Lintott and the ferry corporation for arranging a late sailing at Galena Bay on Sunday night to accommodate the Music Fest goers. He also thanked Willi Jahnke and all Music Fest volunteers for organizing the festival, recognizing Jahnke’s invaluable expertise.

• He also reported that the Arrow Lakes Transportation Infrastructure Association had met with Land and Lakes Transportation Infrastructure Supervisor “to hold a meeting with the Village of Nakusp and_ca” (illegible). He wrote to UBCM, requesting funding for its recent symposium, describing it as “disappointing.”

• In response to a letter signed by four residents, council directed staff to research the cost and feasibility of speed bumps for the area on Broadway between the cemetery and the street. A resident filed a complaint about the July 1st beer garden, saying there was drinking and driving, and speeding while children were on the street. Both Councillor Curran and Mayor Cowan said the problem was not having the appropriate equipment to do the job.

• The Village will send a letter in organizing a public inquiry into investigation of the Air India Bombings.

• Superintendent Jason Chernoff wrote to UBCM, requesting funding to hold a meeting with the Village of Nakusp and other local governments. Staff will investigate claims in this area with the other local governments and UBCM.

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• Superintendent Jason Chernoff and CAO Mahoney will decide on one council meeting to ask that something be done for 3-4 years. Staff does not have the appropriate equipment to do the job.

• The new collective agreement between the Village and CPEU was ratified.

• For its annual event on the August long weekend, the Nakusp Mud Racing Association requested a waiver of the sewage dumping fee, permission for its signs to be placed on “Welcome to Nakusp” signs and a letter of support of the event and beer garden. Council granted the requests.

• The Valhalla Summer School of Fine Arts requested a $200 grant-in-aid to help with the local student bursary available for its summer music program. Council will send a letter thanking the Society for its work, and explaining that the Village does not give grants-in-aid.

• Mayor Cowan and Dahlens as Regional District Director will attend the Union of BC Municipalities convention.

The annual General Meeting of the Arrow Lakes Hospital Foundation will be held at 7 pm on Monday, Aug 29, 2005 in the Hospital Cataractia. Elections will be held to fill Director positions: 3 for 3 years, 1 for 2 years & 1 for 1 year. In order to vote at the Annual General Meeting, new members need to obtain their $1 card from a director or at the hospital desk before July 29, 2005. For further information, write to Box 284, Nakusp or call 265-3215.
Kaslo Jazz Fest features Jesse Cook and many more.

Kaslo council, July 12: 2004 Annual Report presented by Jill Bradley

• Mayor Douglas presented the 2004 Annual Report, calling for questions or complaints from council and the public. No questions have been asked to date. The report is available at the municipal office.

• Council received correspondence from the Kaslo & District Public Library regarding repair of the ceiling and windows and the lease. The letter was referred to the Administration & Finance Committee.

• Public was directed to do the minor repair of doors and windows. The library is concerned about the fire exit, where tobacco smoke fumes enter and where debris and dried leaves accumulate, creating a potential fire hazard. The fire chief has suggested that the entrance be extended and finished with a metal door. Mayor Douglas said that these changes did not coincide with the restoration plans for the building, and pointed out that the restoration work could take care of some of the library’s concerns.

• Silvio Letrami, president of the Kaslo Trailblazers Society, asked for 2013.5 dollars donated for the purchase of gravel from the Village’s airport gravel pit, to be used for the Kaslo River Trail located on Village property. The gravel is needed to build a new trail. The trucking company was directed to look into a repair bill of $378.99 to repair the village weed eater.

• Council received correspondence regarding the Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) annual conference. Mayor Douglas advised council to let UBCM know which ministers they would like to meet with on which subjects. There was some discussion on which councillor would attend.

• Mayor Douglas said that over half of the $5,000 travel budget had already been spent, so he密封 council members wished to attend, they might be going large at their own expense. CAO Sawyer corrected a statement she made at the last meeting. She clarified that the Mayor was attending UBCM as Regional District Director, at the RDC’s expense.

• Doug Scott wrote to council requesting to purchase a business licence to operate a hot and cold food vendor for the downtown Kaslo area starting in August and running into September. He also asked about any permits or regulations relating to this. Mayor Douglas said CAO Sawyer had contacted Victara for a copy of its vehicle for hire bylaw, and Douglas pointed out some difficulties: parking, places to pick up/drop off passengers, regulations regarding cleanup of the streets and possible limits on where they can operate. This matter, which would require a new bylaw, was referred to the Administration & Finance Committee for recommendation to council.

• Mike Liska wrote to council, expressing interest in building a hangar at the Kaslo Airport. Liska would be interested to meet with the Administration & Finance Committee when he is in Kaslo in mid-July.

• The municipality will make an inquiry of Landscaping Water B.C. regarding the suitability of panels on the south side of Kaslo River for a free crown grant of land.

• FortisBC wrote to council regarding the proposed construction of a power line to the marina. The letter was referred to the Public Works Foreman for approval.

• Council received an email from Gillian Sanders, Kaslo’s Bear Smart co-mustar, outlining the program budget for 2015. Council voted to wait a statement of revenue and expenditure before paying out the $400 for this civic grant to the organization.

• The Kaslo Jazz Society Etc. Society applied to the Village for approval of a beer garden licence application for July 30 through Kaslo Bay Park. Council granted the approval, subject to the RDC’s ratification. Council President Cannon declared a potential conflict of interest in the matter and recused himself from voting.

• The Village will hold an open meeting to discuss the budget for 2016.

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May 1-Sept 30. Serviced ($19) Unserviced sites ($14) Water and power hook-ups, fire pits, picnic tables, roomy showers and hot showers. Downtown location, close to park, beach, playground. SS Mayfair inn and great shopping! Pets on leash welcome.

• Centennial Campground
On the lake in New Denver, 44 sites, with electricity & water hook-up, sani-dump, showers & toilets, boat launch, firewood must be purchased, & a gourmet dining room. We feature a Saturday morning breakfast buffet.

• Silverton Municipal Campground
A wooded, lakeside campground in the village, open May 15 to Oct. 15, washrooms (no shower), fire pits, picnic tables, 15 unserviced sites, firewood available. Convenient access to swimming, day park, tennis court.

• Three Island Resort Campground (250) 265-3023
66 sites, full hook-ups, tenting, boat launch, paddle boats & canoes, pets welcome, children's playground, fishing, fitness station, showers, laundry facilities, firewood, BBQ pits.

• Springer Creek RV Park & Campground (250) 255-3266

• Nakup Hot Springs (250) 483-7591
We're open year round. Summer hours: 9:30 am - 10 pm daily. Powered camp sites. Snack bar. Water replenished daily. "We always have a spot for you here!"

• Nakup Hot Springs (250) 265-3554 1-888-689-4699 • Fax (250) 265-3887
www.halcyon-hot springs.com e-mail: info@halcyon-hot springs.com
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• Silker Inn: Ph: (250) 1-800-661-8007 / (250) 265-3666 • Fax: (250) 265-4799
210 6th Ave. West, Nakusp, BC www.selkirkinn-nakusp.com email: selkinn@columbiacable.net
Located in the heart of Nakusp, we are close to the Nakup Hot Springs, Halcyon Hot Springs, the Nakup Golf Course, and only a short walk from the shores of Upper Arrow Lake. All 39 deluxe rooms have a TV, phone and fridge. 30 units with air conditioning, some units with full RV hook-up, camping, Bistro-Restaurant, historical chapel, bodywork, horseback riding, tours and much more! Have a happy Halcyon day!!! Big swimming pool now open!

• Valhalla Inn (250) 258-2228 • www.valhallalin.ca
Convenient, comfortable rooms, suites and kitchen units with TV, phone and private bath. Motorcyle and ATV packages. Group rates. Outdoor dining, great food and neighbourhood pub.

• Lakeshore Cottages (250) 358-2415 oldhamslakefrontcottages.com
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The restaurant puts on ethnic specialty nights and brings in guest chefs once a month. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Carol’s has a full menu and is fully licensed.
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To get to Carol’s, take Hwy 6 South from Nakusp through Burton and Fauquier. Take the ferry at Fauquier or follow the highway through Edgewater. The phone number is 269-7494.
Doc Spanner

Views and opinions from the top

Last week I had relatives from Toronto visiting and among the many delightful little things we did, I just had to look up the list of must-sees. It seemed sort of easy to me and I was amazed about the road being bad, but they gave me a look that said "gotta-go-now" so, I prepared the van for occupancy. The party was "gotta-go-now" look, so I prepared the van for occupancy. The party was "gotta-go-now" look, so I prepared the van for occupancy. The party was "gotta-go-now" look, so I prepared the van for occupancy.
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New business specializes in solar and micro hydro systems

More alternative energy systems are coming to the Kootenays via Sustainable Living Technologies, a new business started by Jennifer Stephenson.

Jennifer specializes in solar and micro hydro technologies, and also supplies other off-grid products like composting toilets and on-demand propane hot water heaters. Her own cabin in the off-grid community of Deer Park on the Lower Arrow Lake was her training ground.

“I learn by doing,” says Jennifer. “I bought a used solar system from friends who had bought it on impulse and ended up shifting their dream. They didn’t have any idea what components they had, so I had to research everything and put it all together.”

She was surprised to find a lack of expertise in the Kootenays. Gillian Brown, who used to sell solar products out of her Kootenay Woodstore in Taghum, is now based in Vernon and spends only a few weeks near Kaslo every summer. Harold Lunnar of Nova Independent Resources, who has designed and delivered off-grid solutions for twenty years, works out of Kelowna.

They were both critical to the success of my installation,” says Jennifer. “Harold gave me all the bits and pieces I needed and instructed me how to put them together. Gillian came out on an emergency service call when I had some ‘adventures’ with the wiring. Luckily, both of them are willing to support my new business by providing me with expertise and products.”

After the success of that experience, it seemed natural to Jennifer to get into the business. With an MBA and twelve years experience designing and configuring complex technical systems for IBM, she is not stranger to technology or business.

“The neural pathways in my mind for this sort of work are already established,” she says. “And it feels good to be in a business that supports the planet. Rising fuel prices are generating lots of exciting new products that can help people reduce costs, especially in the areas of solar heat and hot water.

“I believe a natural outcome of taking responsibility for ourselves is an urge to manage our own power on a physical level too. In the future, sustainable living could well be a necessity and my vision is to help build that into our community.”

Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake launched a bonzai demonstration was part of the Slocan Lake Garden Tour.

Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake launched on June 22, some 50 citizens of the Kaslo area gathered at the Langham Cultural Centre to celebrate the establishment of the Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake Society (CFNKLS). Officially registered in January of this year, CFNKLS is busy building its own endowment fund as well as administering grants from the McKinnon Family Fund established in 2003 by the late Tom McKinnon of Kaslo.

Both these endowment funds operate under the wing of the Ogoppy Community Foundation in Nelson, but the benefits from those funds are to be used exclusively for the communities of Kaslo and Area D.

With matching grants over the next two years from the Vancouver Foundation and Columbia Basin Trust, the combined assets of the Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake and the McKinnon Family fund will be in the neighborhood of $275,000. The earned interest from those two funds will be used to benefit a variety of charitable organizations in the North Kootenay area.

Ian McKinnon, on behalf of the McKinnon Family fund, presented cheques to the Kaslo Public Library, the Ogoppy Community Foundation in Nelson and to the Kaslo Community School. Total amount distributed was $17,000.

On June 22, the Kaslo Public Library held a grand opening and book sale to celebrate the completion of their new building. The sale will continue until Saturday, June 24. A social hour following the opening will be held in the library from 7-9 pm.

The inaugural general meeting elected its first board of directors which includes Chairman David McConnell, Vice-chair John Carleto, Secretary Ann MacNab and Treasurer Paul Hunter. Other directors are Sean Kebah, Dick Pidcock, Carolyn Schramm, and Patrick Mallett.

A social hour followed the meeting with desserts supplied by the Silver Spoon Cafe and music provided by guitarist Angelo Summartino.

To find out more about the Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake contact David Stewart at 250-366-4623.