Don Munro, elected representative for Area H - the Slocan Valley, has received threatening letters in the mail. The letters are identical with threatening content. The letters are anonymous and have been handwritten in a way that disguises the person’s handwriting.

The letter, presumed to be referring to the Official Community Planning process in the south Slocan Valley, reads: “Some people live here and everyone is aware of this. We want you out of town. There is no room for you here. It is our area! Otherwise you and your friends will get arrested at the end of your days. You have to leave this area...”

One of the letters was postmarked December 11 at Slocan Park. Munro has lost the postmark on the letter. He has taken the two letters to the RCMP and has notified the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

Munro said he was not “overly concerned” but a presssed disappoint-ment that such a letter would miss such a tactic. “One of the reasons I ran in the first place was to try to create an atmosphere of respect, where resi- dents could express their opinions without fear of bullying or intimi- dation. I think we’ve come a fair distance on that, but obviously not as far as I had hoped.”

He said that when people are asked what they like about the valley, they often talk about the diversity of the population - different values, interests, priorities, etc. He goes on to state that he has a good number of people who agree with this notion of a diverse community. The Community Forest project is a perfect example of people with varying opinions on what should and should not be done.

“Types of anonymous threats have to be taken seriously,” he said. “You can’t ever minimise these things, especially when they are directed towards a public figure who is putting himself out there. As a public figure, you inevitably draw the attention of people who don’t agree with you, but this is certainly not the way to express your disagreement. This is a somewhat cowardly way of trying to scare someone.”

Staff Sergeant Steve Robertson, at the Nelson RCMP detachment has received a number of days this is interested in hearing from anyone who may have in formation leading to identifying the person(s) involved and determining the author of their threat.

“Of course these types of threats have to be taken seriously,” said Robertson. “You can’t ever minimise these things, especially when they are directed towards a public figure who is putting himself out there. As a public figure, you inevitably draw the attention of people who don’t agree with you, but this is certainly not the way to express your disagreement. This is a somewhat cowardly way of trying to scare someone.”

“We are working with Munro. He knows what if anything else comes to his attention, he will contact us and we will work towards ways to stop this or arrest and charge the person or persons responsible for it.”

Lucerne teachers Patti Sebben and Terry Taylor, with School District No. 10 Superintendent Walter Ronakoff, display the plaque they earned for making a presentation about Lucerne’s Spring and Fall into Learning programs at the meeting in Action Showcase held in Vancouver, December 8. This was the first time school districts from across BC met to showcase state-of-the-art teaching practices and display their best ideas for improving student achievement.

The meeting explored whether or not we should reduce residential building regulations in the the official community plan (OCP) for the Village of Nelson. The meeting explored whether or not we should reduce residential building regulations in the OCP for the Village of Nelson. The meeting explored whether or not we should reduce residential building regulations in the OCP for the Village of Nelson. The meeting explored whether or not we should reduce residential building regulations in the OCP for the Village of Nelson.
A variety of power alternatives are available for valley residents

by Art Joyce

With the increase in "extreme weather" events caused by global warming, intense pressure is put on power lines and hydro reservoirs. Two power outages in the New Denver-Hills area late this past week have lasted more than 13 hours. A single outage in the lower Kootenay at January 9 left 89,000 people without power, due to 60-km wind gusts. People may be wondering: is it time to switch to alternate forms of energy or at least, to have an emergency kit?

"Now it's starting to hit the mainstream that it's not necessarily good to have a lot of power," says Jennifer Stephenson of Jennergy Technology in Nelson, a consultant for solar and hydro energy systems and people starting to question their energy usage by concern over greenhouse gas emissions.

The past 2 years. Many are motivated because the BC government has grown by 40% in power rates compared with other energy systems.

People are wondering if it's time to switch to micro hydro energy systems. "People are starting to question their energy usage because of the artificially low hydro energy rates in BC," says Stephenson of Jenergy Technology in Nelson. "In the past, the problem for alternate energy has been the artificially low power rates compared with other countries. So it's consciousness raising."

January brings weather in and power out

by Jo McManus

 Declining temperatures and wind caused many trees to fall on power lines at the beginning of January, resulting in power outages in Nakusp, Buton, Trout Lake, Hills, Rosebery, New Denver, Silverton and Kaslo.

The power was out for longer than 12 hours in some of these communities on two occasions –

overnight January 5 and overnight January 7 and 8.

BC Hydro representative Amy White explained that the outages lasted longer because of the volume of work for the crews, who work in a priority sequence to restore power. "For example, we need to restore power to our priority services first, such as hospitals and care facilities, then moving to the substations and then the major circuits to ensure they are operating before we can connect individual homes," she said.

BC Hydro encourages customers to call 1-888-POWERON for outage information and to notify the company of trees down on lines.

Crime statistics released for West Kootenay

The following reports are based on press releases and may include unverified information.

Kaslo RCMP notes

On December 31 at 9:20 pm, the Kaslo RCMP and the Kaslo Fire Department responded to a fire at the SS Moyie. As a result of the fire, the SS Moyie was destroyed.

The fire started on the ship, a 19-year-old male from Kaslo was arrested and taken into police custody, and a 20-year-old female from Kaslo and a 20-year-old male from Kaslo were arrested and taken into custody.

Both were charged with arson to call 1-888-POWERON for outage information and to notify the company of trees down on lines.
High property assessments prompt increase in homeowner grant threshold
by Jan McQueen

With BC property assessments for 2007 up overall by about 2.3%, the Province of B.C. is providing an additional homeowner grant threshold to $950,000 from $870,000. If you are among the many that have found that your home is assessed at $900,000 or less, you will receive the full grant of $570. An additional grant of $27.99 may be available if the property is over 40 years old, permanently disabled, or eligible to receive certain veteran allowances.

In 2006, a total of over $900 million, the reduced $570 was increased by $100, so you are assessed at $895,000 or less. With about 2,500 new homes being built in the Lower Mainland and about 2,000 homes in course fees every year at the second level district wide. With about 1,000 homes in the Vancouver area, the additional grant is $350, or $870 total for a homeowner. Thanks to a grant, the Summit district can no longer be charged to parents. With about 1,000 homes in the Vancouver area, the additional grant is $350, or $870 total for a homeowner. Thanks to a grant, the Summit district can no longer be charged to parents. With about 1,000 homes in the Vancouver area, the additional grant is $350, or $870 total for a homeowner. Thanks to a grant, the Summit district can no longer be charged to parents.

The Village of New Denver’s assessment roll increased from $353 million last year to $374 million this year. The simple assessment provided by BC Assessment/Authority is a home in the district. With about 1,000 homes in the Vancouver area, the additional grant is $350, or $870 total for a homeowner. Thanks to a grant, the Summit district can no longer be charged to parents. With about 1,000 homes in the Vancouver area, the additional grant is $350, or $870 total for a homeowner. Thanks to a grant, the Summit district can no longer be charged to parents.

The Village of Silverton’s assessment roll increased from $25 million last year to $32 million this year. A home assessed at $121,000 in 2006 is up to $148,000 in 2007. The Village of Silverton saw an increase in its roll from $20 million last year to $27 million this year. A home assessed at $70,000 in 2006 is up to $100,000 this year. The assessment roll for the rural area surrounding Creston and Kootenai increased from $12.5 million last year to $15.5 million this year. According to a press release issued by BC Rural Fire Authority, “Although not directly tied to property taxes, the increase in assessed values traditionally suggests some owners may see a bump in their property tax expense in the future.”

Notice of Exclusion Application Regarding Land in the Agricultural Land Reserve

I, Lindsay Edward John Mof 5539 Dalmayne Hill NW, Calgary, AB, Canada T3A 1R1 acting as agent for John Lillace of Box 2320, Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4R3 Canada intend on making an application pursuant to Section 30(1) of the Agricultural Land Commission Act to exclude from the Agricultural Land Reserve the following property which is legally described as, District Lot 8682, Kootenay District, Except [1] Parcel; A [sketch plan 41801] and 2 Parts included in Plans 7630 and 10512, and located at Calena Bay off of Ward Road on Upper Arrow Lakes, BC.

Any person wishing to express an interest in the application may do so by forwarding their comments in writing to, Columbia Shuswap Regional District (CSRD) 781 Marine Park Drive NE Box 978 Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4P1 Canada by January 31, 2007 for further information on the development please go to www.aiid.ca.

Advance Public Notice Load Restrictions

Pursuant to Section 66 of the Transportation Act, notice is hereby given that load restrictions may be placed, on short notice in the near future, on all highways in the following Highways District:

West Kootenay District

As a result of warming trends, temperatures in road bases are increasing. Restrictions will be imposed as conditions warrant. Load restrictions may limit vehicles to 100 per cent, 70 per cent or 50 per cent of legal axle loading, as allowed under the regulations pursuant to the Commercial Transport Act.

Overweight permits will not be granted and all term overweight permits are invalid for the duration of the restrictions.

The public and trucking and transportation companies should govern themselves accordingly.

Your cooperation in adhering to the above regulations is appreciated.

Load restrictions can be viewed on the Ministry of Transportation’s website at www.drivelbc.ca by clicking on the link for Load Restrictions in the left-hand menu. Service areas 9 and 10 are located under District 4, West Kootenay District. For further clarification or information please contact your local weigh scale.

Glenn Olek, ADistrict Manager West Kootenay District

For more information, please contact:

Duane Neufeld, District Technician Phone: 250 354-6628
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The great planning debate...

The pages of the Valley Voice continue to be a forum for the ongoing debate on planning in the Slocan Valley. I’m enjoying reading the well- reasoned and passionately held views of all sides.

Can an OCP be developed that will protect and nurture those values that attracted most of us here in the first place? Can we find a way to encourage the individual initiative and entrepreneurial spirit of the residents, and still protect the nature of the place in which we live? How much planning is too much? How much is too little?

These are all subjects worthy of debate, both in these pages and in the community at large. I tend to support some limited form of planning, but I know many who like to see a more detailed document, and a few who’d rather see none at all. Both of these points of view have their merits.

What I’dreally like to see is more respect for other points of view. Less shouting and more listening. Both of these points of view have their merits. I tend to support some limited form of planning, but I know many who like to see a more detailed document, and a few who’d rather see none at all. Both of these points of view have their merits.

Dan Nicholson, publisher

Values agricultural land

First it’s a highway through a blueberry farm, then 130 acres from the AR to Galena Bay, now a treaty that renews the value of hundreds of acres of land from the AR. Has anyone figured out where we will get food from when agricultural land is all gone?

El Varty Winlaw

Alternativ e approval process flawed

Well the ski hill tax supporters must truly be happy now, what with the recent property assessment notices everyone received—what a windfall!

Not wishing to be left behind, the people of Winlaw are putting in a planning application to have Galena Bay, a green belt. All of the parks/green areas will be community accessible. This is not a gated community and we very much want to be members of the Galena Lakes community.

We are here because of the Georgia Strait Regional District’s (CRRD) public hearing process to submit development proposals for the Galena Lakes area.

If we have a referendum on the purchase of City Hall, the community will have a voice. And no, just talking to them and not trampled on by certain individuals who couldn’t care less about the rights or welfare of others. Because of bad experiences over the years, I strongly support bylaws for noise and dogs. Fortunately, the proposed legislation to hold dog owners much more accountable; it is time.

Development has to be regulated with respect to the community and it has no negative impact on the community or liability to the municipality.

How would you feel about dust and noise if suddenly your neighbour would open a gravel pit, or have dogs barking all night and a pig farm with the associated smell? Or, a car repair shop, drumming transients squatting on land owned by an absentee landlord?

This is why we have avoided this issue and created plans for the entire life of the project. We have been truthful with them and tell them our plans for the entire life of the project. So we would like to do integrative development in subquent phases with a range of housing options.

We will rehabilitate this land, create a wonderful place for the community to enjoy via the waterfront parks and natural forest preserve, provide new ownership possibilities for British Columbians and Albertans, and create many jobs and business opportunities for people in the Arrow Lakes area.

Instead of eating more heat than light, I want to dialogue with people so that we can design a better community for today and tomorrow. The parks we are putting in will be there 100 years from now. The volunteer fan service will make the area safer and provide a sense of community.

If you want to discuss this development please contact me. We have already made several improvements to the plan that are the direct result of community suggestions.

ART JOYCE, DON CURRIE, JILL BRALEY

Kaslo should buy provincial building and restore City Hall

In spite of reputed opposition by Mayor Frank Holland, all four councilors of the Village of Kaslo have given their wishes to allow the voters of Kaslo to have a referendum on the purchase of the provincial building.

The price tag of $1,200,000 for the building and eight lots will cost the property owners $17 per $100,000 assessment on a 10-year loan and is certainly a bargain. But the question remains: why buy it? The answer leads to another question: are we going to restore the City Hall?

Once again we are dealing with the old school. He proudly maintains we can sell the Old City Hall if St., someone else will do the restoration and it will be unnecessary to move the council chambers, the building inspector and Village offices while the work is being done.

I disagree, and say we should buy the provincial building now while it is available, leave the library where it is and move everyone over to the provincial building as it provides space where the work on City Hall is being done.

There won’t be any savings had by staying put, and using the Province of BC and Kaslo figures, the annual cost to run the provincial building will be approximately $17,500. This could be reduced somewhat by moving to the current tenants and still be affordable.

If it’s over two years of overturning opposition to get to the point where the voters can decide and two and a half years before the ballot, I want to dialogue with people so that we can design a better community for today and tomorrow. The parks we are putting in will be there 100 years from now. The volunteer fan service will make the area safer and provide a sense of community.

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ANDREW RHODES

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Letters should be no longer than 500 words. Letters may be edited. Please email your letter if possible.

We will not publish anonymous letters, nor may you use a pseudonym, if you do not identify yourself.

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To the KDCSF's board and membership:

After a two-month trip away, I expect to return from my travels offering my planning expertise to the operations committee. I spoke to Robert Mitchell about the upcoming application to the Ministry of the Environment for the Territory of the Community Forest (CF) on December 13, and he expressed his thanks for my offer of assistance. It has been my ambition to achieve success in the operations committee and hence helped to make the CF successful over the two and half years I have served on the board.

I learned late last night (January 8) from a CF member that an operations committee meeting had not been notified by Robert or any other director. Given the recent history of the CF and that it is attempting to accomplish much of anything since the AGM in September, it felt very critical to volunteer my time to ensure the CF meets its obligation to the license and the expected area based tenure.

I will continue on this path and have made a commitment to work for the benefit of our community. I hope that you will join me in this effort.

Randy Simpson

Kadyn is OK

It really does take a community to raise a child.

I have been one of many who have helped out a young family in need and then whispered to the person next to me, "what happened to them anyway?"

It will only be a fraction of what you have committed to so many of those in need in the past.

Jan for allowing us to write you here

January 17, 2007

LETTERS

The Valley Voice

Opposes removal of land from ALR for Galena Bay development

I oppose removal of District Lot 8682, Kootenay District, located at Galena Bay from the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

I am the long-time owner, and now co-owner with my brother, of that part of District Lot 7819 which has an adjoining covenant with District Lot 8682. Our property is in the ALR.

Protection of agricultural land is vital to the future of the human species. Stopping a local beauty book, (Silent Storers and Sunk Ships, published by the Arrow Lakes Historical Society in Nakusp), I found that the lots on either side of Lot 8682 were originally farmed. The Shaw farm was on Lot 211.1; and the Nelson farm on Lot 211.2, according to a Grand Logging Company took clear cuts Lots 8682 and 2110 prior to John Nelson's purchase of Lot 2110. There were, and are, no magical boundaries around Lot 8682. It would be different from the lots on each side of it.

Further reading in this excellent resource provides information to me in the words of Mr. Walter Nelson, of that part of Lot 7819, the owner of Lot 2110, and a lifelong resident of Galena Bay to that time, showed that Galena Bay, whereas, those of European extraction, become a close-knit farming community. That fact convinces me that the inclusion of land at Galena Bay in the ALR constitutes recognition of the historical agricultural use of the area.

A large part of Electoral Area B - the Columbia River Valley south of Revoltsko, the northeast arm of the Arrow Lake, and Galena Bay is a productive farm land by implement of the Columbia River Treaty, and creation of the Arrow Reservoir.

In light of that, I would respectfully request that the Columbia Shuswap Regional District remember this historical wrong, and not add insult to injury, but rather consider a request to remove still more land in the area from the ALR. We have seen a patch of land put depends greatly upon the owner! For instance, I believe that Lot 8682 would be a difficult property to develop. I belong to a group which is currently exploring rural economic development and development through agroforestry. The Kootenay Kena Herb Co-operative's purpose is to develop herbal opportunities that balance core economic, social, and environmental values. We are currently conducting growing trials of Hawthorn. This agroforestry initiative involves growing and replanting medicinal woody peatlands such as Hawthorn, aronia, rose bushes. We seek to protect or restore peatlands, support biodiversity, and create sustainable economic development. The co-op members aim to grow, harvest, or ethically wildcraft such herbs as: aronia, black hawthorn, leaf, and berry, Wild Sarsaparilla, Rose hips, Wild Heilbekkery, and De-Vil's club. The very wet and open conditions of Lot 8682 would make it well-suited for growing Hawthorn plants. Judging by plants found on lot 7819, Wild Heilbekker, Wild Sarsaparilla, Wild Sarsaparilla, and De-Vil's Club are likely to be found on Lot 8682 as well. And the fact that this farm property was given to the people twenty years ago would make it well-suited to restoration efforts.

I also believe that a productive market garden could be developed on Lot 8682. I graduated successfully from the Spier organic farm at Nakusp has supplied residents of the area for decades (including Revoltsko's farmer's market in recent years). The food movements grow, there will be ample opportunity for such a gardenial development. Beginning to turn food movements grow, there will be ample opportunity for such a gardenial development in the area. Revoltsko's farmer's market in recent years). The food movements grow, there will be ample opportunity for such a gardenial development.

I thank you for your consideration of the above.
New Denver council, January 9: Centennial Park plan finalized

by Michael Dorsey

A plan for Centennial Park was approved. The original plan was substantially revised after gathering input at two public meetings. There will be no space set aside for a skateboard park; the ball diamond will stay where it is; a gate will go in at the backstop so that it can be opened up during events; ball park seating will be fixed up; a bocce court will be added; the back of the dugouts for cyclists; a concrete pad will be put at the cook house for possible future barbeques; play ground equipment will be replaced; the boat launch will be fixed and extended. Also, the May Days committee is planning to replace the bingo games with a bandstand. More information is available at the Village office.

Mayor Wright attended a meeting with Student Association President, Isaac Carter. He reported that the association supports a skateboard park. Councillor Banka reported that Val Marie Piercey, New Denver’s Emergency Social Services Co-ordinator, for her efforts during the long power outage on January 6. Banka and Piercey visited a number of residents who did not to them know they could go to the St. Joseph Community Health Centre to warm up and have a hot cup of coffee.

The meeting included promoting early learning and educational programs that are offered outside of the school system, such as Val Marie Airports. Mayor Wright also reported on Regional District business. He spoke of an investigation into the School Board Hospital board meeting, where the budget was revealed at $2,000. Mayor Wright also reported that the hospital at the gym centre is working very well.

The Village Lake District Chamber of Commerce requested a grant-in-aid in the amount of 80% of the 2006 business licence fees (about $5000) to buy a digital projector for the gym. The projection would be available to community groups as well as to local governments. For more information, contact Administrator Carol Gordon.

Silverton council, January 9: Mayor and councillors get raise

The Silverton council approved an application for a Municipal Rural Infrastructure Program (MRIP) for Silverton. The MRIP provided a maximum grant of $125,000 of the total cost of an approved project. Ideal shared at the meeting included promoting early learning and educational programs that are offered outside of the school system, such as Val Marie Airports.

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NOTICE
VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

Dog owners in the Village of New Denver are reminded that all dogs residing in the Village of New Denver are required to have a current dog licence. There is a $15.00 discount for all dog licence purchases by February 15, 2007.

License fees are:

Unspayed Female $50.00
Unneutered Male $50.00
Spayed Female $25.00
Neutered Male $25.00

PUBLIC NOTICE
VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

Pursuant to Section 127 and in accordance with Section 94 of the Community Charter the Village of New Denver is required to post notice at least once a year of dates, times and place of regularly scheduled Council Meetings:

2007 MEETING SCHEDULE

Council Meetings – held at 7:00 p.m. in the Village of New Denver Council Chambers at 115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, BC.

January 9th and 23rd
February 13th and 27th
March 13th and 27th
April 10th and 24th
May 8th and 22nd
June 12th and 26th
July 10th and 24th
August 14th and 28th
September 11th and 25th
October 9th and 23rd
November 13th and 27th
December 11th and 25th

NOTICE
VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

Subject to section 166 of the Community Charter, the Council of the Village of New Denver invites public consultation in the preparation of the Village’s 2007 Five Year Financial Plan. Council will be holding its first budget meeting on Monday, February 5, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in Council Chambers. Council welcomes public input from residents of the village with regards to items of concern they would like to see addressed in the budget. Please submit your comments or advise the Village of New Denver Municipal Office should you wish to make a presentation, by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 2, 2007. Village of New Denver Municipal Office – 115 Slocan Avenue, PO Box 40, New Denver, BC. Phone: 250-358-2316.

Carol Gordon, CMC
Administrator
National snowmobiling magazine features New Denver

by Art Joyce

Sick of winter? On Saturday, January 27, samba on down to the Vallican Whole Community Centre and bask in that tropical glow! At 5 pm, the doors open on the Tropical Cantina, guaranteed to be the most fun you and your friends will have so far this year. Admission is by donation, but organizers will be happy to relieve you of any extra funds you have throughout the evening. Proceeds from the event go to the future of the Rural Alternatives and Training Society (RATS), the organization whose main focus is running the Vallican Whole Community Centre. The fiesta features Barb's sizzling selection of southern sounds, emanating from a large, ensor Waterfront jukebox. Comestible中小学

Vallican Whole Tropical Cantina beats the winter blues

as limited

A new family business in the area is now offering installation, sanding, finishing, and re-finishing of hardwood flooring. Knotty Roots Hardwood Flooring also supplies locally milled wood flooring products. The name of the business pays tribute to the trees from which a wood floor originates and recognizes that flooring is part of where a family puts down roots.

Fifteenth anniversary for Dr. Fun

Dr. Fun and the Nightcrawlers will celebrate the band's 20 years together while playing at the 15th Annual Winter Blues Boogie on Saturday, February 3, in Silverton.

Providing quality service at a fair price is important to the Knotty Roots business partners. They are committed to seeking out wood and finishing products that are cost effective, ecologically viable, and sustainably produced.

Two families have partnered to bring this business to the area, Justin Swinson and Tim Reilly provide the contractor flooring services, while their wives, Meaghan Swinson and Raina Gardner, work together to manage the office and care for the children.

Contact Knotty Roots Hardwood Flooring at (250) 226-6773.

Although McKay feels the New Denver area could use more winter recreation, she acknowledges that the infrastructure – a commercial ski hill for example – isn’t there. She says it’s too early in the season to tell whether the SnowWest feature will boost business, but they have had phone calls about the story. The same article appears in an annual publication known as the Western Guide to Snowmobiling.

“October was actually a good month to have it come out, because it’s just pre-season and the trade show happens then too.”
MINOR HOCKEY WEEK

MINOR HOCKEY WEEK celebrates 50 years in Canada

Cities and towns across Canada plan Hockey Week festivities every year. Seven years ago, CBC jumpstarted the week with three NHL games and shut down the city, bringing their broadcast day “Hockey Day In Canada.” This year’s 13-hour hockey marathon, serving as the unofficial kickoff to Minor Hockey Week, was on Saturday, January 13 – and the CBC hosted the show from Nelson.

In 1953, a hockey fanatic in Trail by the name of Charlie MacLean originated the idea for Minor Hockey Week. He drafted a proposal which was accepted unanimously by the Trail Minor Hockey Association and with its instant success, it moved to the provincial level and then a few years later on to the national level where it was adopted by the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. From 1957 onwards, Minor Hockey Week was celebrated across Canada.

“Although Charlie MacLean passed away 40 years ago, he presents the heart of the many sports volunteers board, and many keen and talented young refs coming up and being kept quite busy. The declining in referees is a reflection of a problem across the country and the minor hockey associations are trying to address this issue by educating coaches, players and spectators to have more respect for their ice officials. I believe there are more potential refs in our community that are stepping forward, we have in Trail today,” says Trail’s Mayor Dieter Bogs.

Minor Hockey Week in Canada turned out to be a huge success. The idea was to celebrate the people who make our game enjoyable and free to our children and reinforce the idea that minor hockey is a community asset to be cherished.

It will be nice to have them out next year!

I would like to take this chance to thank all the volunteers in Kaslo which are required to make each and every hockey game happen. Without all the hours of hard work we would not have the pleasure of seeing those bright smiles come off the ice after a hard fought hockey game. Come on up and watch a game!

Kaslo Minor Hockey Association President

Keep your kids out of hot water - put them on the ice!

Cornucopia

“Who would have thought that the Center of the many sports volunteers board, and many keen and talented young refs coming up and being kept quite busy. The declining in referees is a reflection of a problem across the country and the minor hockey associations are trying to address this issue by educating coaches, players and spectators to have more respect for their ice officials. I believe there are more potential refs in our community that are stepping forward, we have in Trail today,” says Trail’s Mayor Dieter Bogs.

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Nakusp fields seven minor hockey teams this year

January 17, 2007


Nakusp Junior Novice (Ice Demons): Back Row – Coaches Dave Jackson, Paul Roberts, Laurie Heere. Middle Row – Angus Jackson, Clinton Suits, Logan Hascel, Nathan Hascel, Ben Gardner, Colten Peterson. Front Row – Dane Baltman, Alex Roberts, Kobe Neihda, Dustin Graup, Brenton Hicks, Ryan MacDonald.

Nakusp Senior Novice (Ice Demons): Back Row – Coaches Dave Jackson, Paul Roberts, Laurie Heere. Middle Row – Angus Jackson, Clinton Suits, Logan Hascel, Nathan Hascel, Ben Gardner, Colten Peterson. Front Row – Dane Baltman, Alex Roberts, Kobe Neihda, Dustin Graup, Brenton Hicks, Ryan MacDonald.


Hockey helps kids score life's big goals! 

HAPPY HOCKEY WEEK! 

The best thing about hockey is that it's Kid's Stuff. Tracy and the staff are pleased to recognize our minor hockey players, coaches, officials and fans. 

Go Team Go! Go Team Go! Go Team Go! Go Team Go! Go Team Go!

We're proud of all our players! 

Happy Hockey Week! 

We are proud supporters of our minor hockey teams — Have fun and play safe! 

Halyon is a proud supporter of Minor Hockey Week and wishes all players the best of luck! 

Special passes available for team members. 

Call toll-free 1-888-689-4699

Assessment Notices were mailed to all owners of property in British Columbia on December 31, 2006. If you own a property, and do not receive your notice by January 17, please contact BC Assessment to ensure that we have your current mailing address.

Toll Free: 1-866-499-9980
E-mail: ckt@bcassessment.ca
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Burton Seniors enjoy Christmas celebration submitted

By Jill Braley

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Kaslo council, January 9: One step further toward the purchase of the provincial building

by Jill Braley

Proceeding with the motion passed at the (CPC) at the December 12 meeting to purchase the provincial government building for $120,000, subject to a referendum, the bylaw authorizing the borrowing for the purchase was read three times. Mayor Holland was opposed. This bylaw assumes a 10-year payback. With today's min, this would translate to annual payments of $5,334.99 fora grand total of $53,349.35. The Municipal Finance Authority approves the bylaw, a referendum in public must take place within 80 days to determine if the public is in favour of purchasing the building.

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Nakusp council, January 9: Two new doctors in Nakusp
by Jan McMurray

Mayor Hamling reported that Nakusp has two new physicians in town. Dr. Stefanie Fiala and Dr. Travis Hunt have both just opened offices and the hope is that they will stay. This brings the number of doctors in Nakusp to four. Dr. Fiala and Hunt would have emergency repairs done to the ramp as soon as possible. Meanwhile, Hydro will prepare to have a feasibility study done that will identify possible long-term solutions for the ramp.

“We have asked that we be part of developing the terms of reference for the feasibility study,” said Hamling. “We’ve also requested we be part of the decision making process on the various options the study comes out with. They’ve agreed to that.” She says she hopes the feasibility study will be completed by summer.

Before emergency repairs can be done, Hydro needs permission from the Village to access the boat ramp, which is Village-owned. Hydro has sent the Village a draft access agreement, which is now being reviewed by the Village’s lawyers. “We want to make sure that any repairs done at that point fall in line with all building code requirements. We need to make sure that whatever repairs they do address liability and safety issues,” said Hamling.

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New Denton post Art Joyce

Nakusp boat ramp players connect at last
by Jan McMurray

Some steps are finally being taken to decide whether the Nakusp boat ramp will be repaired or replaced. The ramp is the topic of discussion during a teleconference on December 7 between members of Nakusp and Nakusp’s Area K Director Paul Peterson, Kindy Gosail from CBT, BC Hydro representatives, the provincial Comptroller of Water Rights and the Deputy Water Comptroller.

Nakusp Mayor Karen Hamling reported, “We told them the bottom line is we don’t want the current ramp to remain. We feel it’s unsafe and we want it replaced.” That Columbia River Lake Use Plan recommended this. I think the community desires it after what we’ve put up through the years – the rise and fall of the lake and the issues it causes. We feel the rise and fall of the lake – the rise and fall of the lake is now to complete all 10 beds by June 30, the Saturday night of the July long weekend. They attended the January 9 council meeting to ask if they could rent the ice surface area of the Nakusp Sports Complex for the event. Council agreed, provided that insurance is in place and other details looked after.

At the council meeting, Curry explained that MMA brings together several different martial arts disciplines, and they compete against one another. “It is the biggest pay per view sport right now. It’s huge,” he said. He also described it as a “very sportsman like sport.” When Councillor Mueller asked if it was violent, Cann answered that it is a full contact sport, but participants wear protective gear and there are many rules. “It’s not a ‘you see you’re tough’ context,” he said.

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Plan for Nakusp & the Arrow Lakes

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Update to KDCFS members and Kaslo/Area residents

The KDCFS Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on November 12 culminated in the election of four new directors to the Board. There are presently eight directors: Kelly Abrey, Steve Anderson, Stan Baker, Donna Cormie, Suzan Hewat, Rob Mitchell, Dale Russell, and Don Scarlett. Erika Bird’s resignation was received with regret from December 13. Subsequent to the AGM, the directors elected Rob Mitchell as chairman, Mike Shutty as vice-chair, Steve Anderson as treasurer and Don Scarlett as secretary.

At the AGM concerns were raised about a controversial management contract with Barry Rempel (formerly an appointed director) which was signed by members of the outgoing Board the night before the AGM. Subsequently, the outgoing Treasurer was unavailable to answer member questions.

According to the first order of business for the new Board, it has been determined that the operation will generate an income to community forestry and want to help locals.

encouraging more locals to consider becoming members. Membership dues are reasonable and available for Canadian and Commonwealth citizens, whether or not you are related to a veteran. New events this year include music, September, and food nights.

On Thursdays members and guests play euchre just for fun – games start around 4 pm or as soon as there are enough players. On Friday, starting at 5 pm, it’s the meat and 50/50 draws. Funds raised from these draws go to Kaslo Legion and you can win a great draw at the Legion this year will be Saturday food nights, organized by Lynn and Shelley. These will occur every two weeks, starting January 13 and 27, Sundays it’s the weekly crib tournament starting at 1 pm.

The Legion invites musicians who would like to play a few tunes on these nights to sign up to perform. For more information, call 353-2260. ASAP, Kaslo has plenty of talented people and we would also like to organize future jam sessions and/or open mike nights.

Lounge manager Shelley Sutherland and staff members Terry Goulbourne and Jamin Coombs invite all members and guests to the lounge for various events or just to visit with friends they are acquainted with. Mr. Rempel was required to work only in the Society office, to reduce the risk to the Society, until a solution could be found.

Finally, on December 6 as Mr. Rempel still had not fulfilled fundamental requirements of the management contract, the Board elected to treat the contract as at an end. The Board made a proposal to Mr. Rempel in an effort to provide management continuity for the Society as a licensee must secure the services of a professional manager. This process will be open and transparent, and will protect the Society against liability while ensuring that performance requirements are met.

Operation:

Forestry operations are currently on hold until the management position is filled. The following tasks will be completed during 2007:

• completion of the Forest Stewardship Plan
• finalization of the Prebatory Community Forest Agreement (area-based tenure)
• logging of CP10 above the airport
• building a road above Shusy Bench to access CP11
• logging of CP13
• development work for future logging blocks

Finance:

Before timber can be harvested and income realized, the Society as a licensed investor must invest in surveys, obtain permits, lay out roads, etc. in order to establish cut blocks. Prior to the cut, bids must be received, contracts secured, and roads built. Most of the KDCFS cut permit development work was performed and paid for a few years ago. Since then, the Society has primarily focused on logging and distributing the income to community forestry.

Recently, however, the Society finds itself with just a few developed cut blocks remaining (ICP 10 & CP13) and expensive road building required to reach CP13. These will occur every two weeks, starting January 13 and 27.

Johnny Eden will be playing in the Langham Theatre in Kaslo on Saturday, January 27 at 8 pm. Johnny Eden has been hailed as a "serious songwriter capable of writing in a variety of styles and tempos with a blend of jazz flute, rock, and pop" (Poole’s World, Bill Poland, What’s Up, YUKON?). He is a "jazz flute maverick" (Rockabilly Review) and "an unparalleled talent" according to the Canadian Press.

The resurgence of the art of quilt-making is a phenomenon across this province. Quilt shops and quilting groups abound everywhere. Many in the Kootenays have taken up this pastime, although quilting has been going on for years in Kaslo. It’s an addictive pastime for some, and helps the long winters fly by.

The Kaslo Quilting Group is an informal gathering of quilters who have recently been gun meeting. On December 11, they held a final pre-Christmas meeting, celebrating with a pot-luck lunch, and a display of current quilting items.

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The bottom line there will be a moratorium on disbursements to community forestry until the Society can achieve a sustainable balance of income and expenditures to meet its license obligations. This hiatus will present an opportunity for the Board to consult with the membership and general public to establish a long term disbursement policy in accord with the requirements of the Constitution.

The Board has set May 26 as the date for the 2007 AGM – a return to normal in order to make all directors are re-elected. The new Board has made a point of fostering co-operation and openness at all points of view both within Board meetings and to the membership. If you are interested in community forestry and want to help real to establish its real value and economic benefits, please consider.

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Artists and graphic designers are encouraged to submit entries for the KDCFS Annual Artwork contest, sponsored in part by the North Kaslo Area at Lake Arts & Heritage Council.

The winning design will be used on posters throughout the year, including this year’s fund-raising material for this year’s festival. There is a $500 prize for the successful design. Deadline is February 10, 2006.

Please be sure to include a written description of your artwork, and a contact name and phone number.

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with Peter Roullston

Out breaking trail between storms

Even the most rabid skier would likely admit that we’ve had enough snowfall. Though the Kootenays have generally been quite bountiful for the most part, the coastal storms of recent weeks, most diggers, shovellers, scrapers and plowmen could use a little break. Really, it is starting to look like it would have to snow less, less storm weather so that all those ski trails could dry up and trail work could start.

My various sheds have shed snow quite nicely this winter and I sorta missed that task of being up high dumping great wads of snow to the ground. So the other day while en route to go skiing, I decided to stop and take a picture to clear off the somewhat hailltrail bridge over Carpenters Creek at the east end of No. 6 Rd. The bridge goes over an old creek which though the water was very low, it was still beautiful and I can’t be bothered to ski up high when such deep snows are smothering everything. This section of the valley was beautiful. We saw a good access road up the trail to the road from the highway just back a little bit off the main road, and it was open, so we got out to go back and ski along roads and re-open an opening. We got back to the trailhead, and we did a great job on the trail along the new snow.

Meanwhile, here’s a skill testing worksheet for outdoor recreation. The YRB crews do a good job once a day if the snow isn’t too deep or too soft.

Good Eaters of the West Kootenay

with Andrew Rhodes

Turn left at the Chocolate Croissants

Hello all you fabulous food fans. You have a great holiday and a big birthday coming up this year. On Christmas Eve I tasted a 16 km. It worked out so well that New Years Eve was even better. After the croissants and gravy, making gravy to beef it in a crock. I guess I batted .500 so far.

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K&S grill carts clings to the cliffs just above the logged areas. Further upslope but not visible is the road linking the townsite with the ski area. With thanks to Wyck and Payne claims about Sardon.

Headwest at a descent of 2%, you get a terrific look at the Denver Glacier across Slocan Lake and then a shot of sunshine later in the season. From there, the views are even better, you can see the new trail climbing steeply up a big logged area and the trail grade soon declines into a much more gentle slope. There’s also a steep ski trail leading down to the highway where you can enjoy the 20-minute walk back to the vehicle. And of course if you’ve booked a fresh trail you can ski the back lane along the trail grade again.

So just as I approach this junction and trail choice, I saw an enormous mouse rise up from a bed in the snow, big as an cow and curious as a cat. From under a bath tree rose a cup, half size but just as curious. We were only 30 meters apart for easily two minutes but I just gawked away, figuring that digging for the amenity would spook them and the photo would likely be less than spectacular. The big cow was not really that calf and the only slightly cute, but then I doubt they thought much of me either.

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Do you have a restaurant of the year? It could be a favorite, a recent discovery, or a beloved regular. Share your thoughts and help us identify some great dining spots.

Economic predictions for 2007

In its monthly report, the Bank of Canada has predicted that the real GDP will increase by 2.0% in 2007. This is a slight improvement from the 1.8% growth rate predicted in November. The Bank of Canada expects the unemployment rate to decline further, reaching 5.8% in 2007. This is in line with the forecast of the Conference Board of Canada, which projects a decline to 5.7% in 2007. The Bank of Canada also expects the inflation rate to decline further in 2007, reaching 1.5%.

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Slocan. He drove logging truck for Hicks Bros. Gustafson and in June 1951 they moved to Canadian Army before driving logging truck Winlaw and South Slocan. After leaving school in Nelson September 30, 1926 and lived in January 2, 2007, aged 80 years. He was born passed away peacefully in Trail Hospital on December 22, 2006. There will be a memorial May 20 at the Legion Hall at 11 a.m.

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ALFRED BECK

On December 22, 1950 he married Viola (Benny) née Marvin; they had three children – Dorothy (Neil) Wood, Stacy (Neil) Wood of Fort St. John, Cindy (Bonnie) of Slocan, daughter Tanis (Hans) and five grandchildren – and especially enjoyed teaching them ways to get into mischief.

He was predeceased by his parents William and Blanch Beck; his sister, Ethel Grieve; his five sisters. Alfred married the love of his life Margaret (Gladdys) May Nixon of Inwood, WV , Donald of Edmonton, AB, one niece and passed away Dec. 22, 2006. There will be a memorial May 20 at the Legion Hall at 11 a.m.

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Slocan council, December 13 and January 10: Cooling off period needed to finish meeting
by Don Currie

Slocan Village council concluded its December 13 regular meeting on January 10. Mayor John Van Byen adjourned the December meeting before the business was concluded after a sharp exchange broke out between some residents and members of council.

The December meeting got off to a tense start when Councillor Madeleine Perriere asked about the pub issue. Community interest in this has heightened since a lively public meeting on November 2, reported on in the November 8 Valley Voice. Councillor Perriere sent letters to all of the neighbours of the proposed pub asking for feedback and receiving a flurry of responses, including a petition with 13 names. The letter and petition were not on the December 13 agenda. Councillor Perriere asked that every letter received on the pub issue be recorded in the minutes as received by council. Ludlow said all letters had gone to the auditor before council would be reviewed at the second public meeting on the issue, to be held January 11. Council will make its decision on the pub application at its regular meeting on January 17.

During question period, John Sarjeant drew attention to what he believed were irregularities in expenditures relating to indemnitees that may have been booked in camera. He suggested council give its budget another read with the help of auditor Elaine Rogers as it may not conform to the requirements of the Community Charter. Administrator Ludlow said that council follows the bylaw on the prescribed budget process and that all expenditure had been scrutinized by the auditor and sent forward as required by the Charter. She said all of the large amounts spent in 2005 were reported and examined in the auditor's report and said council was not required to re-submit its budget unless the provincial government found a flaw in the process. She said that once ratified, the budget documents were now official documents.

Administrator Ludlow submitted a year-end report stating that in the final month of 2006, 95% of the annual budget had been used. General and Water revenues combined showed a surplus of $50,400. However, on October 23, Mayor Van Byen demanded residents fluke their seats and when they refused he adjourned the meeting.

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Slocan Valley's James Rodgers, will be waiting with hot chocolate, hot dogs and a toasty bonfire just south of the ValleyView Golf Course on the Slocan Valley's only linear recreational facility. The ValleyVoice Trail is being groomed by the Slocan Valley Trail Rail Trail and set track over the winter from Winlaw to Slocan, so it'll be optimum for skiing and snowshoeing conditions. Everyone is reminded that this trail has been designed and built not motorized by the property owners, TourismBC.

Because of winter's sometimes unpredictable weather, the event may have to be cancelled on short notice. If you wish to volunteer, sign up for the trail-building project on the SV Trail hotline 1-800-683-3787 (3787) on the evening of the meeting. You may also sign up to receive information about the proposed trail or if you require more information on the SV Trail website at svtrail.com.

Energy incentive program launched by Green Realtors quality of hidden renovations like in showing off a property, including green homes. Says Paul Steeb, Energy Efficiency Coordinator, City Green Solutions (concepts that translate into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change. An increasing number of homeowners are looking past the stainless steel exterior of appliances to look for the energy efficiency that translates into energy savings, and are concerned with their energy consumption. An increasing consumer values change.