Tenures almost finalized for Slocan Valley and Nakusp community forest groups

by Jan McMurray

The Slocan Valley community forest group sent in its application for a Community Forest Agreement on January 18, and the Nakusp group is aiming to submit its application on or before June 15.

Stephan Martineau, spokesperson for the Slocan Valley group, is confident of success. “We believe the application meets or exceeds the requirements, so we don’t anticipate any surprises,” he said.

He says the group expects to hear back from the Ministry in the spring and hopes to begin operations in the fall.

Both the Slocan Valley and Nakusp groups were initially invited to apply for CFAs with a volume allotment of 10,000 cubic metres. Based on that, both went through the process of identifying operating areas from BC Timber Sales (BCTS) tenure for each group. They became seriously interested, and both groups have recently reached agreement in principle with BCTS on their additional takeover areas. They are both now waiting for their area volume allotments, like a timber supply analysis, for the new areas to be finalized.

The Slocan Valley group, anticipating the invitation for the second 10,000 cubic metres, had shown the areas it wanted from BCTS on the map it distributed to residents from Silverton to Winlaw last fall. “We ended up with what we wanted,” reported Martineau. All the areas on the map were successfully negotiated, except the Lemon Creek chunk. So, the very near-to-finalized chart area looks like three chunks: Pedero/Wainlaw/Trezzo; an area between Lemon and Springer Creeks, and an area between Enterprise and Silverton Creeks.

The application submitted in January does not include the second 10,000 cubic metres. Martineau says the group will send in an amendment to the application to reflect the additional tenure, probably by mid-March. “We won’t have to do much tweaking,” assured Martineau.

The Slocan Valley group’s registration as a cooperative came through just before Christmas, he reported, so the group is now officially the Slocan Valley Integral Forestry Co-operative (SIFCo).

The Nakusp group has picked up the fairly large Box-Summit area from BCTS. This is near the group’s biggest chunk from Springer Creek, in the McDonald Creek area. Other areas from BCTS are small and include chunks near East Arrow Park, Wilson Lake, the hot springs (Kuskulax), and Foothill and Galena Bay farther north.

Jesper Nielsen of the Nakusp community forest group updated council on the group’s progress at the January 23 council meeting. He presented maps of the takeover areas that have been agreed to in principle. Council asked about the area near the hot springs, because the Village has been advised not to locate land surrounding the springs from development. Nielsen said the wood was not of good quality in that area and that logging there would be expensive. “It’s no little volume that it’s no big deal if we don’t log it,” he assured. He also mentioned that the Wilson area had been cut over and would be “good in about 60 years.”

In all, though, Nielsen was happy with the area and acknowledged that “for the most part, we’re getting pretty easy in terms of contentious stuff.” He said the Wensley area from Springer Creek’s chart area looks like three chunks: a small chunk from Springer Creek, in the McDonald Creek area, an area between Enterprise and Trozzo; an area between Lemon and Springer Creeks, and an area from Nakusp to Winlaw.

The Group of new Selkirk College in Nakusp

by Jan McMurray

The Grand Opening of Nakusp’s new Selkirk College building on January 25 was a celebration of a building transformed into not just a wonderful new space for the college, but also a symbol of Selkirk College’s commitment to Nakusp.

The event was very well attended. Local musicians Wens, her daughter Alexis, Liz O’Neil and DJ Wright performed, and there were several other speakers, including Sharon McNeill, assistant student of Nakusp Selkirk College, who described the history of growing up at Halfway Reserve, becoming a working mother in Nakusp and the journey she went through to go to Selkirk College’s ABE program. She went on to get her law degree at UBC, to assist her with her life mission to help aboriginal people. “Education is your own key. It is a gift you can use to serve others,” she said.

New Demer’s Bill Roberts, who is the newest Selkirk College board member and will be replacing the current chair, spoke about the college in a truly regional institute, serving the community from Grand Forks to Nakusp and Kaslo.

Nakusp Mayor Hamling

Nakusp Mayor Hamling indicated that council would discuss these and then meet with the group.
The environmental assessment process is underway for the Glacier/Howser run-of-river hydro project located in the Larderud/Duncan. Project proponents expect to submit their environmental assessment report to the Environmental Assessment Office in September.

Neil and Sean Murphy of Glacier Power, the father and son team who envisioned this hydro project, along with Nelson environmental consultants Synergy Water, Miller, and several other representatives of the project attended the RDCK board meeting on January 27. Project Manager Alec Stoin made a presentation to the board.

The estimated $340 million Glacier/Howser project consists of two new river hydro developments that will produce enough power for 20,000 BC Homes. As contracted by BC Hydro, the project capacity is 90.5 MW but the company plans to build it with a potential capacity of 125 MW.

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The project schedule puts the start of construction in August 2008 and the start of power production at November 2010. The project was awarded by BC Hydro in August 2006.

RDCK board had questions for the project proponents. Project Manager Kentiel asked about the tax benefits of the project. Stoin said that they will pay taxes to the Regional District and the government for assessment, and the book value of the project is $65 million - $70 million.

Director Holland asked how it could be cheaper to build 100 kms of power line through the bush than using the existing Meadow Creek power line. Neil Murphy replied that he spoke with Fortis to see if this would be possible, and Fortis engineers explained that the cost of using the Meadow Creek line would be at least a $50 million upgrade to handle the extra power, and this cost would have to be borne by the project. "That made it unfeasible financially," Holland said that he thought cost sharing would be possible, seeing as how the project would involve putting in fibre optic cable along the entire length of the powerline, opening up more opportunities for communication services such as high speed internet. Murphy replied that Fortis did not see this advantage, but BC Hydro did.

Director Shadbolt pointed to a recent CBT report on glacier melt, asking what impact this could have on the project. "How long will it take for the glaciers to melt and will you have enough to run the operation?" Murphy said that this was a prime concern and scientists do not know what is going to happen to the glaciers. He said most of the water for the project does not come from glaciers.

"The project has 40 years so hopefully the glaciers don’t run out until we’ve paid out the bills," said. "This is a $340 million investment. We wouldn’t make this investment unless we thought we would get it back," he also pointed out that the art hydro sites in BC that have been running since the early 1900s.

Director Dooley asked about the local economic impact of the project. Murphy said that all construction would be done by local companies, and that he considered the highly skilled Kootenay workforce as a big asset.

The company that will be in charge of the entire project is privately owned Axor, with headquarters in Montreal, and offices in Vancouver, Edmonton and Toronto. The company has plans to build the power stations at the Howser and Glacier power plants, and travel through the valley, so why not move them higher?" he said.

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Federal contribution to Spirit Bear fund seen as political

by Art Joyce

The federal government has announced a $30 million dollar contribution in support of the Spirit Bear Conservancy on BC’s west coast, as part of the Conservation Investments and Incentives Initiative. The Province of BC has matched this amount, and with private philanthropists and conservation groups contributing, a further $60 million, the figure reaches $120 million.

“Today we have secured the largest integrated conservation investment package in North American history,” said Amanda Carr of Greenpeace. “The fund is designed to provide seed money for economic development initiatives in First Nations territory within the Great Bear Conservancy areas. This will ensure that potential lost revenue from logging or other industries will be replaced by environmentally sustainable initiatives such as eco-cultural tourism. The total protected areas are 1.8 million hectares, more than three times the size of Prince Edward Island. Of this, 200,000 hectares is Spirit Bear habitat, including the 103,000 hectares of the care area, announced last year. Coastal communities can finally move forward to ensure meaningful, sustainable solutions for the people and the environment they depend on,” said Luis Mathias of Sierra Club BC.

But before the champagne corks are popped, Valhalla Wilderness Society bear biologist Wayne McCoy says a cautionary note is in order. “It sets a dangerous precedent—it means First Nations are now going to expect funding not only from government but from conservation groups.” McCoy says he respects the fact that conservation groups have raised $60 million, so especially given that unemployment rates are as high as 80% amongst the Kwanus and Gitga’at nations. But he stresses the federal government’s attitude toward the conservancy project as “continuous foot-dragging” during VWS’s 18-year of campaigning. There remains to be protected several critical habitat areas both within the Spirit Bear range and in the BC interior, including the Robson Valley. Glacier National Park could easily be expanded to take in the incomparable River valley.

McCoy sees the latest move as an attempt to make political capital out of the situation and appear ‘green’ while the environment is in critical condition. The current federal government has dismantled the Species at Risk act to a toothless shadow of its former self, he says.

“We regard this as a victory as it means more funding is available from the federal government and provides a signal that the situation in the area is critical,” said Al Graham, President of the West Kootenay Labour Council. “We know that the government is serious about this issue and we look forward to seeing the project get underway.”

Turnout at End-Poverty forum highlights regional concerns

More than 150 people braved snow roads to take part in the West Kootenay Poverty Forum in Castlegar on January 16. Delegates voiced their concerns about local poverty to local NIDSP/Social Policy Critic, Tony Martin. MP Martin was invited to speak at the forum by Alex Atamanenko, NDP MP for BC Southern Interior.

“People grappling with poverty, and the community organizations and volunteers – they’re in the best position to describe the issues and propose solutions,” said Atamanenko.

Martin is on a national End Poverty Tour to hear from and about people living in poverty in Canada, with the goal of raising awareness and building political will for change. This was the largest forum so far, exceeding attendance at events in much larger centres such as Calgary, Victoria, Vancouver and Mississauga. Speakers came from Trail, the Slocan Valley, Nelson, and Castlegar, representing both well-paid workers and the working poor, both rural and urban centres.

“Hearing these diverse voices naming the same issues was striking,” said Al Graham, President of the West Kootenay Labour Council. “Affordable and safe housing, access to training and living wage jobs and effective transportation are issues that affect people living poverty.”

Among the facts and issues raised: Close to 20% of people don’t have enough money to meet basic needs. Welfare rates in BC have remained frozen for 10 years, and are far below what is needed to meet basic shelter and nutritional requirements. Little support is now available for someone living on a low income to get skills training or complete Grade 12 to find work, stay or get off welfare. Increasing child care fees and the elimination of supports such as the Child Care Resource and Referral program are making it more difficult for parents wanting to join the paid workforce.

Ann Goddard, a forum organizer from Castlegar, held out some hope, explaining that some countries have been able to reduce poverty below 5% (Canada is closer to 20%), while maintaining robust economies. A number of participants signed up to attend a follow-up meeting and discuss follow up action. Martin is compiling the information he heard at the forum and is putting it into a report to be presented in the House of Commons.

“The voices of Canadians will be heard in the fight to end poverty,” he concluded.

Notice of exclusion application regarding land in the agricultural land reserve

I, Lindsay Edward John Moir of 5539 Dalrymple Hill NW, Calgary, AB, Canada T3A 1R1 acting as agent for Jonn Lillace Calgary, AB, Canada T3A 1R1 acting as agent for Jonn Lillace, PO 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 Lake District, Except [1] Parcel; [A sketch plan 41801] and 2 Parts included in Plans 7630 and 10512, and located at Galena Bay off of Ward Road on Upper Arrow Lakes, BC.

Anyone 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.aldic.ca.
Solving our problems in Afghanistan...

Normally I devote this column to issues of local concern. I leave international affairs to the daily papers and to television and radio. There’s plenty to comment on within the circulation area of the Valley Voice. Sometimes, however, I feel a need to suggest a solution that hasn’t been mentioned in public debate.

I was having a conversation about Afghanistan with my friend, Rob Riley, not long ago. We’re both of the opinion that things are messy, and only going to get messier if something isn’t done. It was Rob who pointed out to me that Afghanistan has only been successfully conquered once in its entire history. It was Alexander the Great, and he did it by marrying an Afghan Princess. This observation sent us both off into a mélange of laughter. We had visions of marrying some poor Afghan Princess to the Prime Minister.

Of course, this would never be done. It would be in violation of Canadian Law. Nor would I propose to treat Afghanistan as a sphere of vanity, or as an arena of foreign power. We’ve just been through a bitter debate in this country on the subject of same-sex marriage. Most of us are quite happy with the union of two persons to the exclusion of all others. I don’t think that anyone really wants to open up the subject of polygamy, even to end the war in Afghanistan.

Besides, our Prime Minister has a lot on his mind these days, and might not be the most attentive husband, particularly towards a newlywed bride. I’ve been thinking, though, that we’ve got this young Minister of Foreign Affairs, Peter McKay. He’s a single guy, and not bad-looking, in a bucolic fashion. He’s got a pretty good job, with a secure pension. If he were to suddenly decide to marry Conservatives. Under the Taliban, there had no choice. Peter probably is considered a liberal in most Afghan households. It might not be impossible to convince the daughter of one of these women that her mate was really quite a catch. Her dad might have convinced that having the Foreign Minister of Canada as a son-in-law might not be a bad thing. Not exactly what he had in mind for his little girl, I’m sure, but he’d get used to it.

The Conservative government at last a lot about “showing our commitment to the people of Afghanistan” and reminds us frequently of the status of women under the Taliban. There’s got to be a better way to show our commitment to the people of Afghanistan than by killing that country’s women, which has been an effective method of removing women from the rest of the world. But if one less young man decides to blow himself up in an Kinsman. I’m not saying that Uncle Peter would have a lot more influence over the young men of Afghanistan than most uncles have over their nephews.

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Our troops have been seen in a different light as well. No longer would they be seen as agents of a foreign occupier, they would be employees of one’s kin. I’m not saying that Uncle Peter would have a lot more influence over the young men of Afghanistan than most uncles have over their nephews.

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Zen and the art of driveway maintenance

Ideally it’s one fluid movement: the snow plow sweeps the snow wide, ledge, busts open, is straight, and then everything busts up and forward. The snow clears to the side, that’s it. The art is to keep the snow from gathering in the driveway. Given the sheer volume that has fallen this year, one has but two options – okay maybe three: hire someone, wallow in frustration or embrace the rhythm and flow of snow removal. It is fantastically weird to stay fit, get off sand and keep the water blues away.

PS. If anyone needs to get some exercise they can come and drive my driveway the next time it snows, because I’m really getting sick of it.

Jumbo bumbles along

Ever eager government greybeard experts continue trying to find ways to convince us (and themselves) that this spec is in irrevocably becoming a species at risk should the bumble bees die. I can only imagine that if the in the final countdown of any development issue, a negative reaction from the local aboriginals will never stop the proposal. Should be allowed to have the right to vote.

Concurrently government continues to court the Ktunaxa (Kootenay) Tribal Council now with workshops and committees. The First Nation people have said “NO” to the proposed visit right from the get go.

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Now, any of us who have participated in workshops and/or committees pertaining to Four Mile development, will know that the “no” insures available. The official time line always allows for coercion, double talk and buffle gag. So I will fold that this has been a successful process with all the participants working together.

I can only conclude that by the time “the results of the recommendations are summarized” and entered into the FRMP, the Ktunaxa (Kootenay) Tribal Council’s restraining order will be covered by a thick resistance will be covered by a thick blanket of water智慧。 Grizzly bears as a species at risk.

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Flaggers – unsung heroes of the road

The phone rings just past 7 am. A voice asks for my husband. There has been an avalanche on Trout Lake and they need traffic controllers right now. “You may have to be there for 10 or 12 hours, so bring some sandwiches. We just went out to have breakfast, but within 15 minutes he is packed and gone.

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Call for input on Peace Dove project

The symbolic Dove of Peace has existed in the Central Kootenays for many decades. In all these years, its representation has earned its own reputation as an object and is often mentioned in local stories. Its size and shape was designed to be so special that it would provoke a response to those who looked upon it.

During the NDP conference this fall at Fernie Inn, MLAs brought this to reviving this worthwhile project and directed their willingness to find solutions that would solve all concerns. KRUNA has recently discussed the possibilities of transitional development issue, a negative reaction from the local aboriginals will never stop the proposal. Should be allowed to have the right to vote.

As a member of KRUNA, I was gratified to see the Kootenay News Project (Kootenay News Project) that legalizes the terms and conditions under which the FRMP operates on the ground. It is after all of the above that the Kootenay News Project is most likely to be resolved.

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9. I almost forgot. I resolve to...
The Silverton Memorial Hall gets a new lease on life thanks to volunteers

by Art Joyce

At what point does a building become far more than wood, glass and nails to a community? At what point is a community's collective memory and affections, The Silverton Memorial Hall has become just that since its construction in 1919. Organized by a group who called themselves The Get Together Club, the hall was built entirely on voluntary labour and donations to honour veterans of World War I. Village Councilor Lisa Ireland has told how the story of the hall has been passed through the years, and how it has become a community focal point.

New Denver council, January 27: Stormwater system upgrades

by Michael Darby

Council decided to apply for funding through the provincial Towns for Tomorrow program to upgrade the existing stormwater system. The project will involve installing new catch basins and a stormwater main along Slocan Avenue.

Councillor Bankus continues to attend Emergency Preparedness meetings and has received a letter from a new group of residents who are interested in coming together to learn more about emergency preparedness. He has also been working on the Slocan Valley Action Plan, which aims to provide information and resources to help residents prepare for natural disasters.

TV Society offers residents solid value

by Art Joyce

 Residents of New Denver, Silverton and much of RDC's Area H have a good deal when it comes to television reception. Fixed at the newly-completed and operational tower on the hillside above Slocan Avenue, the Silverton-Slocan High Definition Channel provides excellent reception for residents of New Denver, Silverton and much of RDC's Area H. The channel proved unworkable. The new channel will be activated with the CTV signal, after which the community will have a good deal when it comes to television reception.

The Lancet moved to begin restoration process

by Art Joyce

On Saturday January 6, 2007, the historical Lancet building moved from her perch in the Silvery Lake to its new home in the Village of New Denver. The move was successful and the historic building will undergo a restoration process to highlight its importance to the community and to the village.

The Lancet was recently moved to Tracy and Francie Oldham's garage by the New Denver-Silverton Fire Department, with a little help from Chevy power. The Lancet is scheduled to undergo a historic restoration that will highlight the lines and construction of this Edwardian era craft. The work will use historic building techniques and, wherever possible, original materials. The project will be spearheaded by Mark McKenzie of Kaslo, who has considerable restoration experience. If anyone is aware of any items that belonged to the Lancet's original owner, please contact Bob Dubreuil at 358-2283.

The Lancet was built in 1912 by Dr. C.O. Hicks, a former New Denver councilor and first doctor, on the second floor of the old hospital building on Slocan Avenue. The Lancet was recently moved to Tracy and Francie Oldham's garage by the New Denver-Silverton Fire Department, with a little help from Chevy power. The Lancet will undergo a historic restoration that will highlight its importance to the community and to the village.

The Silverton council, January 23: Village website to be developed

by Art Joyce

A letter was received from the Valhalla Summer School of Fine Arts asking if they could be involved in the development of the Silverton Memorial Hall plus a grant of $10,000 for the theatre program was tabled until next meeting.

While doing research for the Silverton Historical Society, Kathy Provan made an interesting discovery. During the 1950s, the New Denver Times (now The Valley Voice) had discussed installing a memorial plaque for fallen World War II soldiers, but were unable to do so. The Friends will apply to Veterans Affairs for funding to finish what the WVB began.

They say she should know within the next week whether their application to the Columbia Basin Trust Community Development program has been successful. If approved, the grant would provide $30,000 for this phase of the project, plus $5000 for marketing the hall. The Friends are also in the process of applying for grant funding of $110,000. Mayor Everett has said that the Village will not be able to meet its share of renovation costs but is committed to seeing the project through to completion.

"I really think that the hall is the center piece of our village," says Mayor Everett. "It brings much needed business downtown and its acoustic make it very desirable for all sorts of events."
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**Slocan council, January 17: Neighbourhood pub turned down**

by Don Currie

Councillor Marc Segal also voted no, but was concerned that council might be sending the wrong message. He said it was important to encourage business and employment opportunities. BC Tourism rated Rails to Trails as one of the most popular in BC and Slocan needs facilities for tourists, he said. He was also concerned about discouraging non-resident investors seeking to establish long term businesses. Mayor John Van Bylen cast the lone vote in favour of the application and asked that his vote be recorded.

During question period, May Gingras, a member of the Women's Institute (WI), said she was surprised to see an ad for an event at the Women's Institute Hall at council.

**Dr. Fun & the Nightcrawlers will be playing February 3 to another sold-out crowd at the Silverton Memorial Hall.**

**Slocan Valley Streamkeepers community report**

by Jennifer Yew

In 2003, when Streamkeepers began doing assessments on the Slocan River, many knowledgeable folks recommended we look closely at temperature. Because of its lake origins, size and slow velocity, our river tends to be warm and this impacts all aquatic life. So we begun monitoring temperature as well as parameters influenced by temperature like spawning fish numbers, invertebrate populations and coliform bacteria.

Now, after four years of study, we are seeing trends! Last summer we saw the highest number of days since we began the study that mean daily temperatures rose above 19 degrees centigrade at all four stations.

Some good news: fish populations are up. The number of reds in spring, 2006 was the highest total count observed in the four years of monitoring. Fish create midds or 'nests' in the gravel to lay their eggs.

This fall, biologists and technicians swam most of the river on foot to count the trout. Their findings were encouraging. Again, counts of fish over 30 centimeters were up at all historic sites from Lemon Creek to Cranbrook Valley. Why? We know that last year’s (2005) water temperatures were relatively cool during summer. When water temperatures are cool, both trout numbers and varieties of benthic invertebrates (insects which are fish food) and high flows in spring. Historic records indicate we had the highest number of high flow events and lots of water benefits all aquatic creatures.

An important component of the Streamkeeper's program is restoration. Strategic projects that involve bank stabilization using large logs and planted trees and shrubs is the best way we can help our river. Trees shade the river and provide habitat for aquatic life. Since 2004, we've worked with students and riverside landowners to plant hundreds of trees and stabilize banks using willow fencing. Wattle fencing uses live stems to create a living structure that holds the bank. You can see some of our work downstream of the Tezzer Creek confluence where erosion is occurring due to ground water seepage.

As in past years, we are grateful to the Columbia Power Corporation for its Slocan River Restoration Program and the Columbia Basin Trust, which helps fund our school outreach program. The Riparian Restoration Program will again be offered in spring 2007.

Please contact Jen at 226-7339 or Box 226-739 if you would like to learn more about our findings, are interested in being a coming a Streamkeeper or in submitting a project for the Riparian Program.

**Beginner’s Luck Chess Tournament returns**

**If you’re between the ages of 6 and 13 years and have a hankering to play chess, play ‘check’ out the Beginner’s Luck Chess Tournament organized by Slocan Valley Recreation Commission on Saturday, February 10 at the Slocan Park Hall from 1:00 – 4:00 pm.**

It’s a fun-based round-robin event where every entrant really does walk away a winner. Entrants are matched by skill levels to keep things interesting and enjoyable. The entry fee is $7 per player, or $12 for two in the same family.

The tournament is the brainchild of local educator Chris Laurie, who has been digging deep into his bag of tricks to inspire kids with the magic of chess. During their game, Chris will sneak in a few chess tips for players looking to improve the quality of their game.

Contact Slocan Valley Recreation, 226-0008 by February 5 (number will be open for entries).

**Pursuant to Section 169 of the Community Charter the Village of Slocan invites public consultation in the preparation of the Village’s 2007 Five Year Financial Plan.**

The Public Budget Meeting Monday, February 12, 2007 at 7 pm at the Shivery Slocan Hall. Council welcomes public input from residents of the village with regards to items they would like to see addressed in the budget.

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Eurina Ludow Village Administrator

**Public Meeting**

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**Notice of School Meeting**

The Slocan Valley School District (SBAL) would like to thank Winlaw School for generously letting us use the library for Parent-Child Mother Goose this fall.
The Slocan Valley Program of the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) celebrated Family Literacy Day by helping the kids at WE Graham, Winlaw and Vallican Whole Schools register for library cards at the Nelson and Castlegar public libraries.

The new Card for Every Child program has extended free service to all children in the province who were formerly unable to be members of a library without paying a membership fee. WE Graham was also the site of a snow-sculpture to mark the event and celebrate how storytelling feeds the imagination. Sculptor David Ducharme frequently lends his talents to help with Literacy Day events. For more information on CBAL programs or to inquire about tutoring, please call Chris at 355-0032.

Family Literacy Day champions one card program

Sarah Sanders reads to Amber LaMarsh and Zacora Hansen during Family Literacy Day activities at Stepping Stones in Nakusp.

Isaac Flamond shows off his new face during Family Literacy Day celebrations at Stepping Stones Childcare Centre in Nakusp on Saturday.

Jack and his dad Hugh Watt take a break from reading to climb the activity bars at Stepping Stones on Family Literacy Day.

The kids dressed up as their favourite Robert Munsch character for the Family Literacy Day celebration at Lucerne in New Denver.

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The dragon and the Paper Bag Princess meet again at Lucerne for Family Literacy Day.

The kids at WE Graham read their books outside in the snow, just like the snowdragon.

Annie Collins with Charlene Alexander, New Denver’s Literacy Co-ordinator.

Jude Nicholson-Chodat

Angela Ryu

and Ashley Friedenberger enjoyed New Denver’s Family Literacy Day.
RDCK, January 27: New library programs called into question

by Jan McMurray

“The City of Nelson raised concerns about the equity of recent provincial programs that make library services more accessible to the public,” City Councillor Claire这句话翻译成中文需要考虑上下文，可能的意思是：“市议会提出了关于最近省级项目的公平性的问题，这些项目使图书馆服务对公众更加可及。”

The RDCK board should handle its finances as a whole, and the RDCK has been putting a portion of this grant money into the Rural Administration Fund to offset the cost of these programs, it points out. He said when they asked why they were not getting more than they do now, the Deputy Minister made it clear that revisiting the formula ... would be as much a public power generating facility

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“The board will write letters of support for the Barret Community Hall Board, the Faqsikizik Communication Centre Society and the Edgewood Community Internet Society for their applications under the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for $5,000.00 each to expand the wireless internet services. This will come from the Slocan Valley Parks and Areas fund,” she said.

One of the RDCK’s current projects is the walkway in Winlaw Regional Park. This project is being funded by a combination of grants-in-lieu from Columbia Power and Taxation Revenue. The grants-in-lieu system, RDCK Chair Alan Anderson also said, has been an equity issue for the whole board.

The RDCK board writes to the Minister of Education to encourage the adoption of a province-wide approach that would give municipalities more control over their finances, and to make the RDCK a collection of...
The Nakusp Museum AGM installs new board by acclamation

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

2007 MEETING SCHEDULE

Council Meetings—held at 7:00 pm in the Village of Slocan Office at 503 Slocan St., Slocan, BC

January 17, 2007
March 14, 2007
April 11, 2007
May 9, 2007
June 13, 2007

July 11, 2007
August 8, 2007
September 12, 2007
October 10, 2007
November 14, 2007
December 12, 2007

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Nakusp Museum AGM installs new board by acclamation

Tara Smedbol, a keen cyclist who grew up in the Slocan Valley, is pedalling for Charity. In the summer of 2006, Tara Smedbol celebrates the end of her 6,400 km ride at the Pacific Ocean near Portland, Oregon.

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Cycling for houses program attracts Slocan Valley cyclist Tara Smedbol to the Nakusp and District Humanity International. College students in three groups of 30 riders each pedalled more than 4,000 kilometres across North America in an effort to raise money and awareness.

Tara and her fellow cyclists were part of a fundraiser for College Build of New Haven, Connecticut, a chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Each participant had to raise a minimum of $400 for their team to join the trip. The monies raised will go to support Habitat housing projects in the US as well as international projects in Botswana. Starting in New Haven, Connecticut, each group pedalled a different route, ending their nine-week challenges in Seattle, Washington, Portland, Oregon, and San Francisco, California. Tara’s group was assigned the central route ending in Portland, Oregon.

On a typical day the cyclists would pedal 100 to 150 kilometres to a destination town, share a meal with their hosts, then spend the night in a church or community centre. But getting from point A to point B was only part of each day’s obligations. In each of the towns along the route they made presentations about Habitat for Humanity International, and how to start new chapters. Occasionally they’d take a day off to help a local chapter build a home, giving cyclists a first-hand look at how the monies they were raising are helping people in need.

Tara considers it the trip of a lifetime, for a cause she believes in.

“The most awesome day was when we first saw the Pacific Ocean,” said Tara. “We waited at the top of this mountain pass until everybody was together and then all 30 of us rounded a turn together, and there it was, the Pacific Ocean, the end of our journey. New energy filled our tired bodies as we anticipated soaking in that heavenly blue water.”

New flooring business in Burton

Perry and Lori Hawryluk have recently moved to the Burton area and have opened their business, P & L Flooring. Customers in the Arrows and Slocan Lakes area can take advantage of Perry’s twenty years of experience in the flooring industry to find quality flooring at a fair price.

Perry Hawryluk has recently opened P & L Flooring in Burton.

Perry Hawryluk is available for professional advice and assistance in choosing, installing, and maintaining your flooring. P & L Flooring stocks a wide variety of flooring products to choose from, with many options to choose from, many more yet to arrive. The selection includes laminate, hardwoods, and engineered hardwoods, plus cork, slate, marble, granite and ceramic tiles. Perry and Lori will work with you to choose the right floor for your home, and will help co-ordinate installation for those customers who don’t want to do it themselves.

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P & L Flooring invites you to come out to the showroom, view the product selections, and borrow samples to take home with you. Phone them at 265-9983.
Nakusp council, January 23: Villagers to receive survey on hot springs

by Jan Murray

The Hot Springs OCP committee has decided that it would like to develop a survey and send it out to all residences to get public input on what the goals and strategies of the hot springs should be. Councillor Mueller said that the committee wants to do the survey because the hot springs have goals that they see as potentially huge financial impacts. "Our concern is the potential financial impacts if tapwater have to come up with money in the future," he said. She said the committee feels the survey would get a better response from the public than a public meeting. The Village will take care of the photo-copying and mailing of the surveys.

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Trevor Shephard of Deltech Engineering updated the council on grants that are being applied for to upgrade the gravity and sewer systems. The plan is to top in a water treatment plant for the existing Brunette Creek surface water gravity system, and to get the second well up and running. For the sewer, Shephard said he was looking at a sand filter and UV system.

Shephard explained that the first well is currently accepting the gravity flow of water, and the current gravity water system is chlorinated, but not filtered or treated with UV. New provincial health regulations require surface water to have this treatment.

Submitted

Valentine’s dinner and theatre in Edgewood

Throughout the 90s the Wild Goose Coffee House staged a succession of Valentine’s dinner theatre productions. Things go by the Bridle in Edgewood. This year tradition continues.

Nakusp Warriors clean up on ice

submitted by Kris James

Nakusp took the ice, Saturday, January 13 against Beaver Valley. The Warriors were saving their energy because it took a long time before Andrew Likness got a power past the keeper on a pass from Dannilee Hascarl. It was ten more past the keeper on a pass from Gary Warner and Likness. Jesse Cann got the passes from Weibe and Hascarl put one past the keeper on a pass from Warner. The project total is estimated at $1,120,000. The goal was to cover 2/3 of this cost, with the Village picking up 1/3 or about $440,000. Of this, $810,000 can come from the new gas tax money coming to municpalties from the Federal government. Treasurer Richard Mahoney confirmed that the Village had over $400,000 in the water reserve fund. Thus, with the gas tax funds, the Village can cover its portion without depleting reserves.

The second project is to get the second well drilled and functioning, and to install pumping equipment so that well water could be pumped up to the Brunette area in an emergency situation. The total cost for this project is estimated at $521,000. The goal would cover $400,000 of this, leaving the Village with a full of about $121,000.

Mahoney acknowledged that ongoing operation and maintenance of the new water systems would end up coming from the Village.

The system will service the Brunette area; Well #1 will service the core Village area and Well #2 will serve as a back-up to Well #1 and for new Village developments.

The system will be protected by a building at the Brunette River site.

For more information call Chris – 265-4684

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Residents of the Village of Nakusp & Electoral Area K are invited to attend a PUBLIC MEETING to discuss the Regional District of Kootenay 2007 BUDGET on February 7, 2007, 1:00 pm at the Village of Nakusp Council Chambers 91-1st Street NW in Nakusp
Kaslo council, January 23: Drawings for hotel renos presented

by Jan McMurray

The Village Voice

New Kaslo community forest board faces challenges

by Jan McMurray

The new Kaslo and District Community Forest Society (KDCFS) board faces challenges as it works without an operations manager, misses a board member and in the face of a financial crunch. However, as evidenced by the board meeting on January 10 meeting, the board is taking steps to deal with these challenges.

Board member Don Scarlett describes being without an operations manager as "one of the most frustrating situations," but reports that the board is currently drafting an advertisement for the available position.

Scarlett also reported that the board had communicated with Barry Rempel and was waiting for a response "to determine if there will be an office." He said the board is "trying to seek resolution." Rempel most recently held the position of manager, having assumed the role as of the October 1. The board will consider the contract with Rempel terminated, aiming that Rempel did not have the required insurance.

David Collier and Greg Lay were doing contract work for the Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP). Both have been contacted by the board for clarification on the FSP and the transition of their work relationship with the Society.

The board, at its January 10 meeting, voted to notify Ministry of Forests and other business contact of the vacant operations manager position. Currently, there is a UBC student working on the FSP.

Enka Bird recently resigned as board member. Rather than appoint someone to take her place, the board members decided to call for interested people to contact the board. The response to the Society’s application for a Probationary Community Forest Agreement (PCFA) came in mid-December from the new board. However, no agreement has been finalized.

The board is considering the purchase of a new computer; North Kootenay Lake School District, Kootenay Lake Community Services and the Oregon Community Foundation are interested in the space occupied by the board.

Community Forest of North Kootenay Lake announces grants

The Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake Society (CFNKLS) is entering its second year of making grants to registered charities in Kaslo and Area D. CFNKLS, which operates under the wing of the Osprey Valley Community Foundation, now has assets of nearly $180,000, which will generate some $7,000 in grants for 2007.

In 2006 CFNKLS made the following grants totaling more than $4,000:

- Andy Shadrack (RDCK Director), to send several kids to summer camp; Kootenay Lake Independent Schools Society (Petfinwek), to install a water filtration system; Kaslo & Area Hospice, for the purchase of a new computer; North Kootenay Lake Community Services for facility renovations; Argenta Community Association for the publication of Bound Together, Volume Two; and $800 to the Langham Cultural Society to upgrade theatre lighting.

CFNKLS has also established two "field of interest" funds—a Seniors Fund and a Child, Youth, and Family Fund, each established with initial donations of $5,000. These funds must be raised to at least $10,000 in order to make significant grants in those fields of interest. Sean Kerruban and Elizabeth Scarlett are campaigning to build the Seniors Fund, and Carolyn Schramm has a special interest in the Child, Youth, and Family Fund.

The new board, as of the September 27 AGM, is Rob Mitchell (President and Village appointee), Dave Russell (Vice-Chair and RDCK appointee), Don Scarlett (Secretary), Steve Anderson (Treasurer), Susan Hewitt, Stan Baker, Donna Cormie and Kelly Abey.

City Council:

Inwood spoke to the need for a chance to say what we think about it, free of charge, in Voices from the Valleys. Paul adrostonski echoed this, noting that Voices is in support of the Valley Voice.

Thank you Valley Voice

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The Valley Voice

January 31, 2007
Kayte and Jay are. A year ago Kayte and Jay began ladling it out to other folks as a kitchen. Leaving them at a standstill for many Cape Cod beach enjoying a lobster couple from Ontario, were on a Kayte Rock and Jay Buttle, a young skiing! Impossible to describe this. The pie is Kayte's is better. It is sweet and spicy, mean B.B. soup, but honestly, taking it to the experience here in the snow belt. You reliability report from first hand around this country. I was giving a of that old EE, (evil eye - but shhh!). of the Snow Gods or the swiveling accumulation bows in the canvas so it's trapped in a sort of a pocket. The root vegetables braised to perfection and there must be a secret ingredient. Kayte's is better. It is sweet and spicy, mean B.B. soup, but honestly, taking it to the experience here in the snow belt. You reliability report from first hand around this country. I was giving a of that old EE, (evil eye - but shhh!).

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I should know by now, but some things are so anti-intuitive that they just don't register in my brain, no matter how many times you have fallen into that trap. Be careful, my friend, of the evil eye.

I speak of course of my last column that discussed the apprehensive caravans of snow as the snow gods are the swelling of that old EE, (evil eye - but shhh!). We had a great time visiting relatives in sunny Manitoba over the Christmas holidays. The weather was appropriately cold and predictably sunny. I probably drank too much Christmas holidays. The weather was appropriately cold and predictably sunny. I probably drank too much Christmas holidays. The weather was appropriately cold and predictably sunny. I probably drank too much Christmas holidays. The weather was appropriately cold and predictably sunny. I probably drank too much Christmas holidays. The weather was appropriately cold and predictably sunny. I probably drank too much Christmas holidays. The weather was appropriately cold and predictably sunny. I probably drank too much Christmas holidays. The weather was appropriately cold and predictably sunny. I probably drank too much Christmas holidays. The weather was appropriately cold and predictably sunny. I probably drank too much Christmas holidays. The weather was appropriately cold and predictably sunny. I probably drank too much Christmas holidays. The weather was appropriately cold and predictably sunny. I probably drank too much Christmas holidays. The weather was appropriately cold and predictably sunny. I probably drank too much Christmas holidays. The weather was appropriately cold and predictably sunny.

It wasn't until the next day that I had the heart to shovel off all the snow and slowly uncover the wreck age to ascertain it. It wasn't a pretty sight. Almost all the supporting pipes had bent back on the timber frame, but it worked. The damage occurred when the overlying accumulation collapsed on the car, leaving deep dents in three of the four fenders. The only redeeming feature was that the new top and windshield standoffs were left un-affected. It took half the day to clear off all the snow and remove the wreckage. I then had to build another temporary structure to protect what was left of the car.

This was the structure I should have put in the first place. It was a particularly Inside accident. The pickup decided to get stuck in our driveway on arrival, but we were at the end of our season so that didn't concern me much.

What was disheartening was the glimmering chrome headlight rings of my newly restored Triumph TR6 were sticking out of the twisted wreckage and piles of snow that should have been pushed aside said sport cars said sport cars said sport cars said sport cars.

It is now time to get serious. Let's look at the snow pack. We are not that great if you expect any accumulable snow. It isn't particularly easy to simply go inside the structure. It is trapped in a sort of a pocket. The root vegetables braised to perfection and there must be a secret ingredient. Kayte's is better. It is sweet and spicy, mean B.B. soup, but honestly, taking it to the experience here in the snow belt. You reliability report from first hand around this country. I was giving a of that old EE, (evil eye - but shhh!).

The only effective way to clear it off is to stand on a ladder and carefully remove it so you don't poke a hole into the covering. If you go away for a while and are unlucky enough to experience one of our famous Kaytey dumps, you may find yourself in the same pickle I did. My advice - first forget about and build a proper shed right from the get-go.

Happy New Year. Let's have a great season. You'll be glad you did. Soup Du Jar can be reached at Box 457 New Denver, 358-2513.

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Due to popular demand, Sjed Durin is back, just in time for Valentine’s Day. Saturday, February 10, 7 p.m., Swingen Lounge on Baker Street in Nelson. Donations for Central Bark and Second Chance Animal Society will be raising funds for the animals in need of a home.

All participants must pre-greet at Central Bark by February 5. The cost is $369.30. Last August, the Nakusp court received $370 to divvy up among the victims. This was money that Steele delivered to his counsel after he was found out. Scott reports that some of the se cheques have been returned. She encourages victims to notify her of a change in address.

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This year all proceeds will go to Second Chance, as its volunteers are hosting the evening. The emphasis is on fun and fundraising. There will be a wide range of ages and personality types so please attend with an open mind.

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Mountain Film Festival Hits Silverton Gallery, February 10

Inspired by our own mountain culture in New Denver, some local adventurers are bringing the first North Valley Mountain Film Festival to the Silverton Gallery on Saturday, February 10.

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The North Valley Mountain Film Festival will feature films produced locally, such as RestoNo, a short film about No Boarding, as well as films on backcountry skiing, biking, whitewater kayaking in the West Kootenays. There will be slideshows and whitewater kayaking in the West film about No Boarding, as well as

He listed the establishment of high speed internet, the website, and the community’s emergency health care system as some of the areas the RDCK has been involved in. “Let’s keep the hull rolling. Let’s encourage expansion and let’s move for greater development. But let’s decide how, and what direction and then how we can influence our area’s future path.”

RDCK Director Don Munro said he wanted to involve as many people as possible in the planning process. The Village would then inherit the block of land owned by Blaine Coates out of the proposal, and makes the Village more self-sustainable with a strong voice. How do we move for greater development in our community, Wahn suggested a visioning process for the community before coming up with a development plan for the Village. He called this “somewhat unprecedented.”

Dianne Perry shows her watercolours, inspired by her annual trip to Mexico, at the Hidden Garden Gallery from February 14-17. The public is invited to the opening the evening of February 14 at 7:30 pm.

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Mountain District Chamber of Commerce AGM was held on January 31. Dianne Perry has put an exclamation point on the OCP process. The approval has been revised down to the smallest piece of land. CAO Bob Lafleur pointed out that the revised recommendation addresses the Village’s main concern.

"It would be nice if they could wait because of the OCP process later we will be taking that land and blessed with their private watersystem, and the Ministry is trying to do the best thing for the people," he said. The Village would soon be meeting with government representatives to discuss a development plan for the Village, and to have a "sustainable subdivision is not good planning." Councilman decided to ask the RDCK board to delay the approval of the rezoning so that they could review the revised proposal.

On the January 27 meeting of the RDCK board, the matter was referred back to the Rural Affairs Committee, thus delaying the process. Area K Director Dianne Petersen has set up a meeting to discuss the application with the Village of Nakusp for January 30.

The new plan, he says, "will give us more flexibility in the engineering and planning of the project, and will address the concerns of all parties." The application is referred to agencies that could be affected by the rezoning, and one of these was the Village. The Village had several concerns with the subdivision, and the Village was opposed to the development. The main concern is that this area will likely become part of the Village of Nakusp, with fewer services for the residents of land in this area, and most of it in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR).

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Community members have been invited to display their representations of mountain culture and local wilderness in a Mountain Photo Showcase. Students from Lakeview School were making their own short films about mountain culture – a few of which will be presented at this festival.

In February 2001, Perry took along a paintbox and packet of blank postcards. Inspired by the lush palms and blue Pacific, she began painting to take home a memory. The postcards were a unique way of sending a glimpse of the tropics to family and friends. On one subsequent trip to Mexico she has devoted time to painting, trying to capture the tropical beauty. Mually self-taught, Perry says she has an "artistic" style.

Relive your midwinter blues by getting a glimpse into that faraway land of sunshine through Perry’s art.

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The public input for Mountain Caribou recovery and Feb 28 – anyone who would like to learn more or write a letter should come to the Vienna Cafe in Nelson on Feb 3 from 10 am to 4 pm. The EcoSociety and Forest Alliance are sponsoring the short presentations at 11 am and 2 pm. Mountain Caribou populations have declined by 93% in the last 30 years and the species has been listed as threatened on the provincial Species at Risk Act from 2008-2010.

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