Run-of-river hydro projects proposed for Slocan and Arrow Lakes Valleys

by Jan McMurray

Run-of-river hydro systems on two creeks in the region – Football Creek near Nakusp and Koch Creek near Passmore – are being proposed by a company called Dandelion Energy Ltd.

The company held open houses in Nakusp on May 23 and Passmore on May 26. Dandelion Energy owns Dairy Creek, a project over nearby Cary Creek. Kalke of Vancouver were there, as were Sam Mottram and Josh Vines from the engineering firm (Knight Piesold) they’ve hired to design the hydro systems.

Dandelion plans to submit the two proposals in December, during BC Hydro’s New Open Call for Power. The successful projects are expected to be announced in August 2008, are expected to be awarded 30-35 years contracts whereby all the power generated from the projects is sold to BC Hydro.

Fear said that the construction phase of the projects, which would begin in fall 2008, then continue throughout the next five years, would provide many local jobs.

Dandelion’s investment in the construction of each project is estimated at $30 – $35 million. Fear and Kalke explained that they and other investors would put up 20% and get the other 80% from the bank. “Margins are quite thin on these projects – you just don’t get fiddy rich. You need a 30-year contract from BC Hydro or you can’t get the financing. It takes that long to pay off,” said Kalke.

Dandelion’s draft proposals and all reports completed so far were available for viewing at the open houses. The reports include fishers and in-stream flow studies (Masse and Miller, Nelson), archaeological studies (Golder Associates, Kamloops), wildlife studies (Dr. Robert G. D’Eon, RP Bio, RPF, and Eric Miller, Nelson), and whitewater kayaking impact assessments (Dr. Robert G. D’Eon and Jeff Kneug of South Slocan). The hydrologic studies (Knight Piesold) are not yet complete, but expect to be in by the end of June. Consultation with First Nations and the public is also required.

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Project proponents stressed that electricity from run-of-river hydro projects is much cleaner than electricity from other sources. “We are proposing that 30% of our power come from un-owned sources,” said Kalke. “Let’s all kid ourselves – we’re buying power from a coal-fired plant in Utah. Run-of-river replaces coal-fired systems.” He added that these run-of-river projects would contribute to BC’s self-sufficiency for power.

People at the meeting pointed out that as long as there is electricity available, people will use it. Kalke suggested that a dramatic price hike would be the only way to reduce power consumption.

There were also concerns about the decrease in the flow of the water in the creek as a result of diverting water from the creek into the powerhouse. Mottram explained that there is a minimum flow that must be left in the creek, stipulated in the water licence. Fear said that the plant will only operate when there is enough water in the creek and protect the environment – estimated to be 40% of the year. It will operate much more in high water than in low water. A control system in the powerhouse will monitor water flows and shut the system on and off accordingly. Someone will be employed part-time to check on the equipment.

Mottram told the people at the meeting that the AHA would set the minimum flow requirement is 10% of the mean annual discharge. To calculate this, flows must be measured year round and then averaged out. It is 10% of this average that must be left, so there will likely be months of the year when no water will be taken and the system will not operate. Dandelion cannot calculate the mean annual discharge for Koch Creek until the hydrology report comes in. Also, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans can authorize a stricter minimum flow requirement.

Water quality was another concern, as people downtown of the project will be drinking the water. Jennifer Yoos of Bulkhead Laboratory and Rocky River Streamkeepers said the lower flow could result in a higher bacteria count in the water. Mottram assured that there would be ongoing sampling for water quality, and the baseline data was now being compiled as part of the hydrology report.

Yoos also asked what assurances Dandelion could give the community that concerns about water flow and quality, and not just the bottom line, were being considered. Mottram replied that they would not get their water licence unless the Ministry of Environment’s requirements were met. Yoos replied, “We can’t depend on the government to be the watchdog,” and asked if the community could get the results of the studies. “We want to feel like we’re working together on this. We want to be able to get back to you.”

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The Literacy Innovation grant may ground the next two to four years; $5,000 for programs to deal with health, issues, such as drugs and alcohol and healthy choices; $30,000 for developing virtual and electronic courses; $20,000 for an international student program. 

The Literacy Innovation grant may be used to increase the Literacy Co-ordinator’s role from 28 FTE teacher to 40 FTE teacher.

CBI announces new board chair and vice-chair. 

CBI announces the appointments of Gary Mercedel as chair and Ron Ouston as vice-chair to the board of directors. Both are one-year terms.

Mercedel, from Kimberly, is past vice-chair and a founding board member. “We have been working hard on building strong relationships within the Basin for quite some time,” says Mercedel. “I have a good understanding of the issues facing the people of the Basin, and I will bring these attributes to CIB over the next year.”

Ouston is from Golden and is also a long-time CIB director. “The legacy of social, economic, and environmental well-being will occur through engaging and empowering the people of the Basin, through the board being accountable and transparent, and through relationships being respectful of each other,” he says.

Mercedel replaces Josh Smisnik, who held the chair from the CBT’s inception until March of this year.

For more information about the Columbia Basin Trust visit www.cbt.org or call 1-800-505-8908.

Perry Ridge logging unlikely by Jan McMurray 

Logging on Perry Ridge is unlikely to occur this summer, according to Minister of Forests and Range.

Although a timber sale licence is planned for Perry Ridge for the current year (before March 31, 2008), detailed field work, including terrain stability, hydrology and archaeological assessment, still has to be completed. Some road construction must also be done before harvesting can take place. The Ministry also says the licence could be deferred because of BC Timber Sales’ focus on mountain pine beetle insects elsewhere in its business area.

Community forests get CBT funding by Jan McMurray

The CBT has approved grant funding for both of our area’s community forests. The Nakusp and Area A/Community Forest Committee will receive $200,000 and the Slocan Integral Forestry Co-operative (SIFCo) will receive $125,000 to help the groups develop their community forests.

SIFCo previously received $47,000 from the CBT to assist in securing its priority community forest—a green...
Hills face for a while now, possibly 10 or 20 years. There are still 2200 old growth areas nearby, but not within due to a grade of up to 30%. There are steeper terrain of the Hills face, and final phase will be cable logging on the reserves inside the larger openings. The cutblock openings range from 1-12 total harvest of 60,000 cubic metres. The roughly two-thirds completed, with a Beach. Sorenson says harvesting is Bonanza Creek and one near Wragge cutblocks – two on the Hills face above the winter operations were wrapping up. The message we hear loud and clear is that health care must be publicly funded and available when and where it is needed. "There has been clearly heard at all 15 sessions so far," said Callyn Sauvageau from the Logging in Hills moving into final phase for Springer Creek

By Art Joyce

Hills residents are concerned that logging by Springer Creek will damage their viewscapes and watersheds and depress property values. They also feel that lack of consultation with locals has allowed within five metres of the closest cutblock to the Bonanza marshes is just two kilometres. Sorenson is confident there will be no significant impact to the Bonanza Creek marshlands. He says streams near the cutblock fell within normal classifications which require no special mitigation measures. No machines are allowed within five metres of the streams except at designated crossings as per standard riparian setback requirements of the Ministry of Forests. About 75% of the newly harvested area on the Hills face has been replanted as classifications which require no special impact to the Bonanza Creek. In the afternoon, there were small group discussions on 11 topics that were pre-selected based on the main challenges facing the health system and Correction

In our report on the Kaslo and District Community Forest AGM in our May 23 issue, it was reported that "Enka Bird and others objected to the inclusion of a constitutional review, so this was struck from the resolution." In fact, Enka Bird proposed an amendment to the resolution that would have removed the Constitution from the review. Andy Shadrack, the original mover of the resolution, agreed to have the amendment put to a vote. The amendment was defeated, and the resolution was passed, disregarded unaltered. The Constitution and Bylaw Review Committee will consider changes to both the Constitution and the Bylaws.
What's a voluntary subscription?

Many times over the years that Jan & I have owned the Voice, people have asked us why we don’t charge for the paper.

Well, there’s a few reasons. We don’t like the idea of means tests. If you want to read our paper, you should be free to do so, you shouldn’t have to have a dollar in your pocket. We like the idea of having a paper that everyone can enjoy.

When it comes to advertising sales, it’s always nice to be able to say that the newspaper goes to every postal address in the Slocan, Arrow Lakes and North Kootenay Lake Valleys. We can charge a small premium on advertising because of this.

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I realized that accidents do happen and the road is busy. I am fearful every time we are in our front yard on 1st Avenue.

So imagine the cost of 8,000 boats, each with five people, each paying $2.25!(At $2.25 per boat, Jet Skis would earn $18,000 per day. Each speedboat would earn $36,000 per day, and each houseboat would earn $72,000 per day.).

The fee for the larger houseboats is 2.70 times the smaller houseboats, so one can imagine the costs involved.

To make sure that the Kyoto Accord is a reality, we need to reduce our emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. It is important that we do our part to protect the environment and help the Earth.

I would like to see how the Village can be more sustainable and reduce our carbon footprint. We can start by using reusable bags, reducing paper consumption, and encouraging the use of public transportation.

This is not a political issue but one that we should all consider.

Voluntary subscriptions are important for community newspapers like the Valley Voice. They allow us to continue providing high-quality journalism and coverage of local events.

The Valley Voice welcomes letters to the editor from our readers. Please mark your letter "LETTER TO THE EDITOR". Include your address and daytime phone number.

Let’s make our communities even better and support local journalism.

Harper’s stand on the Kyoto Accord

Canada as a developed country carries one of the largest shares in making sure that the Kyoto Accord is a strong enough force to combat the global warming crisis. We must support the UN’s role in leading the process. The guidelines for the Accord should not be watered down by bridging the gap between EU states and US standards or by following the Conservative greenhouses plan which was designed for and by the oil companies. They plan to triple oil sands production by 2015 making it unfeasible to reach any goals for reducing greenhouse gases. The latest figures from Environment Canada show that we are currently 36% above the standards set by the Kyoto Accord. We must reduce our emissions of NOx below 1990 levels by 2008-2012.

On June 6 the 68 will be holding 3 days of meetings. It is most critical that Harper and the Conservative government support the Kyoto Accord and be in support of the Kyoto Accord even though it may not be in agreement with the US. The Conservative government should stick to and uphold their political agenda.

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This is the second letter I've written to the Village in the past two years that I have been a resident of 1st Ave NW gardening with vehicles traveling on this Avenue.

A vehicle can travel from 6th Street to 1st Street on 1st Ave NW without stopping to a stop sign. A vehicle is always a threat as a vehicle is traveling at a speed much higher than the in town speed limit of 30km/hr by the time they are passing our house.

Many people use this avenue to get to the schools and to get downtown to Fletcher Creek, this issue needs to be fully explored and understood by these Area D ratepayers.

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LETTERS

An Ode to the Horse – inspired by an old poem and today's issues

I was sitting in a hotel one Saturday afternoon, and I had just retired to my room to read the Grain, when I heard a commotion below. I went down into the lobby to find out what was happening and discovered a group of people gathered, talking animatedly. I could not resist the temptation to overhear their discussion.

The group consisted of residents who were voicing their concerns about the proposed OpenGL (Galena Bay) project. They were deeply concerned about the impacts of this project on the environment, the lakefront community, and the local economy.

One member of the group, a retired farmer, started recounting a story about his experience with horse-drawn farming. He spoke about how much he enjoyed driving his horses to work, and how their hard labor allowed him to till the land and grow a bountiful crop. He also mentioned how, when the time came to sell the produce, the horses were always the first ones to be sold, while the farmer would be left with nothing.

Another member, a young lawyer, expressed his disappointment at the lack of consideration given to the historical and cultural significance of the horse in this region. He argued that, for many people, the horse is a symbol of strength, resilience, and humility.

A third member, a local conservationist, spoke about the need for a more balanced approach to development. He suggested that, instead of prioritizing economic growth at the expense of the environment, we should consider the long-term sustainability of our actions.

As I listened to these passionate voices, I couldn't help but reflect on the beauty and simplicity of the horse, and the lessons it has taught us about hard work, perseverance, and selflessness.

But the reality is that, as we move forward into a new era, the horse is becoming a thing of the past. Gone are the days when horses were the primary mode of transportation and agriculture. In their place, we have seen a rise in automation and mechanization, which has undoubtedly improved efficiency and productivity.

However, this comes at a cost. The loss of the horse as a central figure in our society has had far-reaching implications. For many people, the horse represents a link to the past, a connection to the land, and a reminder of our place in the natural world.

I believe we must find a way to reconcile our modern needs with our respect for the horse. This means taking a thoughtful approach to development, one that values the environment and the cultural heritage of our communities.

We must also recognize the value of the horse in our daily lives, whether it's as a companion, a tool, or a symbol of the values we hold dear.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider the horse in all your decisions, and to remember the lessons it has taught us. Let us not forget the beauty and simplicity of the horse, as we move forward into a new and uncertain future.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
Valley Voice, 6th anniversary celebration took place May 27. A total of $1474.54 was raised, and $37 and $27 will be donated to the WE Graham Youth Centre. The winning team, with a score of 61, was from Indian Head, Jesse Hindle and Annette Gregoire.

Slocan Village Council adopts five-year financial plan by Don Currie

At its May 9 meeting, Slocan Village council adopted Bylaw #562, a bylaw to adopt a financial plan for 2007 to 2011, and Bylaw #563, a bylaw to adopt a mill rate for 2007.

The Village continues to develop new land projects with the potential for residential and commercial use. A request for tenders for the preparation of a Heritage Action Plan was received. Councillor Septav recommended that Council support the plan.

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Silverton moves into second round of OCP review meetings

by Art Joyce

For those who believe Silverton is “in the middle of nowhere and the centre of everything,” an official Community Plan (OCP) review meeting the evening of May 29 was a chance to refocus that vision of their community. SmartGrowth BC planners Tom Lancaster and Jason Emmert were present to help Silverton residents review draft vision statements produced at the first public meeting and further refine these into guiding principles for the village. Videographer Jon Frantz was in attendance to capture footage of residents speaking out about their versions of the community vision. Even the first public meeting’s two young boys who said biking, fishing, and hunting were what made their town a great place to live, but wanted access to more than the basics, were present at the meeting.

Larsen said a citizens’ advisory committee has been formed to advise council, consisting of Bobbie Nesbitt, Leah Main, Hert and Cheryl Bichat, Heather Huether, Councillor Lakon and Bell, with non-voting members Mayor Everet and Justin Ia. Cynthia Capelle has asked to join the committee.

A handwritten letter from Frances Marsden was read out, stating that Silverton is a community where “neighbors are always there for one another but never intrusive,” and urging that no condom or marinas be allowed.

Jason Emmert helped break down the issues confronting Silverton into Slocan Valley North APC discusses steps to foreshore management plan

by Art Joyce

Brian McDonald of the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans attended the Slocan Valley North Advisory Planning Commission (APC) meeting May 16 to outline the members on the steps involved in creating a lake management plan for Slocan Lake and Summit Lake. As an example McDonald brought a copy of the draft Shoreline Habitation Inventory Map (SHIM) of Lake Windermere and will pass on a copy when it is finalized. The process has taken two years so far.

McDonald explained that the first in a three-stage process is to raise the lake in a boat and makes a GPS to view foreshore data and thereby provide a basis for GIS mapping. The second phase is classifying habitat underwater and on the shore. The third phase is to establish management guidelines with regard to issuing permits — for example, what developments, if any, are allowed to happen and how. Tolga Cooper will be the DFO contact person.

The APC will need funding for this project, which works available for various sections of Slocan Lake and Summit Lake and may be able to complete it by September this year, if funding is approved. DFO would provide the APC with a boat and driver, and can also train a volunteer to use the equipment. Area H Director Don Munro said the RDCK could come up with some funding to help the project.

Lucas Paquim of the Slocan Lake Management Commission said the APC is applying for funding from the CFT, from Fish & Wildlife, and Eco Action (Environment Canada). Liza Inglis said Paquim the APC would be willing to write a letter of support for her organization.

Also at the May 16 meeting, the APC finalized a questionnaire that should be in all mailboxes in the northern Slocan Valley by early to mid June, with a deadline to respond of four weeks. This is an opportunity for public input into the Official Community Plan for northern Area H.

Silverton receives a 20% discount on a group of classrooms at Silverton Lakeshore Inn.

By Moe & the team at the Silverton Lakeshore Inn

The Corporation of the Village of New Denver requires a Resident Park Manager for the municipal campground. The Village of New Denver will provide housing and radio telephone with the Resident Manager supplying firewood. Remuneration to be a 41% Manager and 59% Village split. For particulars please contact the Village of New Denver Municipal Office at 358-2316, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Public Notice

Village of New Denver – 2006 Annual Report

Residents of the Village of New Denver are requested to take notice that pursuant to Sections 98 and 99 of the Community Charter, the Village of New Denver’s 2006 Annual Report will be available for public inspection as of June 20, 2007, at the Village of New Denver Municipal Office, 115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, B.C. between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Section 99 of the Community Charter, Council will consider the 2006 Annual Report at its Tuesday, June 26, 2007 Regular Meeting, at 7:00 p.m., in the Village of New Denver Council Chamber, 115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, B.C. Council will accept submissions and respond to questions from the public at this time.

Carol Gordon, CMC Administrator
New Denver council, May 22: Goats will not be allowed

by R. N. Riker

Council reconsidered the motion that amended the Animal Control Bylaw to allow New Denver residents to keep goats within the Village. Mayor Wright said that after further discussion with affected parties, he became convinced that the motion was too broad, as it would have allowed goats within the Village, and property owners, will not be met in the case of the applicants for this bylaw change. He added that, whether warranted or not, this issue “has become contentious within the community and council.”

Councillor Brookfield was of the opinion that “any wife of a wool cut would probably be more problem than any goose could ever be,” but Mayor Wright pointed out that “passage of such an amendment, when in practice it will yield no benefit to either proponents or opponents, is not in the community interest.” By unanimous vote, council agreed to first bring the matter back for reconsideration, and then defeated the amendment.

• Council will provide School District 30 with a letter of support for the continuation of the “Community Connections” program. Phase II of the program would see the creation of a “Learning Council,” which would be made up of members from “all the communities affected, and would talk about ways of helping each other to make more of the their facilities and services.”

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• Mayor Wright asked how much Phase III of the program was estimated to be worth, but Adam did not have those figures available for him.

• Reporting on RICDk business, Mayor Wright said he had attended a meeting in Trail, and the meeting, and work was proceeding on a new bridge over Carpenter Creek at Three Forks. He added that there will also need to be repair work done on the terraces where the trail crosses Burt’s property.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

THE VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER is now accepting applications for a labourer for summer employment for 2007, to work with the Public Works Department. Eligible applicants must be registered full-time students during the preceding academic year and intending to return to full-time studies in the fall. Eligible candidates must be reliable, have good communication and public relations skills and should possess a valid BC Drivers Licence. The position is for 40 hrs per week for 8 weeks, at $9.00 per hour and commences on July 3, 2007. Applications are invited to be sent a cover letter and resume to Mayor and Council, Village of New Denver, PO Box 40, New Denver, B.C., V0G 1S0. All applications must be received by June 21, 2007 at 4:00 pm.

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

PUBLIC NOTICE

MUNICIPAL PROPERTY DISPOSITION

BLOCK 39 ROAD EXCHANGE AND DEDICATION BYLAW NO. 606, 2007

TAKING NOTICE that the Village of New Denver intends to permanently close and remove highway dedication from the road right-of-way in Block 39, District Lot 549, Plan 557, Kootenay Land District as outlined in black on the drawing below. Pursuant to Section 41 of the Community Charter, the Village Council intends to dispose of the lands described above and labeled as “CLOSED LANE” on the drawing below.

IN EXCHANGE FOR

the lands in Lot 21, Block 39, District Lot 549, Plan 557, Kootenay Land District, as outlined in black and labeled as “LAND” on the drawing below.

The Village Council will consider adopting Bylaw No. 606, 2007 at its June 12, 2007 Regular Meeting, starting at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at 115 Slocan Avenue. All persons who believe they are interested in the proposed bylaw, may be able to have a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the bylaw.

A copy of the bylaw may be inspected at the Village of New Denver Municipal Office, 115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, B.C. during regular business hours from Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Written submissions may be forwarded to the attention of the undersigned by 4:00 p.m. June 7, 2007.

This is not a tender or a request for offers.

Carol Goudin, CMC
Administrator
(Second of Two Notices)

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

SPRINKLING AND OPEN BURNING REGULATIONS

Residents are reminded that sprinkling restrictions in the Village of New Denver may be implemented 1st through September 15th of each year, in order to regulate sprinkling, conserve water and lower the high cost of pumping during the summer months. Effective June 1, 2007, there will be no sprinkling between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm.

Residents are reminded that open burning is prohibited within the Village of New Denver from May 15th to September 15th, except for cooking fires contained within a barbecue pit or fire pit located on a paved area not greater than four (4) square feet, or within a manufactured gas, coal or electric barbecue. Council thanks all residents for their cooperation.

Carol Goudin, CMC
Administrator
First of all, I would like to thank you all for being here on this momentous occasion. I am deeply honored to be standing before you as the Valedictorian of the Graduating Class of 2007.

My fellow students, we all had the fortune of being raised in this small and friendly community. Indeed, Lucerne is as small as high schools get. However, it is here, in the cradle of this serene valley, where we have learned many unique skills that we will apply throughout the course of our lives. These include participation and teamwork skills. In a school where the survival of sports teams is dependent upon every able-bodied person joining in, participation and teamwork is imperative. In an area where resources and activities are limited, we must do things ourselves if we desire for them to be done. This has not only developed our imaginations, but has impelled us to become leaders and volunteers in our school and in our community.

In a town where everyone knows each other and no one is a stranger, our community as a whole. In a town where doors needn't be locked, we've developed the ability to trust each other. Art is a tight-knit community, which means that the thoughts, actions, and feelings of one individual can be felt by all others. We can't use this in our well-being, and more about the well-being of the community as a whole. In a community where the survival of sports teams is dependent upon every able-bodied person joining in, participation and teamwork is imperative. In a town where resources and activities are limited, we must do things ourselves if we desire for them to be done. This has not only developed our imaginations, but has impelled us to become leaders and volunteers in our school and in our community.

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Lucerne Graduation Ceremonies 2007 – Presentations and Awards

by Geordie Rice

Lucerne’s 2007 graduating class held their ceremonies last weekend, and are on their way into the world. The class, which consists of River Bardati, Randy Duncan, Darrin Hicks, Brian Magnuson, and Sanjar Skrenes, is Lucerne’s first all-male graduating class in 37 years.

School District 10 Superintendent Walter Posnikoff gave a speech wishing the grads best of luck in the future, while SD10 board chair Pattie Adam proceeded by Geordie Rice

with a humorous speech that was more akin to a list of every motherly nag ever spoken. “Always wear clean underwear, you never know when it could save your life,” she concluded.

The grad video, one of the highlights of the grad ceremonies each year, was presented by Darrin Hicks and Randy Duncan. Guest speaker Trish Hawkins told of her first few weeks as principal at Lucerne, and how her inquiries to various teachers about this grad class had revealed universal praise. Acknowledgements and thanks were given by River Bardati, followed by Superintendent Posnikoff presenting the grads with their diplomas. The ceremonies concluded with some closing words from Trish Hawkins.

Awards and scholarships

Arrow Lakes Teachers’ Association Scholarship: Brian Magnuson
Columbia Basin Trust Youth Community Service Award: Brian Magnuson
Columbia Power Corporation Bursary: Darrin Hicks
Goat Mountain School Scholarship: River Bardati
John Greenan Memorial Bursary: River Bardati
Eugene Huss Memorial Bursary: Randy Duncan
New Denver Women’s Institute Scholarship: Randy Duncan
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 20 New Denver/Silverton: Randy Duncan, Brian Magnuson, Sanjar Skrenes
Cinta Batik Arts Scholarship: River Bardati

The class prophecies were delivered by Darrin Hicks and Randy Duncan. The class prophecies were delivered by Darrin Hicks and Randy Duncan.

Valedictorian Sanjar Skrenes
Luceerne Scholarship Society General Scholarship: Darrin Hicks, Brian Magnuson
Kootenay Savings Credit Union Scholarship: Brian Magnuson
Lucerne Teachers’ & Principal’s Attitude and Achievement Award: Sanjar Skrenes
Andrea Mengler Memorial Scholarship: Brian Magnuson
School District #10 Scholarship: Brian Magnuson
Yellowhead Road & Bridge Scholarship: Brian Magnuson

Scholarship: Brian Magnuson

The Lucerne graduating class of 2007, in their caps and gowns. From the left, Randy Duncan, Darrin Hicks, Sanjar Skrenes, River Bardati and Brian Magnuson.

Congratulations from

PETRO-CANADA
Glacier View
Service
Hwy 6, New Denver

Arrow Lakes Teachers’ Association
Best wishes to the
Lucerne Graduating
Class of 2007

Congratulations from

Panini Bistro
Congratulations to the
Lucerne Grads!

Congratulations to the
2007 Graduates from
Silverton Lakeshore Inn
12 Lake Ave, Silverton

Village of Silverton
Congratulations on a job well done!
from
Carol’s Corner
Main Street, New Denver

Congratulations to the
Graduating Class of 2007
Loma Lumber
88 - 3rd Ave NW
Nakusp

Congratulations from
all of us at
Mountain Berry
Hwy 6, New Denver

Congratulations from
The Valley Voice

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Randy Duncan receives his diploma from Superintendent Walter Posnikoff.

Lucerne teacher, Terry Taylor gives Brian Magnuson the Valedictory Scholarship.

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Regional fire protection proposed for Kaslo and Area D

by Ian McMurray

On May 24, residents of Kaslo and Area D were presented with a proposal for a single fire protection service covering the area from Coffee Creek to Schroeder Creek. Kaslo Mayor Jim Hollander, Area D Director Andy Shadrack, Kaslo Fire Chief Bryan MacMillan and representatives of the RDCK were on hand to answer questions from the approximately 100 people in attendance.

The new service would consist of the Kaslo Volunteer Fire Department and a new fire department in Woodbury or Ainsworth. It would involve building two new fire halls—one in Kaslo and one in Woodbury or Ainsworth—and purchasing a pump, tanker and ancillary and communication equipment for the Woodbury/Ainsworth department. The halls and equipment would be jointly owned by the Village of Kaslo and the RDCK. All residents in the fire protection service area would be taxed equally for the service. The tax rate has been estimated at $0.062 per $1,000 of assessment. The estimate of the total annual cost of the service for 2007 is $202,209.

Shadrack explained that this estimate was based on worst case scenario and the cost could be pared down if sufficient more people move in to the area to help build the halls. He also explained that as more residents move in to the area, they would share the cost and the rate would go down for everyone.

The benefits of the proposal include the ability to draw on more people to serve as volunteer first-fighters, to equalize the cost of fire protection over a larger population, and to have more funds for equipment and manpower in the region. People living outside the currently protected area (Coffee Creek to Schroeder Rd, Shady Bend to Shadere Creek) will benefit with a reduced insurance bill. It was reported that most insurance companies will cover people who live within 8 km of a fire hall, and 13 km from a fire hall.

Currently, Kaslo and Ainsworth operate on their own fire department and contracts its services south to Mirror Lake and north to Shuter’s Bend. Kaslo residents pay $6000, 000 and the Area D residents who receive the service pay only $298,000. This is the lowest fire service contract price in the RDCK. The reason for the low rate in Area D could not be fully explained at the meeting. Most of people in Area D are better protected because they are closer to the fire hall. “In Area D your house probably won’t be used, but your neighbour’s house will,” said Hans Hollander also said that the Kaslo fire hall needs upgrades to some elements, “so don’t think you can rely on those halls for very much longer.”

To add the cost of constructing a new fire hall in Kaslo to the existing fire service (Mirror Lake to Shuter’s Bend), using the existing taxation formula, it has been estimated that Kaslo residents would pay $91,251 and Area D residents would pay $396.

Historic Lancet ‘floats’ again

submitted

After a five month extensive restoration, the historic motor launch Lancet has been returned to its original location at the Silversky Slocan Lake Heritage Society yacht yard adjacent to the Apple Tire in New Denver.

The Lancet tow in seemed very close to the boat that Dr. Brouse built in the upper floor of the hospital 100 years ago. Anyone who saw the Lancet in its unrestored state will be amazed at her transformation.

The restoration project has been a very rewarding undertaking that I have found more than worth the effort from the club and the generosity of a great number of people who donated money, materials and time. The society would like to recognize the generosity of Mr. Laralle Smith (aka Smitty) who owns the land just north of New Denver on the west shore of the lake. The Lancet spent the later years of its life as a derelict on the beach until it was donated to the society by Smitty.

May MacKenzie of Kaslo took on the project, demonstrating continuously not only his expertise in restoring wooden boats but his passion for historical boats of all kinds. Mark was able to piece together a picture of the various phases of the Lancet’s life and it was an honour work with. The society would also like to recognize the contribution of Mr. Donn Pearson of Creston Valley for the donation of a single cylinder marine engine, made in 1904 by the St. Lawrence Engine Company Limited in Brockville, Ontario. While it’s not the original engine that powered the Lancet, its first engine was probably very similar to this artifact.

The restored Lancet won ‘best float’ in the centennial May Days parade. Thanks to the ladies of the Hospital Auxiliary for their participation.

A woman from Fletcher Creek asked if Kaslo’s fire protection service could be extended down to Fletcher Creek while waiting for this process to unfold. She expressed some impatience, and suggested a circled a petition in September 2005 showing that Fletcher Creek residents were willing to pay taxes to enter into a contract for fire services with Kaslo. Arapoglou explained that the first step towards coverage for Fletcher Creek would be for the RDCK to draw up a petition that the legally required number of Fletcher Creek residents would have to sign. The woman was willing to get those signatures.

MacMillan confirmed that the location for a new fire hall in Kaslo was being considered on Village property. He said options included land adjacent to the arena, land below the arena, and land downtown at the provincial building. The preferred piece is the one adjacent to the arena. Shadrack suggested that land had been set aside in Woodbury some years ago for a fire hall, but he was still waiting on the details.

When a fire department in Shuter’s Bend was suggested, MacMillan said it would be difficult to find volunteer manpower in that area. Some felt that phasing in the new service by taking “smaller steps” would be preferable, while others praised the plan’s regional approach. One woman, in favour of the phased approach, suggested that a new fire hall be built in Kaslo and the service extended to Fletcher Creek first. Then, in five years when demographics are better known, the community could consider moving further on the plan. Another woman called the proposal “an admirable plan,” noting that “all my protestations have been done on economics of scale.”

“The area is going to grow and there will be benefits,” she said.

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(6 POSITIONS)

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• layout & construction of fully serviced campground
• laying of water main, distribution lines & stand-pipes
• assist with Music Fest production July 13-15, 2007
• build roads and trail system, landscaping
• assist architects, engineers & contractors

WAGE: $ 413 / week

Employer: Nakusp Music Festival, Nakusp B.C.

TERM OF POSITION: June 18/07 - Nov. 30/07

TO APPLY: Provide resume to:
Attn: Michele Williams, Nakusp Music Fest
Box 559, Nakusp, B.C. V0G 1R0
Or by fax: 265-2142
• drop off resume at the Nakusp Music Fest Office — 119 Broadway, Nakusp, B.C. V0G 1R0

Qualifications: Because this is a JCP, only candidates with EI attachment will be considered. (Must have received regular EI benefits in the past 3 years or parental/maternity benefits in the past 5 years).

Closing date: Wed., June 13, 2007

Positions available subject to program approval.
Nakusp council, May 22: Water conservation a top priority this summer

by Jan McMurray

Council reviewed another on a water usage that will be sent out to all residents with the tax bills. The notice asks residents to use water "wisely and efficiently" as infrastructure and treatment is costly. The year round lawn watering restrictions are explained in the notice — watering can take place between 7 and 9 am and 7 and 9 pm Monday to Friday for odd numbered houses and even days for even numbered houses. There is a $100 fine for anyone who does not follow these restrictions. "We will definitely be fining this year — we were not in the past," said Mayor Hamling.

"CAO Lafleur will prepare amendments to the water bylaw that would impose substantial fines for the inappropriate use of water. He will also prepare a policy to regulate sprinkling, addressing gardens, daytime sprinkling, new lawns and underground sprinkler systems.

George Bonacci, member of the committee working on the Nakusp to Kooten Rail Trail, attended as a delegate to ask council for a letter of support for the rail trail. He said the committee was planning a down to assessment on the trail, hold public meeting, and write a report to submit to TransCan. He also wanted to know what the section of the trail was Village owned; staff was directed to look into this. Mayor Hamling asked to provide a letter of support. He said the committee was taking a motorized version of the trail between Kaslo and New Denver are non-motorized simply because it is not feasible to make them motorized. Council agreed to provide a letter of support.

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Residential development in Nakusp gets cautious go-ahead

by Jan McMurtry

Nakusp’s water and sewer systems can probably handle the development of 200 to 300 new lots, according to a report that Trevor Shephard of Decken Estates submitted to Nakusp council on May 22.

Unlike the situation two years ago when the sewer supply has doubled since the new well became operational at the beginning of May, is good news for developers such as Crossley Coates of Arrow Lakes Welding, Coates attended the same meeting to ask council to move on site-zoning application. He applied a year ago to zone 27 acres of land on the Kaskanax fan from Heavy Industry to Residential with the intention of subdividing the land into 70 or 80 lots. Last year, council gave approval in principle to the zoning, but final approval is pending the completion of the OCP review and the availability of water and sewer.

Shephard’s report indicates that if the Village approves new lots now, there will be time to upgrade the water and sewer system, which the lots are being developed. However, Shephard cautions that the developers and the Village must act with a bit of caution.

For one thing, funding for the upgrade is not yet confirmed. Grant applications have been submitted, but decisions will not be made until sometime this summer. Shephard is optimistic, though. After submitting a Canada/BC Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) application, he received a call letting him know the projects have a better chance of being funded if they have environmentally sustainable elements. So Shephard added some sustainable features to the applications. He told council he had met with the people who were reviewing the applications and “it sounded positive.”

One risk that developers and the Village should be aware of is that the Brouse/Halfway Creek surface water system, now serving everyone in the area, above downtown, could go on boil water advisory. The system does not meet current Interior Health water treatment objectives; the surface water is chlorinated, but not filtered. “If the Village approves new lots, the system currently handles about half the treated sewer water would be used to irrigate the parks and school grounds in Nakusp, by laying a pipeline from the sewage plant downstream to the sports complex.

If the grant does not come through, Shephard suggests that the Village could improve the system by constructing additional basins at a cost of about $50,000. Shephard also suggests in his report that new development should have irrigation plans in place.

Nakusp quilters collect quilts as part of Rotary initiative

The Quilters of Nakusp once again rallied in support of the Wrap-A-Smile Quilt Initiative that supplies quilts for Rotaplast (Rotary Plastic Surgeons), an offshoot of the Rotary Club of the Valley. The program collects quilts for children in poor countries. In short order, the goal of 100 quilts was reached.

Evelyn Hurry, a quilter in Nakusp, was the first applicant to Sheila Hart’s call for quilts. Sheila and husband Bill Hart of Nelson transposed 113 quilts, donated by quilters from throughout the Kootenays, to Colville, Washington for shipment to Rotaplast headquarters in San Francisco. The quilts replenished the dwindling supply at Rotaplast and will be used on missions in San Salvador, El Salvador and Cumana, Venezuela in June.

Looking for a way to de-stress yourself from the pressures of the day? Try the Whatshan Lake Music Festival July 20-22, just a few kilometers from the Fabacee Ferry on Highway 6 between Nakusp and Vernon. It’s a fun-filled weekend of great family entertainment in a quiet, safe and picturesquely green environment. Saskatchewan born Connie Kaldor will showcase an excellent collection of folk, jazz and country songs from her nine albums. The Salmon Armenians will be on hand. The Kettle Valley Steamers, a popular Sooke Okanagan group, will perform original railroad heritage music. Restless Lester, Tracey Sasy, and the House Band and other performers will ensure the full weekend entertainment. Camping on-site is available but should be booked early to guarantee a spot. Early Bird ticket prices are available until June 15, $50 for the weekend. After June 15, $50, with day passes at $35. For ticket and camping information, contact Debbie at 604-594-1003 or email debbie@whatshan.com. For more information see www.whatshanmusic.com.

Congratulations to the Nakusp Secondary School golf team for placing third at the provincial championships held May 28 and 29 in Sechelt. Lito R. Rob. Yano, Laine Wright, Haeli Latch, Brendan Davies, Kulum Stevens, Satschi Yano, and Private Land Owners.

The 2007 Graduating Class of Nakusp Secondary School cordially invites you to attend their Graduation Ceremonies Saturday, June 9, 2007 at 1:00 PM Nakusp Arena Complex
History comes to Life in the Kootenay Rockies

Famed as the heart of BC’s wilderness, the Kootenay Rockies also boast a rich heritage. Here, amid the towering mountain peaks and verdant valleys one can find remnants of the past from intriguing fossils to First Nations artifacts, from turn-of-the-century townsites to traces of its early-day industries. Just how far back can travellers go? At the Burgess Shale fossil, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Yoho National Park, some species of fossil date back more than 500 million years. Visitors can hear the story of the Kootenay Nation that inhabited southeastern BC and beyond for thousands of years. They can also see artifacts, including a sturgeon-nosed canoe, view scale models of trenches, and admire traditional and contemporary works of art at the Ktunaxa K’imel Interpretive Centre.

Those who enjoy hands-on attractions will want to visit the Interpretive Centre at the Teck Cominco smelter in Trail or learn about the lead/zinc industry that flourished here for more than a century. At Silverton, many check out the vintage mining equipment and at the Creston & District Museum, sheltered in a stone house, is a trapper’s cabin. Visitors also shouldn’t miss Sandon. At the end of the 19th century, this community flourished, thanks to the discovery of silver. Years later, when the silver mines depleted, it was bust. Today, the Sandon Museum relives this history, while relics from its early days can be viewed throughout the town.

At Fort Steele, a restored pioneer town, travellers can experience a bout of the late 1800s. Some chat with tradespeople and pan for gold, while others take a wagon or train ride, or experience live theatre – this living museum is a favourite with families. Engineering buffs will enjoy learning about the region’s intriguing transportation history. At Craigellachie, the ‘Last Spike’ of the transcontinental railway was driven in 1885. Visitors can board the S.S. Moyie in Kaslo. Now a National Historic Site, this vessel was the last operating passenger sternwheeler in Canada. For those who remember streetcars, Nelson showcases the refurbished Streetcar 23 – a true blast from the past.

To learn more about historic sites in the Kootenay Rockies Region and to get everything you need to plan your vacation – where to go, what to see and do, where to stay, plus printable maps to show you how to get there – visit HelloBC.com/kr. From its early days to today their historic facades hummed with industry, and today, their historic facades house museums, shops, small inns, restaurants and pubs. Each provides perfect places to hang out between golf games. Hospitality here has a laid-back folksiness that harkens back to earlier days, it’s refreshing and welcoming.

And just because these golf courses may be put away up a mountain or hidden in a lush valley, does not mean they lack amenities. Many are at elegant resorts complete with fine dining, fitness centres and spas, and one can even find a course with a full-colour GPS system on the golf cart. It’s time to tee up.

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Kootenay Rockies Courses Showcase the Scenery

This southeastern corner of British Columbia, studded by five mountain ranges, where rivers thread tumbling courses and crystalline lakes punctuate the valleys, is famed for its scenery. And among the sunny golf set, it is also renowned for its courses. Over 20 of them are tucked into the folds of this region’s high mountain valleys.

There are many perks to playing in the Kootenay Rockies. Scenic views are set onto mountain ledges, fairways meander beside lake shorelines or are carved through pine-rich hillsides. One course has a river running through it, and many – blissfully – are close to a hot soak in mineral-rich soothing waters.

Sculpted greens are set playing in the Kootenay Rockies courses are close to charming towns. Once places like Castlegar, Trail, Rossland and Fernie were welcomed splinters and fur traders, some eventually hummed with industry, and today, their historic facades house museums, shops, small inns, restaurants and pubs. Each provides perfect places to hang out between golf games. Hospitality here has a laid-back folksiness that harkens back to earlier days, it’s refreshing and welcoming.

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Slocan Lake Danse Camp sizzles

Is it too early to think about summer? Well, it is at the end of May and the Valley Voice is planning for the Slocan Lake Danse Camp. Camp will be held at the New Denver visitor centre. More details will be published as we get closer to the event. There are a number of camps and classes on tap for the summer, so be sure to check out the Valley Voice for more details.

GOLF COURSES

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Medicine Hat: St. Boniface Museum – Historic site with daily treasure hunts for children! Must see! Makes a great gift!

Slocan Lake Danse Camp sizzles on limited time! Are you ready for summer? It’s time to think about summer vacation! The Valley Voice is planning for the Slocan Lake Danse Camp. Camp will be held at the New Denver visitor centre. More details will be published as we get closer to the event. There are a number of camps and classes on tap for the summer, so be sure to check out the Valley Voice for more details. 

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Using testamentary trusts

Estate planning usually seeks a number of goals: simplicity of administration; a fair and equitable distribution of assets to your loved ones; preservation of your estate from the ravages of taxes and fees; and protection of your estate against possible future events like business failures or marital breakdowns. Unfortunately, there is usually a compromise that must be made between these goals. For instance, the simplest administration may not be the most tax-efficient. Our conversations usually focus first on protecting assets for future generations and achieving efficiency both at the time of distribution and for the duration of the beneficiaries’ lives. The cost and complexity of achieving these goals are generally of secondary importance.

Simple wills and avoiding probate.

Many people will do anything to simplify their estate settlement and avoid probate fees. This includes putting all assets in your name and simply willing everything remaining directly to your children or surviving spouse. This may achieve your primary motive of action because you can control your estate’s objects with whom you are alive; you lose the opportunity to preserve and direct your estate assets; and income from the beneficiaries is likely to increase the survivor’s taxable income.

Testamentary trusts.

by keeping everything in your name, only including splitting joint accounts and property, you can leave them to your spouse, your children, and grandchildren, and a trust of a testamentary trust. (Insurance proceeds can be directed to the same trust by an insurance declaration in your will or as a separate trust with a special document.)

Briefly, a testamentary trust:

Can only be created in your will.

Therefore, you have only one chance to create it. If you miss the opportunity, it is lost permanently.

enjoy the same simplified tax as at an individual level (as opposed to a living trust that is always left to the testator in the allowance of tax on income and then later pay it out to a beneficiary who may be in a higher tax rate than the testator. Alternatively, you can distribute to a beneficiary in a low or even zero tax rate to be taxed as that person’s income.

For example, the primary grandparent can receive roughly $8,000 from a testamentary trust (the ‘dadda trust’ does not apply) without paying any estate tax or negatively impacting the child’s parent’s tax rates.

If there are multiple beneficiaries which the trustee may pay on a discretionary basis, no one person’s share can be determined until it is actually paid out. This means the money cannot be demanded by creditors or an estranged spouse, and will not be open to a court application by a beneficiary to get their money.

There are two types of testamentary trusts:

Testamentary trust

The trust that can be created by you, if you are alive; you lose the opportunity to control capital assets (like property or stock) to be ‘rolled over’ to the trust without any tax payable on the transfer, just as if they were to your spouse directly.

You may want to set up both trusts in the will but leave it up to the executor’s discretion to which assets, if any, to place into the Family or the Spousal Trust.

Even if you have no spouse, you may want to set up a testamentary trust for your children (or your grandchildren) named in your will or discretionary beneficiary.

The trust would allow the child to income split with the trust or, if the grandparents are the discretionary beneficiaries, distribute the investment income to his or her children with little or no tax payable.

The trust would provide protected capital to a grandchild (or even grandchildren) to provide the assets for your direct descendents.

Each child could decide to leave a share in trust, or pay it out to the child immediately.

Speak to us, or your lawyer or accountant, about the details of your particular situation; you may find that testamentary trusts are perfect for you.

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Munch More and Again

Hello out there all you food fans. How’s your very good news with you of those of you who live anywhere from the Creston Valley junction up to Appledale including Kervena and Passmore. We are within range of the delivery service of Munch More Foods, and if you have not experienced Munch More, it really is time you did. If you live too far away from the Creston Valley junction up to Appledale you can order by phone and pick up your food at Munch More in Passmore.

Munch More is a family business run by Sat Koster and Doug Wearing. Their son Elinor and Doug’s mother Lynn also work there. Three generations! It’s a friendly place. They also have a website.

The menu includes pasta, meat lasagna, lamb, and chicken. The pasta is made fresh daily, and they serve their food in the wood-fired oven. Quesadillas are another new item. Deserts include Baclava.

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Area D Director Andy Shadrack proposes geothermal heating system for Jewett school

Area D Director Andy Shadrack says he can provide up to $35,000 toward the cost of retrofitting Jewett School in Meadow Creek with a geothermal heating system, or 50% of the net contribution from BC Hydro. Shadrack is consulting BC Hydro to find out how much funding is available.

He sees it as a part of his initiative toward greenhouse gas reduction, and an opportunity to reduce operating costs. Shadrack estimates a savings of $5,000-$8,000 per year on heating costs for the geothermal system recently installed in the Meadow Creek Hall.

“The answer to the question, what’s it going to cost? If Meadow Creek cost $48,000 and we actually spent $48,000 on Jewett school, it would cost the school board $24,000, less any grant that BC Hydro gave.”

Shadrack’s contribution will come from gas tax rebate distributed to municipalities and regional districts through the federal/provincial Community Works fund and administered by the Union of BC Municipalities.

With school enrolment figures declining, Shadrack also wants to take steps to ensure the building will continue to be available to the community. He has asked for right of first refusal in any future sale offering so that the school could be used for seniors or low income housing.

“School District #8 Director of Operations Larry Brown says he will be seeking a formal estimate for the geothermal conversion proposal at Jewett school.

“I can tell you we are considering geothermal as part of a global energy conservation strategy for the district. It’s a very good offer Andy’s put forward and we want to look at all our schools.”

Brown says they spend $1.1 million annually heating the 29 buildings within the district. Operations staff are attending a certified energy management course sponsored by BC Hydro in Prince George the week of June 4. The new school in Crawford Bay is heated by geothermal, and is striving for Leadership in Energy Efficient Design (LEED) status, the world’s leading ‘green buildings’ standard.

“`These are public dollars, so should be a green building.”

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Elemental Art for Youth - Ages 8 to 12, July 5th & 6th (Thurs. & Fri.). Twig, water, sand, rock - create from the elements around you! With Evelyn Kirkaldy

Elemental Art for Teen/Adults - July 7th & 8th (Sat. & Sun.). It’s low to no-impact art at its finest! With Evelyn Kirkaldy

Rhythmic Gymnastics - Brent Kennedy School, July 9th to 12th with Gisele Chouinard. Ages 5 to 7 and Ages 8+

Gymnastics with Rhonda - Brent Kennedy School, August 13th to 16th. Pre-School to advanced!

Kayaking Classes - Youth Week - July 16th to 20th. Women’s Week July 16th to 20th. Afternoon Family & Couples – Aug. 18th/19th. Endless Adventures, Crescent Valley

Summer Swim Lessons at Slocan Lake: Village of Slocan Beach. Lessons from pre-school to teen. July 30th to August 10th.

Sizzling Summer Science Camp - Ages 9 to 12 years. August 20th to 24th. Crescent Valley Youth Centre.


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