School board gives Slocan Valley schools reprieve until 2011

by Kate Guthrie

At a meeting in Salmo on March 30, the School District 8 (SD8)'s Board of Education voted unanimously to rescind the motion to close or re-configure Winlaw Elementary and WE Graham Schools. Members also voted to create an advisory committee in collaboration with all interested parties to “find an economically viable and educationally sound option” by September 2011.

“I think this is an excellent direction for creating best rural practice,” said Barbara Lindsay, School Trustee for Slocan Valley/Bonnington, who put forward the second motion. “We have the chance to be a model for rural education throughout the province.”

Superintendent Pat Dooley said that she was very happy with the board’s decision. “I think it was the right decision based on community input. There were a lot of very reasonable and good ideas shared by community members.”

The decision was met with relief by parents, school employees, politicians and business owners who have been advocating for the schools to remain open since February, when the board announced a school reconfiguration plan.

In response to a question from Director Popoff, Superintendent Dooley said that closing Winlaw Elementary would save about $35,000 and closing WE Graham would save about $34,000. Bus runs would cost an additional $32,000 if Winlaw closed and an additional $6,000 if WE Graham closed. Dooley added that if they closed WE Graham, a portable would have to be installed at Winlaw which would cost at least $13,000. Furthermore, if the schools were reconfigured to be Kindergarten to third grade at one, and fourth to seventh Grades at the other, the District could lose money but there might be additional staff savings in that situation. SD8 Secretary-Treasurer Monica Schulte said that it would not be a financial decision to close or re-configure the schools.

If all Winlaw students went north to WE Graham, the longest bus ride would be one hour from Passmore. If all students from WE Graham went south to Winlaw and Mt. Sentinel, the longest ride would be 45 minutes from WE Graham. Dooley said that these are not the longest bus runs in the district. A father in the audience calculated that if the bus trip took a half hour each way, that would add up to three years of each child’s life spent on the road.

Concerning multi-age classrooms, Dooley said, “We have seen a pattern of parents expressing concerns about their children learning in multi-age classrooms and the board wants to address this.” A father in the audience shared his belief that “the difference between a bad multi-age split and a good one is the teacher. My child has special needs and he is thriving in a multi-age class.”

In the input she received from parents, the superintendent said that there was some confusion about catchment, or the geographical area served by each school, and bus transport for students who live outside of catchment. The School Act enables students to enroll in any school, in any district, provided that space and facilities are available. At the same time, families within each school’s catchment area are guaranteed space in that school. Part of the motion adopted on March 30 included “the clarity of catchment areas for the Slocan Valley as well as programming options available for grades 7-10 students, and confirm that transportation (to Mt. Sentinel) will be provided for students who do not wish to attend the OELP or VVP programs (special education programs at W.E. Graham).”

Dooley said that there is no bus running from the south end of the valley to the north because “nowhere else in the district has bases which run in alternate directions to bus students going to school-initiated specialty programs.” She said that students who attend specialty programs provide their own transportation unless there is room on the bus.

In the end, Trustee Lindsay said she was “excited and happy. It was absolutely incredible how the community responded. Now we have the chance to create the sorts of things that rural education can thrive on.”
HST generates widespread opposition through petition
by Dan Spring
Will the HST (Harmonized Sales Tax) be bad for the economy and increase taxes for the average household, as the anti-HST movement attests? Will it mean a better economy, more jobs and ultimately lower prices on products, as the Liberals claim? Or will it sink the Liberal government once and for all? With the help of former Premier Bill Vander Zalm, Okanagan activists Paul McCavour and Jodie Turner are fighting the HST with a petition under BC's Recall and Initiative Act.

Debate over the HST raged across the province even before BC Finance Minister Colin Hansen introduced it on March 30. It seems that few across the province are enamoured of the new tax. The movement grows larger and garners more media attention every day, McCavour says that a common thread is anger over broken election promises. “People are so angry at the lies,” he says. “Before the election, Gordon Campbell said that the HST was not on the radar, and within a couple of weeks after the election it became the right thing for the province. The Liberals say the new tax will go to health care and social services. No – $1.9 billion dollars in new taxes will go to big, international business.”

BC’s Recall and Initiative Act has never been successfully used for political change because of what many see as its patently unfair rules. Ultimately, even if the petition forces a referendum on the issue, the finish line is fraught with hurdles. Proponents must convince 60 percent of all registered voters to attend the referendum and vote against the HST. They must roll off this incredible feat in one of BC's 85 electoral districts, individually. Even then, the government is not obliged to call the issue to a final vote in the legislature.

The anti-HST team, however, are excited, and believe they can win, partially because the petition is the only one of a plan that they say could bring down the entire Liberal government.

“It’s a win-win situation regardless of what happens,” says McCavour. “What an insult it would be if everyone in every riding said they didn’t want the HST and the Liberals passed the bill anyway. Then we do the recall process. If we get eight to ten Liberal MLA’s out of office they could be out of business.” McCavour and Turner’s efforts have already culminated in Vander Zalm’s visit to their townhome town of Trail. He must roll off this according to the BC Government and Service Employees’ Union. The now defunct offices are in Kamloops, Kelowna, Prince George, Surrey, and Victoria.

The government also closed Nanaimo’s Justice Center. In addition, the LawLINE and Community Advocate Support Line are no longer available to British Columbians in need. According to Chris Bradshaw of the BC Government and Service Employees’ Union, the office had been going on since before 2002, when the government closed 12 other.

Kootenay children lose Success by 6 to budget cuts
by Dan Spring
Massive budget cutsbacks are the party theme of the post-Olympics BC, and this time everyone really is invited – even the children.

Last week the Liberal government announced that in addition to the already heavily controversial budget rollbacks for schools across the province, it would also cut funding to the highly successful Success By 6 program by half, pulling their tax revenues “in part” because we’ll be buying more things in the HST?” But only after the recession is over. Where this investment is supposed to come from is not stated. Finlayson says that the HST is a pet decade-long project of the Business Council of British Columbia, who describe themselves on their website as “250 BC flourishes business enterprises,” many with multinational interests, regional offices.

“One of the years, there has been a concerted effort by the BC government to hollow out the legal system for low income British Columbians,” said trial lawyer Colin Hansen “Now, if our mothers can’t gain support from lawyers without proving there is a danger to the safety of their families. Refugee and property law has also been stripped.”

According to Bradshaw, a seven percent tax is applied to all legal services in BC, and that tax is supposed to go to legal aid. In 2007, the Canadian Bar Association reported $100 million in such taxes collected by their members. The last transfer to the Legal Aid Society, however, was only $72 million.

Winlaw-based lawyer Colin Hansen’s Facebook page, set up the day after August 7, 2009, Hansen appeals to the reader to “wrap [his or her] head around this issue” by referring to a five-page paper by BC Economist Jack Finlayson and his colleague, Ken Peacock.

Finlayson’s report briefly explains how the HST will spread his anti-HST message far and wide. “Now legal aid will no longer offer coverage to people charged with breach of probation. The problem is that the tax is supposed to pay for public defenders who have faced with breach usually have a string of these offenses … this has traditionally been a police role where as a legal aid lawyer you can help these people, many of whom aren’t very articulate.” According to McCavour, fewer and fewer lawyers are interested in taking legal aid cases since they are paid less than the lowest wage expected by lawyers with private offices.

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Alex Atamanenko seeking support for anti-GMO bill
by Gary Weight
A Regional District budget is truly its people’s budget. With the exception you can count on the fingers of one hand, all of the major services have been established at your request, with either your approval, your director’s approval in accordance with provisions contained in the Local Government Act or if you live in a municipality) the approval of your municipal Council.

You, the voter, said how much each service was worth to you when you set and approved the maximum tax rates for those services. Those rates can’t be exceeded. District staff and directors must manage affairs within those limits. No other level of government in Canada (federal, provincial or municipal) lets taxpayers set their own services and pay their own taxes like we do.

Budgets for these services are developed at the community level by our staff working with hundreds of citizen volunteers who donate their time to run our parks and recreation commissions, fire departments, water commissions, economic development commissions, libraries, community halls and the list goes on. You publicly review them. They come to the board only under the recommendation of your own rural and/ or municipal directors. The subregional services make up most of our budget and the lion’s share of your district tax bill.

What about compulsory services? Provincial legislation requires rural areas to provide for land use planning, emergency service planning and rural administration; it also requires a regulated waste management service (in our case, we have three). The one service that applies to everyone in the district is called General Administration. In 2010, taxation for general administration will again be less than 4 percent of our $50 million budget. We are a very cost-effective delivery vehicle for public services.

You and your neighbours have selected a ‘designer package’ from the district’s list of services. They are unique to our neighbourhood and community. The details are itemized on your annual property tax receipt. For example, this year residential property owners in Area 1 will receive and support 18 basic services, plus additional local services like Tansy and Pass Creek fire protection, Slocan Valley fire protection, animal control in Brilliant, Castlegar Transit, etc. Nelson residents get a package of nine: Nakusp 5; Area A between 15-22; depending on where you live and what you want.

They are all your services. They are provided at your request by a great team of professional staff and community volunteers. Our budget is a reflection of your vision.
Jumbo Springs Ahead

On March 30, I was told that the confidential meetings between the Ktunaxa (Kootenay) First Nations and the M.T.C.A. concerning the spiritual nature of the Jumbo Valley have finished.

Presently the final process is happening. Cabinet ministers, the Attorney General and all facets of government that would be involved are now meeting to make a decision based on the content of those consultations.

As a result of all previous studies and reviews the Master Plan was agreed upon a few years ago, the final decision is now in the works.

Should the above decision be in favour of the proposed Jumbo Glacier Resort and Real Estate Development the Master Development Agreement can be concluded, the rezoning of the Jumbo valley to Resort Municipality can take place and the developer can legally put a shovel in the ground.

Rowena Elsoe
Kootenay Coalition for Jumbo Wild

Keep the burnout

Mr. Patrick Mackle’s comments in your March 10 paper make good sense. In this over regulated world, fun is becoming a seriously endangered species. The burnout contest at Kaslo May Days draws both participation and spectactors, and as such is enjoyed by many. The event lasts for maybe an hour, and happens only once a year.

Those who object to this activity are perfectly at liberty to take an hour out of your busy schedule and leave until it is finished. There is nothing forcing anyone to be there against their wishes.

For those who feel that canceling this event is doing their part to clean up the environment, it is finished. There is nothing forcing anyone to be there against their wishes. For those who feel that Parks Canada has a different agenda, be sure you wear disposable gloves. Take the container with its offending contents on foot so that you don’t drive and cause more pollution, to an approved waste disposal facility, where it will be safely disposed of.

At the end of the day, you will have done about the same totally minimal amount of good on a world scale.

Cam Clayton
Kaslo

No consultation by RDCK on new firehall boozie policy

We are writing this letter as a result of a recent decision by RDCK concerning operation of Volunteer Fire Halls in RDCK, including the Slocan Valley. The decision has sparked a lot of discussion and unhappiness in most firehalls.

The volunteer members of the Passmore Fire Hall wish to inform the residents of its catchment area (including Slocan Park, Passmore and Vallican) that the Passmore Volunteer Firefighters will continue to provide fire protection, emergency services and first responder services regardless of any disagreements between volunteer firefighters and the directors and management of the RDCK.

The initial point of concern from volunteer firefighters was the unilateral decision by the RDCK Board of Directors to ban all alcohol from firehall premises. For many volunteer firefighters, the real concern is the total lack of consultation by the RDCK with its firehalls. The Passmore Volunteer Firefighters have no desire to challenge the ban of alcohol from firehalls, though we feel the ban of alcohol in firehalls is not a good idea.

We have concerns about changes in management of fire hall, with no meaningful involvement of communities or firefighters. It is our opinion that many of these changes reflect the desire of the RDCK to minimize risks and liabilities, without consideration of what is required to effectively provide services that are competent and sustainable.

Regardless of any tensions between the RDCK and volunteer firefighters, Volunteer Fire Hall will continue to provide competent and uninterrupt services to our community.

And, as always, we welcome community members to join as volunteers.

Dave Halliday
Passmore Volunteer Firefighters

Open letter to Robert Bush

Director, Mental Health and Addiction Services
Kootenay Boundary Region

Patient discrimination by the psychiatrists at the Daly Pavilion (psychiatric unit) of the Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital in Trail appears to be an ongoing issue, which seriously needs to be addressed, and investigated.

When family physicians from rural communities such as Nakusp contact a psychiatrist at the hospital and request admission, they are told that the patient is being refused admission due to the fact that certain individuals diagnosed not only with a mental illness but a co-existing Borderline Personality Disorder cannot be treated at the hospital. It is common knowledge that Personality Disorders are a bona fide diagnosis listed in the DSM IV manual. (Diagnostic Statistical Manual).

Consider the following analogy.

Would the Emergency Department of the same hospital refuse to treat an alcoholic who had fallen and required stitches because he has an alcoholic personality disorder? Perhaps the psychiatry department in the Trail Hospital should re-evaluate their admission criteria. Their refusal to admit, assess, and treat those individuals with mental personality illness warrants an investigation into such negligent practice. Frequently, if a patient is admitted to the Trail Hospital, hospitalization is too short to result in an effective recovery. The "Revolving Door" policy does not serve the needs of the patient. As taxpayers, do we not have the right to access adequate care and treatment when required?

Admission refusal leaves a patient with a presenting mental illness in a small community no treatment alternative. Alternatively, they spiral downward leading to their demise and self-destruction.

If the psychiatrists at the Trail Hospital do not wish to admit certain patients, they should make a referral to another facility such as the Hillside Adult Psychiatric Tertiary Prevention unit or the Saint-Bernard, which services the southern interior region.

Tertiary level centres provide highly specialized mental health services designed for inured clients with severe and persistent mental illness whose care needs are beyond the capacity of acute care hospital and community-based settings.

Barbara Graham
Mental Health and Addiction Services
Regional Advisory Council Member

More Common Sense and Non-Sense

Interesting to read still another pontification regarding our local economy from a person selling solar power instead of being an entrepreneur. Personally, I chuckle reading these submissions explaining to me (like I am a 2-year-old) the relationship between local production and the market machine foods local viability. Nor, do I need a lesson on Canada’s indigenous people. I grew up here.

While supporting the Michael Moors of the world and thank them for their good work, I am not dependent on these films, or the writings of local self-appointed experts to explain to me the state of this world. Perhaps we are all going to hell in a hand-basket but darn it all – there are practices we can stand up for locally which contribute to the quality of life we enjoy here in this valley.

Protecting and building a healthy, sustainable local quality of life does not just involve simply the ingesting of local grown green vegetables, reducing emissions and jumping off Mother Hydro.

Gunter Rettarath’s letter following concerning Quackery and Common-sense warning us to scrutinize not just titles but the motivations behind the peddling of wares/services/health was most refreshing. Consider how you see parked in the driveway – somehow two cars, a pick-up truck, a snowmobile, and a Kubota in support of a family of three does not wash with some people’s fire warnings. Just as medical family practitioners were urged decades ago to quit Smoking – there is a credibility link between what a person does and what they say the rest of us should be doing.

I object to the observation “that fighting over trails, cell phones and marijuana” is a misguided effort at the cost of ignoring “the ominous shadow coming up over the horizon.” I respect and admire those people who have taken these interests on. Whether I agree/ support any of these causes or whatever side is relevant.

It is not just trails, cell phones and the legalizing of marijuana which is at issue. It is how we treat one another as neighbours; working together to respect the use of our Commons, supporting democratic practices even when results do not go our way.

I am not an employer of our personal agendas, using public funds responsibly and respecting one another’s gifts when we greet and interact with one another.

Donna Shaw
Hills

What’s going on at Slocan Lake Community Health Centre?

Sorry I don’t know what is going on at the health centre.

People including our fire chief have asked me what is happening to our health centre, as our QPushButton is working right on top of it.

I found out that IHA and BC Housing are planning to build an eight unit senior and disabled persons facility, not an assisted care unit that the people had thought would be added to our health unit.

I have talked to some staff at the health unit and they do not see a way to deal with trauma patients if the heliport is removed or relocated to far away. They just used the service less than a month ago.

I have heard that IHA plans to take even more beds out of our health centre taking away even more jobs and down-grading it even more. I have no concrete facts on the plans for the centre and I do not think many of us do. I feel that IHA should come to the communities that use the centre and explain what they plan on doing to it. Not just a select few ball of the citizens that will be affected by yet another change to our services.

Will we be able to keep our emergency room, will our elderly and ill be able to stay in their community, will we be able to get our tests done near home or spend a day on the road just for a simple test. Please let’s get those who know to come and tell us what the plans are and how they will affect us. IHA please come and tell us up front how this is going to work.

Ross Johnson
Silverton

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A couple of comments resulting from your last issue...

First, about the Kaslo Village decision to allow the rubber burn to go ahead at May Days. We keep hearing that such municipal, provincial and federal governments how we’re supposed to be going green. How does allowing people to burn rubber equate with “Going Green”?

The argument the burn will only create the same amount of pollution as three wood fires is the sorriest and lamest excuse I’ve ever heard! Following this logic, we should also be allowed to burn rubbish once in a while because its not as bad as a few wood fires!

Either we’re going green or we’re proceeding according to the status quo. Also, what exactly does such a burn contribute to our village, our society, or our environment? The vehicles used in these burns are the personification of everything anti-green and wasteful in our society. They are gas-guzzling, pollution machines used to glorify waste and a total disregard for the environment.

Quite simply, allowing the burn, while advocating going green is the epitome of double talk and bywords for hypocrisy.

Second, on the story about the cuts to Persons With Disabilities (PWD). Interesting how, when the government decided to give PWD’s a $50 raise some years ago, they trumped it from the rooftops on no less than three separate occasions, even making it sound like a $100 raise (it was a $50 raise to PWD’s and a $50 raise to provincial slum lords). This time, there’s no flashy announcement, just a quiet release of the cuts.

Even worse, the plan, which cuts dietary supplements, reduces dental and other health services, among other things, is heralded as a money saving decision! What nonsense, it’s nothing short of an ideological attack on the provinces least fortunate. Like the story says, it will end up costing the government many more millions in emergency health and social services. BC taxpayers should be up in arms because as much as the government likes to use ideology, has just added millions at the expense of the least fortunate. Like the story says, “Following this logic, we should also be allowed to burn rubber equate with “Going Green””,

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But the world of journalism had its champions, it had been heard since for years, for decades. NBC, the Washington Post, the New York Times, the great British papers, to say nothing of the heads of some well known Canadian journalists, many of whom were my old buds at the college journal at UBC.

In a sense, they are the guiltiest of all, the most negligent. The fifth estate has never been in more need of a caning. And oh boy, thanks to following, Lee’s, and his realizations on the Web, they are now getting the job.

Ken Lamb

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But the world of journalism had its champions, it had been heard since for years, for decades. NBC, the Washington Post, the New York Times, the great British papers, to say nothing of the heads of some well known Canadian journalists, many of whom were my old buds at the college journal at UBC.

In a sense, they are the guiltiest of all, the most negligent. The fifth estate has never been in more need of a caning. And oh boy, thanks to following, Lee’s, and his realizations on the Web, they are now getting the job.
New Denver council debates loss of helipad at health centre

by Michael Dorey

During public and press time at the New Denver Council regular meeting, March 23, Silverton Councillor Ross Johnson raised concerns regarding the relocation of the helipad next to the Health Centre. Some New Denver councillors echoed these concerns. Administrator Gordon noted that the 8-unit Seniors and Disabled Housing Project is solely the responsibility of BHA and BC Housing, and she expects them to submit a zoning application by Thursday. If all submissions are submitted in time, the project could be reviewed in 2010.

In response to Johnson’s question “where does the helipad stand?” Councillor Greensword commented that BC Housing needed publicly owned land to establish the project. She noted that Brent Hobbs of Patient Transport, IHA Kelowna, said that IHA and BC Housing would survey the area, and that there are “other sites” available for the helipad. She suggested that the new strategy for ambulance staff training to paramedic level working in the Health Centre would support an ambulance being “here” if gurney transport to the new helipad site was inappropriate. She also said that Hobbs informed her that there would be “no problem” getting a helicopter in the area near the Centre. Acting Mayor Campbell noted that two possible sites for the housing project were examined: 1. the area at the S-corner at the north end of town, and 2. an area near the existing helipad. Johnson further commented that he felt everything was going “way too much to the project in losing the helipad.” Greensword said she had spoken with Karen Foresythe (Ambulance Service) about timely patient transfer, and Foresythe agreed that the proposed Nikkel Commemorative Ceremony plaque. After discussion, council moved to select the West Coast Memorial Hospital, which is adjacent to the Nikkel Intermemorial Memorial Centre is a testament to the accomplishments of the Kyowakai Society. It is a humbling remembrance of the courage of the Japanese Canadians interned during WWII and their contributions to the social and cultural character of the area, “with Village of New Denver” in smaller type at the bottom right. Japanese characters for “courage,” “strength,” and “faith” will be on the left of the plaque.

Councilor Greensword noted that the project will expand the kitchen, and Phase Two will be constructed in the summer of 2010. Councillor Murphy restated his feelings that the project was not too expensive and opposed the motion. He asked, “Can we do it?” Gordien replied that the cost will have to be included in the 2010 budget.

Pursuant to Sections 890 and 892 of the Local Government Act, a public hearing will be held to consider the following bylaws of the Village of New Denver: “Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 646, 2010” and “Village of New Denver Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 647, 2010”.

The purpose of Bylaw 646 is to amend the land use designation for the following lands:

1. Amend Schedule “B” of Bylaw No. 611, 2007 by amending the land use designation for the following lands from “Public & Institutional” to “Multiple Family Residential”:
   - Lot 1, Block L, Plan EPP6314, District Lot 549, Kootenay Land District

The purpose of Bylaw 647 is to amend the land use zoning for the following lands:

2. Amend Schedule B of Bylaw No. 612, 2007 by rezoning the following lands from “P2 – Public & Institutional” to “P2 – Low Density Multi-Family Residential”:
   - Lot 1, Block L, Plan EPP6314, District Lot 549, Kootenay Land District

This parcel is shown outlined in black on the accompanying map.

The above is a synopsis of the proposed bylaw and is not deemed to be an interpretation of the bylaw. Copies of the aforementioned bylaws may be inspected at the Village of New Denver Municipal Office, New Denver, BC, during the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, except on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, from the date of this notice to the 26th day of April, 2010.

Councillor Greensword closed the meeting by reminding the Council that Brent Hobbs of Patient Transport had no experience as a guitarist. “Jay Knudson had a duo, and invited Jay成型. While there he met Alison Kelly, wife of First Nations from Alberta. It’s why I decided to tour.”

Mann balances a busy career as a musician and an actor in film, television and stage. He actually began his career onstage and said he enjoys the house Looms well as a more personal touch with songs on the concert circuit as much as the larger venues. His 2009 release, “December Looms” was performing at the Edmonton Folk, Haddock, the originator of “Inquest” and The Valley Voice.
Kaslo youth celebrate addition to Katimavik program

by Anna Nissen, Kamoy Williams and Andreia Peddigrew

Kaslo is a new addition to the Kootenays region of the Katimavik youth program this year, hosting 11 youth from across the country who arrived on January 13. They came to engage in volunteer work, second language development and learn about cultural diversity. As Margaret Mead once said, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.”

Katimavik was founded in 1977 by Jacques Hébert and is currently operating in 99 communities across Canada. The program, either six or nine months long, is designed to inspire youth to ‘Get a Life’. The program’s slogan may seem blunt, but is entirely true. Katimavik aims to prepare Canadian youth for the challenges they will face in their future careers and endeavours by having them engage in group living, house management and various volunteer work placements.

With vigour and fresh ideas, Katimavik participants arrived ready to change the community of Kaslo. Not even settled into their new home, they readied themselves for interviews at various workshops in a village already known for its community spirit and dedication. In the last three months, eight employers benefited from work placements of the 11 volunteers. The work of Katimavik youth is most visually noticeable at the Langham Cultural Centre, Periwinkle Day Care, the VIHRAS Thrift Store, the Kaslo and Area Youth Centre and the Public Works Department. The Katimavik group has added zest to some of Kaslo’s finest establishments by completing these renovation projects.

Not only are Katimavik participants hard-working, but they also possess passion for the development of other youth. This is showcased by the work performed at JHV school and at the Family Centre. The Kaslo Fire Department, the Village of Kaslo, the Chamber of Commerce and North Kootenay Lake Community Services also enjoyed the help of the Katimavik volunteers.

Throughout the group’s three-month stay in Kaslo, they volunteered at several community events, including the Winter in the Forest Festival, and the Hope for Haiti Benefit concert and dinner. The group also took valentines and cookies to hospital patients and various residents to promote the Spread Love project which encourages doing random acts of kindness. Participants went above and beyond program expectations and took the initiative to organize several activities at the Kaslo and Area Youth Centre: a Hands-On-The-Wall fundraiser, a cookie baking workshop, a Charleston dance class and a soccer techniques workshop.

Katimavik has been well received by the community. The support given by locals has acted as a motivating force for participants in their development of new ideas and their willingness to take on new challenges.

Easter Monday is the last day the current Katimavik group will be in Kaslo, but their journey is yet to finish. They are heading to Victoriaville, Quebec to continue their work. This group has cultivated many relationships with the citizens of Kaslo and are sad to be leaving after such a short stay. However, they are happy to know that Kaslo will continue to reap the benefits of volunteer work – a second group of nine volunteers from Victoriaville arrives for the second phase of the program on April 7. They will continue working with the same work partners, as well as with the Riding Club and for the May Days Festival. Expect to see a lot of hard work and creative community projects done by this new and energetic bunch. There will be a welcome party for this group at the Youth Centre on Friday, April 9 at 6:30 pm. Anyone interested in meeting the new group or learning more about the program is invited to attend.

Project Leader Sarah Keenan is looking for families interested in billeting participants for two weeks. The billeting period will be Sunday, May 2 to Sunday, May 16. For more information, contact her at 353-7840 or katimasanah@gmail.com.

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Village of New Denver is taking applications for a Temporary Labourer’s position. The position will run from May 3, 2010 to October 1, 2010. The position is for 35 hours per week at a pay rate of $15.00 per hour. Duties include but are not limited to: cemetery groundskeeping, park and garden maintenance, mowing boulevards, weed trimming and holiday relief for public works department. Deadline for applications is Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. Please submit applications to: Administrator Carol Gordon, Village of New Denver, PO Box 40, New Denver, BC, V0G 1S0 or drop them off at the Village of New Denver Municipal Office at 115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, BC.

Village of New Denver Notice

The Village of New Denver is preparing to review and amend Bylaw 611, 2007 (Official Community Plan) and Bylaw 612, 2007 (Zoning Bylaw), copies of which are available for inspection at the Village Office, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

In accordance with Section 879 of the Community Charter the Council of the Village of New Denver welcomes public input regarding issues that residents or property owners would like to see addressed in the Official Community Plan or Zoning Bylaw. Please provide your written comments by mail to the Village of New Denver, PO Box 40, New Denver, BC, V0G 1S0, via email to newdenver@netidea.com, or in hard copy to the Village Office at 115 Slocan Avenue. Deadline for submissions is 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2010.
ARROWTARIAN ROTARY VILLA PHASE 4

We are pleased to provide the following Statement for the construction of Rotary Villa Phase 4. Our Grand Opening will be held on April 17, 2010 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome!

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Spring bike swap returns to Slocan Park Hall, April 18

The Slocan Park CARE Society, in partnership with Passmore Laboratory Ltd., has again applied for a $3,600 grant from Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) to continue our water monitoring program within the Slocan Watershed. The Area H community will be voting Saturday, April 10, from 1-3 pm at the Winlaw Hall. This is the public input session for project proposal review and voting. The more who attend and vote for our project, the more money we will receive, up to the total requested.

**Watercraft community information session offered**

You may know the Boating Guide, but do you know about watercraft activity on Slocan Lake? Who has authority over motorized and non-motorized watercraft on the lake? Can we protect sensitive habitat and/or swimming areas and still enjoy boating? For answers to all your boating questions, come to the watercraft community information session, Thursday, April 22, 7 pm at Bosun Hall, New Denver, featuring special guest, Chris Marrie, Boating Safety Officer, Transport Canada Marine, Kaslo office.

This community information evening, co-sponsored by the Slocan Lake Boating Association and Slocan Lake Stewardship Society is part of the society’s ongoing program to educate lake community residents about this valuable resource. Marrie will discuss federal and provincial regulations and authority, as well as horsepower, speed and anchoring restrictions. A question and answer period will follow.

**Hidden Garden Gallery seeks support for new sculpture**

The Hidden Garden Gallery has submitted an application to the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives program for funding to purchase a sculpture by Toru Fujibayashi. The sculpture would be placed at the foot of main street in New Denver, by the waterfront, in Greer Park.

A voting process to determine the success of the application will take place at the Winlaw Community Hall on Saturday, April 10, from 1-3 pm. At least 10 people must vote for Fujibayashi in order for the funding to proceed for the project. The Hidden Garden Gallery is encouraging Area H residents to attend and make the project a success.

**Endnote**

For a 29 year history, the Slocan City, Kelutx, Shoshone, Oglala, and Cheyenne Indian people have worked together for the betterment of the community. The Hidden Garden Gallery is encouraging Area H residents to attend and make the project a success.

**Future uncertain for Slocan City Logging Show**

The Slocan City Logging Show, held in Burnt the prime motivator of the show for the past three decades, estimates that at least 30 volunteers are required to properly organize and run the event.

In previous years, the loggers sports component of the show developed into a world-class competition including tree climbing, log lugging, crosscut sawing and springboard chopping. Current and former world champions regularly made Slocan City one of the top stops on the Canadian Loggers Sports tour.

To help with your purchasing decision, Mark Holt of the Sacred Ride will be on site to answer any questions about the show for the past three decades, estimates that at least 30 volunteers are required to properly organize and run the event.

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Record dry winter leads to low snowpack conditions

There has been a decrease in snowpacks across the province over the past two months, following the unusually warm and dry January and February. For some locations in BC, the January and/or February average temperature was the warmest on record, or close to the warmest on record.

According to Environment Minister Barry Penner, this is largely due to a moderate to strong El Niño over the past two months. The South Coast and Vancouver Island received near normal precipitation during January and February, but most of the rest of the province has been dry.

Castlegar experienced the lowest February snowfall ever recorded (based on a 55-year record), and Terrace in the Skeena River basin experienced the driest October to February period ever recorded (based on a 45-year record), and Terrace in the Skeena River basin. Snowfall in the Kootenay region was also below normal (71 percent in the Columbia and 83 percent in the East Kootenay Basin snow-water indices are at 83 percent in the North Thompson. In most areas, low-elevation snow is generally absent and mid-elevation snow throughout Interior valleys is well below normal. Penner says while recent cooler weather and lower freezing levels are welcome, the below-average snowpack conditions across much of the Interior indicate the potential for water-supply challenges to develop this summer. There is also a likelihood of below-normal freshet runoff during May and June.

To reduce the potential for summer low flow or drought problems, spring rainfall from April through June will need to be at or above normal. In the case of the South Interior, current snow conditions could lead to conditions similar to the 2009 summer drought should the spring weather remain dry. If El Niño conditions persist through spring, continued above-normal temperatures and below-normal precipitation can be expected.

For more information visit www.env.gov.bc.ca/rfc/index.htm.

Design this year’s Earth Day mosaic

The Kootenay Earth Day Committee is asking people to submit artistic designs that reflect our beautiful and sacred earth, or their interpretation of what Earth Day represents. The winning design will be the template for a tile mosaic that the community is asked to participate in creating on Earth Day, April 24, starting at 6:30.

Designs should be submitted to info@ecosociety.ca or dropped off at 206 – 507 Baker Street by April 10. For more information visit www.kootenayearthday.ca. Volunteers are asked to contact kay@ecosociety.ca.

WE Graham hosts Destination Imagination tournament

WE Graham school in Slocan hosted the regional tournament of Destination Imagination on March 27 with the usual highly creative and original results. Destination Imagination presents students with an opportunity to use their imagination and creativity to build clever inventions, write plays and even show off their skills at theatrical improvisation.

A group of fairies turn a bleak landscape into a beautiful scene of sunshine, fluffy clouds and flowers then top it off with the singing of What a Wonderful World. Several hikers encounter a six-foot obstacle and create a machine that helps launch their supplies over the obstacle. Yet another group creates a robot that turns people into playful zombies who dance their way through a tribute to Michael Jackson. These were just some of the performances by teams from South Nelson, Nakusp, Winlaw and Slocan schools.

All of the teams did an excellent job and have been invited to participate in the provincial tournament in Abbotsford and we wish them well. A big thank you to all those who helped put on the tournament, including Barb Lindsay, the staff at WE Graham, the WE Graham PAC, and the people from the greater community who volunteered to assess the performances. WE Graham is very happy to be able to say “see you next year” when the school will once again host the regional tournament.

Student detectives dig up dirt on dumps

On March 30, the local environmental advocacy group, Wildsight, took Grades five and six students from both Rosemont and Winlaw elementary schools on a journey to discover what happens when we throw things away. During the day, children were asked to scrutinize the contents of local transfer stations, landfills and recycling depots. Students tackled topics such as waste, ecological footprint, climate change and energy use and how to lessen their impacts.

“Is this not your ordinary field trip,” said Monica Nissen, Wildsight Education Program Manager. “There’s nothing inherently ‘fun’ about garbage – but the kids get to be detectives for a day, to solve the mystery of what happens to our waste once we throw it in the trash.”

Wildsight calls the program Beyond Recycling. The weekly lessons include slideshows, costumes, movies, and games. Rosemont and Winlaw are two of 10 schools in the Columbia Basin Region that have taken part in Wildsight’s Beyond Recycling this year.

Program sponsors include the Federal Government’s EcoAction program, the Regional District of Central Kootenay, Terasen Gas, Fortis BC, BC Hydro, and Columbia Basin Trust, with support from teachers, administrators and parents throughout the region.

For more information visit www.wildsight.ca.

UPGRADE WORK PLANNED FOR ALL FAUQUIER COMMUNITY WATER SERVICE AREA PROPERTIES

BC Hydro is notifying Faquier residents that upgrade work is planned for spring 2010 that will affect all developed properties within the community water service area. This work is expected to begin in April, Water System contractors will be installing a backflow valve at the water system curb stop for each property, located at the property line. The additional equipment will help protect water quality by preventing water already in the line from flowing back to the water source. The work will involve using heavy machinery to excavate a small pit that will allow the additional equipment to be installed. Water service to each property will be shut off during the work, expected to take roughly one day or less at each property. Contractors will minimize disruption to lawns and landscaping to the extent possible.

BC Hydro is completing this upgrade work and other water system projects in your community to ensure the community water system continues to provide drinking water that meets or exceeds Canadian Drinking Water Standards. All BC Hydro water system contractors are certified by the Environmental Operators Certification Program for backflow valve installation and testing and small water system operation.

For more information on planned water system upgrade work or to contact BC Hydro about the backflow valve installation at your property, please call Jen Walker-Larsen at 250 814 6445 or email to Jennifer.walker-larsen@bchydro.com.

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Paul Steenvoorden, Waste Management Route Manager, gives Winlaw Elementary School students from Jack Berry’s class at tour of the materials recycling facility in Brilliant, as part of the Beyond Recycling program field trip.

The Valley Voice April 7, 2010
by Art Joyce

History comes in many forms, and artifacts can be as simple as a hairpin or as complex as an obsolete piece of machinery. Thanks to the ladies of the New Denver Quilt Guild, the community has had a valuable piece of its history saved in the form of a quilt. Over the past year, guild volunteers spent many hours restoring the quilt, which depicts many of New Denver’s historic buildings. The guild presented it to Silvery Slocan Museum President Webb Cummings on March 23.

“The good news is that instead of being shoved under a counter somewhere, it’s going to be displayed in the Museum,” says guild member Jill Roberts.

The quilt had been found in the Pavilion, where it had lain for years in a cupboard. Quilter Diane Andrews says it had probably been raffled in the late ’70s and the winner was a Japanese man who spent his last days at the Pavilion. It appears to have been created by the New Denver Women’s Institute, which has since disbanded. The date sewn into the back of the quilt is 1979, although Andrews thinks it may date to an earlier period based on some of the fabrics used.

Some of the buildings depicted on the quilt include: the old Fire Hall (today’s Valley Voice office), St. Andrew’s Church, Bosun Hall, the old Village Hall on Kildare Street (now a private residence), Turner Memorial Church, the Clover block (next to Valhalla Pure), Slocan Lake Hardware, Knox Hall (formerly Knox Presbyterian Church), St. Stephen’s Church, the Forsythe Stationers block on main street, the Valhalla Wilderness Society building and the former RCMP office. Some key historic buildings are pictured which are sadly no longer with us, including the Newmarket Hotel and the original New Denver hospital.

Two houses are shown as well, the Avison and Aylwin homes. Outdoor features shown include the Japanese tea house that is now part of the Kohan Gardens, Slocan Lake and the Fireman’s Christmas tree that used to be erected outside the Post Office each year.

The New Denver Quilt Guild is a busy bunch, moving from one project to the next as soon as a quilt is completed. Past quilt projects have included quilts for the local RCMP detachment, and baby quilts for the hospital auxiliary. Their next project is Quilts for Valour, for Canada’s returning soldiers.

“This year our guild does a community project,” says Roberts. “Every year our guild does a community project,” says Roberts. “This year we wanted to do the restoration as our project.”

Since 1973, the New Denver Quilt Guild has donated the quilt to the Silvery Slocan Museum. For more information on our community projects, the New Denver Quilt Guild restored a quilt depicting several historic buildings in the community. The guild has donated the quilt to the Silvery Slocan Museum.


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New Denver Quilt Guild presents historic quilt to museum

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Valley Voice
Radcliffe Ridge group holds fundraising dinner and dance
submitted by Kirsten Olsen
Join us for dinner, dancing, and door prizes in a celebratory fundraiser on Saturday, April 24 at the Vallican Whole to support ongoing development of community awareness of land and water stewardship roles. Entertainment provided by blues-rock band Roxy. Beer garden and doors at 5:30 pm, dance at 8 pm. All funds raised will go towards independent assessment of logging plans in local watersheds, and continued monitoring of potentially impacted streams and water sources. This is a co-presentation brought to you by Slocan Park Community Action for Responsible Ecology Society (SP CARES) and Rural Alternatives Research and Training Society (RARTS).

The SP CARE Society formed in 2008 for the purposes of staying active in the stewardship of the water and land in our community, and with the hopes of influencing policy decisions to reflect responsible ecology that spans generations. We and other community members filed a complaint with the Forest Practices Board regarding the sale of four cutblocks in Slocan Park’s domestic use watershed. We also established an ongoing water monitoring program in partnership with Jen and Tony Yew of the Passmore Water Lab and a grant from the Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives fund.

We would like to thank Jen and Tony for their excellent leadership role and donation of their time, in establishing this important baseline watershed information. We would like to thank Herb Hammond for donation of his time and expertise in presentation to the community of his Ecosystem Based Conservation Planning (EBCP), which looks at landscapes and land use planning from a new, inspiring, and interconnected perspective. We thank Area H Director Walter Popoff for standing up with us for our water rights and for presenting Herb Hammond’s EBC plan to the Ministry of Forests representative at the Union of BC Municipalities conference.

And of course, thank you to the Sinixt for their participation, inspiration, and information. We also engaged the Freedom of Information Act to discover that the four Slocan Park cutblocks were tacked on to an amendment to our area’s Forest Stewardship Plan in 2007, and thus all the industry statements of ‘public consultation’, ‘comment periods’, ‘advertisements in newspapers’, and ‘notification of water users’ become nonsensical.

Last fall we launched the Watershed Aug newsletter. Thanks to volunteer Nelle Mausey for the in-depth coverage of current watershed and water issues in our community. The Spring 2010 editions covering proposed ‘modernization’ of the BC Water Act is available this week. Look for it in local stores in the Valley or email Save.Radcliffe.Ridge@gmail.com for a free electronic copy.

Tickets at Eddy’s Music in Nelson, Frog Peak Café in Crescent Valley, and Nothin’ Fancy at Slocan Park Service. Dinner and Dance $25 or come at 8 pm for $15 and dance the night away!

Don’t pay the HST on the Nakusp Music Fest submitted
The Nakusp Music Fest wants everyone to save the HST by buying their Music Fest tickets before May 1. The HST will be charged after May 1 for all events that happen after July 1.

“The price of a three day ticket will go up by $11.67,” festival organizers wrote in a press release. “We here at Music Fest have done our part by keeping prices the same as last year but we can’t stop the government from increasing this tax so we want everyone to buy early and save some money.”

Some highlights of this year’s festival include Bachman and Turner, Eric Burdon and the Animals, Doc Walker, Bif Naked, and 54/40. There will be 19 bands in total to grace the stage.

For more information call 1-877-265-5565.

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Sleeping Around the West Kootenays

with Andrew Rhodes

Sensual serenity at the Bigelow Bay Cabins

Hello once again folks. This week I’ve left the food behind again and concentrated instead on the very new and very wonderful Bigelow Bay Cabins owned and operated by my friend Joyp Schumann.

Here’s how it happened. A couple of months ago I was chatting with my neighbor Joyp and mentioned that if she ever left town and needed a house sitter for her cabins, I’d make myself available. Well, sure enough, last week she phoned me and said “How about this coming Tuesday and Wednesday?” YAY!!! That’s how I came to spend two magical days and nights at one of her two almost brand new cabins on Bigelow Bay in the woods. I’m so overwhelmed by this place and its surroundings that it’s hard to know where to start, so I’ll start with Joyp’s dream.

“I wanted to create and provide a place where people could come to find themselves, to heal, to breath, and to be,” she says, “and I wanted to include and welcome people with disabilities into this mix.”

What she’s brought into being is all of this and more. Bigelow Bay, as many of you know, is a place with stunning views of Slocan Lake, the rocky shoreline, and the majestic Valhallas. What we call the New Denver Glacier is sort of the ice-cream topping on the view. Slocan Lake is a mystifying lake that changes moods and colours constantly, and I watched for hours at a time. It brought me a great deal of peace.

Then I’d walk up to the cabin for a Jacuzzi and have lunch, walk into town for groceries, bring them back, go back to the lake, then back to the cabin for dinner and a bit of reading. Then, before dusk I’d return to the lakeshore. Lucky me.

All of the trades people and artists that built this place are local people. Randy Angipano, a Jack of all trades and a master of most, was the main builder. My pal Ranger Bob Fuhrer built the beautiful birch and fir tables and headboards with his bare hands. River Battisti and Adey Bokstrom did much of the landscaping and patio work. The fine cabinetry is courtesy of Loren Oldham. Joyp’s touch is everywhere.

This place is full of magic. It’s waiting for you. Put Joyp’s Bigelow Bay Cabins on your own list of accommodations suitable for yourself, your friends and your family. You can’t go wrong at these cabins snuggled in the woods above Slocan Lake. Joyp’s dream came true.

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Nakusp ski and board teams do well at provincials

submitted

The Nakusp high school ski and board teams attended the BC Secondary Schools Alpine Championships in Rossland February 28 to March 3.

On March 1, the snowboarders, under the guidance of coaches Matt McKee and Noel Ballard, had a two-run race on a board terrain course. This was a new event and the boarders were much envied by most of the skiers, who wanted to join them on this challenging course of jumps and bunked corners. Each racer went down this course one at a time, unlike a true boarder cross event. While the boarders raced, the skiers cheered them on.

The next day, the snowboarders were the ones riding and cheering as the skiers did a two-run slalom course, with their coaches Doug and Brenda McQuair. Coach Susie Cliff Madden stayed back home but her thoughts were with the teams.

The last day saw all racers back in their bibs as the snowboarders and skiers each had a one-run giant slalom course to race down. They put in excellent efforts and placed well. Because our teams had female and male racers in each event, their overall standings had strong showings compared to some other schools in the province. The racers showed excellent sportsmanship with helping out on the courses and being some of the least ragged of the racing squads. Parents and parent helpers were proud of them and would like to thank the surrounding communities for their support and donations for this event.

The girls’ snowboard team placed seventh out of 16 teams. Kathleen Fox scored the top points for this team with a combined placing of 21st out of 57.

The boys’ snowboard team placed fourth out of the 62 competitors. Douglas scored top combined points for this team with 14th place, while Dylan came in 15th and Sam 18th. These three were in the top 20 out of 62 competitors. The team missed getting bronze medals by two points. The two snowboard teams combined for a third overall standing.

The boys’ ski team placed 7th out of 18 teams. Tyler Hascarl placed 23rd out of 43 competitors.

The ski teams combined for a fifth overall standing.

The girls’ ski team placed 7th out of 18 teams. Claire Jackson was the top point gatherer by placing 20th, combined time, out of 70 female racers.

Tillier’s Folly returns for encore performance in Nakusp

submitted

For the seventh year running, the Arrow Lakes Arts Council is presenting Tillier’s Folly as the fourth concert for the 2009-2010 season. Tillier’s Folly will be performing on Friday, April 9 at the auditorium of the Nakusp Arena Complex, starting at 8 pm.

Tillier’s Folly includes Bruce Coughlan, Laurence Knight and Nolan Murray, the Pacific Northwest’s internationally travelled, virtuosic ambassadors of song. In a career that spans 13 years and eight CDs, they have explored a broad range of acoustic roots music including Celtic, bluegrass, folk, rock, and alternative roots. Tillier’s Folly original songs are usually featured at folk or roots music festivals, while they perform a mixed variety at community festivals or in concert settings.

This will be their second appearance in Nakusp. Tickets are available at the Broadway Deli or at the door.

For additional information, please call Tawny Sidwell (250) 265-3809 istawny@gmail.com

Closing date for applications will be April 23, 2010

Summer Camps

 grund Water Park

Regional Rec Commission No. 4 Help Wanted

Recreation Commission #4 is hiring for the following positions:

Summer Day Camp for Kids Program Supervisor & Assistant
(Applicants must have a current student status and should be attending school in the fall) Positions will be approximately 7 weeks For additional information, please call Tawny Sidwell (250) 265-3809 istawny@gmail.com Closing date for applications will be April 23, 2010

Summer Swim Program Two Instructors
(Applicants should be certified Red Cross Instructors) Positions will be approximately 4 weeks For additional information, please call Joseph Hughes (250) 265-4071 jh_nakusp@live.com Closing date for swim instructors is May 7, 2010 Rates of pay for the above positions will be based upon experience Please send resumes to: Recreation Commission #4 Box 613, Nakusp, BC, V0G 1R0

The Arrow Lakes Arts Council PRESENTS

TILLER’S FOLLY
Friday, April 9, 8:00 pm at the AUDITORIUM of the
NAKUSP ARENA COMPLEX
in an evening of Celtic influenced music Doors open at 7:30 pm.
Tickets : Adults: $20; Seniors: $15 & Students: $10 (60 & over) (17 & under)
Available at Broadway Deli or at the door!

Hospitality Hosts:
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Town of Galena Bay, Trout Lake and all points surrounding communities for their support and would like to thank the parents and parent helpers who have all helped to make the mine a success. Roca also thanks the Ministry of Energy Mines and Petroleum Resources and the Ministry of Environment for their ongoing support of the MAX Molybdenum Mine.

Regional Recruitment

Mountains’ Faye Fox bids for the World Equestrian Games

by Dan Spring

Given the hardy rural culture of the Shuswap Valley, we are blessed with an award-winning equestrian coach, Faye Fox of Summit Lake. In 2008, Fox won the Athlete Community Excellence (ACE) Leadership Award for her work in teaching children how to ride. The ACE is a province-wide award, administered by the BC Colleges’ Athletic Association, which recognizes excellence in coaching in all athletic disciplines. Along with her 61-year-old mother, Faye hopes to attend the World Equestrian Games (WEG) with the help of her fellow Kootenayites. “The WEG are like the Olympics of equestrianism,” Fox says. “And it’s always been allowed in places spread across all over Europe. For the first time this year it will be held in one place, in Kentucky. It’s much closer for our Canadian athletes to go.”

If Fox could attend the WEG, she believes she could bring back new coaching skills to share with the children of the Kootenays. Fox is short on funds to attend the event, however, and so has entered a contest held by Equine Canada that awards a trip to the WEG to the person with the most votes.

To vote for Faye, visit Equine Canada’s website at www.equinecanada.ca
Bourne and Kirk to perform in Slocan Valley

submitted

Juno Award winning singer-songwriter Bill Bourne will be returning to Nelson’s famous Village Night with a line up of famous guests and three shows with local songwriter and performer Alan Kirk. The duo will appear at Sleep In For Sissies in Winlaw Friday, May 7, 9, 8 pm, the Silverton Gallery Sunday, April 11, 8 pm, and the TNT Playhouse in Nelson Saturday, April 10, 8 pm.

A multiple Canadian Juno Award winner, Bourne has received international acclaim for his recordings and live performances. A mainstay on the international roots scene, life on the road is reflected in his music – powerful rhythms and soulful songs, steeped in world beat, blues, Cajun, Celtic, folk, roots, country and more.

Bourne has a long history of musical collaboration, his most recent one with Jasmine Othlhauzer and Wyckham Porteous in the band Hop Ensemble. Prior to that project Bourne collaborated with Eivør Pálsdóttir from the Faroe Islands on Eivør’s third solo CD, eivør. The recording won double at the Danish Music Awards Folk in 2006. Past collaborations include Alan MacLeod, Shannon Johnson, Lester Quinatz and Madagascar Slim, among many others. His solo work has been equally well received.

Alan Kirk’s catchy, energetic songs have been licensed for TV, commercials and film. His music has been compared to many popular favorites, and he has performed solo and with The Alternators in Canada, the US, Europe and beyond. Kirk has also been featured on CBC Radio, and appeared on various compilations. These shows also mark the first time that local label Phonic Records, owned by Kirk, will be promoting a show featuring a touring artist. Hopefully the first of many pairings according to the youth themselves, “a celebration of our community assets.”

There will be skate boarding under the lights in the evening, an open art session with Toumbi, a pool and dart tournament in the youth centre, and outdoor active games for children, youth, and family members of all ages. With funding support from the McCreary Foundation, the event is free for all.

If you wish to volunteer, run a special event, or help with setup, please call WE Graham Community Service Society at 250-355-2484.

Well known roots musician Bill Bourne comes to Winlaw and Silverton to perform with local songwriter Alan Kirk.

For more information visit www.phonicrecords.com or www.billbourne.com or contact KirkVision@gmail.com.

McCreary youth plan community celebration in Slocan

submitted

A group of volunteers made up of Slocan Valley youth is planning a family fun day for Saturday April 10, in Slocan. Activities begin at 2 pm at WE Graham Community Centre. A barbecue dinner will be followed by Wasatchi Collective, who will get us hopping at the Slocan Legion from 6-10 pm. The day is sponsored by the McCreary Foundation of Vancouver.

Every three years, the foundation conducts a youth health survey in high schools throughout the province. The following year, they pick a community from their survey results, and invite a group of youth to review the health issues and present them to their community.

In November, the Slocan Valley youth group reviewed the survey results from the valley, then they came up with some of their own ideas about youth related health issues. They created a YouTube video about their fear of school closure and the resulting impact on themselves and their community. These issues will be presented at the April 10 event. However, the focus of the event is, according to the youth themselves, “a celebration of our community assets.”

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Cut level for TFL3 remains the same

submitted

The allowable annual cut (AAC) for the TFL 3 in the West Kootenay area remains at 80,000 cubic metres, announced Deputy Chief Forester Melanie Boyce. The area covers about 70,000 hectares near the village of Slocan.

“This tree farm licence area continues to have a stable timber supply,” said Boyce. “Therefore after reviewing all the current information and comprehensive new analysis, I have Kootenay Skateboard Series comes to Slocan

submitted

Kootenay skateboarders just got a major boost with a series of summer events that will bring boarding to the streets of the valley.

Whether you skate just for fun or skate for life, the 2010 Kootenay Skateboard Series is for you. Events will be hosted at the Kaslo, Kaslo, Kootenay, Invermere, Nelson and Trail. The series will provide an opportunity for skateboarders to attain points toward an overall trophy in their age category, including under 14, 15-16 (open), Old School Riders and Women’s.

Valley skateboarders will have their chance Sunday, April 10 for the Slocan City NitroSkate from 3-10:55 pm at the skatepark by WE Graham school. Then it’s on to the Salmo Slamo Saturday, May 15 from 9 am-10 pm at the Salmo Indoor Skate Bowl. From there skateboarders are invited to attend Kaslo May Days on Sunday, May 23 from 11 am-4 pm.

The tour continues throughout summer and into the fall. For more information visit bcskateboarding.org, email bcskateboarding@live.com or contact Ty Smith at 250-354-9767.

Kootenay Skateboard Series comes to Slocan

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Equestrian safety seminar offered in Slocan Valley

submitted

Marion Weisskopf will be in the Slocan Valley Thursday, April 1, 2010 from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm to give a seminar on horse care. She will be assisting members of the Slocan Valley Outriders Association (SVOA) at their Arlington Road grounds in Slocan City to teach skills in the areas of riding, driving, groundwork, high lining, ponying, as well as teaching horses to lie down and bow. The course will cost $25. Spectators are welcome.

For more information call 250-358-7105.
Nakusp sustainability strategy sets carbon reduction targets

by Art Joyce

Nakusp is well on its way to achieving sustainability as a community and an estimate of the vehicle fuel consumption for the baseline year of 2007. The associated GHG emissions are also calculated for each energy consumption type, as well as for estimated waste emissions.

The sustainable Nakusp plan’s final draft notes that the calculation for the baseline year of 2007 takes into account that there is no natural gas service, so energy use is divided between electricity, wood and oil heating. Nakusp’s current 25 percent of homes using oil. There were 1,140 vehicles licensed in Nakusp as of 2007 for a population of about 1,500. The total estimated GHG emissions in the community in 2007 was 14,570 tonnes of CO2, about 8.5 tonnes per person. This compares well with Creston, which had an estimated 9 tonnes per person.

A ‘business as usual’ scenario to forecast energy consumption and GHG emissions is generated which assumes the Province will do everything it says it will do in improvements to buildings and vehicle fleet standards, but the local government does nothing different, and population growth remains constant at current rates. From 2010 to 2020 the rise in energy use and emissions from population growth will be more or less balanced by the efficiencies in buildings and transport. After 2020, with no new efficiency increases, emissions rise proportionally to population growth.

With the passage of Nakusp’s OCP in 2008, all residential zones are now permitted to contain secondary units, houses and garden suites. These smaller housing units use considerably less energy and thus produce less carbon emissions per unit as well as reducing transportation emissions due to the increased housing density. The sustainable Nakusp plan sets a target of having 50 percent of dwellings with secondary units or carriage houses by 2030, and to have residents reduce in-town driving by 10 percent.

The Village also has set a goal to promote energy efficient retrofits, especially of older buildings. This along with encouraging restoration work on heritage buildings. A retrofit of a residence could reduce energy driving by 10-15 percent. By encouraging an anti-idling bylaw for vehicles, the Village is on the path to reducing carbon emissions by 10-15 percent. By encouraging a residence could reduce energy driving by 10-15 percent. By encouraging.

Nakusp Community Forest has modest plans this year

by Art Joyce

At a recent open house, Nakusp Community Forest shared its operating and financial results for 2009. Nakusp Community Forest is a non-profit Corporation that owns the post-harvesting follow-up on the Galena Bay cutoff. The board has taken out three cutting permits at Foshaal, Sleswick and East Wensley creeks this year.

“We’re not really planning to do a whole lot of logging this year for obvious reasons,” says Nakusp Community Forest Manager Neil Neilsen. “Potentially we could do some harvesting in Sleswick and East Wensley but the economic conditions will probably put that off. By June we have come up quite a bit, but that’s been countered by a high Canadian dollar and slow housing starts in the US.

The community forest will be pursuing funding from the BC Forest Investment Account for work on an interpretive or recreation trail in the Nakusp area. The project will be about $25,000 available to Nakusp. If the project costs exceed that amount the board will have to pursue additional funding from other sources. As a side project, Neilsen has been investigating potential uses of waste wood besides just burning it.

“With the management being a major objective, we have to figure out a way to manage that too now.”

From the start of the community forest, waste wood projects has been one of its major concerns. Neilsen says the economics are tricky due to Nakusp’s distance from processing facilities. The board is open to ideas for other alternatives although this often requires funding beyond what Community Forest shares. Community Forest only has available. The Job Opportunities Program has some opportunities but is limited to funding projects a year.

Nakusp Public Library does record year in 2009

submitted by Evelyn Goodell

The Nakusp Public Library enjoyed its busiest year in 2009. There are those who predict the demise of books and libraries, but the Nakusp Public Library’s 2009 annual report indicates that the community needs and wants library service more than ever. Last year the library circulated 57,938 items, including books, magazines, movies, and audio books. There were 2,148 patrons registered at the library as of the end of last year. Nakusp Public Library has achieved higher circulation per capita than the provincial average.

Also outstanding last year were the 1,350 volunteer hours given to the Library, and the 30 members of the Friends of the Library. This group helped to facilitate a number of programs and services, such as home delivery, decorating the library with flowers and paintings, repairs, and more.

The library couldn’t function without volunteer support and effort. The library offered a record-breaking number of programs in 2009.

For the Love of Poetry was the most popular event, attracting 45 people who enjoyed readings of a wide variety of poets. Six authors visited and read from their works to enthusiastic audiences. Special book discussion sessions were also outstanding last year. When one looks at the statistics through the years, the growth of the library is impressive. Thirty years ago, the library had 500 patrons registered and borrowed 11,000 books and magazines.

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### ALESS warns of IPP impacts on Burton creeks

Large energy corporations, including AXOR, have applied to install two independent power projects (IPPs) on several watersheds that flow into Caribou Creek. The watersheds involved by doing its own interviews. The water, the creek bed virtually void of water for miles, creek temperatures rising due to lack of shade, and the use of herbicides to keep transmission corridors free of vegetation.”

ALESS envisions a bleak future for the creek should IPPs move forward. In a press release written by ALESS public relations officer Hans Dummenaaf, “to understand that damming the Arrow Lakes ... impeded the flow of fish nutrient to such an extent it ultimately led to starving 80 percent of native and non-native Arrow fish stock to death.”

For more information contact ALESS President Alice Watson at 250-265-3328.
Kaslo council debates City Hall restoration project

by Jan McMurray

Council at its regular meeting of March 23 heard a presentation by Chris Dobie, confirming agreements made at the March 10 meeting regarding the City Hall project. He confirms that the design team (David Dobie and Thomas Lough) will continue their work until they have written confirmation of the extension for the CBT grant. As soon as they receive the go-ahead, they will meet with library representatives to discuss their concerns, co-ordinate with all sub-consultants including a structural engineer, and complete the building permit application. He encourages the Village to continue working on the sewer connection and the eventual relocation of the fire hall in the meantime.

Councillor Leatherwood suggested that council take a serious look at the top floor of the City Hall in the context of the restoration project and the building permit. The plan is to renovate the top floor to be a public space, with a capacity of 100 people. Because this changes the original use of the top floor, the building code requirements get a bit complicated and impose additional costs. In the interests of speeding the project, Leatherwood asks council to look at changing the use of the top floor at this time. “All we really need to do is restore it to its original look. What we use it for can be determined after the fact,” she says.

In an email to council, Councillor Cormie pointed out that CBT funding is contingent on creating a public space on the top floor. She also spoke against doing the project in a piecemeal fashion. Councillor Frazey agreed, noting that the building permit was already good for one year, so all requirements would be met within that period. Council voted to contact the CBT to ask if there would be any impact on the permit if the use of the top floor were to be changed. Councillors Frazey and Cormie opposed the motion.

Councillor Frazey received a letter from Dave Boland of the Kaslo Car Show Committee, expressing his dismay at council’s decision to limit the number of May Days bumcart competition to six. Boland’s letter indicates that this came as a surprise, as council approved the bumcart event at the February 23 council meeting following a presentation from a car show committee member. At that meeting, council’s only condition was that the event and its potential negative health impacts be appropriately addressed.

Councillor Leatherwood suggested that council discuss changing the location of the Saturday Market to the vimy Park (former hockey rink). There are washrooms already there, and says she has spoken to several downtown business owners who do not feel the bowling green location benefits them. Council agreed to refer this to the Development Services committee meeting of April 1. Kaslo Hotel owner John Eckland and Saturday Market representatives have been invited. Council will not consider re-visiting the motion to get voter approval to borrow $355,000 to lease a new backhoe. Councillors Cormie and Frazey were in favour of re-visiting the decision. They said they felt that replacing the water reservoir liner was a bigger priority than the backhoe, which has mostly minor repair issues. Mayor Lay disagreed. Mayor Lay and Councillors Hewat and Leatherwood voted against re-visiting the decision to get voter approval for the “alternative approach process” to borrow the money.

Resident Jill Braley’s request that the agenda package for council meetings be available to the public prior to the meetings was referred to the Municipal Services committee. Braley says in her letter to council that the Village of Kaslo has been “looking at a blue binder at council meetings. She points out that this does not give the public an opportunity to contact their elected representatives with their points of view. She also pointed out the challenges before council makes decisions.

Braley will receive a response, advising her that “it is the policy of the Village of Kaslo that the agenda is addressed to elected council members and not public until received in open meeting allowing council members to comment.” Councillor Cormie wanted clarification on the word “unfettered” and made it clear that she was very much in favour of making the agenda package available at the time the agenda is posted.

Kaslo heritage committee considers next steps

by Art Joyce

Kaslo’s City Hall conservation committee may soon be seeing some changes. At a meeting the afternoon of March 29, chair Donna Cormie noted the committee made progress on many fronts and is in a position to make some requests to the council. For example, Cormie said that CBT liaison Nelly Edmeades has provided verbal clarification on the grant money available for the restoration project’s CBT Community Development program funding of $100,000 for phase one. Phase two would capitalize on the outcome of a grant application from Parks Canada’s Historic Places program. Cormie said that CBT liaison Linda Lafleur has provided verbal confirmation that the elevator be placed under the authority of a public body, possibly the village. Lafleur later confirmed with the Village that the paperwork for the extension will be signed. The Village council would then know approximately when the structural assessment required to build a permit. Mayor Lay was also concerned about how the Village would raise the estimated $1.5 million needed for the restoration.

Mayor Lay said the other need to do is getting the building permit in place so we can spend the money on the project.” Cormie said, “We have buy-in from several levels of government. I’m quite sure that money is going to come in. We are looking forward to the day when the restoration project is an economic generator.”

Mayor Lay said the other need is the sewer system, and the other fire sprinkler system work would work. Cormie said the current septic system for City Hall “obviously won’t pass inspection,” so an extension to the Village of Kaslo’s system is most likely. The fire hall will definitely be moving, and the cinder block extension on City Hall will be removed.文物遗产委员会秘书科里·休斯说已经生产了一个预算来展示那里的木材可以从中获利。这些是来自一个欣赏会的来信的描述。这可能是一个非常好的机会来展示那些地板的构造。而这些人也可能会来检查那里的水和湖的风景。如果那里的村会同意，社会会可以使用供款来构建一个联系的桥梁。这也会让游客们更容易地去到湖的上面。因为社会也正在努力来利用这些供款来构建重新的哈罕族的火瞭望塔。在那之后，赖斯顿的Director Sho Hur将会引导着游客走下那条走道。再之后，Trailblazers将会有在每场活动前的电话和消息传递。更多信息请访问网页和博客保持在Tammy Hovick的www.kaslotrailblazers.org。
Starting the B&B season

There are a lot of things I like that begin with the letter B, including barbeques, babies and beer, but more significantly this is the season for the bicycles and boats. After 28 years as a cyclist and 18 years in the bike business, I’m shifting evermore to spending time on the paddle and the power and downsizing my wardrobe. I’m shifting evermore to spending time hiking, sweating, kayaking and spending a day sipping that poses as food. Instead, do as I did, and spend a day sipping that poses as food. Instead, do something as creative as you can.

So the lake looks nice now and I’ve been out each week all winter in kayaks and canoes. I keep catching fish that wait in the New Denver marina. Although wintertime doesn’t seem to have those explosive summer storms and squalls that catch us off guard, there can be steady cold winds for hours at a time that build up large well-spaced waves. In summer, when things blow up fast is to head for a sheltered cove or beach and wait out things with a good book or, with a bigger boat, just face into the wind, secure everything and likely conditions will resolve within the hour.

You may be out on a mild day in April or May and able to wear light clothing but keep in mind that the water temperature remains painfully cold until at least early summer. Try wading for a few minutes or turning your feet in the water and you’ll soon find that falling in even close to the shore could be paralyzing and possibly fatal. Keep the load of gear centred and balanced and if in a canoe you can be far more stable by kneeling or sitting on the floor.

When cell phone service has arrived this year there will be far fewer times when people who are delayed or staying out longer than planned have to be searched for. We’re lucky to have the rescue boat in New Denver now but it could be called less often if phone contact could be had and the safety of lake users verified. Numerous times each year there are agonizing waits as planned meetings don’t happen or folks come back later than stated.

Several years ago I bought one of those gas-charged hand held air horns to use for scavenging bears or maybe signaling for help and I take it when I’m kayaking in areas of boat traffic in case approaching craft don’t see me. These small horns are under $20, and super loud. Life jackets and spare paddles are all things to carry always. Slocan Lake will rise over two metres in coming months and it seems every year someone’s neglected small boat floats off the beach into the lake, maybe upside down and looking very much like an accident. It would be nice to prevent this silliness and also save the boat from storm damage by making sure that any beached craft are well above the rising waters. Each year there’s also the hazard of driftwood and logs floated free by runoff.

All power boat operators must now have a hands-on use pressure craft operator card which is not too difficult to test and can be gotten in a number of ways. In the same way that cars and bicycles mingle on our roads, gas-powered boats can share our big, beautiful lakes. We’re fortunate to have this climate and deep water that prevents our lakes from freezing, and we can enjoy them at all times of the year.

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Nelson are humming and I found that if you want to talk to someone, you either need lots of patience or an appointment. I had neither so it took me five phone calls to connect with the general manager, Josh Hynes. It was worth it though because Josh is organized, friendly and competent. He suggested I take the brand new Ford Fusion Hybrid out for a test and I jumped at the chance.

When I showed up at the dealership, Keith Phillips was on hand to guide me through the complexities of Ford’s hybrid technology and answer my myriad of technical questions. Keith has been in the motor trade practically since they invented the automobile, so he’s a great resource.

The first thing I noticed about Ford’s $36,000 flagship hybrid model was its stunning good looks. I know this is a subjective thing, but I don’t think many will disagree with me. The seats are comfortable. The ergonomics are great. This is a car made for gobbling up the kilometers in great comfort. Visibility is great all around, but Ford has included some nifty technology that include a back-up camera to spot that lawnmower ditched behind the car you are about to back over. It also has blind spot sensors that illuminate an amber light in the side rear-view alerting you to the danger of a lane change with a car in this dangerous side blind spot. I have to say though that I wouldn’t want to pay the repair bill for a damaged rear bumper that also includes the camera sensors placed here. Surely there would have been a less vulnerable location to place them. The steering wheel includes controls for the cruise control, the stereo system and your ubiquitous cell phone controls. The stereo system is first rate – 390 watts of continuous power with 12 speakers and two amplifiers. Sirius satellite radio comes standard. The safety features include six airbags plus a knee airbag for the driver to keep her from sliding under the dash. Traction and stability control are coupled with the ABS brakes, which have good progressive braking right up to full emergency stop. This car will shine in slippery and icy conditions. I would rate the suspension near the top of the heap. The front end is double wishbone McPherson’s with an innovative multilink twist blade setup in the back.

It is easy to forget this is a hybrid car. When you turn it on there is no noise and you have to check the green arrow on the dash to see if it is in ‘go’ mode. Acceleration is brisk at all speeds and the transmission is a marvel. This transmission is like no other I have ever driven – a constant velocity unit much like the two pulley arrangement on a snow machine. It’s simple and works flawlessly. There are no shifting points or bumps as you accelerate or decelerate.

Everything is seamless. The engine is a 4 cylinder 2.3 l Atkinson cycle gas unit coupled to a permanent magnet AC-synchronous electric motor. Regenerative braking and the petrol engine recharge the NiCad batteries, which are stored behind the back seat. I would love to talk in great detail about this power unit but the editor won’t give me that much room and it is probably enough to just say that the whole unit works great. I like hybrid technology and have devoted a previous column to Toyota’s Prius. Ford likes to compare their hybrid model to the Toyota Camry hybrid, but if you are to compare the Fusion hybrid to the new Prius, I feel the Fusion comes up a bit short. They both have about the same seating capacity and comfort but the Prius sells for about $5,000 less, is much more stingy on fuel, and produces fewer pollutants. The Fusion can pull off about 60 mpg in town, (4.6/100km) where you get full advantage of the regenerative braking but manages only about 50 mpg (5.4l/100km) on the highway where most valley residents will use this car. This efficiency is little over the standard petrol engine Fusion. Towing a trailer is out of the question.

That’s not to say that I wouldn’t buy a Fusion. It would be a great commuter car for a busy, city person. I like the car a lot, but I probably wouldn’t pay the extra $6,000 for the hybrid model as the battery pack will need to be replaced in 8-10 years to the tune of about $8,000 and the fuel savings just don’t justify this expense.

All in all I would rate the Ford Fusion highly, I think you will have a positive experience with the sales staff and the service personnel, but I have to admit to being slightly ‘underwhelmed’ by their Fusion hybrid model, if you are in the market for a hybrid vehicle, you really should go down and try one for yourself.

The Fusion is a new Ford Fusion. Things down at Nelson Ford in Nelson have been humming since the invention of the automobile, so they are humming now. The Ford Fusion is a good car with a price tag of $36,000. It is a hybrid car with a regenerative braking system that recharges theNiCad batteries. The car also has a 4-cylinder 2.3 l Atkinson cycle gas unit coupled to a permanent magnet AC-synchronous electric motor. The car is very smooth and the transmission is seamless. The car has six airbags and a knee airbag for the driver. The suspension is double wishbone McPherson’s with an innovative multilink twist blade setup in the back. The car's suspension is near the top of the heap. The car comes with Sirius satellite radio and has a 390-watt stereo system with 12 speakers and two amplifiers. The car also has a regenerative braking system that recharges theNiCad batteries.

The Fusion comes with a 4 year warranty and has a very high resale value. The car also has a 15% down payment option, and you can trade in your old car and get a new one. The Fusion is a great car and I highly recommend it.