Blockade delays logging operation on Slocan Park cutblock

by Jan McMurray

A blockade by local individuals delayed the logging of the most contentious cutblock in a domestic watershed above homes in Slocan Park by 10 days.

The blockade went up at 6:45 am on Wednesday, August 11, the day the logging was scheduled to start. It ended on Friday, August 20 at approximately 5 pm, the same day the court issued an injunction ordering the people off the road. Logging operations began the next day, Saturday, August 21 at 7 am.

The blockaders are not members of the Slocan Park CARE Society, which has been working with the loggers to address concerns about water quality and slope stability on all four Slocan Park cutblocks. Rather, the blockaders are residents acting on their own accord to protect the public interest in domestic water sources.

Although one of the blockaders, Kirstin-Chase Olsen, is the former chair of the CARE Society, which has been working with the loggers to address concerns about water and slope stability on all four Slocan Park cutblocks. Olsen states that she was fully engaged in the work of the CARE Society prior to May 15, “but it did not change one thing about the rights of the indigenous people who have not been consulted on this logging in their territory.”

Sandi Kabel of the Slocan Park CARE Society confirmed that the society had nothing to do with the blockade and was not in communication with the blockaders. “We feel that there is no way legally or illegally to stop the logging, so the best thing is to bring attention to the community’s concerns and to be persistent about it.”

Kabel feels the society has made a lot of progress with the contractor, Steve Barabonoff of CPS Investments, and the licencee, Bill Kestell of Porcupine Wood Products. “We respect that they have a job to do and we feel they have become a lot more sensitive to our issues,” she says. “We’ve negotiated some decent protection. It’s not the platinum plan, but it’s much better than it was. The platinum plan would be that they wouldn’t log in communities at all.”

Before the blockade, society members walked the cutblock with Barabonoff of CPS and Kestell of Porcupine, who described changes they were prepared to make to accommodate the society’s concerns. They followed up by providing documentation of those changes. Society members worked with Herb Hammond on further changes, and presented a letter of understanding detailing all the desired changes to Barabonoff and Kestell on August 10. Although the letter of understanding was not signed by Porcupine and CPS, they did agree to continue working with the society to take further protective measures.

The latest update to society members states that the society has negotiated to remove the steep slopes north of the slide area from the prescription, that the slide area will have a riparian reserve of 30 metres on either side and that the S6 streams will have a riparian reserve of 20 metres in total. This means that the merchantable timber will be left standing in these riparian reserve areas.

Kabel reports that these changes still have to be approved by BCTS, but it looks like they are amenable to them. Once these areas have been ribboned, CPS and Porcupine will walk the block with society members to discuss and come to an agreement. CPS will avoid logging in these areas until the agreement is made.
Wildsight warns of grizzly population fracture at Jumbo

submitted

Any further steps by the Province to approve the Jumbo Glacier Resort would be based on dated, incomplete information about grizzly bears, say conservation groups Wildsight and the Jumbo Creek Conservation Society. Dr. Michael Proctor’s latest studies warn of a ‘fracture’ in grizzly populations resulting from the JGR development proposal, which should be considered in the decision.

“While it has taken time to decide about the JGR resort application, state-of-the-art science has been going on, and we have the advantage of new and compelling information,” said Dave Quinn of Wildsight. “When the Province extended JGR’s outdated 2004 Environmental Assessment in 2009, with no changes, they ignored grizzly research from 2007 that showed bear numbers in the Purcells were much lower than anyone expected. Something was wrong. Now we have insights into what caused the problems.”

The Purcells has reached the point where bear numbers aren’t rebounding from their low numbers. Is this a time to approve a large all-season resort deep in the backcountry of the Purcells? Can the Province extend JGR’s outdated 2004 Environmental Assessment in 2009, with no changes, they ignored grizzly research from 2007 that showed bear numbers in the Purcells were much lower than anyone expected. Something was wrong. Now we have insights into what caused the problems?

Even more importantly, it looks like the Purcell grizzly bear is important to surrounding threatened subs-populations. The new research was summarized by Proctor in a letter to the Environmental Assessment Office and the BC ministers in charge of the environment, tourism and forest sectors. In the letter, Proctor asked the government to consider his comments. Beyond the limiting human-use he identified three ‘patterns of interest’ concerning the proposed resort.

First, he cited extensive fragmentation of the regional bear distribution that has led to small, at-risk ‘sub-populations.’ Second, he said bears in the Purcells are part of a ‘regional anchor’ sub-population that will be essential to adjacent subs-populations survival. Third, he said highways, human settlement and developments are the main causes of fragmentation.

“Therein lies the risk of the Jumbo Glacier Resort to the Purcell-Selkirk anchor sub-population,” Proctor wrote. “To improve the status of the Purcell grizzly (and allow them to make their critical regional contribution) it will likely be necessary to improve the balance of human use and wildlife habitat needs. The JGR would challenge our ability to accomplish that goal.”

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“Government has a duty to integrate the new (and the 2007 results) science-based information into the decision process,” says Quinn. “They claim to want to let science guide their land use policies; here is a good opportunity to do just that.” Quinn said bears in the Purcells are part of a ‘regional anchor’ sub-population that will be essential to adjacent subs-populations survival. Third, he said highways, human settlement and developments are the main causes of fragmentation.

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Kootenay Savings among top 50 workplaces in North America

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The ‘I Love Rewards’ program announces Kootenay Savings as one of North America’s 50 most engaged workplaces. This annual award recognizes top employers that display leadership and innovation towards engaging their employees.

“The organizations included in this year’s ‘I Love Rewards 50 Most Engaged Workplaces Award’ have created an environment where engaged employees truly are their greatest assets,” said Razor Saleman, CEO and founder of I Love Rewards.

The panel of judges evaluated each applicant on how they measured up to other organizations based on the eight elements of employee engagement. These elements include: communication, leadership, culture, rewards and recognition, professional and personal growth, accountability and performance, vision and values and corporate social responsibility.

“We are extremely pleased to be recognized in this way. There is a direct relationship between employee satisfaction and member satisfaction, and employee engagement is a key strategy of Kootenay Savings. Our employees are critical to our success and we value their contributions,” said Brent Tremblay, President and CEO, Kootenay Savings.
by Art Joyce

“When a government takes over a people’s economic life it becomes absolute, and when it has become absolute it destroys the arts, the minds, the liberties and the meaning of the people it governs.” This statement by American playwright James Maxwell Anderson seems to sum up the current state of the arts in BC in the wake of crushing funding cuts by the Liberal government. This despite the fact that a study commissioned by that government determined that for every dollar given to the arts, $1.36 in economic activity is generated – a far better rate of return than most bank accounts or stocks.

The latest development in the crisis is that BC Arts Council (BCAC) chair Jane Danzo has tendered her resignation in order to speak out against these cuts. She is particularly concerned about the government’s establishment of the Arts Legacy Fund; the government’s rejection of the recommendation of its own Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services that arts funding be restored to 2008/2009 levels; and the lack of a real arms-length relationship with the government as evidence that the BCAC board does not “have a voice independent of government.”

The BCAC’s mandate includes the role of advising provincial cabinet on arts issues, and its 15-member board is appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council. The Arts Council Act stipulates that the board’s main purpose is to provide support for the arts and culture sector in BC. Yet according to Danzo, the council was not consulted in the establishment of the Arts Legacy Fund, nor given any information prior to its announcement. The $30 million fund—to be administered over three years—was supposedly created to alleviate the effect of previous funding cuts.

David Diamond, co-founder of Headlines Theatre in Nanaimo, in a letter to Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts Kevin Krueger, notes that the logo of the BC Arts Council used to read “supported by the Province of British Columbia” and now reads, “an agency” of the Province. Diamond, like Danzo, sees this as evidence that the arm’s-length relationship between the council and government is being compromised, with worrying implications for how arts funding will be allocated.

“When governments in other countries use culture for their own ideological agendas, people around the world have legitimate reasons for concern,” writes Diamond. “Do we condone any level of government telling citizens what they can or should think in BC?”

At the local level, Krista Patterson of the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance (CKCA) says that the West Kootenay Regional Arts Council (WKRC) has been told they no longer qualify for BC Arts Council funding. WKRC was advised to instead apply under a project assistance grant category for which it does not qualify. CKCA is a contractor to deliver CBT arts funding and thus isn’t affected by provincial cuts.

“We won’t impact local organizations until the spring,” says Patterson. “We’ve almost been impacted by the BC Gaming cuts but we’re just waiting for the other shoe to drop. Right now there’s a big push here for cultural tourism so we want to know how you are going to draw people?”

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BC Hydro refuses claims due to power surge in Nakusp

BC Hydro will not be providing compensation to Nakusp customers whose electrical equipment was damaged during the July 5 power outage.

The outage was caused when a tree located outside of BC Hydro’s right-of-way fell across BC Hydro’s electrical lines on Billings Road in Nakusp. BC Hydro received 40 claims for damage from Nakusp customers related to this event.

A letter from BC Hydro Claims Manager David Mix states: “In this case, when the tree fell into our lines, it caused a permanent fault between the two circuits and allowed a voltage surge of electricity to pass from the transmission lines into the distribution lines. Unfortunately, the surge into our distribution lines was then transmitted into our customers’ households. BC Hydro commissioned a tree failure report for this tree, and the report lists ‘heart rot at the butt of the tree’ as the cause of the failure. Further, we have not discovered any defects or malfunctions in any of our equipment or protective devices.”

BC Hydro investigated the incident to determine whether a malfunction in BC Hydro’s equipment or negligence on the part of BC Hydro were factors in the event. This investigation concluded that BC Hydro’s equipment operated properly and that there was no negligence on the part of BC Hydro. As a result, BC Hydro will not be providing compensation.

“When BC Hydro makes every effort to provide reliable power, there are many factors beyond our control that may cause power interruptions,” says Mix.

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School greenhouse proposal in New Denver

The plan is to construct a 30- by 60-foot greenhouse on the school’s bottom soccer field near the softball track. The money comes from a grant provided by the BC School Trustees Association and the Union of BC Municipalities. It is designed as an environmental learning centre, being shared by the school and the community for education purposes. The project is a collaboration between the school district and the Village of New Denver in response to an expressed need in the community.

Many schools in BC have greenhouses; food security issues are on the minds of most well informed citizens. Greenhouses are popular means of extending the growing season and lessening our dependence on imported produce.

As with any issue or new idea, there will be opposition. Occasionally, opposition is of the ‘not in my backyard’ (NIMBY) type. Just as often the opposition arises when people are misinformed or intentionally misled. At times of opposition, new to ideas is justified.

The article about the project in a recent Valley Voice was accurate and clear. I encourage anyone who is interested to get more information. It was apparent that still unclear are they encouraged to phone me for clarification. It would be a shame to miss this opportunity due to misunderstanding about what is proposed.

Kevin Murphy
New Denver

In defence of Greg Layre: community forest

It has come to my attention that Mr. Rainer Muenter of the KDCFS management team has lodged a complaint of “unacceptable behaviour” against Greg Layre, as a result of the open house meeting at the KDCFS office on July 21, 2010. As I accompanied Mr. Muenter, the KDCFS chairman, and Ms. Patty Axenroth, KDCFS director, I was most impressed by Mr. Layre’s concern for the community forests and the need for them to be well managed.

The intention of this letter is to refute the allegations made by Mr. Muenter against Mr. Layre. As an eye witness at the open house on July 21, 2010, I can attest to the ‘appropriate behaviour’ of Mr. Layre and the attention that was poorly attended. Mr. Layre was not only unfazed, but confident and reassuring. Mayor Lay attended this meeting as the Village representative of the KDCFS board. What I witnessed was Mr. Lay’s endeavour to act in the public’s best interests by providing his qualified opinion to the management team, and by offering advice and solutions to their current management practices.

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Conservatives give three idiot reasons for three sick agendas

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New Denver council gets estimate on cost of damaged trees

by Art Joyce

The portion of Mori Trail between the stairs below the Harrop residence and the Becker residence has been closed off on the advice of Village legal counsel, due to safety and liability concerns caused by the rinsed trees found in that area. Arborist Shawn West has given a quote of $2,400 plus HST to remove the 19 damaged trees.

Council will also be addressing hazard trees in the campground, but according to Administrators Carol Gordon, “We just don’t have the money to pay for it all.” Ultimately village taxpayers will bear the cost of this vandalism.

At the August 10 New Denver council meeting, the following business was conducted:

• The draft policy regarding the use of Centennial Park and public parks for private celebrations was adopted.

• Bylaws 650, 2010 and 651, 2010 were given first and second readings, to amend new bylaws governing the lot designation for the former Japanese church. The property, which is owned by the Village, will be rezoned from public/ institutional to residential. The building is decaying and no longer in use.

• Approval was given for CAO Carol Gordon to attend the LGMA (Local Government Management Association of BC) conference in Kelowna during October 17-22 at a cost of $1,800. Gordon said this was considerably cheaper than the amount that had been allocated for this purpose in the budget.

• A resolution was passed to support the City of Burnaby in requesting that the provincial government negotiate a clear permanent exemption for municipalities from CETA (The Canadai Europe Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement) due especially to concerns about municipal drinking water and wastewater services. According to an analyst report from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, the proposed trade agreement would have been oversubscribed.

SLOCAN VALLEY

Legendary Meats plans to downsize, offer new services

by Art Joyce

After 25 years of business, Legendary Meats will drop in retail and wholesale sales but will continue with custom cutting and wrapping, some wild game cutting as time permits, sausage curing, hog roasting and barbecue rentals. “The customer base has been fantastic, very supportive, but we’re working seven days a week and a day just to keep up,” says owner Dave Anderson.

Sides of pork and beef will still be sold from September to December, along with custom cutting services. Anderson has been growing a new sideline since 2005: Christmas trees. During December customers can one-stop shop at Legendary Meats with a tree, home smoked hams and free range turkey by pre-order.

Hog roasters and mobile barbecue rentals will be available from May through September but no cutting will be done from January through September.

Partly the problem for the business has been loss of suppliers but mostly Anderson says he and his family just need more time to enjoy life. Legendary Meats recently lost its chicken supplier, and grass-fed bison is no longer easily available due to Americans buying up the supply, which has driven the cost.

The government now requires even small suppliers to include nutrition facts on all meats, says Anderson. This would cost his business $40,000 to do the nutrition study plus another $10,000 in printing costs. Recently the business also lost its meat cutters to jobs in Castlegar and Alberta, and there are few in the area with the qualifications to replace them.

Retail sales at Legendary Meats have increased 30-40 percent in the past few years, reflecting strong customer support for locally sourced meats. But keeping it up would require a major expansion in the facilities, such as new walk-in coolers and a sausage kitchen, a cost he can’t bear.

“I don’t have the money to buy a new building, and with the escalating costs and all the rules that come with it, these are just too ridiculous for us to do.”

Anderson sees the provincial government’s new class E licenses benefiting local small producers, getting them raising chickens and rabbits. He is planning to apply for the license, which will allow slaughter of up to 10 animal units per year (an animal unit is 1,800 pounds or 454 kilograms).

Mountain FM will be on site at Legendary Meats November 27 for an open house with hot dogs and hot chocolate available. For more information visit www.legendarymeats.ca or phone 250-226-7803.

Local photographer Sara Rainford to exhibit at HGG

For the first time, Sara Rainford is displaying her photographic work at the Hidden Garden Gallery in New Denver, starting August 31 and running until September 12. Her show, entitledin My Neighbours’ Gardens, is a series of abstracts, both colour and black and white. Her inspiration for this show started two years ago. After spending several afternoons with the Kohan Gardens, Sara began exploring the intricacies and patterns of the leaves, grasses and bark of the gardens. She has continued to experiment with ideas on other local gardens, moving on colour abstracts of flowers. “This spring, my time was a little more limited than it has been in the past. I don’t have the luxury of spending an afternoon photographing in the alone, so this assignment suited me well. I’d take an hour in the evening and find one or two interesting patterns of the leaves, grasses and bark of the gardens. She has continued to experiment with ideas on other local gardens, moving on colour abstracts of flowers. “This spring, my time was a little more limited than it has been in the past. I don’t have the luxury of spending an afternoon photographing in the alone, so this assignment suited me well. I’d take an hour in the evening and find one or two interesting...”

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Valhalla music programs enjoy another successful season

by Jan McMurray

This was the first year that the school ran without its founder, Heather Haether. “She was definitely missed, but I think it was successfully run despite not having her there. I applaud everybody who put it together,” said Sunrall.

Under the direction of John Kado, Calgary cello teacher, and Bill van der Slook, violin instructor from Calgary, VSSM offered classes for all levels in violin, viola, cello, piano, flute and guitar. There were participants from the local area as well as from all over Canada, the US, and even from the Yukon.

Sunrall says the children’s music program for preschoolers and the choral program were cancelled this year due to insufficient enrolment, but that the board will look at bringing those back next year. “I want to make sure we’re meeting the needs of our local community,” she said.

All classes took place at Lucerne School during the two weeks, with concerts held at Silverton Memorial Hall.

“We couldn’t do it without the school, KSCU and Recreation Commission,” she said.

Hands on for the Arts, the silent auction that happens during VSSM week, is the main fundraiser for the all of the society’s programs: the Valhalla School of Theatre Arts, the Valhalla Film School and Festival, SVI and VSSM.

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V SI took place during the first week of August, and VSSM took place during the second week of August. “Participants in both programs were very satisfied,” said Sunrall. “After reading through the evaluations, I can say that people were very happy.”

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Humourist Terry Fallis reads at Slocan Library
submitted by Patricia McGreal
On August 8, Slocan Community Library hosted its first visit from an author when Terry Fallis, winner of the Stephen Leacock Award for Humour for his first novel, The Best Laid Plans, came to speak and sign books.

More than 20 people attended to hear Fallis talk about the creation of the book and obstacles he encountered in trying to have it published. Most who attended purchased a book and many bought more than one. Fallis generously donated all proceeds to the library.

In The Best Laid Plans, Daniel Addison, new member of the faculty of the English at the University of Ottawa, leaves his job as speech-writer for the Liberal Leader of the Opposition on the eve of an election. As a parting gift to the leader, he promises to find a Liberal candidate to run in the riding of Cumberland-Prescott, a riding which is revealed to be devoid of Liberals.

Fortunately, he finds himself renting a boathouse apartment by Angus McLintock, a mechanical engineering professor who is committed to teach English to new engineering students for the second year in a row. They strike a deal whereby Daniel takes over the English course in return for Angus’ agreement to run for office, both secure in the knowledge that a Liberal could never be elected in Cumberland-Prescott. The characters are quirky and charming, and the unfolding story funny and clever.

Fallis is an entertaining speaker, amusingly self-deprecating, acutely aware of the uses of writing and publishing, which, consistent with the best laid plans of mice and men, went awry. He has a degree in engineering, but the thing he did right in the logical “engineered” method of novel-writing failed to lead him with the 10 copies of his book which were required for submission for consideration by the Stephen Leacock Association.

Even when the book was short-listed for the award, his literary agent, while solemnly clapping his hands in hers, told Terry that he would not win. She was wrong, win he did, and McClelland and Stewart published the book in 2007. History, as always, is still in the making, and in September his second book, The High Road, will be available in bookstores. With such a start as winning submission for the Leacock Award, Terry Fallis himself is definitely on the high road to continued success as a humourist.

Silverton Gallery hosts variety of events
by art Joyce

For those needing to shake off the heat stroke blues, be sure to show up the evening of August 28 to dance to the groove laid down by Holly and the Blaze Kings. The dance is funded by the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance.

If your taste in art lends itself to realism in nature, don’t miss the Incredible Wildlife Art of Eric Renk exhibition at the galleries from September 3-6.

Silverton, Justine first performed at the Silverton Snowfest Talent Contest at the age of five. She grew up singing with the Vahalla Community Choir, Lucerne School, Vahalla Children’s Choir and sang many benefit concerts for local causes as a young vocalist. Now San Francisco, LA-based, Justine has released three CDs, available on iTunes and Amazon. She continues to delight audiences from the Roofop Concert Series in New York to the Fillmore in San Francisco, the Troubadour in LA and on MTV. Admission at the door will be $8 adult, $5 student, children under 12 free, performance starting at 8 pm.

Justine’s latest release Heavy Water will be available.
by Jan McMurray

Glenda Zwer attended as a delegate, representing the newly formed Slocan Village Rate Payers and Business Licensees Association. She said the association wanted to bring forward concerns about animal control and unsightly premises bylaw enforcement. The solution, she said, is a municipal ticketing bylaw.

Regarding unsightly premises, she said the issue would be cleaned up, and she said the Village could ask the RCMP to enforce the bylaw.

“A Municipal Ticketing Bylaw would solve all of the problems,” she said. During public time, council asked Zwer what and how many people belonged to the association. Zwer responded that there were five directors representing the membership so that the meeting would remain anonymous.

“The idea is that they can have anonymity and repercussions won’t come back on them,” she explained. She said she would provide the Village office with the names of the directors, the spokesperson, and the constitution, which were all a matter of public record.

In response to a question from council, she said members must be either taxpayers or hold a business licence in Slocan. The mayor pointed out that there was a big difference between a $100 business license and property taxes.

“It’s a little bit of a problem to hear you talking about enforcement of animal control when you have not contributed to the taxes of the town,” said the mayor.

Zwer pointed out that council members could be from out of town. “They are supposed to make sure everything is going well in the Village and they don’t necessarily pay taxes,” she said.

During public time, Ray Cauette spoke in a confrontational manner regarding the unsightly premises bylaw and the need for enforcement through a municipal ticketing bylaw. He asserted that the RCMP would act as the bylaw enforcement officer and issue tickets.

Cauette put forward unsightly premises down on the council table, including pictures of the properties of most of the council members. He told Councillor McGreal to get the cars out of her yard within a week or he would drive through it with his CAT. He told Councillor McGreal to get the cars out of her yard within a week or he would call the RCMP.

Councillor Lunn said that council had passed a motion directing the CAO to contact Cauette with the two options (either the company pays up front or the condo owners pay through taxation), and then council would like a response from him.

Cauette reiterated that he would give council seven days. “I want Fitz developed and if it’s not developed, you have a problem. You have got seven days,” he said.

13 Indigenous Grandmothers film showing at Vallican Whole submitted

Robert Samet is coming on her biannual visit to Vallican, and she is bringing with her a copy of For the Next 7 Generations: Thirteen Indigenous Grandmothers Chanting for World That Works. The movie will show at the Vallican Whole Community Centre on Friday, August 27 at 7:30 pm.

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Danielle Savage offers music instruction for Nakusp area

by Art Joyce

“If music be the food of love, then play on,” Shakespeare wrote. And certainly for Danielle Savage, music is food for the soul. Savage is new to the community of Nakusp and will be offering music instruction for piano, voice, drums and guitar out of her home or at Saddleback Community Church.

She has taught privately out of her home for 15 years and has a Bachelor’s degree in church music from Summit Pacific College in Abbotsford as well as a certificate from Douglas College music program.

“My main focus is whatever it is that my passion, it’s my obsession.”

Savage previously ran a private music school in Port Coquitlam and moved to Nakusp this summer with her husband and two children. Her husband, Craig Savage, was hired as lead pastor at the Saddleback Community Church.

Funding (monetary or in kind) for the Nakusp program was contributed by the Industry Training Authority (ITA), BC Hydro; School District 10; Village of Nakusp; federal government; BC government; and Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust (SIDIT).

Speaking for BC Hydro, Jennifer Walker-Larsen expressed pride in their contribution: “BC Hydro provided $115,000 towards the Nakusp carpentry program through the Mica Units 5 and 6 projects. As BC Hydro builds generation capacity at Mica Generating Station in support of the Clean Energy Act, we are proud to also help build trades capacity in local communities. “

BC Hydro set up a Mica Units 5 and 6 training fund to support on-the-ground trades training programs in local communities, as recommended by the Mica Units 5 and 6 core committee, a consultative committee established to identify and address potential project impacts. The fund will allocate a total of $120,000 toward post-secondary trades training programs in Nakusp, Revelstoke, Golden and Valemount over the next several years.

Instructor Dan Brazeau issued letters of congratulations to students, among them four high school students from NSS. The students receive credit for their first year technical training and 450 hours toward the work requirement portion of the apprenticeship program.

Selkirk College President Marilyn Luscombe, on congratulating the graduates, emphasized the potential for provincial leadership for the future. “Carpentry is integral to all kinds of projects here in Nakusp and elsewhere. It is such an advantage to have the program available locally. I would like to acknowledge Jennifer Cliff-Marks, who recognized the need to provide access to learners who may not have the opportunity to travel for education, and inexpensive thanks to teacher Dan Brazeau, whose expertise and enthusiasm inspired the entire class to complete the program and to graduate — in fact, we are missing one graduate today, as he already has a job!”

Mayor Karen Hamling told the students the program is the culmination of planning and negotiations since 1995. “It just goes to show that you should never give up on your dreams. It took 15 years, but here we are — this dream has been made possible by you who have completed the program; by the support of your families, teachers and sponsors. You have made history.”

Selkirk’s Chris Faint concurred: “We all sat around the table and discussed what we could bring to the community. We decided on a full-time trades program. The can-do attitude of everyone involved made it all come together. Many thanks to all of you.”

And the students? One young man spoke for the class when he remarked, “I had no idea what I would do with my life. Now I do. I am grateful for the opportunity. Many of us would not have been able to leave town to take this training. It’s been a terrific experience, and I thank all the teachers, organizers, and supporters who made it possible. And congratulations and best of luck to my fellow students. It’s been a blast.”

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Huge turnout to help toads across the highway at Summit Lake

Submitted:
More than 600 people from all over the West Kootenay and beyond descended on Summit Lake just south of Nakusp to help western toadlets from being squashed on the highway. Western toads are listed federally as a species of concern. While once widespread throughout North America, their distribution has diminished considerably in recent decades primarily due to habitat loss. While the population is still healthy in this province, biologists want to ensure it remains that way. Summit Lake is likely one of the most important breeding sites in the Kootenay region, if not the province.

Adult western toads descend from upland habitat in the spring, laying their eggs – each one containing up to 16,000 eggs – on the shoreline of Summit Lake. The juvenile toadlets, only about the size of a penny, make their way to higher elevation areas in early to mid August where they spend their adulthood. Typically their movement is triggered by wet weather as they need to keep their skin moist, especially as they transform into a juvenile.

“We could have done with a little rainfall on the day to bring them out of the vegetation,” added Krebs, “and the peak movement is a little later than usual, but we were certainly finding concentrated pockets of toadlets.”

“Over 600 people of all ages came out to Summit Lake on August 11 to look for toadlets and carry them safely across the highway in buckets.”

The Ministry of Transportation & Highways and MOE have constructed a tunnel for the toads, but this is only part of the solution given the broad stretch of highway that the toadlets have to cross.

There are no current plans to do another bucketing session this year and the public are asked not to take toadlets across the highway outside of this organized event. Given the evident enthusiastic participation of the community, however, similar events will likely occur in future years.

Nakusp Fall Faire to celebrate centennial this year

Submitted:

The 2010 Nakusp and District Fall Faire is fast approaching. Nakusp area communities are encouraged to prepare to exhibit the best of their gardening, canning and baking, hobbies and crafts, etc. This year’s fair is the centennial celebration of the first Fall Faire held in Nakusp in 1910, to be held Saturday September 11 at the Nakusp arena auditorium from 9:30 am-3:30 pm.

Fall fairs were held province-wide starting in 1910, educating people about the role of agriculture in our communities. According to BC Fair’s 100th anniversary issue, Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Rooted in Tradition, Growing for Tomorrow, “Celebration of the centennial is a way to show the importance of agriculture to a growingly urbanized community that is losing touch with farming and how their food is brought to the table.”

The arena auditorium will be decorated with historical items, there will be numerous historical displays, outdoor displays and a Vintage Costume Revue. Annual events such as the NACF Jail and Bail and Trashion Show will be held. Kids, get your zucchini ready for the zucchini races. People are encouraged to wear vintage costumes, and prepare display tables according to the centennial theme.

Special awards will be given to the best historical displays and costumes, as well as for special historical presentation of entries and new award announced for Kootenay Lake TSA.

Effective immediately the allowable annual cut (AAC) for the Kootenay Lake timber supply area will be 640,000 cubic metres, which is about six percent lower than the previous cut, chief forester Jim Snetsinger announced.

“The report for this allergy decrease in the cut is that the timber harvesting land base for the Kootenay Lake TSA is now smaller due to new community forest and woodland agreements in the area,” said Snetsinger. “My determination also accounts for full implementation of government’s mountain caribou recovery strategy.”

The Kootenay Lake timber supply area covers over 1.2 million hectares in southeastern BC and includes the communities of Creston, Kaslo and Nelson. The previous AAC was 681,300 cubic metres.

Public invited to use Nakusp’s ER wisely

The emergency room at Arrow Lakes Hospital in Nakusp is open 24/7, but physician services have been limited during the night shift, 6 pm to 8 am, since August 16. This is the case until August 27 and is due to physician vacancies in the community.

Up to and including this Friday, August 27, between 6 pm and 8 am, the on-call physician will only be available for the most urgent cases. All patients arriving at the ER are assessed as usual by nurses. Patients with less urgent needs may be offered other appropriate options. In some cases, patients may be redirected or transferred by ambulance to another facility for appropriate care.

In recognition of this situation, Interior Health is asking the public to use the ER wisely. The Village of Nakusp, Nakusp’s local physicians and Interior Health continue to work hard to recruit additional physicians to the community and ensure a stable and sustainable online call rotation.
The Water Street concept plan that was presented for public comment at the Saturday Market on August 7 prompted the circulation of two petitions against the plan. One petition states that the plan is a disservice to the business and property owners of the commercial core of Kaslo, and is signed by 23 business / property owners on Water Street and Front Street. “We would respectfully request that the council approved so as to provide at least as much parking at now exists as well as adequate travel way widths to allow for deliveries to the businesses along Water Street,” it states.

The other petition is signed by 89 people, who are Kaslo and area residents and visitors. This one states: “We, the undersigned, are Kaslo and property owners along Water Street, and that the concept plan would allow for a maximum of 24 spaces, which results in a loss of 42 parking spaces in the downtown core.”

A delegation of three Front Street merchants are scheduled to make a presentation at the August 24 council meeting. Their written request to attend the meeting is designed to “provide the merchants of Front Street would like to request a delegation to present information, pictures and petitions regarding parking along Water Street.” They state that “the merchants of Front Street would like to request a delegation to present information, pictures and petitions regarding parking along Water Street.”

They request that the delegation be allowed to speak to the council for five minutes, to discuss their concerns. The delegation members include: Mike Anderson, Michelle Fairley and Rodressa McRae.

In November 2008, council decided to hire Bob Inwood to apply for a provincial LocalMotion grant to help fund the Water Street section of the trail project. In January 2009, the grant application was completed by LEES and Associates at a cost of $1,650. In April 2009, council received notification that the LocalMotion grant had been approved in the amount of $19,951. The budget in the grant application shows the Village contributing $19,951 cash. It also shows $82,540 worth of donated services and materials.

Public Works began work on the project shortly after funding had been confirmed, in spring 2009. The council reported in an interview that at that time, two fire trees were removed and rock riprap was placed to stabilize the bank and improve the accommodation of the sidewalk and landscaping features in the plan. At this point, in spring 2009, business and property owners along Water Street began making inquiries as to what was happening to the project. They became aware of the plan in the LocalMotion grant application, which showed Water Street as a one-way street with no parking. Public Works staff said they did not support this and wanted to provide input into the plan.

In October 2009, council agreed to form a select committee, to consist of Councillor Frary as chair, the Public Works foreman, a Trailblazers representative and community members, to make recommendations to council about the plan by March 31, 2010. Russell Semenoff of Cornucopia, one of the delegation members, explained in a telephone interview that downtown merchants believe that an acceptable plan for Water Street can be worked out. “We should be working not only for the business, but we are trying to get a proper street width so traffic can move freely, a walkway on the lakeside, shrubbery and places to sit,” he said. “We understand the need for parking and an adequate travelled way on Water Street.”

Semenoff reported that on Saturday, August 14, the downtown merchants demonstrated what the plan would look like in real life. They drew lines on Water Street where the curb would be located according to the plan, and marked out the public / private parking spaces as shown on the plan. “The parking was filled up by 9 am and the cars couldn’t get through,” said Semenoff. “We got a great response saying this plan is not what we want.”

The development of a plan for Water Street began back in July 2008, when the Trailblazers wrote to council to say that the group wanted to complete the trail and gain some space to accommodate the sidewalk and the landscaping features in the plan. At this point, in spring 2009, business and property owners along Water Street began making inquiries as to what was happening to the project. They became aware of the plan in the LocalMotion grant application, which showed Water Street as a one-way street with no parking. Public Works staff said they did not support this and wanted to provide input into the plan.

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Village administration reports that $5,101 was spent on the geotechnical report, and an additional $8,443 was spent on the project in 2009. Village records show that $14,330 has been spent on the project to date.
A Kadzo-based professional artist, Eliza Fry has created a series of mixed-media works which focus on the element of transformation on several different levels. The unifying feature of each work in the collection is the image of a child or children. Throughout her adult life, Fry has spent much of her time on the front lines of child, youth and family support work. “I have been employed in treatment centres, inner-city community centres, emergency shelters and jails, amongst other venues,” says Fry.

With this series, the artist focuses on how society tends to assign ‘happy’ stories to images of childhood. “Truly though, many children experience less than positive childhoods or find themselves growing into negative lifestyles,” says Fry.

One of the strongest images of transformation is that of caterpiller to butterfly – and wings are evident in Fry’s creations. She says she is hoping to reinforce this vision of transformation along with a sense of uncertainty about the future.

We are challenged by the artist’s question, “What will be the end result for these winged children? How would ‘you’ paint the background of their lives…now, and later?” These two exhibitions mark the final presentations at the ALFA Guild Gallery for the current season.

Don’t miss the final showings of the season at the ALFA Guild Gallery. Here, New Denver artist Elly Scheepens is shown with one of the pieces from the ‘Stranger than a Wolf’ exhibit.

Spawning program near Nakusp records high success rate

Submitted

For the fourth year in a row, Hill Creek Spawning Channel north of Nakusp has achieved over 50 per cent egg-to-fry survival.

Recent fry counts show that 67 per cent of the eggs laid in the channel’s gravel in the fall of 2009 survived. The fry then migrated toward Arrow Lakes Reservoir in early summer 2010. This is also the second highest egg-to-fry survival since 1989.

The kokanee spawning channel is jointly run by the Ministry of Environment (MOE) and the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP). The FWCP works on behalf of its program partners BC Hydro, MOE and Fisheries and Oceans Canada to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife impacted by the construction of BC Hydro dams.

“Long run of high survival rates shows that our local contractors are doing a good job in the maintenance and operation of the channel, and that those involved are paying attention to detail,” said FWCP fisheries biologist Steve Arnell from BC Hydro.

“Everything from managing water flows to the annual cleaning of the spawning gravel plays a role in these consistent results.”

Those local contractors include Brian Banner who oversees the day-to-day operations. “Mother Nature upstaged us!”

BC Hydro finished installing new floating log breakwaters and pilings for floating walkways at the Fauquier and McDonald Creek Park boat launch.

Park boat launches this month, completing the first phase of planned improvements under the Columbia River Water Use Plan.

The second phase of planned improvements will be to install the floating walkways and extend the existing ramps to improve recreational boat access during low summer reservoir levels. The Fauquier boat launch will be extended from its current elevation of 1393.2 feet (424.66 metres) to 1376.3 feet (419.5 metres) and a new turnaround will be constructed. The McDonald Creek Park boat launch will be extended from 1397 feet (419.7 metres).

“The Fauquier and McDonald Creek Park boat ramps improvements and looks forward to the project’s successful completion,” said BC Hydro’s Jen Walker-Larsen.

The Columbia River Water Use Plan recommends boat ramp improvements and ongoing woody debris management in the Arrow Lakes reservoir to enhance recreation. The Columbia River Water Use Plan was developed by a consultative committee to provide benefits to a number of non-power interests including recreation, wildlife, fisheries, vegetation, and heritage.

The second annual Columbia Basin Culture Tour on August 14 and 15 included over 100 art studios, art galleries and museums/heritage sites throughout the basin. Here, Debra Rushfield shows her work, displayed at her store in Nakusp, Prima Matera.

Pain management workshop offered in Nakusp

Submitted by Terry Cayer

Learning how to live better despite living with chronic pain is the focus of a workshop that will be held at the Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services boardroom, 205 6th Street, Nakusp Tuesdays 1:30-4 pm from September 14 to October 19.

The University of Victoria Centre on Aging in partnership with BC Health Authorities, has initiated a lay-led health education program specifically for people living with Chronic Pain called the ‘Chronic Pain Self-Management Program (CPSMP).’ This program is offered (by trained leaders) at no cost to participants and runs for six weeks. The goal of the program is to give people greater control over managing their pain so they can live as full, meaningful and enjoyable a life as possible.

Developed from Stanford University’s very popular evidence-based Chronic Disease Self-Management Program, the Chronic Pain program has been running equally successfully in BC for the last couple of years. Similar outcomes in both programs are being reported, such as increased level of self-efficacy in managing their chronic pain, increased ability with daily activities, less depression, more energy, less time in hospitals and better feeling of empowerment over their situation and reach, much more.

Small groups of about 10-12 participants allows for group sharing, peer support with the possibility of making new connections, listening to lessons from people who have ‘been there or are still there,’ debunking myths about what chronic pain means, pacing activity and rest, dealing with negative emotions, accessing new information, strategies and coping skills including problem-solving. This program is not a ‘sit and listen’ format but is dynamic and interactive.

This program is free but registration is mandatory. To register please call toll-free 1-866-902-3767 before September 7. Failure to formally register may result in the workshop being cancelled and/or space being filled.

For more information please see our website at www.selfmanagementbc.ca.
VISITOR INFORMATION

GOLF COURSES

Slocan Lake Golf Course New Denver Phone: (250) 758-2408
9-HOLE GOLF COURSE OPEN 7 AM TO SUNSET
GREEN FEES: $20.00 per 9 holes, $30.00 per 18 holes; Day Pass: $47.25; Weekly Rates: $264.75
RENTALS: Clubs and pull carts are available. Power cart: $22.00/hour; $33.60/18 holes. All prices include tax
19TH HOLE RESTAURANT: Tues. Sat. 11:00 am-9:00 pm and 4:00 pm-8:00 pm; Sun-Mon. 11:00 am-3:00 pm for lunch. Restaurant (250) 398-2183
2010 TOURNAMENTS:
• Open Tournament: August 8. Everyone welcome.

Nakusp Golf Club Phone/Fax: (250) 245-4531
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GREEN FEES: Adults $15.00, seniors $10.00, juniors 17 and under $8.00 per 9 holes, Juniors 16-18 $17.10 and $11.50, 12-15 $10.50/holes; 9-hole game punch card available
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GALLERIES

Hidden Garden Gallery (250) 358-2297 www.slocanlake.com/hiddengarden
10th anniversary celebration shows Tues. through Sun. 10 to 3 at 803 Kildare St., New Denver.
The Arrow Lakes Fine Arts Guild Gallery 311 Boulevard, Nakusp
Gallery Hours: Open every day 10:00 am to 4:00 pm, July 21-August 8; Frances Hofstad, “Turn to the Land” (acrylic on canvas) and Rosie Lukacova, “Cradled by Earth” (photography). August 11-30: Elly Scheepers, "Heater (ears), Virginia Boyd, “Stranger Than a Wolf” and Eliza Fry, “Fighter’s Plane.” Transforming the Land (mixed Media). Opening Reception: Friday, August 13, 6-8 pm.

19th FINE BOOK AND SILVER GALLERY in Kaslo across from the Moyie

Studio Connexion (250) 265-8888 201 Fifth Avenue NW, Nakusp
Art exhibitions from May to October. In this charming gallery in downtown Nakusp, July 18-August 11: Regandyn Volkmans (Amatepec Shawl). August 5-June 12: Barbara Hanger, Summer 2-25. Gillian Redwood, September 20-October 9: Elly Scheepers and Virginia Boyd. Open Monday to Saturday 11:00 am to 6:00 pm. Sunday 11:00 am to 5:00 pm. Studio Connexion, 201 Fifth Avenue NW, Nakusp. (250) 265-8888.

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MUSEUMS

Sandon Museum & Visitors’ Centre (250) 358-7920 www.slocanlake.com/sandon
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Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre (250) 358-7288
The only historic site in Canada dedicated to telling the WWII internment story. Located in The Orchard in New Denver; open 7 days a week 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

S.S. Moyie Portage (250) 259-2352 www.kgs.bc.ca. 334 Front Street, Kaslo, BC. The world’s oldest intact Passenger Steamvessel. A National Historic Site located just one hour north of Nelson, and 30 minutes north of the Kootenay Ferry at Crawford Bay, open daily from 9 to 5, and May thru Thanksgiving weekends.

Silvery Slocan Museum (250) 358-2201 The old Bank of Montreal building at the foot of New Denver’s main street, restored to circa 1900. Special tours welcome. Please call 358-2201 or 358-2654 for further information. Hope to see you!
August 25, 2010 The Valley Voice

HELP WANTED

LAND DEVELOPERS CONSULTANT wanted. Owners of large acre property near Slocan Lake want to hire someone to help stratify our land. Initial planning contract September to November; implementation phase follows. Inquiries: derylly@ymail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of a dear husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, Ted. We thought of you today But that is nothing new We thought of you yesterday And days before that too But that is nothing new We thought of you in silence And days before that too

WANTED

Call Hugh Waring, “Jan,” sadly lost a brief but courageous battle with cancer, Thursday, August 5, 2010 near her place of birth in Morton, England on her 74th year. She is survived by her sons, Blake of Vancouver, BC, Renny of Calgary, Alberta, granddaughters, Cheryl and Kim, great-granddaughter Mikala, all of Calgary, her many relatives in England and of course her spoiled rotten little doggie, Buzz, and beloved cat, Katie.

The Cup and Saucer Café
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OUTBACKS

SILVER CANON DIGITAL CAMERA where Wilson Creek Falls gravel road meets Highway 6 southbound connect. Help greatly appreciated!! behar@twsus.net.

NOTICES

Fees are based on (2) ANALON MEETINGS contact in New Denver: 358-7004 or 358-7158; Nakusp 265-9324; Kaslo 353-2658; Slocan 358-2805; South Slocan 226-7708.

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Just another thing on my to do list.

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RESTAURANT/WINE & BEER
Mayor Lay flipped burgers at Kaslo’s 117th birthday party celebration, held August 14 at Kemball Memorial Centre. Kaslo was incorporated on August 14, 1893.

Rowan Tichenor performs by Art Joyce

In what can only be described as a stunning act of emotional courage and artistic transformation, Rowan Tichenor performed a set of new original songs from a work entitled Goodbye to Fairy Tales at the Silverton Gallery the evening of August 20. The suite describes in uncompromising terms the breakup of a long-term relationship as a means of coming to grips with deep emotional pain.

Whether on the piano or guitar, his emotional range veered from the soft reflection of better times with a past lover to naked, bitter angst. The sound palette was as wide-ranging as the emotions and everyone is encouraged to visit. A British Columbia One Card allows visitors from BC to borrow books from any library in the province and return the item to any other library in the province. suite of new songs portrayed, faithfully replicating the roller coaster ride that can follow a devastating breakup. Elements of intricate fingerpicking guitar work and hushed vocals similar to Nick Drake were mixed with the scraping chording of German composer Kurt Weil.

It’s safe to say the audience was riveted, forced to confront their own experiences of past hurts yet never taken to a place of mauldin, self-pitying grief. Songs like Survivor’s Blues, The Last Love Song, From This Moment On, Good Morning and the title song Goodbye to Fairy Tales recalled the tenderness of what draws lovers together and the wracking forces that can tear them apart.

The Kaslo & District Library is one of 19 libraries that make up the Kootenay Library Federation. The board and library directors meet twice a year to network and make plans. This cooperative group shares resources, makes bulk purchases, and holds a region-wide event called One Book One Kootenay (OBOK) in the fall. Watch for details.

The Kaslo & District Public Library houses a collection of over 12,721, including books, audio books, DVDs, sound recordings and video cassettes. It is a lending library for the interlibrary loan services provided by the provincial system, so books can be borrowed from other libraries throughout the province in Kaslo.

The library has recently expanded its opening hours. The new hours are Tuesday: noon-5 pm, Wednesday: 10 am-3 pm, Thursday: noon-8 pm and Saturday: 10 am-4 pm.

An adult book group meets on the last Thursday of the month at the library in the upstairs room. All are welcome to attend. A Story Time program will be offered, beginning in October.

The library director is Eva Kelenben and the coordinator of library services is Annie Reynolds. Both staff are well informed and are happy to help patrons find materials for their borrowing pleasure.

The library is in the basement of the Kaslo City Hall, a national heritage building. Renovation plans will affect the library in the future. However, Kaslo’s library is open for business.

For more information, contact the library at 250-353-2213, visit the website at kaslo.bc.ca/library, or email the Kaslo & District Library at kaslo.library@kaslo.bc.ca.
COMMUNITY

KDCFS expropriation controversy founded on rumours, says chair

by Art Joyce

Rumours have been flying that in the wake of the logging that occurred in the South Fork area the KASLO & District Community Forest Society (KDCFS) board has been considering expropriating private property to allow for the logging of the community forest. No mention of this was made because KDCFS forester Rainer Muenter assumed that Donna Comrie was acting as spokesperson for the South Fork residents, which turned out not to be the case. Anderson, who has been嘴 about the fact that the community forest has made because KDCFS forester Rainer Muenter assumed that Donna Comrie was acting as spokesperson for the South Fork residents, which turned out not to be the case. Anderson, who has been嘴 about the fact that the community forest has

Mayor Lay resigns from KDCFS board

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KDCFS board member Steve Anderson explained in an interview that the board has no control over whom the Village appoints as its KDCFS representative. Anderson had anticipated a discussion about Mayor’s request and a board decision on what, if any, action the board might take — perhaps some communication with Village Council about the conduct of their representative on the board. However, after Muenter presented the letter, Lay stated that he could do more for the community by getting off the board. He resigned and left the meeting.

The community forest seems to have arisen from Muenter’s statement at the February 16 meeting that he would like to have negotiated a registered legal easement over Asenroth’s land, allowing KDCFS long-term legal access to the cutblock. In a later email to Asenroth, he speaks of the negotiations with KDCFS and the potential “termination of a contractual road use agreement” with the other landowners. According to letters taken at the February 16 meeting by Erika Bird, Muenter at one point refers to a Ministry of Forests statute that an easement can be enforced if “it is deemed to be in the public interest.” This was interpreted by some to imply expropriation of private land, but Anderson insists this has never been discussed on the board, and an institution with Asenroth’s isn’t up to her to seek notification of access on her land, and that a mistake was made in this situation.

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Bylaw. Builders have 3 years to a building permit has been issued, or not to grant the variance. This process requires a Variance application form that is sent to council. At that point, council sends a letter to all property owners within a certain radius, has a meeting with the proponent and does a site viewing of the proposed variance. After a certain time period, council decides whether or not to grant the variance. Even though the bylaw to grant a variance is fairly specific, we try to work with the property owner to find a compromise. Once a building permit has been issued, the Building Inspector monitors compliance with the Building Bylaw. If we detect any non-compliance, we complete their project from the date the building permit has been issued, and need to start their project within 18 months of issuance of the permit.

Outdoor Burning Regulation Bylaw

We have had many changes of this bylaw over the last few years, based on new information. We have changed our bylaw to providenotice to the public and to consider setting some setbacks aside for carbon reserves. In his view this would take too much revenue out of the local economy. He points out that the long-term plan adopted recently allows for partnerships with the board. “We need to give the watersheds a rest around Kaslo,” said Lay in an interview. “There’s excellent timber value in Cooper Creek south, Davis Creek, and Cooper Creek north. We don’t need to do anything on our private property, but we need to give access to our land for future logging projects. We believe there to be alternate access through the airport road to the lots you wish to access and log.”

Anderson confirmed that the board has not received any formal proposal from Mayor Lay or anyone else to do third party logging for KDCFS. As to his resignation, Lay says he just felt someone else would be better for the job. He said he considers the board “immature” and dealing with a steep learning curve.

“They had a problem with me sharing technical and professional concerns with the board. People want it discussed at a board meeting first. If someone comes up and asks me about an issue, I can’t talk about it until there’s a meeting. That’s not a very efficient way to operate.”

An efficient and effective board must work in a unified fashion following fair and decisive decision making and that skateboards are not to be placed, street signs, writings or pictures on walls, fences, electric power or telephone poles, street lights standards, or on any other similar structures on or adjacent to a highway or public place.

Just a reminder that we are currently on water restrictions, until such time as council resolves to take restrictions off. Water restrictions are meant to conserve water as our use triplets and even quadruples in the summer months. Even numbered houses can water on even dates and odd numbered houses on odd numbered days. Watering is allowable from 6 am to 9 am and 6 pm to 9 pm. Exemption from the water restrictions are institutions and municipal public places.

As I indicated, these are only a few of our bylaws. For a more detailed look at our bylaws, the website and village office office can be accessed. Bylaws are constantly being updated and amended and are usually done at the committee level for acceptance by council. Amendments to bylaws are driven by new and current information, legislation or public input.

In the wake of the logging that occurred in the South Fork area the KASLO & District Community Forest Society (KDCFS) board has been considering expropriating private property to allow for the logging of the community forest. No mention of this was made because KDCFS forester Rainer Muenter assumed that Donna Comrie was acting as spokesperson for the South Fork residents, which turned out not to be the case. Anderson, who has been嘴 about the fact that the community forest has made because KDCFS forester Rainer Muenter assumed that Donna Comrie was acting as spokesperson for the South Fork residents, which turned out not to be the case. Anderson, who has been嘴 about the fact that the community forest has
Bee Cee Beemers return to Nakusp for ninth year

by Jan McMurray

The Bee Cee Beemers were back in Nakusp for the ninth year in a row last weekend (August 19-22). This club of BMW motorcycle enthusiasts has hosted 24 rallies over the years in many different BC interior communities, but they seem to have found their niche in Nakusp. One of the club’s members, Derrick Ward, discovered Nakusp in 2002. He made inquiries at the campground and a local restaurant, and was able to organize the rally in Nakusp that year based on those two contacts. Ward organized the Nakusp rally for seven years, and then passed the torch to Randy Bell and Michael McPeak.

“This is known as one of the nicest, simplest, low key, laid back rallies on the continent,” said McPeak. “Nakusp is a great location because of its scenery, roads, hotsprings – and it is a very welcoming, friendly community. People there appreciate it.”

Over 200 people attended the rally this year. They came from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Florida, North Carolina, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, and England. They stay at the Village campground, and Deb Guest has catered for them for the past few years.

This get-together for motorcycle enthusiasts includes guest speakers on motorcycle related topics, motorcycle related movies, a bike parade, sidecar races for brave and willing seniors living at Halcyon House, a Rotary Club pancake breakfast and a friendly motorcycle skills competition with cash prizes.

Motorcycle games were held during the rally hosted by the Bee Cee Beemers motorcycle club in Nakusp last weekend.

Nakusp realizes this and has been very accommodating. It starts with the campground manager and goes on from there. Nakusp embraces this rally and helps us with every aspect. We really appreciate it.”

“The Bee Cee Beemers meet monthly at a restaurant in Coquihalla to share a meal and talk about bikes and rides.

Mountain Valley Communications offers business, home solutions

by Art Joye

Are you in business but find you just don’t have the writing skills to promote yourself? Or are you a senior citizen looking to downsize and move into a new home but feel overwhelmed by the task? Then Shari Lowther of Mountain Valley Communications can help you.

Lowther offers business and technical writing services, advertising and marketing solutions, resume writing and contract sales for advertising. Lowther has an engineering degree, which provided her with technical writing skills. While working in Toronto for an engineering firm she took additional training in business and marketing. Complete marketing packages including logo and letterhead design through to advertising campaigns can be created. Packages for home-based businesses are also available for those with limited budgets.

“I’m there to help them build a marketing plan to market a product or service. With advertising I can help them find out what is the most reasonable plan for their budget.”

A lot of companies forget that they need to have their business documentation updated all the time, says Lowther. This includes operating manuals, policy procedures, sales training, etc. Lowther can also write technical manuals for businesses designed for the end user. For anyone who has been frustrated by confusing operating manuals, she can help by writing one that is clear and easily understandable. Substantive editing and proofreading are also available.

“In today’s economy it’s a good idea to keep your résumé updated,” adds Lowther. “We will take your current résumé and revamp and update it, giving it a professional and polished look. We provide résumé services for students, entry level, professionals and executives.”

The second part of her business is home to home transition service. Lowther will act as a move manager for seniors, helping them sort and downsize possessions as well as managing the transition from the old to the new home. An assessment would be done on the initial visit, then she provides an estimate, which can include helping with the transfer of utilities and arranging for a moving van. As advertising sales agent for the senior citizens services directory, Lowther realized there was a need for this type of service in the area. Often seniors’ families are not living close by so family members can arrange to hire Lowther to help with the move.

Contact Shari at 250-359-2929 or mvc.shari@gmail.com and visit her website at www.mountainvalleycommunications.ca.