Terminate or re-negotiate the Columbia River Treaty: Wendy Holm

by Jan McMurray

The Columbia River Treaty should be either re-negotiated or terminated according to Wendy Holm, award-winning resource economist, agrologist, author and journalist from Bowen Island.

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Introducing the provincial election candidates for Nelson-Creston

Michelle Mungall, NDP

In 2009, Michelle became the first woman MLA for Nelson-Creston. She is BCNDP critic for Advanced Education, Youth and Labour Market Development and chairs the Opposition Women's Caucus. Having served on Nelson City Council, and managed local non-profit services, Michelle has an extensive record of serving her region. She brings passion, understanding and dedication to every role she takes on. Michelle and her husband Zak have called the Kootenays home for over 10 years.

Here’s Michelle’s response to our question: What are your top election issues?

Three major issues directly impacting our region are healthcare, the local economy and keeping Jumbo wild.

Over the last 12 years, we have seen many of our health services cut. From surgery and ICU at Kootenay Lake Hospital to home support and long-term care, the list goes on. Other services like ER services in Kaslo have been threatened. Healthcare is a core provincial government service, and we must do better. That’s why Adrian Dix has spoken to area residents about his Rural Acute Care Initiative that would restore key services to the region.

Our local economy is facing serious challenges, and practical forward thinking is needed now. For example, Nelson-Creston’s agricultural sector would benefit from reinstating the Buy BC program as well as a local procurement strategy that puts BC produce into BC hospitals and schools.

Additionally, BC is facing a major skills shortage; by 2016, 80% of jobs will require some level of post-secondary education. Affordability and accessibility are top of mind for students and their families. As the BC NDP’s spokesperson for Advanced Education, I have travelled to every public post-secondary institution in BC, including both Selkirk College and College of the Rockies, to talk to students, instructors and administrators about our plan to invest $100 million into financial needs-based grants and improve apprenticeship completion rates so that people can get good jobs that contribute to our economy.

Finally, our region has been fighting to keep Jumbo Glacier wild for more than two decades. As Kootenay residents, we know the difference between good and bad developments, and the proposed resort for this grizzly bear habitat falls into the latter category. Over the past four years, Adrian Dix and the NDP have been clear that we support a Jumbo wild. We were dismayed at the undemocratic creation of a municipality to push this unpopular resort proposal forward. That’s why we plan to work with the entire region so that your voice is finally heard.

Greg Garbula, Liberal

Greg Garbula has been general manager of the Kokanee Springs Golf Resort for the last 11 years, and is the former vice-president and general manager of the Kootenai Springs Golf Resort. Greg has a Business Administration Diploma and has taken many courses to develop his managerial skills.

Greg sits on the board of directors of the Kootenay Rockies Tourism Association, the Regional Transportation Advisory Committee, and is the past president of the Kootenay Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Greg brings 17 years of hospitality experience from some of the finest resorts in Western Canada. Starting from the bottom and working his way up the ladder, Greg has worked at resorts such as the Chateau Lake Louise, Banff Springs Hotel, Jasper Park Lodge, The Lodge at Kananaskis and the Emerald Lake Lodge.

Greg Garbula is about creating jobs and making life more affordable for families. His top ten issues are:

- Restore public confidence in provincial government through controlled spending and a balanced budget; Support local businesses and assist in smart growth development creating new jobs in our region;
- Improve movement of goods and services within our region with increased opportunities to markets abroad; 
- Energize the vitality of our community by creating youth and young families friendly initiatives; 
- Increased support to our tourism industry; Commitment to continued support and promotion of environmentally responsible projects; Promote alternative energy solutions for the diversity and economic benefit of our region; 
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Believe that in British Columbia we can have good lives, balanced budgets, social justice, successful businesses, and leave our children and grandchildren a planet they can thrive on. Vote for me to represent you in Victoria, because I can’t wait to:

- Work on improving the Nelson-Creston economy. According to statistics BC, Nelson-Creston is 84th out of 95 ratings in average family income. We are at the bottom of the economic ladder, but we can turn that around. We are surrounded by opportunities and by bright people with energy and ideas. With just a bit of help we can achieve success again.

- Work with all parties on important issues like climate change, the health of our economy and balancing the government budget.

- Support initiatives which reduce unnecessary bureaucracy and which will create local jobs, local business and take advantage of the opportunities of the new green economy, which will create local jobs, local business opportunities and increased local food security.

- End the violence of the War on Drugs and fight to KEEP JUMBO WILD.

Sjeng Derkx, Green

Born in Holland, Sjeng (pronounced Shang) Derkx started as the financial agent, then the spokesperson for the Constituency Association, and he is now eager to represent his riding as MLA.

Here is Sjeng’s response to our question: What are your top election issues?

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**Katrine Conroy, NDP**

Katrine Conroy was elected as the MLA for Kootenay-West in May of 2009. She served as MLA for West Kootenay-Boundary from May 17, 2005 until the riding boundaries were redrawn.

Katrine served as opposition critic for Seniors and Long-term Care. She has been successful in both community and career endeavours. Katrine has enjoyed successful careers as one of BC’s first female steam engineers, as an early childhood educator, administrator and college instructor, and as a small business person.

Katrine has worked and volunteered in her community as the executive director of Kootenay Family Place, co-chair of the Castlegar and District Social Planning Council, treasurer of the Community Futures Board, hospital board member, and founding board member of the Community Social Services Employers Association.

With her husband Ed, Katrine lives in Pass Creek, where they run a successful poultry farm, Polled Hereford cattle. Together they have raised four children, and have five grandchildren.

**Jim Postnikoff, Liberal**

Jim Postnikoff was born and raised in the Kootenay. He grew up in Shoreacres and attended high school in Castlegar. He went on to attend Selkirk College, enrolling in the apprentice program. He worked in the mining/smelting and forestry industries for 25 years and then purchased a hobby farm in Shoreacres, where he and his family still reside today. While working the farm, Jim also started his own businesses, including a gravel pit, a trucking company, a water bottling company and, most recently, a mini storage business.

Jim has three grown children: Jamie, Jake and Jesse. While they were growing up, Jim was active in their sports and school programs. He held positions as Parent Advisory Council president, Castlegar Minor Hockey president and sat on the board of West Kootenay Minor Hockey Association. Jim is a past and active member of several local service organizations and has held senior positions within those organizations.

Jim has always felt proud to contribute back to the community that he grew up in and is now seeking to do it at the provincial level as a candidate for the BC Liberals in Kootenay West.

Here’s Jim’s response to our question: What are your top election issues?

My top three priorities are the economy, health and taking care of our seniors.

British Columbia must have a strong economy. For us to succeed in maintaining this, we need to re-elect the BC Liberals. Along with tough fiscal policy and tough choices, we need to have a balanced budget. The BC Liberal government has a plan to eliminate our province’s debt in 15 years. This would ensure a secure future for my children and grandchildren. Having jobs for our younger generations is a cornerstone of a strong economy. I would like to see businesses step forward and offer greater opportunities to people coming out of universities, colleges and trade schools.

To facilitate this, we need to work more closely with the educational institutions on marketing our graduates to those businesses. A focus also has to be on expanding trade for BC products.

Health care will always be a priority. We need to make sure our health care system is second to none and that health care is sustainable for future generations. We all have experienced health care challenges and understand how important accessible health care is. The facilities review that is happening now will play a major role in how health care services are delivered to us in the years to come. We need to be as involved in that process as much as we possibly can.

Seniors will always be a priority for me. We should encourage the private sector or cooperative groups to build more affordable facilities for seniors. We can assist with this goal by balancing additional spaces in facilities and exploring ways to keep our seniors at home longer.

I think as the election moves forward you will see that I am willing to work hard for the Kootenay West region.

**Joseph Hughes, Independent**

Joseph Hughes is 29 years old, and is married with three young children, ages seven, five and three. He is a business owner, Red Seal carpenter, and holds a diploma in Marketing Management. Joseph has served Nakusp as Village councillor for the last four years.

Here’s Joseph’s response to our question: What are your top election issues?

I am running because of the monumental decision we will be making this year. As the Columbia River Treaty comes up for review, the individual vote will be our only advocate in Victoria.

We are at the whim of the American need for water, and as I look to the future, I fear what current governments will do with a new treaty. Our valley has suffered unparalleled consequences from this treaty and we need an advocate that will not let these realities be silenced by governments. We need representation that is free from the muzzling of party politics and lobbyist dictated priorities. Our environment is forever under attack from governments that are more concerned with selling out for short-term gains than to listen to and supporting the businesses that are struggling in a new voice for our valley.

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**Katrine Conroy, NDP incumbent**

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**Community Calendar**

**Wednesday, April 17**

Arrow Lakes Historical Society AGM

Nakusp Seniors’ Hall

2:00 pm

**Saturday, April 20**

Launch of Community Canada

Kootenay Times Coffees n Donuts

4:20 pm

Cormor 4 Supreme Leader

Valicon Whole

7:30 pm

**Sunday, April 21**

Slocan Valley Eco Tour

Slocan Valley

10 am - 2 pm

Yard & Yardage Event

Slocan Valley Streets & Trails Group

10 am - 2 pm

**Monday, April 22**

Spring Flake Out

Lacano School, ND

12:30-3pm

Whole School Open House

Whole School, Winlaw

2 pm - 5 pm

Arrowsmith & Woodbury Fire Response

Arrowsmith Community Hall

7:00 pm

Nakusp council

Council Chambers

6:30 pm

**Tuesday, April 23**

Bibliobus in Kaslo

Buddy’s Pizza

5 pm - 7 pm

La Calamone String Quartet

Silverton Memorial Hall

7:30 pm

New Denver council

Council Chambers

7 pm

Silverton council

Council Chambers

7 pm

Kaslo council

Council Chambers

7 pm

**Thursday, April 25**

All Candidates meeting Kootenay West Silvertown Memorial Hall

7:30 pm

**Friday, April 26**

Bibliobus in New Denver

212 Josephine St

10 am - Noon

Bibliobus in Winlaw

Cedar Creek Café

1:30 pm - 3 pm

**Saturday, April 27**

New Denver Council Conservation Café

Nuru Coffeehouse

10 am - Noon

Joanne Ellis Retirement Party

HEC School Gym

5 pm

Nakusp City of the Year Awards

Nakusp Legion Hall

5 pm

Silverton Volunteer of the Year Award

Silverton Memorial Hall

7:00 pm

**Wednesday, May 1**

Slocan Valley Legacy Society AGM

WE Graham Community School

10:00 am

**Thursday, May 2**

Slocan River Streamkeepers AGM

Passmore Hall

7:00 pm

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**3NEWS**
Hit ‘em when they’re down

Regarding the B&Es at Johnson’s Landing: Sixteen years ago my house burned down. Days after the fire someone came, broke into our buildings and stole what was there - my lawnmower, a cherished Spanish desk, new hoes I’d just bought to replace the burned ones ... my stuff. I viewed the fire as an ‘act of god’ and I got over it. The theft – an act of a different sort. It still hurts.

Judith Ceroli
Vallican

Kaslo fire hall

I have a small tourist accommodation business close to Kaslo that is very sensitive to increases in fixed charges such as property, water and library taxes. I, and I assume most people on fixed incomes, am concerned about the tax hike resulting from the proposed fire hall.

The construction of the new hall will require deficit spending of approximately $1.6 million at a time of economic uncertainty. The size of Kaslo’s population base is about 1,000 and is currently in decline. It does not, in my opinion, warrant such an elaborate building.

I have great sympathy and admiration for our volunteer firefighters, who should at least have some essential amenities. As for the firefighters, who should at least have the admittance to a fire hall.

The point that needs to be emphasized is that council chose NOT to deal with it, in secret OR in public. It was only in Ms. McGreal’s further action of telling yet another person about this confidential information that any further harm could have been done.

Karl Dietz
Kaslo

Power struggle (response to Patricia McGreal)

I read Patricia McGreal’s letter to the editor in the March 20 Valley Voice more than once, just to try to clarify my thoughts on the topic. I wasn’t involved with any of the situation that she described but her letter seemed to indicate that she was trying to explain her actions regarding confidential information that she had been given access to in her position as a councillor for the Village of Slocan.

Putting aside WHY the package of information was delivered to Village council, the fact is that it was delivered to Village council and, according to Ms. McGreal, it was marked both ‘confidential’ and ‘in camera.’ Once again according to Ms. McGreal, council – as a whole decided not to deal with it and not to return it. Whether or not you agree with council’s inaction, you have to ask, “By what right did Ms. McGreal choose to ignore council’s decision and personally decide to make the information NOT confidential?”

If the information contained in the package were known only by council and the people who assembled the package, no other person would have been harmed by the information. She says “Who among you … would prefer that it be dealt with completely in secret? . . .” The point that needs to be emphasized is that council chose NOT to deal with it, in secret OR in public. It was only in Ms. McGreal’s further action of telling yet another person about this confidential information that any further harm could have been done.

Ron Smith
Slocan

Say no to pesticides and herbicides

Some six months ago I was diagnosed with CLL (chronic lymphocytic leukemia) and likely have been living with this disease for months, even years without knowing. It became aggressive soon after diagnosis, requiring chemotherapy treatments, with which I am involved at the present time. A huge amount has been written about this particular cancer of the blood, for which there is no known cure. I committed many hours to this reading task so as to understand as much as I am able to take in. Though the cause(s) of CLL are largely unknown, there is growing evidence that significant exposure to herbicides and pesticides likely trigger mutations leading to this disease and others. My personal history includes massive exposure to both. Growing up in a small Oregon farming community during the height of the so-called ‘green revolution,’ every farmer in the valley, it seemed, depended on both herbicides and pesticides in order to increase production. Spray planes were a daily event during growing season and our town was sprayed at least once a year for mosquito control.

My greatest exposure happened during three summers of employment during university – two on a spray truck spreading herbicides along endless miles of rural roadways and one spraying pesticides (most likely DDT) on farm machinery. Never in the three years did I wear protective clothing or a mask, for all believed and trusted that these poisons were harmless to humans. This, of course, was before Rachel Carlson’s Silent Spring was taken seriously.

A recent report in Bird Studies Canada states: “The study found that acutely toxic pesticides (rather than habitat loss) were the most likely leading cause of the widespread population declines of grassland birds in the US The data suggest that loss of birds in agricultural fields is more than an unfortunate consequence of pest control; it may drive bird populations to local extinction.”

Think about these things before you casually or habitually apply either pesticides or herbicides on your property in order to have a picture perfect lawn and gardens. It is good news that so many towns and cities in North America have banned the use of these poisons for ‘cosmetic’ purposes. My own village (Kaslo) has yet to take this important first step. Think about the long-term effects on birds, animals, helpful insects and our own human health. Be part of the solution.

Dirk Pidcock
Kaslo

Estimate billing and smart meters

I would like to voice my opinion about the new smart meters installed by BC Hydro. Since they were installed six months ago, they have been estimating my bills. I started to read the meters myself and found that every two months my bill was overcharged by at least 1300 kilowatts, which is an average of $100 on every bill. I think this is outrageous and they should put the meter man back to work to read the meters instead of making the estimate. If every BC Hydro customer pays an overage every two months and doesn’t get the credit back until the next bill, Hydro will make an enormous amount of interest off your money for that two-month period, and then the next bill is done by estimate again. How long will this go on before the people stand up and complain that enough is enough? Please everyone check your meters every month or two months depending on your billing cycle and phone in and make them take responsibility for their business.

Sylvia Hamilton
Meadow Creek

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Yes on No

With the constant barrage of doom and gloom emanating from government and corporations that affect our health and wellbeing, negative reactions get to be a drag. We, as citizens, are constantly being manipulated into having to say no to unjust and unhealthy policies, without ever having an opportunity to affirm positions contrary to our local social and economic realities. Fortis declares that AMI (smart meters) are safe and does not emit radiation. However, it is not the threat of radiation that is threatening but the threat of loss of control. Ontario homes, some US states and several European countries are using hard-wired smart meters. Why not BC?

Itron states that the utility company is free to choose the method of connection so, wired connections are available. Wired smart meters can communicate back and forth with the utility through a phone line or modern that is hooked up to the meter and does not emit radiation. In a real democracy, choices would be offered.

Karina Leja

Defy Fortis

To: Pete Swetland

Re: FortisBC Smart Meters

Hard wired meters are available for those who are concerned about solar panels for feedlots. Wired meters can be handwired to the house instead of hardwired to the utility through a phone line or modem that is hooked up to the meter and does not emit radiation.

I have been using a change in our yard, but if we go across the road and fell a tree and buck it up in someone else’s yard, that’s just fine! This is not our yard, our ethical, and if you insist, you will be escorted downtown in the backseat of a blue and white cruise.

By whose permission does Fortis get to permanently install a potentially harmful and invasive device on our home, that permeates our bodies 24 hours a day with pulses 2.4GHz microwaves, WITHOUT OUR CONSENT? And cut off our electricity will be cut off.

To: Peter Swetland

Re: FortisBC Smart Meters

I contacted the Valley Voice in November last year and asked if anyone could help me with any information about my great great grandfather Thomas Treney and his descendants. I did not really expect any response, but I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and help shown by some of your readers.

I have a greater understanding of Thomas’ life in your area and this has helped me fill in some gaps in my family history. Some people have really taken a lot of trouble to help me and I am appreciative enormously.

I’d like to say a big thank you to those people. I won’t embarrass you by naming you but I know who you are! It’s very heartening to realize that there are such good people out there who would help out a total stranger. Thank you once again to the readers of the Valley Voice. I hope that some day I can visit Canada and see some of the places that Thomas Treney was associated with.

Rosaleen Snowdon

Wheatley Hill, England

Disappointed in Slocan council’s lack of action on library issue

I am writing in response to Patricia McGreal’s comments that appeared in the March 20 issue of the Valley Voice. Although I don’t agree with McGreal’s version of library happenings, I will only comment on two separate complaints that I have submitted to the Slocan Village council.

I have written two different complaints to council over the past nine months. In the first, I was one of seven people that handed in a complaint about a library volunteer.

Council did not reply to this first complaint and several members received an email from the library chairperson stating that council did not feel they could intervene in the conflict as the situation was beyond their capacity and outside of their mandate. The email went on to say that council had given the chairperson the authority to deal with the current conflict between volunteers by setting up a mediation process. The email also said that council could not discuss it in an open meeting because of privacy issues. Would this not indicate that council wished to keep the information private?

It was at the time of mediation that the person whom myself and others complained of reluctantly acknowledged that one of our privately submitted letters (marked CONFIDENTIAL) had been “quoted” to him by Councillor McGreal. Following mediation, I and the two other supporters communicated verbally to Mayor Perriere the breach of confidentiality by Councillor McGreal.

Two months after the incident in mediation, I received a letter from council that stated: “The issue of the perceived confidentiality has been discussed and dealt with by council.” There was no indication that any corrective action was taken. I then followed up with a written letter of complaint regarding McGreal’s indiscretion and lack of respect, but no comment was made. I then revisited the issue and suggested that she be asked to step down from the library committee. I received a reply from Village council saying that the matter of the library mediation was discussed and dealt with by council at an in-camera meeting. Again, no reference was made to who had taken any action.

I feel that the complaint that myself and others submitted to council by no means represents all of Village council but does show that we made every effort to handle the complaint in a private manner. Councillor McGreal’s decision to read a private document verbally to council was an unfortunate decision. It is disappointing that the Slocan council continues to stay silent and that they are unwilling to assume any accountability in regard to these complaints.

The Slocan Community Library has become incredibly successful and is an important part of the Village of Slocan. I believe that by creating a new structure for managing the library and by having an elected board, there will be a group of people who will put the best interests of the library first and foremost.

Michelle Morelli

Slocan

We need more than carbon neutral

On the topic of carbon, I just wanted to state that what I would really like to remain Neutral, I find that I, myself, my community, and my culture are currently addicted to how it is produced. We can make small changes and hope to make a difference, but the reality is that our current existence is now almost entirely indebted and sustained by fossil fuels and liquidation of global forests of carbon.

Our Villages want to be carbon neutral; meanwhile, residents expect them to meet our current addiction to high mobility and services. The answers are simple, but are we going to accept changes? Changes like not plowing so many streets and walking or skiing. By creating far less garbage, collected infrequently with either electric or horse drawn vehicles. With parks maintained with a combination of grazing animals and hand mowing. Minimizing the need for machinery and fueling them with biodiesel locally made from processed waste grape or grilled wood.

I appreciate the intent for a Village to become ‘carbon neutral.’ I know we are of like mind and want to remain neutral to our Villages future, but I think we are creating our own illusion. Preservation and reforestation of large tracts like Darkwoods is excellent, but the plain fact remains that tonnes of GHG is still produced. While Forest sequencers many tonnes of carbon each year, we have not reduced the demand for forest products globally.

We have just displaced them to another location. The problem still remains for the ‘global’ community. It would be greater if our Villages and all of us can live in a way that uses a small fraction of current fossil carbon and restabilize forests where deforestation has occurred, because we need more than just carbon neutral at this point.

Villages can make energy, like the winter village arena, and now solar is way cheaper. Solar electric is at an all-time low price and most other provinces and towns go solar. Solar energy is the future, but I think we are creating our own illusion. Preservation and reforestation of large tracts like Darkwoods is excellent, but the plain fact remains that tonnes of GHG is still produced. While Forest sequencers many tonnes of carbon each year, we have not reduced the demand for forest products globally.

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We can make a lot of electricity in and around the villages. Small hydro systems and solar are expensive up front, but we would be paying forward towards having future worth living in. It’s time to see the carbon tax going to municipal energy making projects, so they can recharge their municipal electric vehicles. Convert to LED streetlights or reduce the number of streetlights. We need dam alternatives. (Is there anyone alive who can retell stories of how many Columbia River Salmon once came here to spawn?)

We don’t have ten years anymore. Climate change models are saying that we must act now and very seriously.

Kip Drodish

Hills

April 17, 2013 The Valley Voice

LETTERS
Slocan council, April 8: Portrait of Slocan’s first female mayor presented to council
by Barbara Curry Malacky

• Nick Verigin presented a framed portrait of Mrs. Emilie Popoff, Slocan’s first female mayor, to the Village. The portrait will hang in council chambers. Mrs. Popoff was mayor from 1947 to 1949. Noting that the Popoff picture is larger than the picture of Queen Elizabeth, Mayor Perriere joked, “I think the Queen will have big competition.”

• Therese DesCamp gave a presentation to council on the activities of the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society (SLSS) and an update on the Imagine Slocan Lake project. The SLSS has been doing the baseline scientific research necessary for a lake management plan, and local communities have been involved from the beginning. Although the provincial and federal governments are responsible for the foreshore and lake, local governments are in charge of land use around the lake. With the scientific studies SLSS has done so far, a committee of the RDCK is currently developing a Shoreline Guidance Document for Slocan Lake. This is the next step toward a lake management plan. When this document is complete, local governments will want to review their zoning to make sure it is consistent with the shoreline document. Slocan Village is on one of the most disturbed areas of the lake and as such will be a prime spot for lake restoration.

• Council thanked Mountain Valley Station for sponsoring Spring Clean Up, April 29-May 3. This year each house will be limited to two piles (one cubic metre each) of household garbage. On Friday, May 3, the Village will pick up electronic recyclables.

• Instead of purchasing carbon offsets from the Nature Conservancy of Canada’s Durstworks project, council voted to establish a Climate Action Reserve Fund. Money in the fund will be used for local climate initiatives, such as increasing energy efficiency in Village buildings, infrastructure, and vehicles, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions or improving sustainability.

• As required by the Community Charter, CAO Jack Richardson submitted a reporting detail council members’ stipends and expenses in 2012. The mayor received $5,000 and each councillor received $3,125. Expenses for the individual officials varied from $106 to $3,873 and totalled $10,976 for all council members.

• Council received a building analysis of the Silvery Slocan Hall prepared by Studio 9 Architecture. The report describes the current state of the hall and recommends repairs, upgrades and ways to best use the hall. CAO Richardson pointed out that the analysis says the hall is “in very good condition considering its age, construction type, and cladding system.” However, Richardson also reported that the person testing how airtight the building is “said it was one of the worst failures I’ve ever seen.” Council voted to share the report with the Royal Canadian Legion and arrange a meeting with them. The Legion is planning to renovate the building and has applied for grants from the Community Initiatives Program.

• Felicity Gerwing and Chris Berger, representing the Slocan Valley Cultural Alliance, asked council for support to hold the Unity Music Festival on the Slocan Village beach from July 26 to 28. A free festival event would be held on Friday evening, with the main events running from 11 am to 1 pm and Sunday’s from 10 am to 10 pm. They expect 500 attendees and would have 90 volunteers and 90 musicians. This year for the first time they would like to hire security. The skatepark is planning to hold their annual event the same weekend. The Legion plans a beer garden during the event. The mill is willing to allow the festival to use some of its land for parking. Gerwing said this family festival has been held in Winlaw for the past two years, where it was successful, on budget, safe and fun. Council voted to discuss the request at a special meeting on April 15. Council wants to consider risk control, the impact on residents, the cost of the insurance guests, and possible conflicts with boat launch users and parking near the beach.

• Council accepted the invitation to be an honoree at the May Days parade. Mayor Perriere and a staff member will take the old fire truck and distribute candy at the parade.

• On the topic of Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality, council voted to send a letter to the Union of BC Municipalities executive, encouraging them to get involved in the court case launched by the West Kootenay EcoSociety. UBCM passed a resolution at the last convention stating it does not support the concept of an unchecked body making land use decisions for an area with no residents.

• The Fitness Centre is applying for a grant to help fund the purchase of a new treadmill. There will be a “Bring a Buddy Day.” Prospective members will get a pass to try out the gym.

• Tim Hill, Public Works Supervisor, reported that the Village will install conduit crossings on Arlington Road so that in the future the Village won’t have to cut up the new pavement when they are installing new water service lines. The Village is installing another water service line to a new home at the corner of Arthur and Arlington.

• For a new drywall to be ordered and not be installed until after the RV Park season. The drywall will be installed either at the corner of Griffin and Harold or at Harold and Ward. Most of the potholes in the village have been patched and most of the winter gravel has been swept up. River Street has been graded and staff will soon be able to travel the road.

• Council voted to accept additions to the Village Employment Policy. Employees will now be allowed three days paid leave each year for compassion care, medical or family issues.

• Council gave first reading to the five-year financial plan bylaw (2013-2017), and three readings to the tax rate bylaw. There was some discussion about the difficulty of adopting a five-year financial plan when the Village does not know if Springer Creek will pay its taxes. Councillors decided to push ahead with the bylaw and make changes at the second or third reading, if necessary.

• Council will have a public meeting on the financial plan bylaw on April 15. A special meeting will be held at 7 pm on the same day to give final consideration to the financial plan bylaw and the tax rate bylaw. In addition, Springer Creek’s taxes, the Unity Festival, and a development variance may also be on the agenda.

• During public time, four library volunteers and the husband of a volunteer grilled council about the library. Patricia McGreal’s March letter to the Valley Voice, charges of bullying, council’s response of not going through the library, and questions about what would replace the recently disbanded library committee were all hot topics.

• Mayor Perriere said that Joanne Ellis has not yet provided a proposal on a new library structure to council and that when they receive the proposal, council will “be as transparent as we can.” Perriere said that council should be able to release details about the new structure of the library in two weeks.

More stolen property from Johnson’s Landing turns up in Kaslo submitted

The strange case of the re-appearing stolen property in Kaslo continues. Kaslo RCMP Cpl. Shannon Beggs says more of the property stolen during break and enters involving four unoccupied buildings in the Johnson’s Landing area has shown up, this time on the front steps of a local church. Other property — believed to have been stolen from residences in an area still deemed to be unstable from the fatal mudslide some eighteen months ago — turned up about three weeks ago, piled neatly at the side of an area road.

“Perhaps my initial conjecture about a guilty conscience at work here was correct,” says Beggs, who notes the symbolism of the articles, two pieces of computer equipment, being left at a church. “Whatever the motivation for the location of the recovered property, it’s always nice to return property to its rightful owner.” Beggs notes that the recovered equipment will first be examined by the Forensics Unit.

No arrests have been made to date and the RCMP investigation is continuing. RCMP continue to seek the public’s assistance in this investigation.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

AINSWORTH & WOODBURY FIRE RESPONSE SERVICE

Residents of the proposed Ainsworth and Woodbury Fire Response Service Area are invited to a public meeting to discuss the proposed service on:

Monday, April 22, 2013
pm

Ainsworth Community Hall

For more information, please call Terry Swan, Regional Fire Chief, at 250-352-1507.
New Denver council, April 9: Mayor Bunka protests recycling double-dipping

by Art Joyce

• Mayor Bunka reported that at the last Regional District board meeting he was not happy with the direction the commission was taking about the way product recycling is being handled in rural areas. The product stewardship program currently requires retailers to place products at the point of purchase and is boasting a high success rate in the large urban centers. However, says Mayor Bunka, it is not working in rural areas as it is and is resulting in double-dipping taxpayers. “When you buy a toaster you’re paying an eco fee on that, it’s supposed to be what we as consumers are paying to the producers so that they can take it back and deal with it. In the rural areas there aren’t that many collection points, especially for small appliances, and you have to go to Kelowna. So they end up in the landfills, which the taxpayers pay for.”

The mayor feels part of the problem is manufacturers’ unwillingness to pay for collection depots for products. The Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) recognizes that this is not working in rural areas and is negotiating with the provincial government to resolve the problem, so far to little effect. “Instead of making it easy for the manufacturers we at the Regional District recognize that we need to put pressure on them. Because they can claim such a high percentage in the cities they get away with not making it work here.” The problem will be discussed at the next Regional District board meeting, including a regional bylaw committee meeting. Mayor Bunka would like to see signs put up at Regional District recycling sites explaining what products should be put into the plate to get a credit toward recycling.

• The CBT Community Initiatives funding recommendations were brought forward from committee and all were passed. Successful applicants include Harvest Share, Healthy Arts Society, Healthy Community Society, New Denver and Area Youth Centre Society, PALS, Silverton Community Club, Slocan Lake Garden Society, Slocan Solutions Society, Kaslo Sufferfest Society, Kootenay Library Society, Slocan District Chamber of Commerce, and the Hidden Garden Gallery. These recommendations will now go to the Regional District board. Mayor Bunka said these are routinely approved at the RDCK board table. The mayor, Councillor Fox and Councillor Raynolds had to excuse themselves as having an interest in some of the applications and were therefore unable to vote on the recommendations. Two community members and two village councillors sat on the panel that assessed the applications.

• Council approved the funding request from the Kyowakai Society for passes for former internees on the Lethbridge bus tours to the Nikkei Heritage Centre in June. However, the society’s request for “a general policy in which all former internees of Slocan Valley internment camps be given free admission” to the centre provoked some debate. Although councillors approve of the idea in principle, there was some question as to how “internees” are defined – is it just those who were actually in the camps until 1947? Or does it include those living in the valley until 1960 when the properties were signed over by the government? If so, this number could be substantial. “The centre is a national historic site now and it has cost a lot of money to bring it up to standard,” said Mayor Bunka, “so we just can’t afford to allow everybody to get in free.” Council will take time to consider the request in greater depth.

• Council voted to support the District of Invermere request to have the UBCM intervene in the legal case between the West Kootenay Ecosociety and the Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality (JGMRM). A resolution was passed at the 2012 UBCM convention that states UBCM “does not support the concept of an un-elected body making land use decisions for an area with non-indigenous population.”

• A request from the Redfish School of Change to book the group camping area for May 15-21 was approved. Councillor Raynolds excused herself for the vote. Earlier in the meeting the new group reservations policy for the campsite was amended to allow the group to choose the day of payment for cancellations to help cover administration costs.

• Council approved the appointment of Tracy Oldham to the Heritage Advisory Committee.

La Cafamore String Quartet to perform Black Angels in Silverton

La Cafamore String Quartet is enjoying its fifth season as a performing ensemble, and are amongst the best string players in the Kootenays. Their current repertoire features two championed by the Kronos quartet, and a member of the Symphony of the Saskatoon Symphony. Violinist Alexis More is a member of the Symphony of the Kootenays and teaches violin, viola and cello in Nelson, Castlegar and the Slocan Valley.

La Cafamore Quartet played at the Silverton Gallery last May with pianist Nina Horvath. And if you attended the Harp Rouge concert at the Memorial Hall in November, you heard Jeff Faragher, cellist with La Cafamore. This concert is sponsored by the Slocan Lake Gallery Society with funding from the BC Arts Council (BCAC).

Second violinist Angela Snyder has been a member of the Banff Centre Chamber orchestra and the Saskatoon Symphony. Violinist Alexis More is a member of the Symphony of the Kootenays and teaches violin, viola and cello in Nelson, Castlegar and the Slocan Valley.

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The piece has been championed by the Kronos quartet, and was featured on the soundtrack of the movie The Exorcist. Schubert’s String Quartet No. 14 in D minor, known as Death and the Maiden is one of the pillars of the chamber music repertoire. Composed in 1824 after the composer suffered through a serious illness and realized that he was dying, it is Schubert’s testament to death. The quartet is, and remains, a member of the National Youth Orchestra of Canada, the Regina Symphony and the Saskatoon Symphony Orchestra.

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER NOTICE – ARBOR DAY

The Village of New Denver is holding an Arbor Day on Monday, April 22, 2013. We will pick up all yard and pruning waste that is placed at the curb by 6 a.m. Please ensure that all branches are bagged. Absolutely no household garbage or construction material will be picked up. Please ensure that all bundles and bags are an acceptable weight. Remember, you only have to lift one bag in comparison to the crew our crew will have to lift.

Thank you for your cooperation.

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER “COUNCIL CONVERSATION CAFÉ”

Residents of the Village of New Denver are invited to join your Council members for a “Council Conversation Café” on Saturday, April 27, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Nuru. This is an opportunity for New Denver residents to engage in conversation about current issues and ideas with Village Councillors. Support your local café by getting a tea or a coffee and a treat, and sit with us for some casual, but important dialogue. What is going well? What are some current issues? How can we solve them together? These are intended to be high level conversations between residents and Councillors.
Kaslo council, April 9: Fuel treatment project to go ahead this year
by Jan McMurray
A decision about the public wharf is expected to be made at the April 17 budget meeting. Councillor Lang raised this issue, indicating an urgency to get a wharf in place, preferably by May Days. “Let’s spend the money currently allocated in the budget and get something in place,” he said.

In a letter to council, John Addison of Progressive Forest Management proposes that the fuel management project within Village limits be done in late fall/early winter 2013, and that public consultation for the project be provided by the Village. Funding for the project was approved in February 2011 and the deadline for completion is March 2014. A tour of the project sites will be arranged for councillors.

“This Fuel Management Project was initiated for Public Safety and the reduction of fuel loading on Village owned properties throughout the Village of Kaslo,” he states. “It is important to recognize that without the cooperation of Village residents to recognize the potential threat of wildfire is extreme within and surrounding the Village of Kaslo, these type of projects cannot come to fruition.” He also recommends that the Village initiate a FireSmart Community Program, which would inform local residents on how to protect their properties and neighbourhoods.

FortisBC representatives attended the April 8 Development Services Committee meeting to discuss Water Street development. FortisBC has done an appraisal on Water Street, and will provide a summary of the appraisal to the Village soon, along with an updated quote for undergrounding the hydro in place,” he said. “It is important to recognize that without the cooperation of Village residents to recognize the potential threat of wildfire is extreme within and surrounding the Village of Kaslo, these type of projects cannot come to fruition.” He also recommends that the Village initiate a FireSmart Community Program, which would inform local residents on how to protect their properties and neighbourhoods.

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The Esso parking lot area was discussed at the April 8 Development Services Committee meeting. Public Works will talk to Highways about acquiring more concrete curbing, and will do an inventory of parking spaces available. Council expects the parking area to be open this summer.

The Village will provide a letter of support to the North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society for its application to Columbia Basin Trust’s Community Directed Youth Funds. Councillor Leatham was appointed as youth liaison for council.

Councillor Leatham spoke about the local cultural round table held on Easter weekend. Acting Mayor Holland added that there were 30-40 people in attendance, and there was a lot of enthusiasm. He said the group would likely put together a proposal for a cultural development office or officer.

Council received a letter from the mayor of the District of Invermere regarding Jumbo Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality. The mayor asked the Village of Kaslo to write to the UBCM executive, encouraging them to seek intervention status in the court case launched by the Kaslo & District Environmental Society. The EcoSociety is calling for a judicial review of the decision to create a municipality with no residents. Council agreed to write to the UBCM executive, not specifically to encourage them to get involved in the legal case, but to ask them to pursue the membership’s position taken in a resolution passed at the last convention. The resolution states that the UBCM does not support the concept unless an unresolved land use decisions for an area with no population.

Fire Chief Larry Badry and CAO Rae Sawyer are working on acquiring Public Access Defibrillators for the arena, grocery store, and at Jumbo Hot Springs Resort. The community currently has one defibrillator, shared between the arena and golf course. This one could be located at the Village hall if additional devices are obtained. The defibrillators are donated by the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The Kaslo Golf Club was permitted to run beer gardens on May 18 and 19 during May Days 2013 in the Loggers Sports area. Councillor Lang excused himself because of conflict of interest for this item.

The City Hall Committee will apply for a $25,000 Heritage Legacy Fund grant for exterior work. Regional directional signage was referred to the Chamber of Commerce. The municipality will devote its attention to internal directional signage only.

The West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board will meet in Kaslo on May 22. Village staff will prepare welcome packages for attendees.

Doye Yue will be invited to become Kaslo’s third member on the Kaslo & Area Regional Facilities Recreation & Parks Service Commission. Susan Mulkey and Ken Butt are the other two Kaslo representatives on the committee.

Councillor Holland’s written report on the Economic Development Fund Leaders workshop held in Castlegar on March 22 was received and referred to the Sustainable Economic Development Select Committee for information.

The Village will provide a letter of support to the Kaslo & District Public Library for its application to Columbia Basin Trust’s Youth Grant Program. Councillor Lang was authorized to attend the 2013 FCM conference in Vancouver.

Kaslo boat launch project delayed due to archaeological find
by Jan McMurray
With all approvals finally in, Kaslo got started on its boat launch installation project on April 9. However, work was halted the same day when three archaeological artifacts were found on site.

A ministry spokesperson reported that the site in Kaslo Bay is now protected as an archaeological site under the Heritage Conservation Act, and the Village will need to apply for a site alteration permit to complete the work. She said the approval application would be expedited once received.

As no more ground alterations are expected in the project, the ministry said it is unlikely that additional archaeological artifacts will be found, and therefore unlikely there will be any additional delays.

Archaeological monitoring during the boat launch installation was a condition of the Okanagan Indian Band’s approval of the project. The ministry spokesperson confirmed that the band’s archaeological monitor found three artifacts during the ground work work. “The ministry’s archaeology branch was informed, and subsequent examination confirmed that the artifacts are indeed archaeological in nature,” she said.

A site alteration permit will protect any additional archaeological finds.

Village of Kaslo CAO Rae Sawyer reported that the Village was notified by the Province that boat launch excavation had impacted an unrecorded archaeological site. She said the Village must apply for the permit and hire an archaeologist to conduct a preliminary impact assessment.

Decrease in enrollment at JV Humphries poses challenges
submitted by Principal Dan Miles
The staff at JV Humphries School are continuing their creative thinking process as we plan ahead for next year. Based on our student projections of how many students will be at JHV, we are once again looking at a small decrease in numbers. This will probably mean fewer staff and a smaller budget.

Knowing this ahead of time, the staff have taken up the challenge to look at this as an excellent time to implement structural changes so that students of different ages can work together.

Details are still evolving as I write them. We will be consulting with the students on April 24. We invite all interested parents/guardians and future parents of the JHV community to come to our school planning day on May 27 to have your say in deciding things we are planning at JHV.

We are excited by the opportunities for change, though change is not always easy. We appreciate your feedback as we move ahead.
Nakusp council, April 8: Event co-ordinator to be hired by Chamber

by Jan McMurray

• Councillor Duchaine reported that Chamber will hire an event co-ordinator, thanks to CBT grant funding. This will be a multi-year, seasonal position (May to November). The Chamber is also working on a proposal for a business hub.

Susan DeSandoli has volunteered to be a “community champion” as part of her role as Nakusp and Area Development Board/Regional Development Agency (NADB) participant in workforce funding, support Chamber and realizing that the Village of Nakusp leaders. She said she came away on her attendance at an economic exercise.

Revelstoke. The group has applied from Nakusp, Kaslo, New Denver and tourism group with representatives continues to work with the regional tourism group with representatives.

Maverick Design in New Denver.

forthcoming after NADB had had a reported that the building is in “very good shape,” he said. “Although the thought of selling the facility’s future,” he said.

to an ideal solution to the challenge of the hot springs, or entering into a public hearing. The motion failed, with Councillors Duchaine and Zelenik voting against.

• Council received a letter from people who had camped in Nakusp in September 2011. They were very impressed with the community and promise to come back. Mayor Hamling and Councillors Hughes and Mueller voting in favour of the motion. The motion failed, with Councillors Hughes and Mueller voting in favour. Mayor Hamling will send a thank you note to the community, after Councillor Hughes put forward a motion to thank the community, after Councillor Hughes put forward a motion to thank the community.

Councillor Zeleznik reported that he would be meeting with David Dubois of the ‘Wood Waste and Wood Bioproducts’ to discuss the hot springs property. The Village intends to petition the Province for the boundary extension was advertised in the local newspaper.

The motion failed, with Councillors Hughes and Mueller voting in favour. Mayor Hamling will send a thank you note to the community, after Councillor Hughes put forward a motion to thank the community.

Councillor Hughes reported that the Fire Hall inspection report has been received and Councilor Mueller reported that the building is in “very good shape.” She said the Village could do better on land use planning (include economic development as a priority in the OCP) and creating regional partnerships. She also learned that stand-alone economic development websites are recommended, and communities are advised to support existing businesses rather than try to attract businesses from elsewhere.

• Councillor Zeleznik reported that he would be meeting with David Dubois of the ‘Wood Waste to Rural Heat’ project on April 15. The goal of the project is to assist communities to adopt biomass heating solutions by providing resources, technical analysis, knowledge and best practices. This support is offered at no cost.

• The decreases in both water and sewer rates for drive-in restaurants (75% of the rates paid by restaurants and cafes) were finalized. (At this time, the community didn’t have an opportunity to give input the first time and it would be terrible to miss this opportunity.”

• The water treatment plant design/build contract for $500,000 was awarded to Aquadiversities/908 Engineering.

• Voter consent has been obtained to bring the hot springs property into the Village boundary by the “alternative approved process.” Notice of the Village’s intent to petition the Province for the boundary extension was advertised in the local newspaper.

Councillor Mueller said she had been informed and understand that they must weigh in on this issue,” he states in his written report.

Mayor Hamling added that there will be a meeting in Fauquier in June with the provincial Columbia River Treaty review team, and was worth encouraging people to go onto the government website and make comments. People need to get out and pay attention. The community didn’t have an opportunity to give input the first time and it would be terrible to miss this opportunity.”

• The firehall inspection report has been received and Councillor Mueller reported that the building is in “very bad shape.” She said details would be forthcoming after NADB had had a chance to discuss the report.

On other NADB business, Councillor Mueller reported that the online business directory will be completed by Nikia Bonomand of Maverick Design in New Denver.

The tourism marketing committee continues to work with the regional tourism group with representatives of Nakusp, Kaslo, New Denver and Revelstoke. The group has applied for funding for a regional branding exercise.

Councillor Mueller also reported on her attendance at an economic development workshop for local leaders. She said she came away realizing that the Village of Nakusp does a lot for local economic development, i.e. pursue provincial funding, support Chamber and NADB, participate in workforce round table, invest in infrastructure.
RDCK adopts cell tower siting policy before hearing Slocan Valley Concerned Citizens

by Jan McMurray

It has been the practice of the RDCK board to hear from both sides of an issue before making a decision, so Area H Director Walter Popoff is not happy that the board adopted a policy on public consultation for cell tower siting on Crown lands before hearing from the Slocan Valley Concerned Citizens.

“It’s only fair to hear both sides before making a policy decision, but in this case, that wasn’t followed,” said Popoff.

The board heard from Telus at its February meeting, when Telus representative Doug Anastos asked the RDCK board to streamline the public consultation process for siting cell towers. A delegation from the Slocan Valley Concerned Citizens, which has made it clear to the RDCK board and Telus that they want more, not less, public consultation, is scheduled to come before the RDCK board at its May meeting.

That’s why Director Popoff was surprised to see this on the agenda of the April 10 Rural Affairs Committee. “I wanted to have the other side heard before making a decision,” said Popoff. He put forward a motion to postpone discussion about the policy until after the board had heard the presentation from the Slocan Valley Concerned Citizens, but that motion was defeated by a wide margin.

“Some directors see an urgency to get this through,” explained Popoff. “The planning department says they have application referrals for cell sites and are getting phone calls asking when they will be dealt with,” he said. Popoff says he has had no referrals for sites in Area H.

The policy was discussed at the April 10 Rural Affairs Committee meeting, and adopted at the April 11 RDCK board meeting. It does what Telus asked for, which is to simplify and expedite the consultation process by acknowledging that the provincial process for public notification of telecommunications sites is sufficient, effectively waiving the federal process. However, the policy also directs RDCK staff to follow the ‘Antenna System Siting Protocol Template’ developed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).

“We asked for the development of a siting protocol at the rural forum at the last FCM convention,” said Popoff. “It has been completed and is very thorough.”

According to a press release issued by the FCM, “The protocol establishes a more comprehensive notification and consultation process than current regulations, and emphasizes the need for meaningful pre-consultation to ensure local land use priorities and sensitivities are fully reflected in the location and design of new antenna systems.”

Director Popoff conceded that “all is not lost.” Telus (or any other telecommunications provider) must still advertise each proposed site in a local newspaper for two consecutive weeks, and allow for a 30-day public comment period. The RDCK director will still receive a copy of the Crown land application along with an invitation to comment. These are the provincial requirements. The federal requirements of re-posting notification in the local newspaper and allowing for another public comment period have been waived.

As for a policy pertaining to cell sites on private land, Popoff believes staff will develop a draft for board consideration. At the Rural Affairs Committee meeting, staff reported that they had not yet received any private land referrals.

Recreation Commission announces grants

Slocan Lake Recreation Commission #6 held the Spring Grant-in-Aid session on April 3.

There were only three applications requesting funding and one requesting sponsorship. They were approved as follows: New Denver May Days Committee - $1,000 for tent rental; North Trails Society - $1,060.00 for water drink containers and cleaning, not to be used for a brush saw; SLELS (Nursery School) - $409.27 for large motorskills promotion craft; Valhalla Fine Arts Society Sponsorship - $650 for dance and summer program.

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...reported the lakebed, the vessel could be on it. Due to the steep sloping pontoon barge with a large crane leaving the sunken vessel where the ministry has the option of Transport Canada regulations, no environmental impacts and management staff."... the Sunken barge in Rosebery Bay. A ministry spokesperson reported that, “At this point, more information is needed from the vessel’s owner i.e., if there is intent to recover the vessel, or to determine if there’s in any environmental risk, such as fuel or other potential contaminants on board. This will be done in cooperation with FLNRO habitat management staff.” He said that if there are no environmental impacts and the vessel does not impede navigation according to Transport Canada regulations, the ministry has the option of leaving the sunken vessel where it is.

The sunken vessel was a pontoon barge with a large crane on it. Due to the steep sloping lakebed, the vessel could be more than 100 metres below the water’s surface, reported the ministry spokesperson.

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Ktunaxa Nation receives Wensley Bench in pre-treaty agreement

by Jan McMurray

In a pre-treaty agreement, the Ktunaxa Nation has been given approximately 242 hectares of Crown land in the Wensley Bench area outside the Village of Nakusp.

A press release issued by the Province states that the transfer of land “will create new opportunities for local businesses interested in partnering with the Ktunaxa to develop the lands and expand their businesses.”

Kathryn Tenesse, chair of Ktunaxa Nation Council, said they were excited about having a presence in the area, “given that it is very much part of who we are as Ktunaxa people. It has been many years since we had a presence in the western part of our territory.”

This area has been looked at by the Village of Nakusp, Area K and local businesspeople in the search for industrial land over the past few years. Tenesse said that part of the reason this particular land was identified for the pre-treaty agreement was because potential uses of the land had already been discussed. However, she explained that before anything happens on the land, there will be an archeological overview done, and a survey in order to determine its suitability for potential development activities.

“While we are getting all of that work done, we will be having discussions with entities that could be part of this so we can get as quickly as possible. It’s in our interest and in interest of the area to move on it,” she said.

In a statement issued by the Sinixt Nation, Marilyn James, spokesperson, stated, “The recent settlement of land granting to the Ktunaxa around the Nakusp area and the planned settlement of lands in the Castlegar area is just another example of the Canadian government acting against the rights of the Sinixt people and is taking an act of genocide to a new level by not only committing the act of genocide against the Sinixt peoples in their territory but by embroiling the Ktunaxa and the public in a collusion of that act.”

The statement explains that the Sinixt Nation filed a land claim in 2008 by writ of summon in the BC Supreme Courts and has notified the Canadian Government and both the provincial and federal treaty commissions that their “unceded territory is not to be negotiated with any government or any tribal groups who are not historically documented as anything but visitors to Sinixt lands.”

Glacier Mountain Resort Municipality, a business and cell tower installation in New Denver, in the BC Hydro smart meter program.

“We can’t only be motivated by economic growth at the cost of everything. We are allowing our sovereignty to be eroded by small policies and back door decisions, and I’ve had enough. People need to be inspired by a true advocate for democracy,” he said.

Joseph feels he “can only do so much” as a municipal councillor and is ready for the next step. “I’m not intimidated by the learning curve that’s ahead of me. When I went for the councillor position, I had no idea what to expect, but I learned quickly. I know that I can achieve that once again at this higher level.”

Joseph says he has the full support of his family. “We had to spend a couple of days to do some soul searching and figure out whether or not to do this. We’re in it together and fully committed.”

“I’ve always felt a calling for leadership and I’m looking forward to adventure that lies ahead,” he concluded.

Lardeau residents without power after major rockslide

by Art Joyce

A rockslide occurred at 1 am on Thursday, April 11, bringing about 100 cubic metres of rock onto Highway 31 two kilometres north of Lardeau. The slide caused damage to the road and a power outage that affected over 300 residents.

One boulder the size of a small vehicle caused major damage to the road surface across one lane. Smaller but still substantial rocks crashed down over a 200 metre area, causing further damage. Thanks to the late hour of the slide, no one was hurt.

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Partnership promotes wood waste for biomass energy in BC communities

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A program that helps rural communities turn wood waste into heat for buildings and homes is being expanded throughout the interior. The Province is partnering with the Columbia Basin Trust, the Southern Interior Beetle Action Coalition, the Omineca Beetle Action Coalition and the Cariboo-Chilcotin Beetle Action Coalition to invest $200,000 over two years in the Wood Waste 2 Rural Heat project.

RCMP lays charges in Catholic Church arson in Castlegar

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Charges have now been laid in last week’s arsons to St. Rita’s Roman Catholic Church and a nearby vehicle in Castlegar. Eighteen-year-old Lee Wilding, a male resident of Castlegar, and a 16-year-old female youth from Castlegar, who cannot be named under the provisions of the Young Criminal Justice Act, have each been charged with two counts of arson in relation to these fires.

The female was taken before a Judicial Justice of the Peace where she was released on strict conditions. Wilding has been remanded in custody since his arrest on March 28, 2013 and is appearing in Grand Forks Provincial Court today.

An incident such as this causes fear and unrest within any small community and places tremendous demands on the police to act quickly. Community cooperation was crucial in advancing the investigation.

This investigation was lead by the Castlegar Crime Reduction Unit and included resources from the Kootenay Boundary Regional Detachment General Investigation Section, members of Castlegar Detachment, as well as resources from other areas of British Columbia. Everyone involved in this investigation did an outstanding job of quickly gathering evidence to allow for arrests to be made and charges laid within a very timely manner. Over the past number of years we have developed a very strong investigative capacity with respect to serious criminal offences and this incident is a testament to that fact.

The investigation into the garage fire is still ongoing.

Please direct any inquiries to Inspector Nick Romanuk at (250) 354-5172.

RCMP seek information in highway sign vandalism

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Nelson RCMP are requesting the assistance of the public to identify a suspect(s) who damaged several signs on Highway 6 between Crescent Valley and Slocan Park in the early morning hours of March 23.

Sometime overnight between Friday, March 22 and Saturday March 23 someone drove their vehicle into the ditches and over highway signs along Highway 6 between Crescent Valley and Slocan Park. Approximately 11 signs were damaged, with a cost to repair estimated at $4,100.

It is lucky no one was injured during this incident, as the tire marks went quite a way off the road in order to strike these signs. Damages such as this cost the whole community. There are several residential properties along this stretch of road that could have been affected by this erratic and reckless driving behaviour. Most of the signs belonged to the Ministry of Transportation, but some private signs were also damaged.

Anyone with information on this incident, please contact Constable Colleen Lowing at the Nelson RCMP at 352-2156 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

What options do I have to insure my motorcycle?

You now have more options than ever when insuring On Road Motorcycles. While you still require your Third Party Liability from ICBC, your Collision and Comprehensive coverage’s may be purchased from insurance companies who offer a wide variety of additional benefits. For example this can include Travel Protection, costs to return a damaged or recovered stolen motorcycle, Lock Re-keying & Emergency Road Side Assistance, as well as Trailer & Riding Gear coverage. There are limits and exclusions to all policies so please ask what is included in your policy.

These All Risk policies generally offer Agreed Value limits. Agreed Value means if there is a total loss the company pays the amount of insurance shown on the policy declaration page. They may pay higher if the reasonable cost of replacing and repairing the Motorcycle equals or exceeds the Agreed Value. This is an important aspect of an insurance policy which affects the payout in the event of a total loss.

Most companies specify that you hold a valid Driver’s license for a minimum of 10 years and have at least your Learner’s Class 6 license, therefore the longer you have your Class 6 and the longer you ride, the less the premium you will pay! There are discounts available for Riding Courses, membership to clubs/associations such as BCCHC and HOG, specified anti theft systems. Choices of deductibles and monthly payment plans are available.

Call or visit any one of our 8 locations for your no obligation quote. Ride worry free. We’ve got you covered at RHC.

Tales from the fisherman’s market: We know where your fish comes from

Growing up in Ontario, I didn’t learn much about seafood. I ate some salmon, and a bit of cod, but nothing more than that. With no real fishing industry, information on seafood can be hard to find.

At 21, I moved out to BC and I started to learn more about the industry. I got a job at the Fisherman’s Market and learned a whole bunch about the seafood industry and the fish within it. It wasn’t until the guys sent me on a fishing boat that I really knew what it was like to be involved in sustainability. Information about catching rules, licensing, and the fish themselves, was easily accessible and mandatory to learn in order to work on a licensed boat.

One of the things I learned was that the fishing industry produced a lot in the world we do, and a lot of the people I was fishing with made a living from it. We used to catch as much as we could, with no regard for fish stocks. Quotas were non-existent for the most part. The seasons would open and it would be for all the boats to catch as much as they could, for the remaining season. If we didn’t get ‘em, we didn’t eat. We learned to live with that.

Now in BC we are industry leaders when it comes to sustainability in the seafood world. With our growing concerns in the environment, we are keeping better track of our natural wild resources and we are constantly improving our farmed stock to become the best quality, and most environmentally friendly in the world.

We still, however, have much work to do. Farmed salmon being a prime example of how things shouldn’t be.

I’ve come to learn that sustainability is not just about keeping fish around for our lifetime, it’s also about keeping the industries around so future generations can enjoy the same quality of life we do. So, inspired by this sentiment, we have named April “Local Sustainable Seafood Month” at the Fisherman’s Market.

–Jeremy W. Fisherman’s Market
Quality you deserve.
Nakusp Minor Hockey Awards Night

by Jan McMurray

The Nakusp Minor Hockey Awards Night was held April 10 in the arena auditorium. President of the Nakusp Minor Hockey Association, Rusty Reimer, welcomed a good-sized crowd to the event.

Novice coaches Ryan Fehler, Wayne Abbott and Paul Tithecott presented certificates to their players. Fehler commented that all the kids “made huge developmental strides” during the year.

Atoms coach Mike Smith spoke about his team’s close brush with the banner. They made it to the semi-finals and “gave Trail a run for their money.” He said the team would be “going for the banner next year.”

Wayne Abbott and Paul Tithecott presented certificates to their players.

Rusty Reimer said he was very proud of the team, which “started out slow and got better and better.” He gave special thanks to the two overage and two underage players on the team. This was the final year for six of the team members.

Officials of the Year awards were presented by Connor Reimer, Ref ‘n’ Chief for Nakusp Minor Hockey. Senior official was Ron Palmer. Junior officials were Dagan McInnes and Nathan McInnis.

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Best Goalie
Defensive - Max McCoy;
Play Maker
Most Improved - Kalen Jones, Raven Attherton, and Madison McCory.
Theatre BC Kootenay Zone Festival coming to Nakusp

submitted

The Theatre BC Kootenay Zone Festival arrives in Nakusp the week of April 17-21 offering the best of local, national, and international actors and theatre companies a chance to qualify for provincial competitions. Theatre BC holds competitive theatre festivals in each of the zones of the province with the winners from each zone coming together to compete in the Mainstage Festival. Awards and performances of the winning plays will be held Saturday, July 13, at the Kamloops Convention Centre Theatre. The Mirror Theatre is hosting one’s better! They will reveal the fun-loving dynamic Vaudeville age of peace and good times than the mid '70s. He's performed in nine legendary Toronto folk act Stringband, a finalist for an Audie Award to be performed in 1981. Thanks to a collaboration with EMEC discos in Madrid, Jones is currently on an extensive tour of Canada and the United States featuring a selection from the first commercial recording of this piece later this year. This is the first show at 7:30 pm is $15. Tickets for the Kaslo show are available directly from the Revelstoke Theatre Company. This show is a delightfully quirky and inspiring theatrical event. It revolves around a play about two fathers – neighbours, friends and gardeners – who plot the marriage of their children, only to see it all go wrong. Since its opening in May, 1960 at the Sullivan Street Playhouse in New York and its subsequent revival at the Suttle Theatre Center, The Fantasticks has become the longest running production of any kind in the history of American theatre. Even today it continues its run in New York City, based on the book and lyrics of Tom Jones and music by Harvey Schmidt.

Each production will be adjudicated by Danielle Dunn-Morris, followed by evaluative ‘Coffee Critique’ sessions. Awards will be made at the banquet on Sunday, May 12. Dunn-Morris will lead a workshop for the winning play in preparation for moving forward to the Mainstage Festival.

The Kootenay Zone festival is made possible by support from the CBT, RDCK, and other community sponsors. The public is welcome to all activities, performances, Coffee Critiques, silent auction, awards banquet, and après-socials. Tickets will be sold at Bon Marché prior to the festival. Tickets for the awards banquet and other advanced sale tickets may be arranged with Gail by calling 250-265-4526.

For more information visit http://theatrecb.org/zone-festivals.

Rick Scott returns to the Kootenays for kids’ and adult concert series

submitted

Singer, songwriter and dulcimer ace Rick Scott brings music and laughter to the Kootenays with a family matinee and evening adult show at the Langham Theatre on April 20, followed by intimate concerts for big folks at Heart’s Rest Retreat Centre in New Denver April 21 and Expressions in Nelson April 24.

Scott has been creating his own unique brand of music and humor, since forming Pied Pumpkin with Shari Ulrich and Joe Mock in the mid `70s. He’s performed in nine countries and released 18 recordings, achieving three Juno nominations and several Canadian Folk Music Awards.

A grandfather of nine, Scott delights in performing for all ages, drawing from his 40-year original repertoire of songs and stories from a life richly lived. His latest opus, the four-CD illustrated musical audio novel Como una fantasía, won Family Choice and Parents’ Choice Approved and is a finalist for an Audie Award to be announced in New York in May.

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Tickets for the Kaslo show are available at Sunnyside Naturals and Willow Home Gallery – family concert at 3 pm is $10 or $30 for a family of four; big folks’ show at 7:30 pm is $15. Tickets for the New Denver show April 21 at 7 pm are available at the Apple Tree restaurant and Silverton Building Supplies – $12 advance, $15 at the door. Tickets for the April 24 Nelson show are available directly from Expressions, 554 Ward Street or call 354-3910. In addition, Scott will perform a musical reading of The Great Gazzoon at Castlegar’s Twin River School on Tuesday, April 23.

Scott’s tour continues to Revelstoke and Golden. For more information visit www.rickscott.ca, www.gazzoon.com, and info@heartsest.com.

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Tickets are $22, available at Figments in Kaslo or at the door on the night of the concert. School age children are admitted free when accompanied by an adult patron. For further information call 250-366-4623 or sjdks@kaslo.org.

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Nakusp area sees business opportunity in new marijuana regulations

by Jan McMurray

Big changes to the medical marijuana regulations are coming down the pipe, and Rodney Potopff from the Nakusp area sees a business opportunity for himself as a licensed medical marijuana producer. He attended the April 9 Nakusp council meeting to inform council of his plans and to ask for a letter of intent, which is one of the requirements in the lengthy application process.

Potopff told council he would like to set up his medical marijuana grow operation in Nakusp’s commercial core, to bring tax revenue into the Village and to be located near the RCMP station as an alternative.

Councilor Mueller said most local governments would allow this type of operation in agricultural or industrial areas only, because of the smell. Potopff replied that he would be using charcoal filters or ozone technology, so odour would not be an issue. In a letter to council, he states that he intends to grow organic marijuana “with the latest green technology to date. The effluent will be treated with ozone and recycled.”

According to the Health Canada website, the new “Marijuana for Medical Purposes” regulations are expected to come into effect this spring. There will be a transition period until March 31, 2014 during which both the current and the new regulations will be valid. As of April 1, 2014, there must be full compliance with the new regulations.

During the transition time, there is an opportunity for those planning to apply to be licensed producers to apply for authorization to conduct research and development activities with marijuana, such as testing plant materials and growing conditions. Potopff intends to submit a research and development application as soon as possible. “This will give us the go-ahead right away to get up and running,” he told council.

“This time next year, they want us in full production.”

The Health Canada website explains the key differences between the two sets of regulations. Under the current regulations, patients first obtain a document from their physician recommending the use of medical marijuana, and then they apply to Health Canada for authorization to possess marijuana. Upon Health Canada approval, they may grow marijuana at home, designate someone to grow marijuana for them, or purchase marijuana from a government producer.

Under the proposed new regulations, patients must obtain a document from their physician and send it to a producer who has been licensed by Health Canada.Licensed producers will be allowed to grow marijuana in homes or outdoors. They will have to comply with very strict security requirements, product labelling and packaging requirements, record-keeping and reporting requirements, and product quality standards. This is expected to drive the price up from the current $5.50 per gram to $8 per gram.

The only way that licensed producers will be allowed to retail the marijuana is via secure shipping – registered mail or bonded courier. Medical marijuana may also be sold by pharmacists, authorized bonded couriers, or in stores that are separate from, but connected to, licensed production facilities.

Rodney, a resident of Kaslo, has been growing marijuana from a government producer. “I am very happy to be doing this work,” Chelsea said in an interview. “We will all die someday. Together we can move towards more open dialogue about death and more loving support for those in their own dying process.”

Chelsea has lived in Kaslo since 1978, with the exception of a few years in the US. While in California, she received hospice training and worked as a volunteer with AIDS and cancer patients. “I was very impressed with the compassionate and respectful nature of hospice services. When I returned to Kaslo, I wanted to help support hospice in our community,” she said.

The mandate of the HSNKL, as stated in its constitution, is “to provide compassionate supportive services to assist individuals in their last stages of life. We will all die someday. Together we can move towards more open dialogue about death and more loving support for those in their own dying process.”

Chelsea also attends to administrative duties, such as receiving referrals, meeting with clients, and organizing and running sales and support meetings for volunteers. “We currently have approximately 12 volunteers and we welcome new ones,” Chelsea says. “There is always a way they can help that fits with their schedules and interests. Some volunteers complete hospice training to become certified to assist hospice clients and their loved ones. Others help by assisting with administrative tasks, increasing public awareness of hospice services, and helping out with the many tasks needed to keep a non-profit society serving the community.”

Chelsea explained that there have been hospice services in Kaslo since the mid-1980s. In the 1990s, during the restructuring of the Interior Health Authority, the Interior Health Authority was formed, hospice services in Kaslo, Salmo, and the East Shore joined up with Nelson and District Hospice Society. Recently, after much discussion, Kaslo and area decided to form its own hospice society. The society has been offering services since February 1.

For more information, contact Chelsea at 250-353-2289 or hospice@kaslo.org.

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Environmental Initiatives Grants available. The EIP provides support to community-initiated and -supported projects. It includes small grants geared at projects under $10,000 and large grants that, in total, add up to $25,000. The next large grants intake will take place in fall 2013. Small grants in the range of up to $5,000 per project are being offered. Over the past 11 years, the program has provided over $5 million in funding.

Regional bus service to improve this summer

by Jan McMurray

West Kootenay Transit service will improve as of July 2, according to a press release issued by the West Kootenay Transit Committee.

There will be two more daily trips between Nelson and Castlegar, with connections to Trail.

Kaslo’s Health Connections service will improve. The bus from Kaslo to Nelson will run Monday and Wednesday, with an additional bus on Nelson-Midway trip on both days.

The region has been divided into three zones: Slocan (Nakusp to Castlegar), North Kootenay (Kaslo to Nelson to Playmorrow) and Columbia (Playmorrow to Castlegar and Trail). Travel within one zone is free of charge, while all zones will cost $3.50. Books of 10 tickets and monthly passes will also be available. The Health Connections fare from Nakusp and Kaslo will cost $4, including an all zone transfer.

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**ARROW LAKES HISTORICAL SOCIETY Annual General Meeting – April 17, 2013, 4:30-5 pm. Nakask Senior’s Hall. Movies and photos to be shown. Coffee and soda pop. All are Welcome.**

**SOLO CONCERTS with Piet Piekun’s RICK SCOTT; Sat., April 20, Langham Theatre, Kaslo (6 pm family & 7:30 pm Big Band. Tickets: at the door).**

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**EARLY DAYS, Jan Lumme Students for a Spring into Growing afternoons of activities. Start at 12:30 pm on Monday, April 22 with a free brew of beer and potato or nettle soup and then up to 5 pm at the Library hours: 11 am to 3 pm daily. Open May 5, 7-7 pm.**

**MOTHER’S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST at the Slocan Legion Hall 502 Harold St. Slocan, Sunday May 12, 8:30-11:30am. Adults $9.00, Children 6 & under $5.00. Everyone welcome.**

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Area H North TV Society holds Annual General Meeting

The Area H North TV Society held its annual general meeting on April 9 at the Hidden Garden Gallery in New Denver. The group oversees the delivery of both television and radio programming to the Slocan Lake area by means of a small tax levy.

The financial report indicated that funding was adequate and that annual costs of tax, insurance, hydro, permits, fees and maintenance were in order. The current surplus is held as a term deposit and will be applied to planned future upgrades.

The president’s report outlined discussion that had taken place with consultants and technicians in regards to the society’s structures and equipment. Changes to the delivery of CBC television, while not part of the society’s mandate, were discussed, as many locals have taken advantage of the Shaw LTSS program.

Elections were held, resulting in Peter Roulston as president, David Everest as secretary, Michael Brown, Richard Harwood, Gordon Butt, Trevor Hamop and Kamil Aksoylu as directors. Susie O’Donnell is retained as bookkeeper and Rodney Farnsworth as technician. As part of ongoing upgrades, please be advised that programming will be interrupted all day likely around May 8.

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