Columbia River Treaty Review meeting held in Fauquier

by Jan McMurray

The majority of people attending the final public meeting in the Columbia River Treaty review process indicated by a show of hands that they were in favour of terminating the treaty.

 Approximately 75 people attended the June 15 meeting in Fauquier. The session was held at the request of the Columbia River Treaty Action Group, made up of residents from Nakusp, Arrow Park, Burton, Fauquier and Edgewood, who felt there should be a meeting in the area where the largest number of people were displaced by the flooding in the 1960s.

There was good local representation, but the meeting also attracted several people from much further afield. There was a Sinixt man from the Colville reservation, two international trade lawyers from Ottawa, people from Bowen Island, Vancouver Island, the Peace River Valley, Washington state, Salmo, the Duncan/Lardeau area and Revelstoke.

The show of hands resulted in two-thirds of attendees voting to terminate the treaty, while about one-third indicated they were undecided. Only one person voted in favour of continuing the treaty.

The straw vote was taken near the end of the meeting, after five presentations were made on various aspects of the treaty.

George Penfold, former Regional Innovation Chair at Selkirk College, gave a presentation on the treaty’s impacts and benefits. When Trevor Osusser of the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) spoke about the different FWCP projects that attempt to compensate for some of the ecological impacts of the treaty dams, three people from the audience told Osusser they were very disappointed in the program. “You have not improved fisheries in the Arrow Lakes one bit,” said one man. Another said he was “screaming mad,” and pointed out that there are no FWCP projects in the Burton-Fauquier area, which was heavily impacted by the treaty.

Alan Thomson of Mountain Station Consultants in Nelson looked at four possible post 2024 scenarios for the Arrow reservoir: status quo; remove the dams; keep the reservoir stable at near full pool (1,415-1,444 feet); and keep the reservoir stable at mid-elevation levels (1,415-1,430 feet).

This last option generated a lot of interest from people at the meeting. Unlike the option to stabilize levels at full pool, the mid-elevation option has not been modeled by either Canada or the US. Kathy Eichenberger was clearly very interested, and committed to having BC Hydro do the modeling, with results available by the end of the summer.

Thomson said that in this scenario, “all socioeconomic issues would go away” and listed the many ecological benefits – more terrestrial, bird, riverine and spawning habitat, constant kokanee access, and a good possibility of re-vegetation. The main trade-offs would be reduced revenue from Arrow Lakes Generating Station and reduced environmental benefits in the mid Columbia reach. “I think the sweet spot is in there somewhere [1,415-1,430 foot range],” he said.

Richard Paisley, who teaches international law at UBC, spoke a lot about the US situation. He explained why the US wants to reduce its Canadian Entitlement payment to just 10 percent of what it is now. The Canadian Entitlement is calculated on a theoretical amount of extra power that could be generated in the US if the Americans ran their dams in a certain way – but they can’t run them that way because the Endangered Species Act does not allow them to. Paisley said the US should be willing to pay Canada as much for fisheries as they do for power, but the Canadian Entitlement is being paid for by utility companies south of the border, not by the people representing fish and wildlife interests.

Kathy Eichenberger, executive director of the provincial Columbia River Treaty Review Team, said she strongly believes the US is continuing on page 2
Harvest Share 2013

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This week I travelled to Victoria to be sworn in as MLA and I wanted to say a heartfelt thank you to the people of Kootenay West for my re-election. I am honoured and I will do my very best to represent all constituents and take the concerns of this area to Victoria and the legislature.

I was an active member of the Official Opposition Caucus and Sinixt set up protest camp on Perry Ridge

by Jan McMurray

The Sinixt Nation has set up a camp on Perry Ridge, preventing logging road work from going ahead.

The BC Timber Sales contract for building the eight-kilometre road extension was awarded to Galena Contractors Ltd. out of Nakusp. A spokesperson for BCTS reported that the company is “identifying options to allow for the legal resumption of work.”

A video posted online on YouTube documents a member of the Sinixt camp serving a BCTS silviculture forester with a Cease and Desist Order on June 10.

The introduction to the video states: “A permanent camp is established to assist Sinixt human-beings in pursuit of their cultural development and to protect Sinixt cultural rights within their ancestral homeland. Sinixt human-beings are defending their intrinsic and human rights and are standing to protect the lands, water, and animals of Shla7kin (Perry Ridge) for the future generations and all human-beings who live and depend on the clean waters of our sacred mountain.”

BCTS reports that terrain stability and hydrological assessments were carried out to ensure that the road would not pose an undue environmental risk.

Canada Day packed full of fun in Nakusp

by Jan McMurray

Canada Day in Nakusp will be a day packed full of fun things to do – a pancake breakfast, parade, cardboard boat races, Bumkocks (the game of bones) tournament, children’s games and storytime, sand treasure hunt, farmers market, Parkour, bocce, a live band, a pig roast and beer gardens.

Most of the action is down at the park, including the welcome ceremonies at noon, followed by Canada Day Cake. But take the time to tour the downtown businesses and check out their decorated windows.

New this year are the bumkock tournament and the cardboard box boat race. Try your hand at bumkock – “the game of bones” – and a chance to win prize money. First, second and third place teams will win $800, $400 and $200 respectively. Contact Bonnie at bohmi.theliss@gmail.com or 250-265-2021 for more information about the game.

Terry Taylor appointed superintendent/secretary treasurer

by Jan McMurray

Terry Taylor has been appointed superintendent/secretary treasurer of School District 10 Arrow Lakes.

Pattie Adam, chair of the board of education, said in a recently issued statement: “Given the work completed by the board last year as part of the superintendent recruitment process, we were pleased to be able to apply that work, consistent with board policy, leading to the selection of an excellent internal candidate. Terry is a widely respected educational leader, both locally and provincially.”

Terry was appointed Acting Superintendent/Secretary Treasurer when Denise Perry was dismissed by the board last year as superintendent.

Nakusp Rotary Club

Meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm at the Nakusp Rotary Villa 206 - 7th Ave
Bouquets
There are so many people that give of themselves (and tirelessly) in this beautiful area. We read the Valley Voice and Penntwite without fail. The names of these concerned citizens are often in print and they address many issues from world issues to local issues. They are the ones that keep everyone on our toes, and deserve many kudos. We love this area and the people. We will continue to live here to the end of our days.

Doreen and Randy Lundblad
Kaslo

Kaslo and the missing link
Wait! Put down that wooden club. This letter carries no reflection on the genetic inheritance of the worthy citizens of Kaslo. Many of you have enjoyed the magnificent magenta covered bridge, carving over our rushing waters. Well, watch out Madison County. The ‘missing link’ is a roof over the 5th St Unity Bridge, completing the five-kilometre river trail loop along the Kaslo River. The ‘missing link’ is also the subject of your Tweets, Facebook ‘likes’ and supportive comments on the Kaslo Trailblazer nomination page.

At the moment, 39 communities in BC are vying to be chosen as finalists on June 30 to be eligible to win $25,000 on the Kraft Celebration Tour. Your popular support on the social media and the Trailblazer website will ensure we get a chance in the final voting July 8 & 20. We did it with the logging sports renewal and, with your support, we can triumph again.

There are links to our nomination page on the Kaslo Trailblazers website and blog, or you can go directly to the nomination page at: http://www.kraftcelebrationtour.ca/en/nominate/profile/kaslo-trailblazers-society/

Gerald Garnett
Kaslo

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Dawson misses the point
Chris Dawson misses the point on the cell phone tower debate. Suiting the messenger is not very constructive. Would you sue the RCMP for not attending the scene fast enough? Communication is essential to all of us for different reasons, yet we need to balance the benefits with the effects on our health and our environment. There is an ever-increasing amount of equipment emitting harmful electromagnetic fields and radiofrequency radiation, which exposes each and every one of us involuntarily.

The public debates over tobacco, X-rays, and asbestos took over 100 years to officially setttle public health issues. Today, we are witnessing the same debate over ‘electrosmog’ – an ever increasing, invisible form of pollution generated by all things wireless and other technologies utilizing non-ionizing radiation.

The biological effects have now been researched and the information is quite altersing. We know there are effects on the cardiovascular system, the immune system and brain function, to name a few. Electrosmog is growing by the day as more and more towers and devices come on line. This issue has been referred to as the greatest biological experiment ever perpetrated on humans and animals alike. New cell phone companies have come with a warning not unlike the original warnings on cigarette packs – this is to limit the liability of the phone makers.

There is the Precautionary Principle, which states: “When there are indications of possible adverse effects, though they remain uncertain, the risks from doing nothing may be far greater than the risks of taking action to control these exposures.” The Precautionary Principle shifts the burden of proof from those suspecting a risk to those who discount it.

Bob Lorch
Winlaw

Birds and beer cans
As regular readers may recall, there has been some discussion in the Valley Voice about both the Bird Count and the Beer Can Count, which apparently take place down the lake from here.

I’m in Meadow Creek, and I would like to weigh in on this. (We have an awful lot of birds here – and some beer cans.)

In my opinion, although birds are surely lovely to look at, they can be very shrill. At this time of year, they start up at about 3 am, and finish ‘singing’ at 10 pm, for a total of about 10 hours per day. I find that this can become quite annoying.

Beer cans can also be found up the lake. However, they do not wake me up in the night and can be returned to the store for money.

Just a thought.

Caroline McConnel
Meadow Creek

Living with bears
On behalf of the grizzly and black bears, and to help maintain peace and save lives, it must be remembered that as settlers, we live in their home as well – the forests. We need to learn to co-exist, maintaining nature’s balance. To help stop negative human encounters and killing the bears, and to maintain a harmonic existence, preventative measures for a safe and trouble-free relationship include being responsible for one’s waste, garbage and compost. Locking your waste in secure containers or leaving it inside a building can prevent the bears from accessing the food source and remaining in the area, waiting for more. With the request for more bear-proof garbage cans being challenged by lack of funding and the distance from which they must be purchased, perhaps the project could be combined with educational training at the high schools or college. Electric and solar-powered fences are a proven method of preventing bears from eating from fruit trees and from attacking other livestock, i.e. chickens. Protective measures for individuals include maintaining awareness of your surrounding and carrying noise makers (i.e. bells or whistles and perhaps bear spray). Making short, loud blasts from a whistle is a good way to scare a black bear away. When on forest adventures, it is important to leave one ear open when listening to headphones and remember: pack it in, pack it out. Please be mindful that these animals are simply living their lives, and need not be a threat to any human.

Matthew Thomas
Winlaw
Open letter to Slocan mayor and council

Although the library committee has been dissolved and a new structure has not yet been created, work at the library continues. I would like to report to the citizens you report to, are interested in knowing how the library is faring these days.

Although four library volunteers began their ongoing leaves of absence in mid-April, this May was the library’s best May ever. Circulation increased from last year’s record for the month, of 487 items to 524, an increase of an 8%. Effective goal-setting and organization by the working library team achieved these results, and congratulations are in order for the hardworking volunteers in the library who provide an excellent service to the public.

Regarding grants, the library has done well (though no library ever has enough money)

The grant application that volunteer co-ordinator, Stu MacCuag, submitted to the Royal Canadian Legion, Slocan Branch, has been approved and will result in another $2,000 for 2013 for our library for purchase of stacking chairs (for our author readings), shelving items for our media room project, and purchase of items requested by our patrons.

The CBT grant application for 2013, written by volunteers Patricia McGreal and Stu MacCuag, and facilitated by former library Chair Joanne Ellis, was successful in the full amount of our request for $5,000 to buy jamon fiction DVD’s. The first shipment has arrived, and I envision the patron use within the library, and fund the labour, slatwall, and remaining shelf fixtures needed for our media room.

The WEGCSS. It will be used to buy non-digital CD’s. IBM’s awarding of grants in two consecutive years is an indication that the significance of Slocan’s small library.

Those far outside of Slocan recognize and even academic awareness seems to completely wrong; there is an enormous having health effects” or simply “There is growing concern that cell tower emissions may be doing just that.”

This mutation can consequently lead to increased cancer risk. In particular, it could also be shown that this destruction is not dependent upon temperature increases, i.e. is nonthermal.

Please note, the permissible microwave radiation limits in Canada have never been lowered, as they have been in Switzerland and many European countries. Canadian guidelines do not protect against or acknowledge any biological changes.

The Swisscom patent was filed September 2004. Since that time, hundreds of more studies confirming health effects and biological changes from microwave/RF exposure have been published. Personal experiences of harm and illness from wireless devices have been routinely reported. Despite all the evidence, Health Canada and our provincial governments and school boards promote unlimited exposure to microwave radiation and refuse to investigate when children or adults get sick from it.

Suzan L Yurchuk

New Denver

Dawson not well informed

Chris Dawson is not well informed regarding the aims of the group he refers to as “Slocan Citizens for Safe Technology” and is incorrectly accusing of being an “anti-cell phone phone.”

Nothing could be further from the truth and Mr. Dawson had been paying attention to the media’s coverage of this story and the many letters on the topic published in the Valley Voice over the past many months, he would not have made this mistake and embarrassed himself to the degree he has.

Let’s clarify – the Winlaw based group he is referring to as “Slocan Citizens for Safe Technology” is an independent grassroots group and is not against cell phone service in the Slocan Valley. What it is against is the unattended sitting of cell phone towers.

In the valley – that is, tower locations to be decided unilaterally by Telus with no public input or participation in the decision making process. Telus has made it clear this is what it wants.

To that end, the Winlaw group presented a plan to the RDCCK board on May 13 for that board to adopt a tower siting protocol that would provide the public an opportunity to participate in those decisions. The board has taken this plan under advisement and we can assume it will announce a decision on the matter soon.

There are a lot of good reasons to regulate the location of cell phone towers, which are typically 165 feet tall, the height of a 16-story building. With nearly a dozen of them needed between South Slocan and Slocan, if located on the valley floor (as Telus prefers), they would be an unnecessary intrusion on the valley’s otherwise pristine rural landscape, which most residents want left undisturbed by industrial-type developments, such as these towers represent.

Moreover and of greater concern, health experts do not think these towers should be located within the built environment of communities and should be kept at least 500 meters from schools, public gathering places and recreation areas (such as parks and playgrounds), apiaries, and homes.

The Winlaw group prefers that these towers be located in the same area that broadcast/receive towers have been located here in the past, whether CBC or the internet service provider. Columbia Wireless, whose facilities are located in the valley’s higher ramps and are essentially not visible from our community.

I suggest that in future, Mr. Dawson do a better job of researching his topic before making a lot of unfounded claims and incorrect assertions.

Sean Rooney Vatican

Silverton Gallery brings many benefits to community

Before we talk about closing the Gateway and what that means, let’s talk about what it brings to our community. The Slocan Lake Gallery Society (SLGS) mandate is to encourage all artistic platforms for people of all ages and walks of life, and to encourage community interaction.

The vast and varied range of artistic, creative activities enabled by the existence of the gallery facility itself over the years are too numerous to elaborate except in broad categories which include: musical performances in many genres (folk, rock, jazz, classical, choral, blues and more); film series, slide shows and travelogues; art exhibits, plays and dramatic performances of all kinds (local, school and touring); lectures, book and CD launches and poetry readings; photography, film and sound recording workshops; educational workshops of all kinds for all ages; children’s programming (KinderMusik and other programs, classes, recitals, art workshops and classes, summer camps and exhibits in conjunction with Lucerne School and otherwise); community fundraisers, weddings and memorial services… The list is practically endless.

The SLGS/Gallery also facilitates many of community events and sponsor,sponsors others covering all art media and social occasions, including

of those the of the Valhalla Fine Arts Society, Lucerne School and Christmas by the Lake. As a member of the West Kootenay Regional Arts Council (WKRC) SLGS is an integral part of the regional cultural community in which CBT/CKCA grants are dispensed. The Gallery building itself – which now holds heritage status – is a Silverton landmark, reflecting our rich historical past and housing the displays and archives of the Silverton Historical Society.

The economic value of artistic events of all kinds is obvious. In our case, a substantial portion of the revenues from the Valley campgrounds in August is generated from the Valhalla Fine Arts Society/VSSM families who camp there. Spillover to other local businesses in both villages – restaurants, hardware and food stores and the New Denver Friday Market – are significant. To quote the 2003 study by the Nelson and Area Economic Development Commission: “There is measurable economic impact from the arts and in Nelson and area this is north of $7 million, which supported the creation of some 581 full-time jobs in Nelson and area.” While we are not Nelson, arts programming in our own communities has economic impact.

The Gallery is not simply just a ‘public assembly hall.’ Nor is it purely a rental venue. It is a dedicated space whose facilities enable community activities, exhibits and performances of all kinds, with broad social benefits.

The philosopher John Dewey wrote: “Children exposed to the arts from birth are more likely to be high achievers in school, more confident, and interact better with their peers.” Any loss of these marvelous opportunities would be terrible and would have a direct impact on our children, more confident, and interact better with their peers. All of this would have a direct impact on our children, more confident, and interact better with their peers.

Pendeleo Stuart and Judy Malta

Silverton Response to Chris Dawson’s ‘hypocrisy and liability in the cell phone debate’

Hypocrisy? Let’s talk about hypocrisy. How about the hypocrisy of the telecommunications industry, which has had ‘red flags’ popping up all over the world in scientific studies about the health risks of cell phone radiation. Yet the industry is quite happy to carry off billions in profits despite the known and suspected risks.

Dr. George Carlo, the epidemiologist who headed the multi-million dollar research project for the telecommunications industry in the US, was among the first to raise the alarm. The six-year research project was launched in 1993 as part of a deal made with Congress to keep the industry from being regulated. Dr. Carlo’s research yielded findings that linked cell phone radiation to serious health diseases, including cancer. When he submitted his results to industry executives, they tried to find ways to discredit his research and sabotage his reputation. Hypocrisy, + something.

And how about Telus, which, confronted with a poll of New Denver citizens stating that cell service was not wanted here, went over Valley council’s head to the federal government to get its way! And then threatened activists with lawsuits if they stood on the road to block installation. All while spewing media reports of how they’re “interested in the well-being of citizens” with a plan to build cell towers.

Already in 1996, Swiss Re, one of the companies that insures the insurers, issued a report entitled Electromagnetics – A Phantom Risk. While parroting the standard industry mantra that the science is yet to catch up, Swiss Re acknowledge that the company expects to see a future tidal wave of lawsuits related to cell phone use. “On the basis of present knowledge alone, it must be expected that plaintiffs will win suits dealing with this.” That was 1996. If you check the Biostatistics 2012 Report, there’s been a lot more studies done since. Many in the US and Australia have already been won by employees of the telecommunications industry who developed cancer as a result of occupational exposure. The precedent has been set – the tidal wave of lawsuits only awaits the latency period (10+ years) for heavy cell phone users to expire. We’re already saying the leadedge of that wave. Dr. David Carpenter and Dr. Ronald Herbstman testified before Congress in 2008 that incidence of childhood cancer had been on the rise the last 10 years, particularly among 20-29-year-olds. Yet US and Canadian public health agencies and cancer societies, heavily lobbied by the telecommunications industry, are up to six years behind in their statistics for brain tumours. “Mobile phones could kill far more people than smoking or asbestos,” concludes neurosurgeon Dr. Vini Khurana. He’s on the front lines removing tumours, seeing the increase firsthand.

Mr. Dawson seems to have parachuted into the valley with no understanding of the local culture whatsoever, and having drunk a little too much corporate Kool-Aid. For decades we’ve survived quite well without cell service along our highways. A firefighter from the Winlaw Volunteer Fire Department told me they generally have “inter-cell service,” it admitted any major accident. That’s our valley culture – a culture of helping our neighbours, even those we don’t know. We don’t need toxic cell phones to do that.

Art Joyce

New Denver

http://www.valleyvoice.ca/
Terminate the Columbia River Treaty

I wish everyone from the deeply impacted Arrow Lakes (126,633 acres flooded by the Keenleyside Dam) could have been at the little community meeting in Silverton this past week, as on 15 when Watershed Management Consultant Alan Thomson rose to his feet to outline Alternative 4 for the Columbia River Treaty. There was a sense of history in the making and the atmosphere was electrifying. Anyone following the public hearings throughout the Columbia River basin regarding the future of the highly disliked Columbia River Treaty cannot fail to have noticed that not one option (model) put forward by the Ministry of Energy or BC Hydro over the last two years for the future management of the Treaty dams and their reservoirs has addressed ecological and other non-fish impacts in an integrative way. This was made clear when Trevor Oussoren, spokesperson for BC Hydro's Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program outlined its achievements over the past 20 years. Audience members were not appeased and could not contain themselves as one by one they expressed their disgust and outrage at the inadequacy of the presentation. Alt. 1 was to keep everything as it presently is, but would permanently "significantly constrain the tourism and recreation, terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems from the reservoir's water levels alternating between 1440 – 1444 feet elevation (approx. 33,000 acres) and further manufacture, shipping lanes and power generation and downstream flood control."

This increased when a very articulate valley resident cogently pointed out that much of the $6,733 per unit (1,950 per month) paid is a tax on the air to be used by the residents of the SLGS – the Gallery leaseholder. It is my fervent hope that through working cooperatively with the Village and other interested parties, practical, affordable solutions can be found to address the issues, which recently led to a period of years' advance notice) the Arrow Lakes Reservoirs, now and for years to come. Termination means that the Treaty should be terminated. At that point, the reservoirs would be restored to their natural configuration and their fish populations would be reconstituted, and the river would return to flowing downstream flood control. No major structural renovations and downstream flood control.

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Silverton council, June 18: Council hears from citizens concerned about gallery’s future

by Art Joyce

Silverton council chambers were packed June 18 with supporters of a delegation from the Slocan Lake Gallery Society concerned about the future of the Silverton Gallery. Katrina Sumrall and Penelope Stuart made it clear that they want to foster a cooperative relationship with the Village council to help save the gallery. Sumrall pointed out that the gallery serves a much broader area than just Silverton as a venue for small arts events and workshops.

They raised concerns about the recent questionnaire that was sent to property owners over their 2013 taxation notices. Stuart explained that the survey gives the misleading impression that the annual costs to the Village for the gallery are over $6,700. She provided a line-by-line analysis of costs, revealing that some of the money spent last year by the Village was for one-time costs such as installation of safety hardware. When these expenses are deducted, what’s left is the Village’s grant-in-aid to the gallery board and fire extinguisher maintenance and inspection, amounting to about $500 per year. Stuart said a firerater concern was the survey figure of $800,000 for gallery renovation, in reality a ‘wish list’ of options. There are serious issues with the building that are urgent and not up to current code, but this falls within the $225,000 figure cited by the Ken Butler conservation consultant. Stewart said that the questionnaire was imperfect. When asked if the Village has a reserve fund for building maintenance, the mayor said no. “The Memorial Hall also needs money to maintain,” said Provan. “Even if we fix up the gallery we have no money to maintain it.” She added that staff time is too limited to devote to finding grants.

One resident met earlier with Village staff and was told that CAO Bob Lafleur has advised council to invite Municipal Insurance Agency adjusters to visit the Silverton Gallery for an assessment. The purpose would be to list the minimum upgrades required to cover the Village’s liability. When asked if the invitation would extend to inspecting other Village facilities, Lafleur said no, not specifically. His recommendation has not yet been adopted by council.

- In regular council business, council considered a letter from Jim Bell to convert the Village streetlights from the ‘drop’ style to the flat lens in order to reduce light pollution. The lenses can be changed at no charge by BC Hydro. Council voted to have staff report back on this option.

- Councillor Main reported on her attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) conference this year. She asked council to support a letter written by New Denver Mayor Ann Bunka challenging the poor handling of an FCM resolution calling for a more diversified chain of energy resources. Council voted to write a letter of support.

- Councillors debated the 2013 council appointments, specifically the suggestion that the mayor be appointed RDCK representative as is customary. Councillors Clarke, Johnson and Yofonoff said that Councillor Main has been doing an excellent job and felt it would be disruptive to change the appointment. Council voted in favour of keeping Main as its Regional District representative.

- The Village was successful in obtaining a grant to complete its fire interface zone work north of Silverton.

Victoria’s Dirty Grace will be performing in Silverton and Winlaw.

Dirty Grace coming to the Slocan Valley

Submitted

The latest offering from an unusual band that combines music with clowning, ritual and activism, the World Still Twirin’ tour comes to the Silverton Gallery July 4 and Sheep for Sisians in Winlaw July 5. The band is Victoria’s Dirty Grace, and the tour is the pre-release platform for their album due this fall. The band features Betty Supple (vocals, mandolin), Marley Daemont (vocals, accordion), Jesse Thom (vocals, percussion) and Chris Frettwell (guitar, charango). With songs ranging from the provocatively cheeky to the intimately introspective, the band will perform original a capella pieces in three part harmony, mythic folk songs and ‘beat-box incantations’, even mixing in a bit of meditative ritual and interactive clowning to create an experience that moves emotions as much as it does dancing feet.

This is the kind of show you see on a whim and then wish you had brought along everyone you know.
Slocan council, June 10: Microhydro project update

by Barbara Curry Mulcahy

• Daphne Fields and Denise Dufault spoke to council about cell towers, smart meters, and other wireless devices. Fields spoke at length about the dangers of electromagnetic frequencies. Dufault asked council to make the Village a “white zone,” an area of reduced electromagnetic frequencies.

• Mayor Perriere gave an update on the microhydro project. She said the recent announcement of the permanent closure of the sawmill has intensified the Village’s need to replace lost tax revenues with other revenue sources. The Village is working with Selkirk Power to study the feasibility of developing a micro-hydro project on Springer Creek. The project would have gross annual revenues estimated at $300,000, and the capital cost is estimated at about $3.1 million. This includes intake and penstock, access road, powerhouse, turbine, and substation and power line interconnection.

• Council approved the 2012 Statement of Financial Information and the 2012 Audited Financial Statements. CAO Richardson said that financially “we’re in good shape…Revenues are up.” He also said that in the future there would be “challenges with the loss of Springer Creek tax revenues.”

• Council reviewed the 2012 Annual Report. Mayor Perriere reported that the Village had maintained “its strong financial position” and that it continues to provide residents with good services. Taxes have remained stable for several years.

• Council agreed to let the Unity Festival use the Village’s portable stage if Tim Hill, the Public Works foreman, can figure out a way to get it where they want it. Hill said the portable stage was “not very portable.” After some discussion Council approved a $500 grant for the Unity Festival.

• The Village will reply to the Slocan Valley Legion, thanking them for their letter about plans to move the cenotaph to the Wellness Centre and asking for details about the fence.

• Council decided to support the Legion’s proposed restoration to the Silvery Slocan Community Hall, with the stipulation that photos be taken before and after renovations. Councillor McTear vigorously opposed the motion, but it passed.

• Staff will look into purchasing a new Village truck. The old one is 16 years old and has several problems.

• CAO Jack Richardson reported that dogs are running at large and that the Village has received “complaints about residents not containing their chickens.”

• FortisBC is hosting a trades information breakfast at the Harold Street Cafe on July 10. Attendees can learn how their businesses can get involved in the Kootenay Energy Diet program.

• Mayor Perriere accepted the Silverton Community Club’s invitation to represent the Village at the Silverton Canada Day Celebration.

• Councillor Elliott asked for a report on the “growing population of gophers at the cemetery.” Staff will prepare a report on ways to deal with the problem.

• In response to questions during public time, CAO said the company is responsible for clean-up of the Springer Creek Hydro Project. Neither the Mayor nor CAO discussed the slow progress on the microhydro project. The CAO said the Village is going forward in dribs and drabs, but definitely going forward.” There were favourable comments about council’s requirement for archival documentation before allowing the Legion’s renovations and council’s support for the microhydro project. Governance of the library was also discussed.

New Denver council, June 11: Fire department report received

by Karine Campbell

• The village lost all water overnight June 9/10 when the new reservoir ran completely dry due to an electrical problem. According to CAO Carol Gordon, the fuse that runs the sensor and keeps the battery charged blew, possibly due to the power outage on May 22. Without the fuse, the battery ran down, and the floats which trigger alarms when the water level runs low had no power. The pumps therefore didn’t kick in and refill the reservoir from the wells. The Village is now putting up surge protectors on the controls at the reservoir; both pumphouses already have the surge protectors. “Fire Chief Leonard Casey, along with Emergency Social Services Co-ordinator Kayte Rock, attended to report on the past year. The members attended 24 callouts, down from 36 the previous year. Three were fires, four were motor vehicle accidents, and four were water rescues which included one fatality. Eight of the incidents were false alarms. Much of the volunteers’ time is spent on fundraising for rescue equipment. In 2011, they raised $64,858; in 2012, $41,640; this year, they are $22,000 into the $36,664 needed for new auto extraction equipment.”

• Deputy Administrator to approve Bylaw 678, 2012 received final adoption. The Valley Voice is required by the BC Ministry of Environment to haveBylaw 678, 2012 received final adoption. The Valley Voice is required by the BC Ministry of Environment to have reserve requests for groups in good standing.

• The New Denver Sparks and Brownies were given a grant-in-aid to use the Centennial Park group tent site on June 21 at no cost to them.

• A letter sent to Mayor Banka from Castlegar Mayor Lawrence Chermoff setting out the meeting schedule of the Kootenay Economic Development Group was met with puzzlement, as no one, including Banka, had heard of the group. She will follow up on this.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Sec. 227 of the Community Charter, the Council of the Village of Silverton is giving notice that it intends to adopt a Permissive Tax Exemption Revitalization Bylaw No. 482

The main objective of this bylaw is to encourage revitalization of the core commercial area, stimulate development in the town center, improve tourism, and assist in the provision of affordable housing.

Copies are available at the Village office for public viewing and will be presented for adoption at the Regular Meeting of July 16, 2013.

Bob Lafleur, CAO
Upcoming shows at the Hidden Garden Gallery in New Denver

submitted

The Hidden Garden Gallery in New Denver welcomes back Jason Vukovich who lives and works as an artist and designer in Bellingham, Washington, the dance camp area. He has shown his work both locally and nationally. He and his family love visiting New Denver and the Slocan Valley and all of its wild and not-so-wild residents. This show, 'A Bear, an Osprey, and a Squirrel walk into a town,' is an exploration of the environment around us and the flora and fauna that inhabit both the natural and man-made world.

Historical society submitted

The Slocan Valley Historical Society (SVHS) has just received a small grant to help preserve local history. Columbia Basin Trust funding is being provided under the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance’s Heritage Innovations program to hire someone to digitize and electronically scan private photo collections for the Slocan Valley Archives.

The idea is to have someone with the same level of enthusiasm to go into a resident’s home and scan their photo collection without ever having to remove it from the house,” says SVHS spokesperson Joyce Johnson. “While having the original photographs donated to the archives is the preferred option, we understand that some people are not yet ready to part with their family treasures.

If you have any photographs or documents that you think might have historical value, you are encouraged to contact the SVHS to either donate them to the archives or to discuss having them scanned under this project. Also, if you know of anyone else who has interesting historical photos or documents, please contact the society.

Dance camp in New Denver

submitted

Once again, New Denver welcomes dancers from around the region for the annual Slocan Lake Dance Camp. Set for July 25 - 28, the camp this year welcomes an instructor from south of the border.

Arli Levitt teaches in the great Seattle area and also nationally and internationally. He made the Kootenay connection while instructing some friendly forestland dancers on a cruise last winter. Levitt brings his unique fusion style with offerings such as Tango’d Up in Blues, swing fusion and cross-step waltz.

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REVIEW AND COMMENT

Proposed Scenic Area and Visual Quality Objectives for the Selkirk Resource District

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to Section 7 of the Government Actions Regulation, scenic areas and visual quality objectives are proposed in the Kootenay Lake portion of the Selkirk Resource District. Scenic areas are established under the Land Act and define broad geographic areas where scenic values are a priority. Visual quality objectives are defined under the BC Forest Practices Code regulation, and range from ensuring that no logging activity is visible to logging activity being fully visible.

Proposed details and a map are available for viewing at the Selkirk Resource District office at 1907 Ridgewood Rd. in Nelson. The map is also available online at: http://www.longov.bc.ca/ English/Internal/public/DOC/VU

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Comments must be submitted to the district office at the above address by July 8, 2013.

Julie Castonguay, Stewardship Forester

ph: 250-825-1147, fx: 250-825-9657, julie.castonguay@gov.bc.ca by 4:30 p.m., Thursday, August 15, 2013.

Slocanlakedancecamp.ca

Register online

Mazurkas and polkas from here, there, and everywhere played on fiddle, accordion, bodhran, and pennywhistle.

The Hidden Garden Gallery, 803 Kildare Street, New Denver, is open 10 am to 3pm Monday through Saturday.
On June 20, Slocan council held a special meeting followed by a Committee of the Whole meeting.

- At the special meeting, council accepted the 2012 Annual Report.
- Council also directed staff to write to the District Manager of the local forest district asking that Little Slocan Road be maintained from Slocan all the way to Passmore. This is one of the main accesses to Valhalla Provincial Park. Councillor Elliott reported that there seem to be funds available for the improvement or maintenance of forestry roads used for recreational purposes. Elliott also reported that Infantil may not need to use the road, at least for this year.
- At the Committee of the Whole meeting, council discussed a draft Special Events Bylaw, a draft Wharf Bylaw, a proposed policy on donations to the Village, a proposed policy on use of Village facilities, and the library.
- Most council members were in favour of a Special Events Bylaw, as it would address the essential issues of liability, indemnity and security. However, Councillor Lunn felt the bylaw was too prohibitive when council “should be encouraging things” and suggested a policy with an application process instead of a bylaw.
- Councillor Patterson felt a policy would be more effective. “I don’t want us to be in a position where we can get into trouble.” She talked about the dangers of having events near the lake, especially when “there’s boozing involved.”
- Mayor Perriere said the bylaw was “just a sample” and could be fine-tuned “to our needs.” Mayor Perriere suggested that council revisit the possibility of a bylaw after the Unity Festival.
- Next on the agenda was a proposed Wharf Bylaw. The CAO said this bylaw is needed because rules posted at the dock, allowing only 15 minutes of dock use for loading and unloading, are not being followed. Last year, some boats were tied up at the dock all summer.

Councillors pointed out things they would want changed in the draft bylaw. The CAO said the bylaw was “just a sample” and could be fine-tuned “to our needs.” Mayor Perriere suggested that council revisit the possibility of a bylaw after the Unity Festival.

- Council also discussed issues of safety and etiquette, as well as jurisdiction. Land by the lakefront is a mosaic, owned by the sawmill, the federal government, the CPR, and the Village. The Province is responsible for the shorezone, and the federal government has jurisdiction over the lake, but the Village is responsible for the breakwater and dock that are in the lake.
- Enforcement of the bylaw was also discussed. Neither the Village nor the RCMP have trailers to tow offending boats away. Contractors would have to be hired. The bylaw would have to state that the Village is “not responsible for damages” when towing.
- Having a waterfront ambassador to ensure compliance had not worked well. As the mayor said, “People can be rude.”
- Council discussed the possibility of having a separate area for launching and storing the dinghies, canoes and kayaks. The possibility of letting a separate group run a marina and enforce rules was brought up.
- Council directed staff to ask Nakusp and Castlegar how they were managing these issues.
- The next topic was a proposed policy on donations to the Village — a policy for people to donate money to buy benches, picnic tables or trees. A plaque for anyone who donates a bench would be added to the Village map of bench donation sites.
- The second policy proposed was on use for loading and unloading, are not

#### Celebrate Legion Week

The Slocan Valley Legion is proud to welcome the folks of the Slocan Valley Royal Canadian Legion to raise and co-ordinate funds for assisting with needs of the local community and beyond, to perpetuate the memory and deeds of the fallen and of those who served in the future.

The Valley Voice June 26, 2013

#### Slocan council discusses special events, wharf, library at June 20 meetings

by Barbara Curry Mulcahy

- Slocan Senior programs: $3,405 cancer patients; $1,500 KDLH Life Pak 15 Monitor; $500 Dark Water Dragoons; $500 Slocan Historical Society; $250 weed control & field, for a total of $7,299.

- We donate the use of our hall for funerals and benefits.

- Some of the purposes and objects of the Slocan Valley Legion torasie and co-ordinate funds for assisting with needs in the local community and beyond, to perpetuate the memory and deeds of the fallen and of those who served in the future.

- “A report would be great. It’s very difficult to answer questions when we don’t know what’s going on.”

- June is halibut month at Fisherman’s Market locations. Our whole halibut sale is on for a limited time. Halibut is being sold as BC fish from BC fisherman.

- rod, but I still utilize a lot of my connections through friends and family to assure the best quality Halibut for our shops.

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Before I start with the official speech, I just want to mention again that if you can, please donate out front to Mr. D’s scholarship fund. As his former student and colleague of Blair, it seems very appropriate to honour his memory by doing what he did every day for years, helping kids because it’s the right thing to do.

Good day to friends, family, staff, and curious onlookers of the Mount Sentinel family. And good day to most all of the graduates of 2013. Congratulations on completing the easiest part of life.

Finally, I will never have to hear the words YOLO SWAG again. Hashtag easiest part of life.

I am here today at request of the grads and it is with great honour and privilege that I accepted their request to speak today – I am going to try to drag this out because it will be the first time Zahra and Jessie listen to me talk without being able to snap that the whole time.

For those who do not know me, my name is Danny Leeming and I have been a teacher here at Mt. Sentinel for more than 20 years. I joined the staff earlier this year – sure, there were resumes, and cover letters, and interviews with Mr. Campbell but I knew that I was hired on the first day I showed up as a sub and Hamnah McDougall, in the middle of a conversation about the boundaries of Freedom of Speech, exclaimed “you have every right to earn the world and society does not owe you equality in all respects – I mean that equality in all respects. What do I mean by equality in all respects. Equality of opportunity is an incredible advantage afforded to you by luck of where and when you were born – it’s a tremendous gift for you that many in the world can only dream of – but it is not a given. It was inevitable for these realities. It’s up to you now. As a great man once said: “Talk doesn’t cool rice.”

Thank you for your time, keep your stick on the ice, and play safe tonight.

Congratulations, Class of 2013!
Kyra Popoff and Caden Ricalton deliver Valedictorian speech

by Kyra Popoff and Caden Ricalton

I’m Kyra Popoff and I’m Caden Ricalton and we will be your valedictorians for this evening. We’d like to start off with a quote.

“Today I chose life. Every morning I wake up I can chose joy, happiness, to feel handsome. This is our last moment to not have to worry about our future and what we’re going to do with the rest of our lives. Let’s embrace this day we are being celebrated. Like the quote speaks, it is what we have chosen to do that has brought us all here today.”

As one of your fellow valedictorians, when writing this, I felt obliged to share some words of wisdom of some sort. This year one thing that has put meaning to its words is “every person you encounter in life is for a reason,” either with the purpose of learning something from them or having the privilege of teaching someone something. Take the chances you are second guessing because what’s the worst that can happen? Be the leader you want to see. No one else is going to change the world. It is what we have chosen to do that has changed our world.

A deep breath and go for it, lead with your heart, otherwise your life will remain the same. Grads put your own happiness, health and conscience first when creating your paths. Reflect on your decisions and feelings and most of all, find your purpose and go out there and share it with the world.

Scholarships and awards

Zahra Askary: Coca Cola Bottlers Association; Lynnea Carr: Ernie Gare, Royal Canadian Legion, Selkirk Paving, Sicamous Valley Women’s Institute; Emily Cermak: Heritage Credit Union; Madison Creaser: Nelson and District Credit Union; Michael Crowder: Crescent Valley Firemen’s Bursary; Brynn Davie: Masonic Lodge (Nelson), Mt. Sentinel PAC, Selkirk College Board of Governors (Sec. Grad Award); Jayden Fehr: Aboriginal Heritage Scholarship, Georgia Ethel McKewon, Nelson Masonic Lodge, Royal Canadian Legion; Aroha Graham: Katrina Conroy MLA Trades Bursary; Kimberly Koznetsoff: Kootenay Lake Principals/Vice Principals Award, Mt. Sentinel Students’ Council; Breanne Minor: Mt. Sentinel Administrators Award, Nelson Masonic Lodge Award; Savannah Nielsen: Columbia Basin Trust, Dogwood District/Authority Award, Mountain Valley Station, Pulp, Paper & Woodworkers of Canada; Katie Szabo: Columbia Basin Trust, Get High on Nature Scholarship, Georgia Ethel McKewon, Mt. Sentinel Students’ Council, Mt. Sentinel Yearbook Bursary, Thompson Rivers University Entrance Award; Adam Twible: Blair D’Andrea Memorial Scholarship; James Villa: Aboriginal Heritage Scholarship, Carol Sing Bursary; Sierra Zimmerman: Columbia Power Corporation, Kootenay Savings Community Foundation, Nelson and District Teachers Association, Selkirk College Board of Governors (Sec. Grad Award).

Thanks to all our friends, families, and staff at Mount Sentinel for all the support over our high school years.

I chose to feel life, not to deny my humanity but embrace it.”

So while we all sit here today, let’s enjoy now. Ladies feel beautiful, gents feel handsome. This is our last moment to not have to worry about our future and what we’re going to do with the rest of our lives. Let’s embrace this day we are being celebrated. Like the quote speaks, it is what we have chosen to do that has brought us all here today.

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Ava Collier: Farmers Institute.

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JV Humphries Valedictorians look to the future

by Tasha Hewat and Ryan Tate

Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen, as well as fellow graduates. It is a great honour to be selected as Valedictorians, standing before you, representing our class. We’d like to thank you for being here today, as it is, the end of another school year, and the start of another summer.

It seems like only yesterday we were starting kindergarten. For a lot of us, that first day happened right here in this school, while others have joined in along the way. Making what you see this school, while others have joined in us, that first day happened right here in the start of another summer.

It has been a long 13 years of school and a short 13 years. Long because of all the drama and bad homework, the boring essays and the extra credit projects. Short because of the lifelong friendships, the lasting memories, and the truly interesting and amazing things we’ve learned along the way.

It is interesting to note how diverse our class is. From a majestical moose, or a ferocious bulldog, to even a hodag, and ribs, with a little basil sprinkled here and there. All 22 of us have stories to tell, and have taken different paths to get here. For Kaslo, 22 isn’t a large number, nor is it a small one. We’re right in the middle. Small enough to know each other fairly well, but big enough not to get on each other’s nerves... too much, that is.

We fight and argue, sure, but for some reason our teacher taught us to always like it’s their fun for the day. I remember quite a few times in grade 8, we’d be five minutes into class and a question would come up, usually off topic and not important. We’d look at each other, give the nod, and then start rambling. Before you knew it, class was over, and we were good to go. Smiling at each other as we left. Another successful class.

As we mentioned earlier, a lot of us have grown up with each other. We’ve become comfortable with who we are as individuals, helped each other when we needed it, and opened our arms to new friendships along the way. Each year, we grow a little closer, learning new things about one another as we go. Whether that be someone’s amazing drawing skills, someone’s utter hatred of acronyms, or just the ability to swear at the most inappropriate times... We all have our own unique characteristics and talents. From moon-walking, to Rabbit’s Cakes, to raking the leaves, and everything in between. Our class is never short of dry humour and sarcastic remarks.

We dove into a serious side, however. All of us take pride in what we do and work hard – well, most of the time that is. I mean, come test time, there are always those people that are prepped for it completely, and the people that just cram as much information as they can last minute. From crazy brainiacs, to drivers athletes, to creative thinkers – all of us contribute to making our class one well-rounded group.

Now the memories we share are our own. I, for one have never done so many push-ups as when we were in Fort Steele. The majority of us got to participate in that trip, and what an experience! Gold panning, building railway, getting killed by mosquitoes, wearing the dance cap,... but thank god us kids never got the strap – what a scary thought. Luckily a couple chapennes steps up and volunteered. I never heard grown men scream so loud... though they didn’t receive a single bruise to show for their efforts.

Then there was Drumheller, another experience! Dinosaurs, camping, hoodoos, not to mention it was that magical time in our lives when we started to realize how appealing the opposite sex could be. Although still keeping our distance... Oh that wonderfully awkward time...

Fast forward a few years, through all the drama, the friendships broken, the friendships made. The lessons learned, the knowledge gained... Hard time in our lives, where so much was going on, it’s all a blur. From classes, sports, volunteering, exams, helping where we could and being helped when needed. The last few months of school were pretty chaotic and overwhelming. Though they had to be the most unifying. Half of us had the privilege to go to Kaslo, and experience Shakespeare at its finest. Others got to travel to the States and watch the drags, along with the odd go cart race in between. Then May Days, oh sweet May Days. What a team we had. The brightest and most stylish on the field. We almost even won a game! Those times were filled with laughs and smiles, now memories we will never forget.

Now we’re here, sitting before you. Dignified, good looking, mature, intelligent, creative, athletic, just to name a few. We owe a lot of our achievements and successes to our families – they have given us unconditional support and love when we’ve needed it most; our teachers, who have continually challenged us, making us grow and learn; and our friends, who have always been there through the good and bad. We’d like to thank you for being here today, as it is, the end of another school year, and the start of another summer.

We will always remember this experience and who we shared it with. The end of a journey, and the start of another. The world lies at our feet today. Now, there are no limits except the ones we place before ourselves. As a certain teacher told us, Ladum Ladde, work hard, play hard. And I’m sure, eventually, with hard work, one of us will discover that rare tribe in Africa, that is an honour standing before you representing our class. Don’t stop believing, may the force be with you, and the odds forever in your favour. As Kansas once said, Carry on my grad class 2013! There’ll be peace when you are done.

Congratulations to Isaac and all his classmates!

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When it comes to saving the earth, there’s nothing like getting your hands dirty. A group of local residents and graduating students from Lucerne Secondary School had the privilege of doing fieldwork with biologists the week of June 9. The BCWF hosted waterfront courses in Invermere, Hils and Winlaw and a ‘Bioblitz’ with the goal of identifying as many wetlands species as possible. Wetlandkeepers workshops taught locals how to preserve marshes and riparian areas. Local groups participating included the Slocan Valley Streamkeepers, Slocan Lake Stewardship Society (SLSS) and the Slocan Lake Research Centre.

“I’d say it’s probably the most ambitious wetlandkeepers course we’ve ever done,” said Neil Fletcher, BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) Biodiversity Education Program Coordinator.

“Normally we only have one or two biologists come and this time we’ve had seven or eight in total.”

The Slocan Valley is one of six top priority wetlands regions in BC identified by the BCWF as part of its WetlandConservationStrategy. This is a unique opportunity to study species in an ecosystem undamaged by dams and rich in biodiversity. And it’s a chance to protect what we have before it’s damaged.

Fletcher thinks this may be the first Bioblitz that’s been done in this part of the Kootenays, with specialists in amphibians, invertebrates, bats, birds, butterflies and a wetlands ecologist. These experts worked with locals in Bonanza Marsh and Hunter Sliding in Hils, training them to recognize species within their habitats and collect samples. In Bonanza Creek, amphibian biologist Jacob Daniels spotted four species of frogs native to this region — Western toad, spotted frog, Pacific tree frog, and salamanders. Amphibians are considered “indicator species,” a barometer of the health of an ecosystem. Finding all four is a good sign.

Kaslo but specialist Cory Lausen worked late into the night with volunteers using mist nets to capture bats for observation. Margaret Hartley of SLSS said the big surprise of this event for her was seeing live bats for the first time. Long-tailed, long, little brown, California myotis and silver-haired bats were discovered and other species detected. Fortunately there are no cases of white-nose disease (WNS) in BC, which is decimating populations in the eastern United States and is expected to migrate westward. Small creatures like these may seem distant to our daily lives but they provide us a service by consuming their body weight in insects every night. But this isn’t just ecological voyeurism. The Wetlandkeepers workshops that accompanied the Bioblitz are designed to teach locals how to preserve and monitor wetlands.

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Nakusp council, June 10: Borrowing for arena repairs moves ahead

by Art Joyce

• Things are moving ahead for arena repairs in Nakusp. Council passed the first three readings of a $375,000 loan authorization bylaw for arena improvement and repairs. The Village is still below its borrowing limit, so this can be done without resorting to the alternate approval process. “Although you may still want to have public meetings about the arena, this means you can get your approvals for borrowing in time for repairs to be completed for next hockey season,” explained CAO Linda Tymon. Wendell Marshall Contracting has informed the CAO that the $256,000 estimate is still a worst-case scenario; $140,000 is the bare minimum required for repairs on the compressor system. The CAO will have the contractor’s final recommendations for the next meeting.

• In her mayor’s report, Mayor Hamling noted that problems with the roof. The float is not working despite two attempts at repair. A couple of boat owners have been manually pumping the rash so others can get access. The CAO is working with Columbia Power Corporation to resolve the issue.

• Councillor Tom Zelenik reported that he and Councillor Mueller, the school district maintenance supervisor and Ken Wanstall of Pipo have confirmed there is enough interest and local waste product in the area to support the wood waste rural heating system. Zelenik also noted that the Kaslo Sufferfest Society has announced plans to expand the Kaslo Sufferfest in 2014 to include Nakusp. It will be renamed Kootenay Sufferfest and include events in Kaslo, New Denver and Nakusp over three days and is forecasted to draw 1,000 participants. The economic benefit to these communities is considerable, with an estimated $200,000 brought to Kaslo and New Denver during its 2012 event. Zelenik reported that the Nakusp Community Forest open house drew a disappointingly small turnout. Councillor Ulli Mueller reported that the Business Retention and Expansion committee has received 48 surveys. One issue raised by business owners was the problem of RVs and campers parking in front of businesses for long periods during the busy season. While it’s understood that these are a vital aspect of the summer business traffic, it was suggested that free parking at the arena might be offered for larger vehicles. Clear signage on parking would also be helpful. The board of directors can attend the AKBGL conference in Kimberly, noting especially the presentation by Dr. Lollin regarding attracting young professionals to rural communities. The doctor said young people now tend to choose a place over a job, so it’s important to make your community attractive to them. This has possible implications for the village’s ongoing attempts to attract physicians.

• Councillor Duchaine reported that the new sign frames at the ferry are in place and should have signs installed shortly. The new website for the Nakusp and Area Trail Society is up.

• The CAO asked council for direction on the disposal of the old fire hall by issuing a call for expressions of interest (EOI). Mayor Hamling says the original plan was to try to sell the hall to help cover the costs of the new emergency services building. Unfortunately, however, the old fire hall in current condition is unlikely to sell. Tymon explained that an EOI doesn’t bind council to any proposal but should give council an idea of how much they can get for the property. If council likes an EOI, it can then call for a detailed financial development plan from the proponent. Councillor Mueller supports use of the building given the village’s history but doesn’t think a society should have to fundraise to renovate the building and then still have to pay taxes. Council voted to proceed with issuing the EOI. A motion to support the newly reconfigured regional transit system was carried. Mayor Hamling was on plans for the new service and is satisfied the change will result in increased bus service to the community. The new service is an addition to the lines of the Nakusp, New Denver, Silverton, Aka and portion of Area H services. It

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Kaslo council, June 11: IH report on Kaslo health care consultation received

by Jan McMurray

• The Community Consultation Summary Report — Health Service Delivery at the Victorian Community Health Centre was received from Interior Health and posted on the Village website. The document states that Interior Health is now going through a planning process, informed by the community consultation. Mayor Lay and Dr. Ross’s report on emergency services delivery, to develop “a community health centre model that is sustainable in terms of fiscal and human resources, meets the health needs of area residents and can be used as a potential model for other similar and remote sites experiencing similar challenges.” This model is expected to be presented to the Kaslo Area Health Care Work Group for discussion and feedback this fall.

• Director Shadrack asked council to pay for the Kaslo council expense claims from the two Kaslo and Area D Health Care Working Group members. Shadrack will be advised no funds are available in the 2013 municipal budget for this.

• Washrooms for the Saturday Market were discussed at the June 6 Development Services Committee meeting. Foreman Walker will locate the sewer connection, identify the best site on the park property for a washroom facility and cost out construction. He will decide if the Village will assume responsibility for the insurance prior to December 31, 2013.

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• The lease of a defined area of the airport gravel pit at the west end of airport property will be granted to Stanley Baker for a five-year term for a cost of $2.90 per metre for material removal, which will be limited to weekdays between the hours of 7 am and 6 pm. Other conditions include a deposit or bond value of $5,000, liability insurance and WCB. The area must be surveyed before和技术 started and surveyed at end of term. All costs related to the gravel pit operation, including survey costs, are to be paid by the lessee.

• Notice of Kaslo’s second installment for the VSO grant application for the Kerr Creek dam project in the amount of $65,584.11 from Emergency Management BC was received.

• The Village will provide a letter of support to the regional tourism group (Kaslo, Nakusp, Slocan Valley and Revelstoke) for its grant application to Columbia Basin Trust for a regional branding project.

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Comming in August: classical GuitarFest

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The first annual Kaslo GuitarFest will take place at the Langham Cultural Centre from August 5 to 10. This is an opportunity for classical guitar students to work with internationally acclaimed performer, the premier guitarist Daniel Bolehy in master classes and private lessons.

Guitarist Rita Deane will offer workshops on fingerboard technique, sight-reading. Kaslo’s David Stewart will lead a guitar orchestra and small ensembles. Classes will be held daily from 9 am to 12:30 pm and there will also be opportunities for drop-in participants.

Daniel Bolehy is head of the guitar department at the University of British Columbia and is also building a guitar program at the VSO school of music. We are delighted to welcome him back to Kaslo where he has performed several times in recital.

The event will be supported by the Village of Kaslo, St. Joseph’s Church and the Kaslo Auxiliary Society.

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Kaslo ED to be closed over long weekend

by Jan McMurray

The emergency department at the Victorian Hospital in Kaslo will be closed from 5 pm Thursday, June 27 to 8 am Friday, June 28 and on the Canada Day long weekend from 5 pm June 28 to 8 am Monday, July 2.

The department was also closed from 5 pm Monday, June 24 to 8 am Tuesday, June 25.
COMMUNITY

Rescued grizzly cubs released back into the wild near Nakusp

submitted

Two male grizzly bear cubs named Blair and Terry, who were orphaned in Kootenay in the fall of 2012, are back in the wild close to their home range near Nakusp.

The cubs were orphaned in October when they were eight months old after their mother came into conflict with humans and was killed. They were rescued and raised at the Northern Lights Wildlife Society (NLWS) rehabilitation centre in Smithers.

Landfill investigation set to uncover impacts

submitted

What really happens when we throw things ‘away’? Is there even such a place? That’s what Grade 4/5/6 students from Lucerne Elementary School discovered June 5 as they scrutinized the contents of the local transfer station, and recycling depot.

The students are taking part in a Wildsight education program that tackles topics such as waste, ecological footprint, climate change and energy use – and how to lessen their impacts. “This is not your ordinary field trip,” said Monica Nissen, Education Program Coordinator.

The bears have spent the last seven months at the centre, where they were raised in large enclosures with very limited human contact until they were old enough, strong enough and had the skills to be released back to the wild. They travelled by road from Smithers to the Nakusp area inside individual culvert traps on a flatbed truck. Each was fitted with a satellite collar and released on June 19 into a remote area away from human activity and will be monitored for 18 months.

The rescue, transport and release of the grizzlies is part of a unique cooperative pilot project between the International Fund for Animal Welfare, the Northern Lights Wildlife Society and the BC Ministries of Environment, and Forestry, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

The project will study whether releasing orphaned grizzlies is viable. This is the fourth time such a release has taken place. Two bears were released in July of 2008, two in the summer of 2009 and four in the summer of 2011. “So far, eight grizzly cubs have been reintroduced to the wild as part of this pilot project,” said Angelika Langen of NLWS. “It’s our hope that this work will help to save even more grizzlies.”

Rodeo may come back to Nakusp next year

by Jan McMurray

Trophy Tournaments will not hold a rodeo event in Nakusp this year, but hopes to return next year.

“We had a great time last year,” said Trophy Tournaments owner James Richard Bruvall in an interview. “It was our founding rodeo. We’re sad that it’s not happening this year.”

Bruvall explained that he wanted a downtown location for the show, but he did not allow enough time to find the new venue.

Although he said there were many positive things about the location of last year’s show, he felt the event would be more successful if it were held within walking distance of downtown. He inquired with the Village of Nakusp about the sports fields where the Music Fest was held, but that was not possible because the rodeo would have done significant damage to the fields.

Bruvall said the Village wanted him to present a proposal to council.

Swimming Lessons will be held at Bigelow Bay, New Denver, BC starting Monday, July 22nd and ending August 3rd (10 sessions) sponsored by Slocan Lake Recreation Commission #6. A certified swimming instructor will be teaching all levels. Registration will be held on Monday, July 8th, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Village of New Denver Meeting Room. Fee will be $30.00 each, $20.00 for 2nd child in family. Registration is limited so register early. You may also pre-register by phone: Kevin Murphy 250-358-7143.

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Margaret give Big Thanks to everyone who participated in the Ecosociety Marketfest, passing the banner for participating in the Ecosociety Marketfest, and our faithful donors who never cease to amaze us with the quality of the donations we receive. Whenever possible we would request that you drop your contributions during our open days in daylight hours which will enable us to properly take care of your generous donations. Just a reminder - we cannot accept computers or television sets.

**CLASSIFIED ADS**

**FOR SALE - 1992 SUBARU LEGACY - 4DR Station Wagon - All wheel drive. Needs brakes and exhaust work. Has water tides, good car for fix up or parts.**

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VOICES FOR INFORMATION ON AA, NA, OA, ACOA OR ALANON MEETINGS contact in New Denver: 358-7094 or 356-7115; Nakusp 265-6049; Kaslo 533-2668; Slocan 355-2805; South Slocan 226-7705; Princeton Junction 359-6655.  


Business Classifieds start at $4.00. Call 250-358-7218 for details.

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WANTED

CASHCAR: Anyone interested in donating a vehicle to the Kootenay CashCar Co-op to facilitate starting a local CashCar group in the New Denver area, contact Susan at 358-6004.

WANTED

ARTHUR GAVIN SOUTHAM
January 22, 1930 – April 27, 2013
He was happy to be born in Timmins, ON, the proud son of Mary and Fred Southam. They were a mining family in a mining town. Art died recently in Calgary, AB, at 83 years old, with the loving embrace of his family supporting his journey to afterlife.

Art is survived by his wife Leona; sons John, of Nelson, BC, Tim, of Gibsons, BC and Gord of Cochrane, AB; the boy’s partners, Art’s seven grandchildren; as well as by his older brother Bill Southam, of Kingston, ON. Art’s sister Lois predeceased him.

While born in Timmins, Calgary was Art’s home for almost 60 years. Opportunity was the calling that brought him West, and he was widely associated with the natural beauty and wonders of the environment, and equally so with the history of the region. He served on the Boards of various local societies including the Silvery Slocan and Sandon Historical Societies.

William Webb Cummings is survived by five adult children, Sheila (Roger Smith), Kathy (Arthur Platt) and Lorraine (Rick Unwin), and by eleven loving grandchildren. His wife Margaret Lemoine predeceased him in 1996, and he is survived by his sister Margaret Lemoine. A memorial took place 1:00 pm on June 26, 2013 at the Lucerne School and was followed by refreshments.

The family request that donations be considered to the Slocan Lake Garden Society (SLGS), other of the local museums, Zion United Church for the Heart’s Rest Retreat Centre, or the Kootenay Lake Garden Society. The addresses are as follows: SLGS Box 311, New Denver, BC, V0G 1S0; Silvery Slocan Historical Society, Box 301, New Denver, BC, V0G 1S0; Sandon Historical Society, Box 52, New Denver, BC, V0G 1S0; Heart’s Rest Retreat Centre, Box 452, New Denver, BC, V0G 1S0.

The Valley Voice June 26, 2013 would cop up in his many hobbies such as leathercraft, birding and gardening.

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Unity Music Festival announces line up for festival in Slocan!

This local family festival has announced the musicians for the upcoming festival on the beach Saturday July 27th and Sunday July 28th. The line-up for the weekend is rich with local and regional and global talent and definitely something for everyone, including The Boom Booms, Kytami, Shane Philip, Erica Dee, The Tuques, Dark Fire Cloud and the Lightning Band, Slocan Ramblers, DSE, Mushana Manamba, Bo Conlan & Carol Street, Samba B, Sally T & Rob Hay, Meaning Seekers, Roxanne, Mad Have At ‘Ers, Rob Goblin - DJ’s Millions, Fuzzy Logic, Fatty Cakes, Tripper T & more.

Additions to the line-up and schedule will be announced on the festival website www.unitymusicfestival.ca. Festival tickets go on sale this week online and at local ticket sellers: Packrat Annie’s in Nelson, Evergreen in Crescent Valley, Gaia Tree Whole Foods in Winlaw, Mountain Valley Station in Slocan and Mercado in Silverton. Advance tickets are $65 (at the gate $85). The festival is still looking for vendors, volunteers and local residents who may want to provide camping. Volunteer sign-ups are still on at Full of Beans coffee bar in Slocan City every Thursday morning at 8 am.

The pre-festival event Friday July 26 at the Slocan Legion features Slocan local Adham Shaikh and three more DJ’s. Organizers are thrilled to start the festival weekend with such a world talent and the all ages event gives younger people the opportunity to experience Adham’s deep global sounds. Tickets are $10 for anyone with a festival pass and $20 general. The organizers were grateful to be able to use the art of local artist Alf Crossley for the poster for this year. His exquisite work brings together both joy and reverence for the beauty of the local area. He paints ‘En Plein Air’ which means ‘in the open air’. His work is represented in private, public and corporate collections in Canada, United States, Mexico, Europe and Asia and can be seen online at www.alfcrossley.ca.

Tickets: $65 adv $85 gate Kids free
@ Packrat Annies - Everygreen - Gaia Tree - Mercado - Mtn Valley Schn

July 26 Adham Shaikh & dj’s pre-festival event @ Legion
All ages $10 with fest pass $20 general at door
tickets, vendors & volunteer info:
www.unitymusicfestival.ca
Kaslo Canada Day Folk Music Festival at The Kaslo Hotel!

Friday June 28
6 PM Randy B
8 PM Daniel Huscroft

Saturday June 29
6 PM Eric & Shauna
8 PM The Lichens

Sunday June 30
6:30 Fay Blais
8 PM Jungal

No Cover all weekend!

On May 30 Kaslo RCMP responded to a theft at the Woodbury Resort/Marina, at 4412 Highway 31 in Ainsworth. Sometime during the early morning hours an unknown suspect(s) entered several of the boats housed at the marina and stole approximately 40 high-end fishing rods and reels, several tackle boxes and other fishing related equipment. A number of the items taken are reported to be the result of years of collecting and are estimated to be worth in excess of $40,000.

The stolen boat was recovered approximately two km from Woodbury Resort.

Kaslo RCMP is requesting the public’s assistance for information surrounding the thefts, or assistance leading to the location of the stolen fishing gear.

**Marina theft tallies $40,000**

submitted by Kaslo RCMP

**Obon Ceremony in New Denver**

An invitation to attend the annual Obon service officiated by Reverend Miyakawa, Jodo Shinshu Church, Kelowna.

**Obon** is an annual Buddhist Memorial service that has been held in New Denver since 1943. The meaning of ‘Obon’ is to pay respect to the people who have passed away before us. Please join in and celebrate at the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre.

**OBON CEREMONY**

SUNDAY JULY 7
2:00 PM

Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre
Josephine Street, New Denver
For more information:
250-358-7288

Kaslo Jazz Etc Festival
August 2, 3, 4 2013

Mickey Hart Band with the African Showboyz
Dan Brubeck Band • Tiempo Libre
Delhi 2 Dublin • Paul Peress Trio
Stretch Orchestra • Shakura S’aida and many more...

250-358-7548 kaslojazzfest.com tickets @kaslojazzfest.com

Check out NelsonKootenayLake.com for everything you need to know about places to stay and things to do.