Columbia River Treaty team to recommend treaty continuation with improvements

by Jan McMurray

The recommendation to government has been drafted: The Columbia River Treaty should continue, and the government should negotiate improvements to the treaty with the US.

The Columbia River Treaty (CRT) provincial team and Local Government’s Committee held meetings in Nakusp November 6 to seek public input on their draft reports before the final reports are submitted to government in December.

“Shouldn’t we tell them we’re willing to take the treaty in order to gain negotiating power?” asked a member of the public at the November 6 evening meeting in Nakusp.

Kathy Eichenberger, executive director of the provincial team, indicated that Canada is not contemplating this. She said many people in the US think they should do the same – “team up” by giving us notice of termination. “We will always retain the ability to give notice of termination, and so will the US,” she said.

Eichenberger presented the Draft Recommendation along with a summary of the provincial CRT team’s draft Public Consultation Report. Although she acknowledged that many people in the Arrow Lakes area feel we should terminate the treaty, she said her team had clearly heard “the upset” because the US benefits more than Canada from the treaty, and some areas of the Basin have benefited more than others. “Some communities have been saved from flood damages and have had access to employment because of the treaty, but it hasn’t happened here. The people and local government representatives from this area have said, you need to fix this,” said Eichenberger.

One man said the Arrow Lakes area was the most affected but has the smallest population and therefore the smallest voice. “Cranebrook gets the lion’s share of the money and more of the story, and they benefited from the treaty,” he said. “That’s an injustice that needs to be corrected.”

Eichenberger told him that no meetings were held in Cranebrook during the public consultation. “We will hold the meetings in the communities most impacted. We have put it in black and white in our [public consultation] report that Basin residents feel funding decisions should not be based on population, but rather on the severity of negative impacts.”

Eichenberger indicated that this had been discussed a bit during the process and that Nakusp Mayor Karen Harling was “a pitbull” on this issue.

When people expressed skepticism about their voices being heard and about getting a better deal this time around, Eichenberger replied, “I understand you don’t trust us, you’ll need to be listened to because you weren’t before. I feel that this time it’s different.”

Someone asked what the government and BC Hydro want. “We would like our cake and eat it, too,” she said, adding that BC Hydro will not be asked what it wants, because it is a Crown corporation that reports to the minister. “The government wants to retain the value, but wants to see improvements to the treaty.” She also pointed out that the premier recently went to Washington, DC and advocated for improvements to the treaty for BC.

Eichenberger added, “The Local Government’s Committee is respected by the minister. They are very active at the political level. It was the actions of community members and local governments that pushed the government of the day to create CRT.”

The meeting broke up into small groups to identify any issues that were not covered in the CRT team’s draft reports. Several issues were identified. People felt that neither the huge dam zones nor the erosion around the reservoir were strongly enough addressed. They noted that the US is looking for guaranteed flows, and these need to be based on water that is actually available, not on “a number in the treaty.” Consideration needs to be made to revitalizing agriculture; an Agriculture Trust like the CRT was suggested. Some people would like a referendum. Many would like to see more effort made on fish we can fish and less effort made on the ones we can’t.” Another suggestion was for another conference with people from all around the Basin. Some would like to see measurable targets for things like salmon and agriculture for the negotiations. Another comment was to involve the Similk Nation; the Okanagan Nation Alliance, Shuswap and Kwaikuts were consulted in this process.

When discussing the effectiveness of the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program, Crystal Spore of the citizens Columbia River Treaty Action Group advocated for habitat. “If you don’t have habitat, you can’t improve the issues,” she said. “Monitor dam operations so we can have some habitat. Then don’t spend money on programs that are not working. You need to give them habitat first.”

The provincial team’s Draft Recommendation and Public Consultation reports can be found at www.gov.bc.ca/columbiatreaty. Public comments are being accepted until November 20. The final recommendation will be submitted to government mid-December.
Springer Creek property expected to be cleaned up by spring

by Jan McMurray

There seems to be no great hurry at the Springer Creek Forest Products site in Sicamous, either to complete demolition activities or to determine a future for the property.

General Manager Ralph Tomlin reported that the site would likely be cleaned up by April or May, and there are no plans as of yet for the Sicamous and Rosedale waterfront properties owned by the company. The owners are looking at the different options that might be available," he said. He added that there would soon be a meeting between the Villages and the property owners, Bruce C. Wood Passover Ltd., Springer Creek's parent company.

Tomlin said they are open to proposals for the properties. “I’ve heard murmurs that people have lots of good ideas. None have come to us yet, but we’ll see how it pans out.”

The demolition is the focus now, he said. “Right now, it’s more a matter of cleaning up the site—getting rid of the buildings and the liability. There has been lots of vandalism, despite the gate locks and fences, so hopefully we’ll eliminate that.”

Tomlin reported that seven buildings had come down all in one day in mid-October, not two buildings as reported in the last Valley Voice. “The foreman’s office, the shipping/receiving office—four buildings and those sheds came down that day,” he said.

Tomlin reported that a lot of the equipment in the buildings has sold, and until the new owners arrange to have it picked up, the buildings cannot be demolished. “Quite a bit of the equipment has been removed and shipped away already, but a couple of the buyers can’t take it till spring.”

The boots have sold—three tugboats and two small barges—not but the old CPR barge at Rosedale. They were not part of the deal. “That’s ours,” said Tomlin. He said the tug went up to Rosedale two years ago, so the log salvagers could use it, but the log salvaging business didn’t work out and there was no practical way to get the large boat back down to Sicamous.

“It’s seriously moored and we’ll leave it there until we decide.” The only other equipment in Rosedale is set truck scales, which will eventually be sold.

Tomlin reported that buyers of the equipment are other forestry companies and sawmills, primarily in BC and Alberta. It is the responsibility of the salvage company hired by Springer Creek to sell the equipment and building materials, and to scrape the items they cannot sell.

Tomlin reported that all the bulk storage of motor oil, hydraulic oil and lubricants has been removed and taken to be recycled.

Tomlin said that to the best of their knowledge, there is no contamination on the site. “There have never been any underground storage tanks that have leaked. There was an oil spill from the energy system in 1999 that was totally remediated and signed off by the Ministry of Environment, with 100 percent of the contaminated and removed from the site. So we don’t expect to have to deal with any contamination issues.” He added that soilvitals are “pretty clean.

Tomlin said that there were a lot of chemicals, like a pulp or plywood mill.” Tomlin, who has been employed at the site for 27 years, will stay on until all the loose ends are tied up.

RCDK works on fuel spill prevention

by Jan McMurray

Regional Fire Chief Terry Swan is working on two initiatives to help prevent a disaster like the Lemon Creek fuel spill from ever happening again in the RDCK.

“We have looked at what happened here and are working to ensure the chances of it happening again are slim to none,” he said in an interview. “The major problem we had was communications. It started with the driver of the fuel truck and the problem was compounded in ways you would not think of.”

Swan explained that the tanker slid off Lemon Creek Road into Lennox Creek at about 1 p.m. with no sells service at the scene, the driver had to hike the two to three kilometres down the road to find a landing. He finally was able to report the accident to the RCPR at 4 p.m. “So we based everything on the spill happening at 4 p.m.,” said Swan. “That information was three hours behind.”

There were also problems communicating with incident commanders and first responders up and down the valley without cell phone service. “It first reared its ugly head when the Provincial Health Officer changed the evacuation zone,” said Swan. With many first responders out knocking on doors to evacuate people, it was difficult to connect them to let them know the boundaries of the evacuation zone had changed.

“Someone did a stellar job, but the first issue was communications,” he said.

To address this, Swan has initiated discussions with Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) and with Industry Canada. FLNRO has committed to advising Swan anytime the Southeast Fire Centre is setting up a fueling station or having fuel transported in the region. Swan can then contact the local fire chief to find out if there are any concerns the driver should know about, or to help determine the best route to the site. This will also give Swan a chance to do some advance planning on what they would do in the event of a problem.

Swan has also started the process to get an RCDK-wide emergency radio frequency. Currently, each fire department in the RDCK has its own frequency. With a region-wide frequency, “you could be in Nakusp talking to someone in Yateh,” said Swan. “It won’t be perfect—there will be gaps—but this would have been a big help in the spill situation.”

Swan has met with Industry Canada representative Brad Craft to request the region-wide frequency. “I’ve been given a letter of intent for a feasibility study on this,” he said. “It won’t happen overnight, but my goal is to have it in place before next year’s freshet.” He said technical experts from Industry Canada, the Trail dispatch centre, and SRK Electronics would be meeting to determine the best way to implement this. SRK Electronics designed the communications system for the Trail dispatch centre, which serves the RDCK and RDKB.

The Ombudsperson agrees to investigate Lemon Creek spill complaint

by Jan McMurray

The BC Ombudsperson’s office has agreed to investigate Wielaw resident John Wittmayer’s complaint that Interior Health did not handle the post Lemon Creek fuel spill situation in a fair and reasonable way. In his complaint, Wittmayer claims that Interior Health lifted the water ban too soon. He also claims that IH did not support residents adequately, as they failed to arrive at residents’ houses for appointments to test drinking water, or arrive too late after a complaint.

The Ombudsperson is an officer of the provincial legislature, independent of government and political parties. She is responsible for making sure that the administrative practices and services of public agencies are fair, reasonable, appropriate and equitable.

The website www.ombudsperson.ca states that “the Ombudsperson can, when appropriate, recommend changes to resolve an unfairness. Most of the time, public agencies accept the recommendations of the Ombudsperson. However, the Ombudsperson cannot order an authority to change its process, policy or decision.” Wittmayer was very involved with post-spill efforts. He worked as manager of the Recovery Centre and later as a volunteer at the Resiliency Centre.

CRT team’s Public Consultation Report

Here is a summary of what most Basin residents said during the CRT Review public consultation process, as documented in the CRT team’s Public Consultation Report. Engage with residents during negotiations.

Do not allow any more environmental or social impacts.

Give Canada a greater say in Libby operations.

Do not allow an increase in flood risk.

Create a better transboundary plan to minimize flood damage.

Get a better deal from the US for flood control services.

Don’t let people build in the floodplain.

Reduce the social and environmental impacts at the expense of power generation.

Maintain or increase compensation to BC for US benefits across the full range of values.

Incorporate climate change adaptation into the treaty.

Make ecosystems as important as power and flood control.

Stabilize Kootenay and Arrow reservoir levels to re-establish vegetation and wildlife habitat.

Support domestic environmental mitigation and compensation programs more.

Support the return of salmon if it is feasible, both financially and biologically.

Address the inequity between communities that have been impacted and those that have benefited.

Keep the BIT as is.

Initiate a Water Use Plan for the Kootenay/Kootenaa system. Allow people to have input into hydro operations.
Columbia River Treaty Local Government’s Committee present report

by Jan McMurray

The Columbia River Treaty Local Governments’ Committee Draft Recommendations report was presented at the November 6 meetings in Nakusp. Chair person of the committee, made the presentation at the evening meeting.

Pearce said the role of the committee is to make sure the provincial government’s process meets the needs of residents, and “to make sure your views are listened to this time.”

Pearce and the chair of the committee, Deb Kozak from Nelson, have attended US conferences on the treaty, as well.

Nakusp Mayor Karen Hamling is vice-chair of the committee, and speaks a considerable amount of time (10-20 hours per week) working on this.

Pearce said the committee’s report to government does not have a new recommendation on whether to give notice to terminate, continue or amend the treaty. But the committee said no matter what you do, if you don’t do what you have to keep in mind for Basin residents,” she said.

A summary of the committee’s Draft Recommendations follows.

The report concludes: “Swift, proactive and truthfully responsive to the Arrow mid-elevation stabilization models presented at BCT MPS meetings in Nakusp November 6, Kelvin Ketchum of BC Hydro presented results of two new modeling studies. One of these was requested at the Fauquier meeting in June.

At the Fauquier meeting, Alan Thompson of Mountain Station Consultants in Nelson captured everyone’s attention with hiscursor study. The model looked at several different levels of BCT MPS flows. A consequence of the work was to create a new prediction of the Arrow Reservoir with stable mid-elevation levels of 1,142 feet and 1,426 feet. This scenario is titled, ‘Alt. 7 TT - Treaty terminated, with Arrow operation stabilized at mid-elevation.’ Currently, the reservoir operates at 2,000 feet and 1,444 feet.

Operated this way, the Arrow reservoir would “lock more like a lake,” said Ketchum. With the reservoir at 1,125 feet, 480 hectares of shoreline would be created; at 1,420 feet, 980 hectares of shoreline would be created.

Threats of this scenario are that vegetation would be established for wildlife on the newly created shoreline “in about 10 years or so,” according to Ketchum. “It’s good for habitat and aesthetics. However, Ketchum noted this scenario is not favorable for recreation on the Arrow. He said this lower recreation in the mid-Columbia (Revelstoke to Shelter Bay) would improve, but boating would be negatively impacted. “1,425 feet is marginal for recreation,” he said.

Cedar and Interior would also be impacted with the Arrow at 1,420 feet. Ketchum said they would have to breakup their log bundles in order to get them through Burton Narrows.

Kathy Eichenberger, executive director of the provincial Columbia River Treaty Review Team, said the Alt. 7 mid-level Arrow scenario showed promise to be achieved within the treaty, so it may not have to be a ‘Treaty Terminate’ scenario. Rather, it could be a ‘Treaty Plus’ scenario – where the treaty would continue, with improvements. However, she said many people on the Arrow would prefer the reservoir levels at over 1,426 feet, “so we need to have that conversation with everyone around the reservoir.”

Then we also have to see if it meets US requirements within the treaty.”

One of the people who prefer higher elevations on the Arrow spoke up at the meeting. She said her dock levels are 1,425 feet, “we need to be engaged in the discussion.”

Eichenberger and Cindy Pearce, executive director of the Local Governments’ Committee, stressed the need for more discussion with residents about the Alt. 7 scenario.

Ketchum also presented a scenario that was requested by First Nations: the ‘Alt. 9 TT - Treaty terminated, with Arrow reservoirs operated for ‘Ecosystem Function’ scenario.’ In this scenario, both Misca and Arrow would fill to full pool only in very wet years, with the Arrow stabilized at 1,425 feet most of the time. Kathy Eichenberger, provincial CTR team lead, told the meeting that this scenario would not be considered because “it’s too much of a power international discussions regarding the CTR.

Our communities and residents cannot accept any more negative impacts. The interests of Basin residents must be considered by the Province of BC and Canada in the ongoing discussions and decisions related to the CTR.

Report on power assets. Expand the focus of the CTR to include ecosystems and other interests. The Province should seek an agreement for a new flood risk management approach through the CTR that maximizes benefits and minimizes negative impacts to the interests of Basin residents.

Governments should not allow building in floodplains. Canada must have meaningful input into Libby Dam operations.

The Province should consider entering into treaty negotiations and international Columbia hydro systems planning and operations. Downstream power and other benefits could be negotiated for the use of agricultural irrigation, and potentially agriculture (in the US) should be accounted for.

If CTR negotiations lead to new or improved hydropower agreements with the US, a fair share must be returned to Basin residents.

The Province must commit long-term funding to Kootenay-Kootenaa Fish and Wildlife restoration and conservation.

A Water Use Planning process is needed for the Kootenay River system. The Province should direct BC Hydro to proactively address residents concerns regarding implementation of the Columbia and Dunsmuir Water Use Plan.

The creation of the CTR reservoirs impacted local economies. The committee expects the provincial and federal government to expedite assistance and necessary approvals for feasible community economic development initiatives within these communities.

The committee asks the Province to complete a study to document the impacts to agriculture in the Arrow, Libby and Kootenay areas to evaluate whether some form of agricultural mitigation or compensation is warranted.

The Province should direct BC Hydro to establish some form of long-term engagement with Basin residents that supports meaningful participation in decisions about hydro operations. ULRiKE ZOBEL, LAWYER

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Community Calendar

Wednesday, November 13
Healthy Community Society AGM
Thursday, December 14
Selkirk Seniors Water Drop-In
Kootenay Co-op Annual General Meeting
Saturday, November 16
Ocean Lake Curling Club AGM
New Denver Council Call
Certified Marvel & Adobe Connect
Ukrainian Dinner
Sunday, November 17
Ocean Lake Showers Society AGM
Tuesday, November 19
Nakusp Louisiana Society AGM
Thursday, November 21
Shushan’s Council
Postcards from the Valley’s past: RODI Board meeting
Saturday, November 23
Nakusp Legion
Tuesday, November 26
Nakusp legion
New Denver Council Call
Integrate Change AGM
Nakusp Hill Climbing Society AGM
Wednesday, November 27
Nakusp & Area Development Society AGM
Kootenay Restorative Justice AOG
Cash & Dine at Cafe

Nakusp Rotary Club
Meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm
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Slocan’s Halloween Hoot

Thank you to the Village of Slocan, the Slocan Volunteer Fire Department, the Slocan Women’s Institute and local businesses and donors for executing another spectacular Halloween Hoot! This fun, fun, family-oriented event builds and celebrates community.

Anitra Wingeier-Nestoroff
Kaslo

Health care system breeds plagues

Is the next plague coming from Trail Hospital now? People are being sent home with bad symptoms and no warning of possible virulent new infections.

Is this the new normal? We can’t let ourselves become the next sad statistic. This system is not just broken, it’s an extreme hazard.

Burgin Jacobs
New Denver

Throw the bums out!

The recent decision by Interior Health Authority as described in the Friday, October 25, 2013 edition of the Nelson Star to not partner with the local police department (Nelson) certainly should not surprise anyone living in the Kaslo area. It seems to me they have not made very many sound decisions regarding the health issues of us folks living in the West Kootenays, in particular those of us in the rural areas. I have been in the area 44 years and have seen a steady decline in services ever since the Gordon Campbell government decided to centralize health delivery. Mission accomplished!

This extra tier of government interference – bureaucracy – is not working. Bring back our local hospital board. That system worked.

I once believed that BIA’s motive was to drive the elderly to the bigger centres. However, their track record to date shows equal disregard for all demographic profiles.

Honour stories of delayed services (or no services) will only increase as long as the current debacle called BIA is empowered. The lack of respect shown to our community turns my stomach. We deserve better. Throw the bums out!

Dave Beland
Kaslo

OPINION

Why we don’t need God anymore

Now that we have R&B Ford and the Senate, people can stop using God as an excuse or a reason for good or bad behaviour. Why can’t we ban statues, stupes, and its truelote, the dreaded whishes, and its result, the hangover of epic proportions. We can also blame ignorance, stupidity and an attitude of entitlement. Doesn’t say much positive about our so-called leadership.

Jim Van Horn
Kaslo

Continue with Area H North TV Society

I have lived in New Denver since the TV Society began. I am writing in favour of having the TV Society continue to provide the TV channels as it has been doing over the past 20 plus years. Because I work as a home-based carpenter and hand-painter, I prefer listening to a variety of radio while I paint or work at my shop. I listen to the radio more than I watch TV so please, please, keep the CBC, Easy Rock, Rock 101. Country 105 and my favourite station out of Nelson, KLYC Kootenay County Radio, broadcasting locally.

I appreciate all the time provided by the volunteers and technical support members and have no problem with the portion I pay to the RDCK through my taxes. Thank you very much.

Sally Lamoureux
New Denver

Dear Slocan Valley community and outlying areas

I am the installer for Shaw Direct who has been posting ads to promote the LISS Program, a free TV service through Shaw, which helps make up for the loss of aerial TV broadcasts such as CBC. I wish to correct a couple things I have been wrong about – my apologies.

I said that the LISS program was an unlimited free subscription. From my own investigations, I believed that “free for five years” was just a rumour, but this turned out to be true. Shaw Direct will most likely require LISS subscribers to become paying customers by the end of 2019. I also said that the LISS Program was paid for by the CRTC. With many thanks to Jan McMurray for her October 15 article in the Valley Voice, I now know this to be false. Shaw has opted to provide the LISS service for people in rural areas as a public interest benefit, with permission from the CRTC, in exchange for a Channel Global deal.

Please refer to my website at tjwfo.ca for current revised info on the LISS program, which will hopefully be expanded past the November 30 application deadline.

James Freedman
Kootenay Cable Tech
Appledale

Dear Slocan Valley community and outlying areas

What are we gonna do about our troops losing on their pensions?


I’m sorry, but I don’t agree with the way this article is written. It is written as if the Government is the only responsible party for the introduction of this bill.

It is not that simple. The Government is part of the process, but it is not the only one. There are many other stakeholders involved, including the military and their families, the veterans themselves, and the community at large.

Valleys in the dark: another lone voice in the wilderness?

In his October 30 letter advocating for going back to Mountain Time, Ken Fritz notes that here in the Valleys, we are “in the dark rather than everyone else.”

What I have been noticing is the opposite. I wish we had gone back to Pacific Standard Time a long time ago. Lately, it’s pitch dark when my household has to wake up for the day, and the sun doesn’t rise until 9:25 am here the first couple of days of November – if we are lucky enough to see it at all!

Mr. Fritz says that his Dad didn’t mind getting up to go to work at Cominco, as long as he could get home in time to see the soccer game.

I wonder nowadays, the reason we’ve kept on Daylight Savings Time so long is so we can get home early and still have time to go shopping before it’s too dark – in service of corporate interests.

Most of the hockey games don’t start until 7 pm soon, so there’s plenty of time for everything. Oh, except sleep, that is.

Caroline McConnell
Meadow Creek

Learn the truth about factory farming

Currently, there are two online videos on factory farming being circulated – videos with real impact. They are graphic and may cause all the way through. But once seen, you will view what you are eating in a very different way. An animal welfare group, Mercy for Animals, went undercover to produce the video called ‘Behind the Barn Door.’ It was aired on W5 a couple of weeks ago. You will have to go to W5 archives to access it. It shows the real cost of the inexpensive eggs and steaks chicken purchased at supermarkets. The other is called ‘Earthlings.’ You can Google ‘Earthlings documentary YouTube’ for this one. Have the Kleenex ready.

Here are the names of three Creston farms using unethical methods to raise farm animals: Mountain Harvest Farm, Kootenay Meadows a.k.a Kootenay Alpine Chesse Co.; Kootenay Natural Meats.

Google these. Place an order. Kootenay Natural Meats deliver over here. Also, check here in the Valley. Many local people raise and sell turkeys, chickens, eggs, and sometimes other types of meat. Yes, they are more expensive than factory farmed meats. Consider factory farming: what is the continued on page 5

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Requiem for a Glacier – extraordinary, fabulous, wonderful, stupendous!

As a long-time glacier aficionado, particularly the four within the proposed Jumbo Glacier Resort, of which Fernie is one, I was most pleased when early in 2012 I was initially told about this project. I can only claim peripheral support based on the superficial knowledge of the resort proposal. Yet I’ve been an enthusiastic supporter through its long and convoluted process to success.

Opening night found me among the standing room only crowd. We were enveloped in the huge screen and surround sound of this artistic and technical masterpiece installation. It is the perfect blend of being audience and being out there on the Fernie Glacier. As I search for additional words to describe this further, I am aware of my feelings concerning the proponents of this proponent’s industrial resort city who see only dollar lodges, tea houses and web of ski lifts up there on those four glorious glaciers. And I wish that they were melting away as quickly as our glaciers are melting away – quite quickly.

Only oaths for Kaia Lynch, innovative Langham curator, who conceived and mentored this, Paul Walde, visual and sound artist and Associate Professor of Visual Arts at the University of Victoria, who brought it to fruition, and the many multi-talented musicians, technicians, administrators and support persons – all the doors of this delightful and daring deed.

Don’t miss this! Participants said it was a life-changing experience. The results of this amazingly huge undertaking is ours, the public’s, to enjoy and to relive in the big gallery at the Langham Cultural Centre, Kaslo, until November 24. Open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10:00-4:00 pm. It’s a 40 minute presentation that has captivated me several times already.

An expanded account can be found in the Fall/Winter 2013/2014 Articulate, Arts and Heritage News, free magazine, available from many places around the Columbia Basin, pages 20-22.

Rowena Elendo
Argenta

Open letter to Premier Christy Clark re: Kaslo Emergency Room

Like a Captain of a ship, you are responsible for what happens in our province. Christy Clark, you have cut emergency service from 24 hours 7 days a week to 8 hours 5 days a week. Now if Harbour Landing is closed, it’s 8 hours a week to 5 days a week. And if Kaslo H&H is closed, it will be 8 hours a week to 5 days a week. Why? Because of B.C. cuts. You have cut your emergency service by 75 percent.

To the Premier of British Columbia,

My adventure into modern ‘science’

We need to take another look at how we apply democracy in our society. For example, by misusing scientists, we can make expected changes in our society, that we think they are the best.

In public school I learned that natural law is consistent. This is why, in order to establish the existence of a natural law, we have to look into the fundamental principles of natural law.

A different breed

I’ve been living on the coast for the past few minutes, and it’s fairly shown me how much I appreciate the coast. It’s a unique place that can’t be taken for granted. It’s a place where we can find a sense of freedom, tranquility, and the want to explore.

The Canadian House of Lords

The Senate has been under attack for some time now. You would think that the senators would be defending themselves and their positions by putting forth a list of reasons why they haven’t stopped bad things from happening to the Canadian public because decisions taken by your elected House of Commons. Instead, we get the same old song and dance from our senators like Nancy Greene, who was on CBC a while ago praising the Senate for being an important part of checks and balances. No wonder $137,000 annual checks have had a positive effect on her balance, but they have had a negative effect on mine, by way of taxes.

She, by the way, is qualified to overcome the decisions of our elected representatives by virtue of the fact that she could ski really fast back in the 1960’s.

Instead of trying to bamboozle the Canadian public by going on about how the Senate is a chamber of “sober second thought”, how about telling the public what the Senate has done to help our community. After 146 years of existence, surely, they could come up with that. The reason they haven’t is because they don’t care. As Mike Duffy said when he was a journalist, long ago, or perhaps do a little looking into the high alpine, loaded with small lakes and flowering fields, it doesn’t take much effort. Sometimes all you have to do is just take a book and start walking: before you know it, time is forgotten. Once you start to walk, you never know where your legs will take you.

As one of my favorite athletes states: “You are the product of your environment.” The Kootenays have shaped me into who I am today. I’ve learnt to have fun, explore, be daring and enjoy every moment.

You really appreciate being born and raised in such a vast, ever-changing environment. Treasure it, just like mom’s homemade cooking, because you never know when you’ll get back home to see what else the last pot of cooking just held.

Ryan Tate Geseek/Kaslo

Christmas Craft Fair Saturday, November 23 Starts at 10AM to 5PM This is a reminder to all members to bring some items for the Legion Ladies bazaar Concession of lunch by the Legion ladies Held in the main Hall Everybody welcome Nakusp Legion

Texas Hold’em

Nakusp Legion Buy in $100 $10,000 chips Doors open at 6:30 start at 7 PM Players 30 min/Max Members & guests welcome
In response to 'Shocked'

I am writing to reply to Deborah Austin’s letter in the October 30 Valley Voice.

First, I would like to thank Deborah for addressing our concerns regarding mobile home rental parks. I believe that our concern is the temporary nature of a rental park and lack of mobile home rental parks available in Nakusp.

The very nature of a mobile home park, which has long-term homes occupying rental pads, suggests permanency. Mobile home rental parks that offer rental pads for long-term homes are developments that need careful consideration because of these issues. We are asking for a policy to be developed that would address these and many other issues.

We know that a mobile park is not to be created. We need more parks. We do not want to dismantle and relocate, so if the council and mayor want to affect this, there should be an opportunity to address the effect of their decision on the owners.

Other communities throughout BC have also been asked to address these issues. A policy does not stop redevelopment or take away landowners’ rights. It does not affect the present or past. A policy would address all these issues, and take into account the perspectives of both the landowner and the long-term mobile home tenant.

Most mobile home parks have regulations that stipulate the age of new tenants’ homes. Most do not allow new tenants for homes older than 10 years. It is exactly this kind of regulation that makes moving a mobile home to a new park impossible. Many park owners do not want to address this issue in how it is closing down. This is yet another example of why a policy is needed to govern mobile home parks within a community.

Coachman Mobile Home Park is not the only park in Nakusp, and if the other parks in Nakusp decide to reduce or close, many more families will face these issues. Also, should other landowners wish to develop new rental parks, a policy would make them aware of all the issues and responsibilities of owning a mobile home park. These are the very reasons our council has developed policies for their mobile home parks.

We are fortunate. Our home can be moved, and we are preparing for that. The other three mobile homes in Coachman likely cannot be moved, due to their age and additions made to the homes. The situation is likely to play out as the most likely face losing their homes, a financial loss of $40,000-50,000. Seniors, low income and fixed income families cannot afford this kind of burden.

We do think Deborah’s suggestion that an area be set aside for long-term permanent mobile home rental parks is one consideration. Many of our council should take into account should they see the wisdom of creating a mobile home park policy. A policy would be wise to address zoning for rental parks as well.

Mobile homes have been and will be a form of affordable housing in Nakusp and throughout BC. We hope our Village Council will see the need to develop policy that addresses all the responsibilities and issues that come with owning operating/closing and redeveloping such a property, as well as the purchasing of an existing mobile home park.

Surely other villages, towns, cities, and municipalities have seen the benefits policy offers, and our mayor and council can consult with them for guidance and direction.

Michael & Sharron Lagore
Nakusp

The Kaslo challenge

Winter is coming to Kaslo. For business, this winter will be a challenge. The Kaslo Hotel will strive to remain open this winter, but with reduced hours of operation. The hotel will open for occasional guests, and the pub and restaurant from mid-afternoon until close, 7 days a week. We thought it important for the village that the hotel be open, bringing and serving whatever new business that there might be. We are doing this at a time when Kaslo has faced many empty storefronts on Front Street and much to be done. We are opening the hotel and pub for business in the village core. More could be done before winter is over.

We are inviting the world to come see our beautiful village and taste our new menu in the pub and restaurant. The hotel has hired a new head chef from Toronto, Mr. David Friedman. Along with new taste temptations on our menu, we are making improvements to the interior furnishings and decor in the pub and restaurant. Over this past summer, the hotel invested in a London Taxi as a courtesy car to facilitate the use of Kaslo’s airport as a gateway to bring customers and investors into the village and the surrounding region.

It is no secret in Kaslo that the economic downturn has been very difficult, but the Kaslo Hotel is trying to try and communicate this to the public and the Village council, which has the power to take some positive actions. We went so far as to close the hotel last winter in an attempt to get the Village to be more business friendly.

I have been very active in participating on committees including the Water Street improvement committees (2), tourism efforts, and the recent attempt to get the most out of Kaslo’s airport. This has resulted in a few modifications to protect the Village from liability due to untended and dangerous runway shoulders. There is so much more that could be done for Kaslo and its economy, facilitating travel for local residents, tourists investing as well as providing for medical evacuation flights and all in the event of future emergencies. There is widespread disagreement with the position of Village council and the CAO to do nothing with this valuable village asset. There is true of Water Street and tourist signage. We have valuable assets that are going to waste.

John Eckランド
Kaslo
MP Alex Atamanenko will not run in next election

by Jan McMurray

NDP MP Alex Atamanenko has announced that he will not be running in the next election, expected to be held in 2015.

Atamanenko has been MP of the BC Southern Interior riding since 2006 and is in his third term. He has held several critic portfolios, including Food Security, Rural Affairs, and Agriculture.

“I’ve been proud to serve the people of BC Southern Interior,” said Atamanenko. “As I look ahead to retirement in two years, I’d like to thank my constituents for electing me to represent their interests in Ottawa.”

Atamanenko described his time as MP as “one of the most enriching experiences” of his life. “I’ve been able to meet and help so many people committed to various causes, whether it be genetically modified organisms, control of our food supply, trade deals and many others. It’s been an honour for me to be able to take part in that process.”

Maximensen will seek federal NDP nomination in new South Okanagan-West Kootenay riding

submitted

Margaret Maximensen of Christina Lake has announced that she will be seeking the NDP nomination in the newly named riding of South Okanagan-West Kootenay (SOWK). The federal riding, formerly called BC Southern Interior and represented by NDP MP Alex Atamanenko, who has decided not to run in the next federal election.

“Alex Atamanenko leaves an amazing legacy that would be my honour to continue,” Maximensen stated. “Alex has served the constituents of the BC Southern Interior with determination and grace and I believe he has the most effective track record of any Member of Parliament in our corner of the world.”

Maximensen has served as a mail director on the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary board and as Local Government spokesperson on the Premier’s Commission on Resources and the Environment (CORE). She has over 25 years of business experience.

Maximensen listed her four top goals: to represent all the constituents of SOWK; work to restore Canada’s standing in the world, which has deteriorated significantly under the Harper Regime; focus efforts to support our environment; and address the issues around growing inequality that are rapidly eroding the middle class in our country.

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Artist Sharon Bamber accepted into prestigious art society

by Art Joyce

Nakusp area artist Sharon Bamber has been accepted into the Society of Animal Artists, a worldwide organization based in New York City. It’s been a banner year for Bamber, who was also a 2013 runaway for the title of BBC International Wildlife Artist. Seven of her pastel paintings of BC wildlife were retained in the finals out of more than 1,000 entries worldwide. Bamber’s first two solo exhibitions were featured at Studio Collection in Nakusp.

"Both the art and the subjects I choose to paint are my passion, part of my being, to be recognized by some of the greatest artists in the world who share this passion is such an incredible honour," says Bamber. "Also, like many people, I am my own harshest critic, so to be invited into this society provides me with an honest measure of the progression of my art."

The Society of Animal Artists (SAA) was established in 1966 and has a current membership of only 350 members worldwide. Their mission is to promote excellence in the portrayal of domesticated and wild animals in art, and to educate the public about the ethical treatment, care, and conservation of animals through their innumerable exhibits, art seminars, lectures and teaching demonstrations. The Annual Exhibition of the Society of Animal Artists and its traveling exhibitions, Art and the Animal, have become the standard by which all others are measured. The SAA’s work has been on display worldwide in more than 100 different institutions across the United States — and once in Canada in 1995 at the Old Alsopmuin Museum, Alsopmuin Park, Ontario. In 2014, the SAA presented their first Lifetime Achievement Award to Robert Bateman. And although Bateman is clearly a key member of the society, Bamber’s style owes more to the impressionists than to the high realism of this renowned Canadian artist. So although she recently returned from a workshop with Bateman, her influences remain closer to that of her native British and European masters Degas and Sorella.

For Bamber and artists like her, membership in the SAA is a vote of confidence in their work. It can have a strengthening effect on the relationship professional artists have with the collectors of their art. As a member, Bamber can also apply for work considerations for display in the annual Art and the Animal exhibition. From this show, 30 paintings are once again juried and selected for national tours by a consulting museum professional. It’s the kind of exposure artists dream of — great visibility and connections with collectors and exhibitors of the work as well as other wildlife artists.

The society’s mandate includes encouraging an awareness of “the creatures that share our planet” but this is done through teaching and exhibitions rather than lobbying. The SAA was founded in 1966 in response to an exhibition held in New York City entitled Animals in the Bronx. The group established an affinity with the emerging conservation movement in the early 60’s. This connection has been maintained by members both through the ecological themes of their artwork and through generous contributions and sales. “I don’t know if I will ever be able to do as well — or speak as eloquently — about my environmental concerns as Bateman,” says Bamber. “It’s just not in my nature. I hope though, that I can speak just as strongly through my art. Being able to see and paint bears roaming wild and free in the West Kootenay is one of the great privileges of my life.”

Bamber came to Canada from the UK, where the long history of human habitations has reduced and even eliminated many wild animal species. The success of her art is allowing her to give support to the work of Animals Asia, an organization helping captive bears in China and Vietnam. These cultures have a long history of capturing bears for entertainment and to use their bile for traditional medicine. This practice continues despite the availability of a large number of artificial bile substitutes, which are more ethical and synthetic alternatives.

“Perhaps, through membership of the Society of Animal Artists, any art will grow a bigger voice."

Bergmann Duo gives superlative performance in Nakusp

submitted

The superlative Bergmann Duo performed an eclectic recital featuring music of Russian, Finnish, American, Canadian and British composers.

The event, held at the Nakusp Middle School, was attended by a good-sized crowd that included members of the whole body who began the concert in perfect togetherness. After each piece, there would be three times the next piece. The music was also played by the Bergman Duo, who are known for their high quality of performance. At times their fingers could not be seen because they were playing so fast. It was a rare treat to have internationally known Canadian artists come to Nakusp, and an even rarer treat to be able to see and dream about buying a Fazioli piano, or a Chopin for that matter. The Grotton has been manufactured now for over 175 years, and has attracted famous artists such as Franz Liszt and Arthur Rubinstein. Clara Schumann was so impressed with the tonality that she took her piano with her to every concert she played.

Bergmann Duo is a Canadian piano duo that performs music from around the world. The concert was held at the Nakusp Middle School and was attended by a diverse audience of music lovers.

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Peter Forbes wraps up Harvest Potluck with visionary presentation

by Art Joyce

Local sustainability may come down to a basic choice: Are we a consumer or a producer society? According to farmer and consultant Peter Forbes, that searching question helped turn around rural communities in the Mad River Valley, Vermont where he and his family live. Forbes shared this story at New Denver’s community harvest potluck on October 27, hosted by the Healthy Community Society. He had just concluded a weekend workshop on community building at Heart’s Rest Retreat in New Denver.

When Forbes and his family moved to the Mad River Valley 12 years ago, the farming community had all but dried out. There were only five working farms left, inherited from aging pioneer farming families. Today there are 28 working farms in the Mad River Valley, most of them operated by young families.

Across the state of Vermont, there were zero organic farms in 1975. Today there are 725. It’s an enviable success story and one that relates directly to the local food movement in the West Kootenay. According to Forbes, his valley has a similar landscape to the Slocan Valley, and in some places on his own Kooten Rd Farm, the elevation reaches 1,200 feet (365 metres).

Vermont was a lot like rural Kootenay in the 1970s and ’80s — a system of indented servitude that robbed people of their dignity and independence. Sheep farming had caused 80 percent of Vermont’s forests to be cut down, creating ecosystem havoc. By 1980, the last mountain lion had been shot down. The culture and local economy vanished as young people went west and their parents died alone in farmhouses. So how was this aging rural community able to achieve such a dramatic turnaround? It began with visionaries, in this case writers and back-to-the-landers Helen and Scott Nearing.

The local food movement in Vermont was started largely by ‘flaniers’ who moved into the state and developed working relationships with farmers. This took some ‘building bridges’ to overcome prejudice toward outsiders. And it took planning. Forbes is co-founder of the Vermont-based Centre for Whole Communities, and for 20 years has been helping communities combine the “very practical with the wildly visionary” to produce “whole thinking.” The first order of business in the Mad River Valley was to decide to become a producer or ‘maker’ culture, not a consumer culture. In a maker culture a community has the capacity to turn its own wood into lumber or musical instruments, its own wool into sweaters, its own milk into cheese, yogurt and other products. When the valley-wide initiative was started, most of these products were imported into the state. Today, schoolchildren drink milk and eat cheese created within miles of their schools. Farm tours are now a part of local tourism.

The second step was to assess the existing food system — to thoroughly know your own foodshed. Where do food items come from, and what are the legal obstacles to making that more local? Sometimes that means lobbying at the state or provincial level to have legislation changed. For example, in BC a person is not considered as a ‘farmer’ unless they earn $50,000 or more from their farm. In Vermont that amount is a mere $2,000, allowing farmers to take advantage of tax deductions and other subsidies.

The third step is to set up a compelling vision of what’s possible, something that captures people’s imaginations and energy. In the Mad River Valley, a foodshred map was published in local newspapers to start the conversation. People were asked to say what they wanted to grow and then to put a pin on the map where they planned to grow it. Sixty percent of families pledged to buy food from local sources. Critical questions guide the early visioning process: What would a local food system in the Slocan Valley look like? This then needs to be backed up with facts so that known obstacles can be overcome.

The fourth step actually fits in with the other three at any point along the process — stay in dialogue with the community. But here’s the challenge, this means building bridges with people you may not like. And it means housing those who came before, even if they don’t see eye to eye with you. And finally, such a visionary change requires knowing what the key levers of change are in the community. Once identified, ask people to invest in them. The Mad River Valley community raised $650,000 for a food hub that promotes locally grown food. At the state level, the Vermont Land Trust now has an innovative program where young farmers access land for a fraction of its market value. The trust is built up through fundraising campaigns and the money is used to acquire farmland, which is then sold with the condition that it continues to be used as farmland. The market value mortgage kicks in only when less than 50 percent of your income is earned from farming. There are even “incubator farms” for young families curious about farming but needing an extension course before making the commitment. That would certainly solve the problem of access to land currently faced by young farmers in BC.

“Just as we have the potential to create agriculture based on centralized fossil fuel production, we have the capacity to create local systems.”

Celebrate home-grown music and radio

Kootenay Co-op Radio invites the community to celebrate the local music and independent, non-profit community radio. On November 16, 7 p.m. at The Silverton Gallery, KCRG will feature local talents of local duo Adohio and the exotic rounds of Certified Mango in concert. This will be a fundraising event for our regional community radio station, which began in 1995 as a collective effort of New Denver, Silverton and Slocan Lake area at 107.5 FM.

Adohio consists of Slocan Lake area locals Jim and Shelley Dobie. They play a mix of jazz and guitar duo who love to explore a range of styles including blues, folk and Latin classics. Their vocal harmonies are shared throughout their performances and reveal a wealth of musical chemistry.

In August, Certified Mango improved their sound with an appearance at New Denver’s Kohun Garden with a spirited performance that announced their arrival on the local music scene. Certified Mango performs original world groove/jazz music composed by Paul Curbach/ Gibbons with influences ranging from Cuban rumba, mambo and tango to North African beats. The audience will experience a range of tones, from dreamy hypnotic grooves to upbeat and danceable. Musicians featured are Howard Buchan (guitar and baritone sax), Lorna Visser (clarinet), Akio Jackson (piano and keyboard), Tomoko ‘Koko’ Koboto (percussion), Shelley Dobie (vocals) and, of course, the primary composer for the group, Paul Gibbons on congas. Gibbons has formed a series of local musical ensembles while also collaborating with Vancouver-based groups Unanimous, Take Five and Taka Yaroika. He has performed with Montreal dancer Rachel Harris and many others. This event is open to all ages; tickets are available at the door or by sliding scale $10. Make sure you arrive early as seating is limited.

Light snacks and refreshments will be available at intermission. This event is in conjunction with Kootenay Co-op Radio’s fall membership drive which runs until November 17. For more info on this event check out the website www.kootenaycoopradio.com or www.cjly.net or call us at 250-352-9600.

Carpenter Creek Last Wishes Society Invites New Members

Did you know that a lifetime membership in the Last Wishes Society is only $25? The organization is not a burial society or a mortuary, but this local volunteer community society does provide information about how people can make their own private funeral arrangements prior to their death. The Last Wishes handout/ guidelines are available to help people preplan and to discuss the details, legal documents and alternatives that are available in our area. New members are always welcome.

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Rotary exchange students attend Remembrance Day in Nakusp

by Jan McMurray

For the second year in a row, Nakusp hosted the district’s Rotary Exchange students for the Remembrance Day weekend.

The 22 exchange students are from Australia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Switzerland, Thailand and Turkey. They are attending schools throughout Rotary District 5290, which includes the East and West Kootenays, Washington and Idaho. There are Rotary exchange students in Golden, Invermere, Cranbrook, Creston, Nelson, Castlegar, Trail and Rossland this year, as well as in eight cities in Washington and Idaho.

The idea to bring the exchange students to Nakusp for the Remembrance Day weekend was Bill Tobey and Kees van der Pol’s—two very active members of the Nakusp Rotary Club. At a Rotary Exchange Student Induction Orientation, they attended two years ago, the district was looking for a venue for the students for a full weekend.

“Kees was keen to have the students in Nakusp, and I felt that Remembrance Day was an excellent theme, tying in the youth exchange, Rotary, and peace,” said Tobey. “For some of the students, this is the first Remembrance Day ceremony they have ever attended. It’s usually a little emotional for them.”

The students arrived in Nakusp on the evening of Saturday, November 9. They all gathered at Nakusp Secondary School, where they stayed over the weekend, with Christina Bainsoff cooking for them.

On Sunday, the students enjoyed a Parishioner service with Michael Garvey and a trip to the hot springs, where they linked up to the source over the new Kinnikan Bridge before their soak. They had a spaghetti dinner with the Nakusp Interact Club. In the evening, the Nakusp Curling Club welcomed them at the curling rink for an introduction to the game.

On Monday, the students marched to the cenotaph in their blue Rotary Exchange blazers and attended the service at the Legion afterwards. There, the students introduced themselves and were presented with a certificate by the president of the Nakusp Legion.

After the Remembrance Day activities, the students did yoga with Terri McLeod at NaCooMo and had some free time to explore Nakusp. In the evening, they shared a potluck dinner at the senior hall, organized by the Nakusp Rotary Club, with everyone who helped make their stay memorable.

Tobey said the Rotarians very much appreciate that the Legion takes an interest in the students. “The Legion does so much and we thank them for recognizing the students at the service. World peace is the theme, and I don’t think anyone wants world peace more than a veteran of war.”

Tobey said the Nakusp Rotary Club will host a district Rotary Exchange students every year that Remembrance Day falls on a weekend. “So we will miss a few years, but it will come around again.”
Slocan’s Remembrance Day ceremony took place at the new home for the cenotaph, the Wellness Centre grounds.

Ken Williams and Harvey Truax of the Nakusp Legion presented Glen Weatherhead with his 60-year pin at a ceremony, November 11.

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Upgrades a total success for Kaslo and Area Youth Centre

submitted

We are thrilled to announce that the Kaslo and Area Youth Centre (KAYC) has had some major upgrades, thanks to youth and community members who committed hours of labour and volunteer time.

In June, North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society (NKLCSS) received three separate grants from Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) which provided the core funding through the Youth Grants Program Fund, and the Community Fund of North Kootenay Lake and The Village of Kaslo, which funded the youth mentorship carpentry project. The upgrades included a new stove, replacement of the kitchen floor and installation of new windows.

The task of installing a new kitchen floor provided an opportunity to develop and deliver the 30-hour carpentry mentorship project. Yvonne Boyd and Steven Anderson taught Morgan Cameron and Charlotte Stuut-Pearce the basics of carpentry.

KAYC is currently running a girls’ group, for girls 12-18 years old, on Wednesdays from 3:30 – 6 pm. They cook, do art, art, talk and support each other as well as engage in fun activities. KAYC is now open for Saturday night drop-ins, 6 to 10 pm for the month of November. For more information call Liz at 250-353-7753.

RCPM: Thieves targetting golf courses

submitted by RCPM

It’s a fair distance by road between Fruitvale and Perry Siding, but RCPM suspect break-ins in both places are related, as they occurred one day apart at golf courses.

The first took place sometime between the evening of November 1 and the morning of November 2. On November 3 Nkuskp RCPM received a report of a break and enter that had occurred at the Fauquier Golf Club and learned the thieves had cut a lock off a building to gain access, and also stole more than 100 gallons of fuel.

During the evening hours of November 2, culprits entered the property of the Valley View Golf Club in Perry Siding, where they broke into the golf cart shed by cutting the locks off the doors. It is possible that the suspect(s) parked close by and walked onto the property.

Both incidents appear to have occurred within a day of one another and may be related. The Nkuskp and Slocan Lake RCMP continue to investigate these incidents. Police request that anyone who may have noticed vehicles or suspicious person(s) in the above-mentioned areas, to contact your local RCMP or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Danelle and Craig Swango provided wonderful entertainment at the Nkuskp Legion’s annual Ladies’ Auxiliary and Veterans’ Appreciation Dinner, held November 9.
Options outlined for Denver Siding water system at open house

by Ian McMurtry

The RDCK is taking its attention once again to the Denver Siding water system, now that Interior Health has given a deadline of May 1, 2015 to get the water system off boil water notice. An open house was held November 6 at Koot Hall, where six options were outlined for the community RDCK staff, Ulfr Einarsson and Jason McDonald were on hand to answer questions.

The Denver Siding water system is a surface system, drawn from Aylable and Angil Creeks. Due to water regulations that came into effect a few years ago, Interior Health is requiring upgrades to untreated surface systems. “Because of the occasional presence of waterborne pathogens in samples, Denver Siding has been under a permanent Boil Water Notice since April 2004,” stated one of the posters at the open house.

A Denver Siding resident at the event said she does not boil her water and doesn’t believe any of her neighbours do, either. She is not impressed with the RDCK requirement for the costly treatment of water that she feels is perfectly good.

The six options outlined were: amalgamation with the Village of New Denver to the Village water system; a new groundwater source; a central cartridge filtration water treatment plant; a central sand filtration treatment plant; point of entry treatment, chlorination and UV treatment (no filtration).

Some Denver Siding residents wondered why they could not connect to the Village water system without becoming annexed to the Village.

Mayor Burnska explained in an interview after the meeting that the Village has had a policy in place since the early 1990’s that states it will not sell water to people outside its boundaries. “It’s in New Denver’s best interest to grow, and selling water is not a way we can do that. If we can expand our boundaries, our assessments will be greater and we’ll have more tax dollars to do the things we’re mandated to do,” she said.

When asked about the handful of residents living outside Village boundaries with connections to the water system, Burnska explained that these people joined the system prior to the policy being put in place. “The ten connections outside the Village are grandfathered,” she said.

RDCK staff had estimated costs for the six options and said they had “zeroed on the side of caution” in their estimates. Once they know which options the community would like to pursue, they will do a detailed and more accurate analysis. Rough estimates put annual water costs for residents at $1,214 for amalgamation with New Denver; $2,203 for a new groundwater source; $2,638 for a cartridge treatment plant; $2,244 for a sand filtration plant; $1,492 for point of entry treatment; and $1,714 for chlorination and UV treatment. Amalgamation with New Denver would require Denver Siding residents to pay for the infrastructure to connect to the system. The Village well water would be pumped up to the existing Denver Siding reservoir and then flow to Denver Siding houses through the existing distribution piping. Denver Siding residents would have to pay for a pumping station, the installation of some water main, and upgrades to the Denver Siding reservoir. These costs are figured into the estimated annual $1,214 figure, which RDCK staff said was a high estimate.

New Denver’s annual residential water rates are much lower than this, at $275 per year.

Economic development meeting in Silverton sets goal for downtown revitalization

by Ian McMurtry

A community engagement meeting focusing on economic development in Silverton on November 7 was attended by only four civilizt citizens. Four council members were also present.

Diane Brooks from the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training led the meeting. She said that she and her colleague, Carin Dusterhoff, are working together to support the community in achieving its priorities in economic development.

With such a small turnout, Brooks acknowledged that the group was not representative of the community. She said they would “work with what we’ve got” and hope for more interest as the community engagement process continues.

Brooks led participants through an exercise to identify opportunities and issues in Silverton, and to be aware of the regional, provincial, national and global contexts. The group also identified the “pillars” for the sustainability of the community, and ended up with some priorities to work towards.

Brooks asked, “Do you want to sustain yourselves – maintain the status quo – or do you want to incrementally grow?”

Mayor Provost noted that the poor turnout showed that the community wants status quo. “We have a lot of seasonal people, and everyone likes the way it is,” she said.

After going through the issues (lack of young people, transportation and accessibility issues, seasonal population, lack of employment, limited infrastructure, lack of health care services), RDCK staff said there were opportunities (seniors’ housing, home care, arts and culture, heritage/history, outdoor recreation, wedding services), the discussion turned to the sustainability of the community.

It was noted that if Silverton got much smaller, its status as a municipality could be under threat. Mayor Provost said the town had to determine what costs are going up. Brooks suggested that the Village create an assets portfolio to find ways to increase revenues. Other municipalities had sold their ski hills, for example.

Another resident said jobs would make the community sustainable, and tourism alone would not be sufficient. As tourism jobs tend to be low paying,
Christmas by the Lake: Old European style in Silverton

submitted

Silverton’s seventh annual Christmas by the Lake, December 6, 7 and 8, is guaranteed to get you in a festive mood for another year. The event offers a wonderful fun-packed weekend with something to entertain all family members, from the very young to the merely young at heart.

Festivities begin Friday afternoon at 4 pm, followed by the lighting of the Christmas Village and the tolling of the bell at 5 pm when the New Denver Royalty will launch Christmas by the Lake.

The sparkling lit Christmas Village, a collection of festively adorned wooden booths, stands before the Silvertown Gallery creating a magical world of European yuletide cheer. Enjoy roasting bannock and chestnuts over the open fires and the evocative aromas of traditional Christmas cuisine as you wander through the village. Certainly, there will be plenty of choice when it comes to food and drink to savour, with Glühwein, brutwurst, crêpes, soup, Stollen and more. Within the gallery itself more than 30 local artisans offer a range of quality Christmas gifts for friends and family.

Happily, one of the most popular attractions for the smaller folk returns this year: Peter Vogelas will sculpt his legendary ice slide. Glass blower Evan Farber from Ogilvie Studio in Nelson also returns to Christmas by the Lake, and new this year is Patrick McIvor from Dancing Scott Forge. This traditional Blacksmith will demonstrate his skills on Saturday and Sunday.

Of course Santa will take a break from his busy schedule to visit, arriving Saturday at noon to have his picture taken with the children. The Grinch and Gingerbread Man will also visit. Other children’s attractions include a contest to win a Nikon Coolpix digital camera (contests must be 16 years and under). The challenge will be to locate a picture, depicts on the contest form, somewhere within the Christmas by the Lake grounds.

Update on The Whole School’s fundraising

submitted

As the seasons change and we all bustle to get ready for the winter, the parents, students and staff of The Whole School are working hard to reach their ‘Build a Legacy’ fundraising goal. To date they have raised more than $27,000 towards the down payment on the school building. Over $16,000 represents the efforts of parents through garage sales, bake sales and charitable community donations. The remaining amount represents the generous community response from last spring’s Area II CDT Community Initiatives meeting and a significant contribution from the RDCK Community Development Fund. While we are proud of our success so far, we are committed to achieving our goal of $55,000 by next spring. To this end, we are asking the community for their continued support of upcoming events.

Unbearably cute photo captures third place for New Denver photographer

submitted

His fuzzy black fur is wet on a rainy BC Day, as he sits and crunches on a green leaf, his pink tongue showing. He looks straight at the camera as he eats, adorable as he uses a wet, furry paw to help.

This image of an endearing black bear cub earned New Denver photographer Jesse Schapakowski third place in the BC SPCA’s 2013 Wildlife-in-Focus photography contest in the ‘Wild Settings’ category.

Contest participants helped raise $3,900 for wild animals in need in British Columbia, submitting nearly 700 photos. The annual contest runs from June through September each year and encourages participants to actively explore green spaces, roadways, beaches and their own back yards to find striking images of local wildlife living in such close proximity to humans.

The photo won Jesse Schapakowski a prize.

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Winlaw parents unhappy with school's response to WiFi concerns

by Art Joyce

Winlaw parents are upset that an agreement they negotiated with the school district to turn off WiFi at Winlaw Elementary School is not being fully honoured. Although School District #8 did install a switch for turning off the WiFi router, parents say they've been given no input over when it's turned on or off.

“We're told by Principal Ron Sherman that WiFi access is a district initiative and that anyone working for SD8 can turn it on or off at any time,” says Leah Curran. “A power on/off switch left to the discretion of those concerned with the health effects of long-term, low-level cumulative exposure to RF radiation is not adequate.”

Curran says she and other parents have asked for a WiFi sign-in sheet but that so far this hasn't materialized. And despite what she calls “constant promises” from parents, the WiFi is often left on. Superintendent Jeff Jones said the WiFi may have been left on during the summer when support staff were working in the school. Sherman and some parents are uncomfortable with parents to discuss their concerns, and will continue to do so.

Clare Kyle, a Winlaw PAC member, has asked that the board respect a resolution passed by the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils (BCCPAC) in 2012. The resolution calls on each school district to have “one public school at each education level (elementary, middle, secondary) that is free of WiFi, cordless phones and cell phones. This school will only be equipped with wired computers and wired telephones for personal, educational and administrative purposes.”

This resolution was strengthened this May when BCCPAC passed a further resolution that calls for WiFi switches to be installed for WiFi routers, and that WiFi and Bluetooth be turned on only as needed, not left on 24/7. It also urged caution in the use of iPads and other wireless devices, citing warnings from the American Academy of Pediatrics and Pediatrician Suesme.

It noted that children are more vulnerable than adults due to a lower bone density in their skull structure, allowing them to absorb more RF radiation. Superintendent Jones said that the district is still in the process of drafting a technology policy and hopes to have it in "field testing" phase during the next year. He added that the district is governed by whatever standard is current federally, in this case, Health Canada’s Safety Code 6.

However, as many international experts have testified, this standard is outdated and inadequate, and does not reflect current scientific knowledge, Kelly points out. To that end, a Royal Society of Canada review panel met in Ottawa last month to receive expert testimony and submissions from the public. The panel has been dogged by conflict of interest controversies, forcing its

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Boceophus King to play the Vallican Whole

submitted

Vancouver recording artist, Boceophus King has been described as the "Reggae of the Pacific Northwest" by local critics. King has a smooth and soulful voice that has received "full disclosure of district plans to install and utilize wireless technologies in all SD8 district schools." In addition, they would like their children's education to include an awareness of the ecological and social impacts of technology, not just how to use them. They are requesting that teachers be granted permission to turn off the wireless router during school hours.

A special report by Kate Hyslop published at The Tyee online reveals that yet another conflict of interest seems to have crept into the picture. "The Ministry of Education consulted with the UK-based non-profit group Global Education Leaders Program (GELP) for new BC Education Plan. GELP has most vested BC and Alberta hands. Proving themselves to be a well-organized lobbying group, King's band show absolutely no sign of slowing down as its corporate partners Cisco Systems and Provenahealth, as well as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Provenahealth markets educational software and flat-screen interactive technology for the classroom. Tara Elrcke, President of the Greater Victoria Teachers' Association, sees this as just a bitter, cozy relationship with technology providers, who stand to gain by promoting their devices and software in the classroom.

"I see public education as something that ought to be provided publicly with public funding and publicly managed, upholding principles of equity," says Elrcke, and "the private sector shouldn't have a part in that."

Free grant writing workshop in Winlaw

In 2012 Parliament officially named November 15 as National Philanthropy Day in Canada, which proclaims that we are all uniquely gifted, and that as we share those gifts with others, we can "change the world with a giving heart."

To celebrate the contributions of philanthropic and charitable giving, the Nelson Public Library Outreach at Winlaw School hosts a grant writing workshop November 21, with Val Mayes.

Mayes lives in Winlaw and has worked in the field of community development for more than 30 years. Through her consulting business, Building Connections Training and Consulting, she has helped groups with planning, decision making and other collaboratively to achieve shared goals.

Mayes sits on the board of the Stave Valley Community Legacy Society, which encourages philanthropy by working with donors and distributing grants to support local community organizations.

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The Valley Voice November 15, 2013
Ben and Victoria Carson are the new owners at Legendary Meats

by Jan McMurray

Ben and Victoria Carson, the new owners of Legendary Meats in Slocan Park, moved to the Slocan Valley in August last year, took over the business on September 1, 2013, and got married on September 21.

"It was 'off'ly' absurd of us to attempt to pull it off, but we lived to tell the tale," they write in an email interview.

Ben is from London, Ontario and Victoria is from Bowden, Alberta. They met in Vancouver and moved to the valley without knowing anyone and without any job prospects. "We felt a strong attraction to the property we now live on and the valley as a whole. This place has feel more like home than anywhere else in a really long time. We both love it out here and feel as though the Kootenays have really welcomed us when there's open arms," they say.

Purchasing Legendary Meats "just North Valley Huts offer low-cost, affordable mountain shelter"

by Art Joyce

Looking to make the most of our "mountain culture with minimal impact? North Valley Huts has just the shelter you're looking for. Located on Highway 31A just across from the entrance to Retallack Lodge, this new business owned by Cindy Walker provides basic accommodation for hikers, skiers and mountain bikers. Unlike other mountain lodges offering a full range of amenities typically aimed at an upper income bracket, Walker hopes to attract clients intending to be backcountry seeks seeking lownight, nonmotorized outdoor experiences. A new addition to North Valley Huts consists of the main guest hut and the caretaker's hut, with a sauna currently under construction. The main guest hut will accommodate about eight people comfortably. The huts will not have electricity or running water and will be heated with wood. Solar panels are used to charge batteries for lights and occasional computer use in the caretaker's hut.

"As soon as you have power, people are on their iPads and computers," she says. "This is for people who want to get away from everything, carry water and read over candlelight at night. And the wildlife here is amazing - you can see bears, deer, elk, ..."

The huts will be open year round, offering visitors the opportunity to do everything from easy hikes to scaling the more difficult terrain of near Mt. Brennan.

Walker is interested in applying for recreational tenure to build other

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COUNCIL CONVERSATION CAFÉ
Residents of the Village of New Denver are invited to join your Council for a "Council Conversation Café" on Saturday, November 18, 2013 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm 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.

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Everyone is invited to attend the 2013 Slocan Lake Stewardship Society AGM
Hear about the past year's activities • Plans for 2014 • Election of officers • Renew memberships
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Ben and Victoria Carson have been incredible through the whole transition," they say. "They've really gone above and beyond to make sure that we've been as ready as we could be for everything. They've been at our side since we've taken over, and are always there to listen, advise and cheer us on. They've really left us a legendary business with a deeply rooted reputation, with such a wonderful and extensive customer base.

Although the couple hit the ground running, starting right at the meat business's peak season, they managed a short, four-day honeymoon to the Crawford Bay area. "We really enjoyed it. We needed a bit of time to come down from the stress and high of our wedding, and needed to get geared up for the next grand push of being new business owners. We hope that in the next couple years we can afford to go to France for our 'real' honeymoon. We are also willing to accept donations to achieve this honeymoon goal!"
Kaslo Healthcare Working Group resumes regular teleconferences with IHA

by Jan McEwan

The Kaslo and Area Healthcare Working Group and Dr. Purdon of IH, who is in charge of physician recruitment, met by teleconference on November 6 for close to two hours, reports Area D Director Andy Shaddick. These conference calls will continue on a biweekly basis, with the agendas being faxed jointly.

Topics of discussion on November 6 were the involvement of the Rural Coordination Centre of BC, the involvement of the BC Nurses’ Union and the BC Ambulance Service, physician recruitment, emergency room hours, the contract between IH and physicians, and the community climate. Maggie Winters, spokesperson for the group, said they are hoping IH agrees to bring in the Rural Coordination Centre of BC. "Rural health care is their specialty, and they have worked in other small communities with the same issues," she said. The Rural Coordination Centre must be invited by IH into a community, and Winters said Dr. Halpern, CEO of IH, will make the ultimate decision.

During the call, Winters said the working group repositioned its position that all parties that will be part of the solution, such as the BC Nurses Union and BC Ambulance, must be at the table.

Winters reported that Dr. Purdon has been focusing recruitment efforts for Kaslo on IH’s physician matching system. "IH says that the inability for us to agree on reducing the emergency room hours has been a stumbling block in recruiting physicians. What we’re saying is: we don’t want our ER maximized without having something else in place," said Winters. "We want other processes and people in place to make up for the fact that no physicians are available. We are seeing ambulances and nurses and paramedics - we don’t feel that the pieces are in place at this time to reduce emergency hours."

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A Night at the Rock Opera comes to Kaslo

Armstrong grew up in the richly artistic community of Nelson. He studied musicology for 10 years and, by college, had studied brass, classical, jazz and rock guitar, drums and voice. After completing a Master’s degree in vocal performance at McGill University in Montreal, Armstrong moved to Zurich, Switzerland, where he did an apprenticeship at the Zurich Opera house. ‘There he had the opportunity to perform orchestral music next to some of the biggest names in the opera world. He recently completed a 60-city tour of Germany, Austria and Switzerland with Night of the Musicals, Europe’s longest-running touring musical show, as well as a recital tour of the BC Interior with internationally renowned organist Robert Kwan.


Kaslo company wins Media and Hummingbird awards

Kaslo-based Heartpeak Productions recently received 2013 Crime Prevention Award for Media Excellence from BC Attorney General and Minister of Justice Suzanne Anton QC at the BC Crime Prevention Association (BCPPA) conference held in Burnaby November 1. Heartpeak, owned and operated by Carl Douglas and Laura Moore, produces paradigm-shifting documentaries on pacemaking and restorative justice, available on YouTube and DVD.

"We’re very honoured to be acknowledged by the BCCPA and Ministry of Justice," says producer director Moore, "and we are grateful for all the support we have received from communities and collaborators both here in Kaslo and throughout the world. We feel passionate about people getting involved with their communities and making them safer by learning about restorative practices."

Our goal is to have these resources available to all British Columbians through public libraries, schools and online so community dialogues can be furthered and complement the work of existing programs, groups and individuals striving to find alternatives to retributive justice."

Moore and Douglas also received Simon Fraser University’s Hummingbird Award presented by Dr. Brenda Morrison at the Dr. Liz Elliott Memorial Lecture and Dialogue November 5. The award recognizes the continuing legacy of the compassionate and courageous spirit of the late Dr. Elliott, founder of the Centre for Restorative Justice. The award recognizes the tenacious spirit of hummingsbirds who declare themselves to the values and relationships that build and sustain healthy communities.

Heartpeak has produced more than 80 documentaries and videos in the last 12 years. Evolving out of a community grassroots restorative justice initiative, Kaslo company wins Media and Hummingbird awards.

Notice of Intent
Proposed Closure of Argenta Road

Notice is given pursuant to Section 60(2) of the Transportation Act that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure has received an application to permanently close a portion of Argenta Road directly south of a property located at 797 Argenta Road at Lot 13 DL 527 Kootenay District Plan 2869, and that such closed road be vested pursuant to Section 60(2) of the Transportation Act.

The area to be dedicated as right-of-way in exchange for the closure is on the north end of a property located at 785 Argenta Road at Lot A DL 527 Kootenay District Plan NEP87305.

The plan showing the proposed road closure can be viewed from 8.00 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. at the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Nelson District office at the address below.

Any persons wanting to provide comments or support objections to this application for road closure should do so in writing no later than December 5, 2013, to the following ministry contact:

Catherine Littlewood, Development Technician
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
310 Ward Street, Nelson BC V1L 5M4
Phone: 250 354-6318 Fax: 250 354-6547
E-mail: Catherine.Littlewood@gov.bc.ca

Heartpeak partners with educational institutions, community groups and individuals to provide educational resources. Their most recent release, ‘Restorative Justice Is The Law’, illustrates that there are obligations and opportunities to respond restoratively at every level of the justice system and that the public interest is served when processes meet human rights obligations and satisfy sentencing objectives set out in the Canadian Criminal Code.

Filming at diverse venues and prestigious conferences, they have documented aboriginal and non-aboriginal perspectives on restorative justice. Topics covered include addiction, trauma, shame, brain development, circle sentencing and pacemaking.

Heartpeak’s work has engaged films experts from the fields of education, law, medicine and social work, including Carol Mate, Dr. Howard Zehr, Chief Judge Barry Stuart, Samia and Mangat Vait, Dr. Liz Elliott, and Judge Murray Suchar.

Jumbo Wild camp dinner in Nelson submitted

Come support a wild and free Jumbo Pass at a special ‘camp dinner’ coming up November 22. With delicious camp-style food, we are celebrating the success of the Jumbo Citizen’s Democracy Camp, which helped keep out development on Jumbo Pass.

Camp participants will share stories, videos and photos from the camp. There will also be campfire Jumbo songs and an open mic.

We are collecting donations for the evening, $10 or more, to support the ongoing campaign to Keep Jumbo Wild.

Everyone’s invited. It’s at 6.30 pm November 22 at the Nelson Seniors’ Centre. 719 Vernon Street.
Construction begins on Kaslo’s Emergency Services building

In a ground-breaking ceremony November 1, the RDCK, the Village of Kaslo and the Kaslo Fire Department celebrated the start of construction on the new Kaslo Emergency Services building. “After a decade of discussion I am really glad we have broken ground on the new fire hall,” said Andy Shadnack, Area D director.

That sentiment is shared by Kaslo Mayor Greg Lay, who said, “Let’s get er done!”

The Regional District of Central Kootenay awarded the contract for phase one of the project to ENCAN Construction of Kelowna. Construction foreman Greg Stone has contracted two local heavy equipment contractors for excavation work and has hired three area carpenters. Stone said that ENCAN will make every effort to hire workers and purchase the required building supplies locally.

The emergency services building will be constructed in two phases. Phase one, which is forecast to be complete in March 2014, will take the building to “lock up” (framing, flooring, walls, roofing, piping, electrical service, and doors). The remainder of the project (phase two) will include the installation of drywall, electrical, mechanical, plumbing, heating, finishing, air supply, furnishings, etc., with each element being bid out separately and the works being managed by a project superintendent hired by the RDCK.

The RDCK says it is excited about this project and will keep the public posted on its progress.

Greg Nesteroff to present ‘Postcards from the Valley’s Past’

During the past 120 years, photographers have captured Slocan Valley communities in their most favourable light to print postcards that promoted the Slocan Valley. On November 21, Greg Nesteroff – well known local historian and newspaper columnist – will share his extensive collection of old postcards at the Tamarack Guild building (old schoolhouse) at Perry Stirling.

The event, at 7 pm, is the third in a series of local history presentations sponsored by the Slocan Valley Historical Society. Local author Rita Moir will also attend this presentation. Her recent book The Third Crop captured some of the amazing photos and stories from our past. She is now working on a project to make digital copies of private photo collections and documents important to local history. As well as existing digital copies for the local archives, she can provide digital copies to the collections’ owners free of charge. If you own or are aware of old photo collections, be sure to speak with Moir at this presentation.

The public is encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to view our past as captured in these old postcards, to meet and talk with Greg Nesteroff and Rita Moir and to find out more about the Slocan Valley Historical Society and its work. Feel free to bring along any interesting old photos or artifacts you own to share and discuss with the group. For more information, call Joyce Johnson at 355-2230.

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'Deck The Walls' at Studio Connexion Gallery

Submitted

This season, give the gift of art. At Studio Connexion Gallery in Nakusp, you can find art gifts from the best artists in the region. This year, curator Anne Beliveau decided to do the sixth edition of Deck the Walls differently by opening the gallery Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 11 am to 4 pm, until December 21.

Sharon Bamber is back with her amazing soft pastel wildlife paintings. Bamber is a natural who has been awarded by very prestigious organizations worldwide. Her work showcases the attention of Robert Bateman.

Brigitte Desbiens from Nelson is an active member of the West Kootenay Chapter of the Federation of Canadian Artists. Her 2012 exhibition From Nelson to Nakusp was a true success. This time, she is bringing small landscape oil paintings done 'en plein air' during an expedition by a group of women to Mount Carlyle.

Bette Fahlin, a graduate of Emily Carr College, is bringing watercolours and acrylic paintings on her specially plastered boards. Fahlin was recently awarded at the last regional juried exhibition of the WCKFWA 'The Sky’s the Limit' in Rosland.

Denise Marshall of Burton and Holly Woods of Nakusp are back after their well-received show ‘Blueberries & Bolts’. Both have years of experience with showing and organizing exhibitions for the ALFA Guild. Landscapes and still life are represented in their paintings and

All work in the show is professionally framed and signed art cards and prints are also available. Other artists' work, in the office area, can be purchased as well along with the premium quality maple syrup and maple sugar from the heartland of Quebec where Beliveau is from.

A reception will be held November 15 from 5 to 7 pm. Come meet and greet the artists who will be in attendance. To arrange an appointment or for more information call 250-265-8888. Studio Connexion Gallery is located at 203 Fifth Avenue downtown Nakusp. Joyeux Noel!

Get your shots at the pharmacy
by Jan McDavid

Many pharmacies throughout BC, including both the Kootenay and Nelson pharmacies, offer the flu shot and other injections.

Since 2009, pharmacists have been able to provide the influenza vaccine, including vaccinations. Both Troy Clark, pharmacist in Nakusp, and Ward Taylor, pharmacist in Kaslo, have successfully completed the comprehensive training program and have received authorization from the College of Pharmacists of BC to offer the service.

Today, more than 2,700 pharmacists in BC are authorized to give injections. BC led the way on this in the country. Since, some provinces have followed suit and allow pharmacists to offer the service.
Movember in Nakusp

submitted

While almost everything else has stopped growing, you may notice some hairiness on the top lip of a few men’s faces around town over the next month. Welcome to Movember!

Movember is a movement that started in Australia in 2003 to raise awareness and funds for men’s health issues, and has now spread to many other countries around the world, including Canada. It originally focused on prostate cancer, but now includes testicular cancer and mental health issues, particularly depression.

Nakusp’s team, the Mo’tain Men, kicked off proceedings with a straight shave on October 31 at Candis Smith’s new Barber’s Joanie barber shop. Candis very generously donated her services, allowing the team to get their fundraising off to an excellent start.

The issue of men’s health is particularly important for team member Tom Zeleznik, whose son Ross has recently been diagnosed with testicular cancer, and is currently undergoing chemotherapy. Zeleznik says he is taking part in Movember because it is “important to me to get the message to young men between the age of 16 to 30 to be tested for this disease.”

Early detection can make an enormous difference to people diagnosed with the disease, but it is something that a lot of men don’t think about.

The Mo’tain Men team includes Doug Switzer, Tom Zeleznik, Byron Coggins, Ryan Willman, Patrick MacGibbon, and is captained by Nathaniel Howard. If you are interested in donating, you can go to ca.momember.com, click on the donate button, and search for the team or for individual names. In addition, you can drop off cash donations to Nathaniel at Selkirk College in Nakusp. Tax receipts are available.

Red and green hairdos for New Denver Christmas Sharing

by Ian McMurray

Would you like to see Agnes Emery, Eleanor Spangler, Theresa Gray, Wayne Goron and Therese Decamp with their hair either red or green? Then make your regular donation to New Denver’s Christmas Sharing and then send a little something extra — $10-$20 — to Christmas Sharing c/o Zion United Church. The five church members listed above will colour their hair red or green if at least $1,000 is raised for Christmas Sharing c/o the church. They have promised to attend the Community Choir’s Christmas Concert on December 14 with their coloured hair if the goal is reached.

Christmas Sharing is in fact a year-round food program run by volunteers. Sue Davies is the contact person, and whenever anyone is in need of food or is aware that someone else needs food, they contact her.

Every year, Christmas Sharing raises about $4,000 to help provide food. The local United Church has been donating to this for years, but wanted to find a way to raise people’s awareness of the program, and give people an incentive to give more.

“We’re asking folks to make their regular donation in the regular way — cheques, cash, or food directly to Christmas Sharing. But then we’re asking that they send a little something extra — $10, $20, $50 — in care of Zion United Church, Box 81, New Denver V0G 1G0. The cheque should still be made out to Christmas Sharing, but this way we can see if we actually reach our $1,000 goal,” explained United Church Reverend Theresa Decamp.

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RELEASE DATE: FEBRUARY 2014
Body: Medium
Sweetness: Dry
Alc/Vol: 13%
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GRAND RED II – CALIFORNIA
RELEASE DATE: MARCH 2014
Body: Full
Sweetness: Dry
Alc/Vol: 14%
The Grand Red II is a rich and full blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, with ripe fruit notes of dark cherry, raspberry and black currant which are enhanced by oak and spice. The lush texture and soft tannins provide great mouth-feel. Juicy rich fruit, sweet spice and oak linger on the finish. Includes grape skins.

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Willa Mine owner strikes deal to acquire MAX Mine and Mill

by Jan McMurray

Discovery Ventures Inc. out of Vancouver, which acquired 80 percent of the Willa Mine property south of Silverton earlier this year, is in the process of acquiring the MAX molybdenum mine and mill in Trout Lake. Discovery plans to use the MAX concentrator mill to process minerals from its Willa project. The company considers the MAX molybdenum mine to be incidental to the acquisition.

“We are very excited about the proposed acquisition of the MAX Mine and Mill complex and the strategic synergies that may result by combining Discovery’s existing Willa Project with the MAX Mine processing facility,” stated Aakash Patel, president of Discovery Ventures, in a press release issued by the company November 7. The MAX Mine, held by FortyTwo Metals Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the now defunct Roca Mines, operated from 2007 until November 2011. Depressed metal prices led to its closure.

The majority of the purchase price of $5.675 million will be used by Roca to maintain the MAX Mine in good standing over the next few months until the deal is concluded, and to retire FortyTwo’s approximately $3.1 million debt.

The Willa property has a surface area of approximately 5,329 hectares and consists of 21 mineral claims. Discovery issued a press release in April, stating, “The permitting process for the development and rehabilitation of the WillaDeposit has been initiated. The Company expects to start work on the project as soon as permits to proceed are attained.”

The property has been explored off and on since 1983 while the deposit has been extensively explored and developed by several operators including Noranda, Rio Algom, BIF Minerals, Bethlehem Resources Corp, Northair Mines Ltd. and Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting.

Last fall, Discovery retained geologist David Makepeace to author a technical report on the Willa property. The 2012 technical report states that the project contains 495,784 tonnes grading 7.18 g/t gold, 0.94% copper and 12.16 g/t silver. Indicated resources total an additional 262,415 tonnes with average grades of 5.71 g/t gold, 0.07% copper and 13.26 g/t silver. Makepeace also did some work on the property between 2003 and 2005, including acting as a supervisory consulting geologist during the 2004 diamond drill program.

The Willa property is located approximately 7.7 km south of Silverton in the Alvin Creek drainage. Just 2.7 km northeast of the Willa is the LH Mine property, held by International Bethlehem Mining Corporation. Bethlehem used to held the Willa property as well, but has not been involved in any activity on the Willa since 2004/05. The company did some exploration work at the LH property last fall.

Spawning Channels: Hill Creek on target, Meadow Creek down, IHN virus detected

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The number of kokanee returning to Hill Creek (north of Nakusp) in 2013, while still relatively low, was approximately double the returns in 2012. Estimated egg deposition in the gravel is slightly over the two million mark, which should allow the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLRNO) to meet the channel’s fry production targets for Arrow Lakes Reservoir next spring.

At Meadow Creek Spawning Channel at the north end of Kootenay Lake, however, the number of returning adults was lower than anticipated, with a total of 166,000 fish returning to the spawning channel, and an additional 36,000 to Meadow Creek (outside of the channel). The potential egg-deposition in the spawning channel totalled 20 million eggs, short of the targeted 35 million. There was an estimated additional 4.5 million eggs deposited in Meadow Creek below the channel.

Both channels are managed by FLRNO with operations primarily funded by the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program. In addition to lower than expected numbers at Meadow Creek Spawning Channel, this year was also the first time in the channel’s history that adult kokanee were found to have Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis Virus, known as IHN.

IHN is a viral disease to which kokanee are highly susceptible. Other salmonids commonly affected include coho, chinook, sockeye, and rainbow trout. It cannot be transmitted to humans and, therefore, there are no health concerns about harvesting and consuming kokanee or rainbow trout from Kootenay Lake.

The virus often results in high mortality rates among juvenile salmonids but, if they survive, they develop resistance as they grow older. In younger fish it can be fatal by destroying the major organs, especially the kidneys, and in adults it can cause lethargy, interspersed by short periods of frenzied activity.

No eggs from fish at the Meadow Creek channel will be used in the hatchery.