New Denver grieves the loss of four young people in canoe tragedy

by Jan McMurray

The people of New Denver and area have been supporting one another with hugs, shared tears, and loving words since the night four of our young people lost their lives in a canoe accident, Saturday, May 10.

"It takes a village and thank heavens it's a village," said Terry Taylor, superintendent of School District 10, at the community meeting held May 15 at Luceerne School.

Lily Harmer-Taylor

Lily Harmer-Taylor (19), Jule Wiltshire-Padfield (15), Skye Lockhart-Donnet (18), and Hayden Kyle (21) were paddling from New Denver to Rosebery when the wind picked up and their canoe capsized in the frigid waters of St. Louis Lake sometime between 5:00 and 5:30 the evening of Saturday, May 10.

New Denver resident Richard James was walking along the lakeside trail at Bigelow Bay and spotted two people in the lake – one holding onto an end of the partially submerged canoe – about 150 metres from shore. He ran to the nearest house, the Fullico’s, and called 911.

The RCMP got the call at approximately 5:30 pm, and New Denver Fire Rescue, BC Ambulance and the New Denver and Area Fire Department were immediately dispatched to the scene. Lily was found unconscious near the canoe and was taken immediately to the New Denver Community Health Centre. Despite the efforts of Dr. Burkholder and his team, Lily passed away at about 11:00 that night.

The search for the three boys continued until it was too dark, and has continued every day since, with the help of rescue boats, a helicopter, and three different dive teams. Two of the dive teams, the Vernon SAR team and the BCRA’s Legacy team from Wisconsin, have sonar equipment and underwater remote vehicles that can reach a depth of 1,000 feet. Despite the high tech equipment, the search has been very challenging. The water is extremely deep in the search area, and the terrain on the bottom of the lake is ‘mountainous’, with peaks and valleys.

The four young people had spent Friday night (May 9) in Rosebery at the house of their friend Ivan and Tara Nicholson – where both Lily and Hayden were also residing. On Saturday morning around 11 am, Tara and her mother, Jan McMurray, left the house to go shopping in Nelson. Shortly afterwards, Ivan and his father, Dan Nicholson, left the house and went to New Denver. The four friends were still sleeping.

After the four friends woke up, they decided to take the Nicholson family’s canoe to New Denver. Unfortunately, they did not take lifejackets.

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The kids would usually call us at the valley voice office for a ride, or hitchhike in to New Denver," said Jan. "The weather that day was on again off again, and I guess they must have been inspired to take the canoe during one of the sunny periods."

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Tips for supporting children and youth after a crisis event

submitted by Dr. Todd Ketten, Registered Psychologist

In the hours after the May 10 tragedy in Bigelow Bay on Slocan Lake, calls and texts went out to counselors, psychologists and victim support workers requesting assistance for the residents of New Denver. Resources from Nelson, Nakusp and Trail were being mobilized before lunch on Mother’s Day. By early afternoon on May 11, counselors from around the region were meeting with Luxemburg school staff and community members. Professionals from surrounding communities have been providing direct services to children, youth and adults, supporting grieving school staff, and consulting with local counselors, ministers and hospice support workers ever since. First responders including ambulance personnel, search and rescue members, firefighters and hospital staff have been provided with critical incident management supports.

Grief counselors have reported experiencing a strong sense of resilience within the community as citizens care for each other, support out-of-town family members of the deceased and missing, and help children move through the inevitable waves of emotions. Counselors are assuring community members that there is a multitude of appropriate responses for self care and supporting each other. The following are some suggestions that may be helpful as we continue to support our children and youth through the weeks and months ahead.

Be reassuring. Children take their emotional cues from the significant adults in their lives. Your reactions are most important. Recognize that some children may be concerned about something not happening to them, family or friends. Explain to them the safety measures in place and reassure them that you and other adults will take care of them, especially while they are swimming and boating.

Be a good listener and observer. Let children guide you to learn how concerned they are or how much information they need. If they are not focused on the tragedy, do not dwell on it. However, be available to honestly answer their questions to the best of your ability. Young children may not be able to express themselves verbally. Pay attention to changes in their behaviour or social interactions.

Monitor the news. Images of a traumatic event can become overwhelming, especially if watched repetitively. Young children in particular may not be able to distinguish between images on television and their personal reality. Older children may choose to watch the news, but be available to discuss what they see and to help put it into perspective.

Emphasize people’s resilience. Help children understand the ability of people to come through a tragic event and go on with their lives. Focus on children’s own competencies in terms of how they cope in daily life during difficult times. In age-appropriate terms, identify others from whom people, communities, or countries have recovered.

Highlight people’s compassion and humanity. Large-scale tragedies often generate a tremendous outpouring of caring and support from around the country and world. Focus on the help and hopeful thoughts being offered to those affected by other people.

Maintain as much continuity and normalcy as possible. Allowing children to deal with their reactions in important but not providing a sense of normalcy. Routine family activities, classes, after-school activities, and friends can help children feel more secure and better able to function.

Luxemburg principal Drew Nelson reports that school staff have been keeping regular, albeit flexible, routines since students first returned to school on Monday morning.

Speak family time. Being with family is always important in difficult or sad times. Even if your children are not significantly impacted by this tragedy, this may be a good opportunity to participate in and to appreciate family life. Doing things together reinforces children’s sense of stability and connectedness. In cases where challenging family dynamics existed prior to last week’s tragedy or have been exacerbated by the loss of our youth, letting other relatives or community members or care for children for a period of a couple of hours or a couple of days may be another caring option.

Do something positive with your children to help others in need. Taking action is one of the most powerful ways to help children feel more in control and to build a stronger sense of connection. Suggestions include making individual donations to prevention or support agencies, holding a school or community event to support families in need within the community.

Ask for help if you or your child is feeling overwhelmed by the news. It can be overwhelming for families directly affected, particularly those who have lost loved ones. Staying connected to your community can be extremely helpful. It may also be important to seek additional support from a mental health professional to cope with overwhelming feelings. Local mental health support for adults can be accessed by calling 250-286-3524 or for children and youth by contacting Luxemburg school at 250-286-3674 or 250-286-3676 ext. 207.

Communicate with your school. Children and youth directly impacted by the disaster may be under a great deal of stress that can be disruptive to learning. Teachers should determine what extra support or Liasion students need and work with parents to develop a plan to help students keep up with their work. Your school counselor or one of the psychologists in Nelson who are supporting Luxemburg school staff and students can also provide extra support.

Understand the grief process. Grieving is a process, not an event. Everyone grieves differently, and not all children within a developmental age group understand death in the same way or with the same feelings. Children’s views of death are shaped by their unique perspective of the world and experiences. Being aware of cultural issues in death is important to helping children and youth who are grieving.

Be aware of our own needs as adults. Don’t ignore our own feelings of anxiety, grief, and anger — all normal responses to trauma and loss. Talking to friends, family members, religious leaders, and mental health counselors is important. It is very important to let your children know that you are safe. Understand that if we personally lost family or friends, just getting through the day can be overwhelming. You will be better able to support your children if you can express your own emotions in a productive manner. Child and youth mental health clinicians Catherine Williams from Nelson reminds people to, “Connect with each other, reach out if professional support is needed for oneself or others, drink lots of water, eat healthy food at regular intervals, get enough sleep, and physical exercise as possible, keep regular sleep routines, and keep one’s use of alcohol and other substances to a minimum.”

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A new era begins for Meadow Creek Cedar with purchase by San Group

by Jan Murray

The sale of Meadow Creek Cedar Ltd. to the San Group out of Surrey was finalized very quickly and quietly on March 21. Last month, Bob Blair, the San Group’s Business Development Manager, reported that they’ve changed the name of the Meadow Creek operation to Meadow Creek Cedar to Meadow Creek Forest Products. “Cedar only comprises a percentage of our total cut, so we changed the name to reflect the fact that we’re marketing all different species – cedar, hemlock, fir, larch and pine.”

Applicants Skiki and Kamal Sanghera are the owners of the San Group and Meadow Creek Forest Products. Bortolin says they have been involved in the lumber business since the 1940s.

“They grew up with it. They’ve set up re-manufacturing plants in Canada, and small-scale sawmills in Russia and Finland. Their product has been distributed all over the world, with the primary markets being Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan, India, Pakistan, the US, and some to the European market.”

The company’s brothers’ only other going concern is a re-manufacturing facility in Surrey, but “the focus is 100 percent on the Meadow Creek facility and getting the mill up and running.”

Bortolin confirmed that the mill was not in good condition when they took it over, but they believe a lot of things – wires had been cut, things had disappeared. But as far as we are concerned, that’s past history. The machines are being made to do all repairs.

The goal is to have the mill running by June 3. “We probably won’t be in full production, but we’re on track for the full capacity might be nearer the holiday season.”

Tammie Butler of Quantum Murray, the clean-up company, stated that the boom boxes “might have been swept away or lost under logs and other debris during the recovery operations process and reassured.”

She reported that a local subcontractor had been hired to be on-site on May 10 to remove the boom. “We were alerted by the Ministry of the Environment, who received a call from a local resident. We contacted our customers to have to get the boxes to the site and had our local Ecologist Otto Langer. Langer completed a report last fall for the citizens of the Slocan Valley.”

“Some have to ensure that all the boom boxes, etc. are picked up prior to the winter freeze-up,” said Langer. “The problem now is that both the federal and provincial governments have to cut so many staff and have allowed industry to look on after their own compliance. This is often not in the public interest.”

In his report of last fall, Langer stated that his experience over the years has not been with the claims of the VLFCC (Vancouver Lumber Facilities Corporation) – that 85 percent of the jet fuel will evaporate in 48 hours and the rest will dissipate soon after. That his inspection of Lemon Creek in late September, 65 days after the spill, turned up evidence of fuel, particularly caught under rocks, in the creek.

“In an email, Langer said that when any fuel product is spilled into a cold environment and combined into the soil or sediment, it can exist there for many months or years. He said a flood that moves the rocks in the creek is probably going to flush out the remaining jet fuel in Lemon Creek. “Most of the fuel left the stream on the day of the spill and ended up in the Slocan River, etc.” he said. “Now we’re dealing with the smaller percentage that is more resistant to breakdown.”

As for the silviculture and other liabilities attached to the licence, Bortolin said, “The buyers were aware of the liabilities and they will be addressed, maybe over a period of time, but they have to be taken care of. We’re still going through and finding out all the details.”

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Wednesday, May 21
Lucerne Student’s Coffeehouse and Art
Shelton Gallery
7 pm

Thursday, May 22
Caribou Recycling comes to Nakusp
Thoughtsbout the Village
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Saturday, May 24
Certified Mower Service & Lawn Fertilizing
Shelton Gallery
7 pm

Interpretation Walk: Dance Party
Vallecan Whole Community Centre
7 pm

Borchardt Tournament
Nakusp Legion Lounge
7 pm

Spring Fling
Mineral School
6 – 9 pm

VFW Canvas Drive
Stocan to Stocan Park
9 pm – 10 pm

Sunday, May 25
Gardening Seminar: Growing Teas
Vallecan
2 pm – 4 pm

Basket Ball Tournament
Nakusp Legion Lounge
1 pm

Monday, May 26
Rusty, Set, Learn
The Whole School
10 pm

Rusty, Set, Learn Out
W.E. Graham School, Slocan
Noon – 10 pm

Wednesday, May 28
NAFC Drugs Open House
Sulphur College, Nakusp
6 – 8 pm

The Mehari classical Indian music
Shelton Gallery
7 pm

Thursday, May 29
Slocan Fish Improvement District A/G
Slocan Park Hall
7 pm

Friday, May 30
Asian Club Hikes Monthly Celebration
Langham Theatre, Kelowna
6 – 8 pm

Saturday, May 31
Gottlieb Good Feeling Dance Recital
Buningson Arts Centre, Nakusp
6 pm

Nakusp Farmer’s Market
9th Ave, Nakusp
5 pm – 1 pm

Saturday Night Dance
Nakusp Legion
7 pm

Sunday, June 1
Act: Joyce and Glen Burden readings
Slocan Community Library
1 pm

Act: Joyce and Glen Burden readings
Vallecan Whole Community Centre
4 – 7 pm

Monday, June 2
Act: Joyce and Glen Burden readings
Slocan Community Library
1 pm

Last Weekends A/G
Hidden Garden Gallery, N.D.
7 pm

Tuesday, June 3
Dumler Creek Banjo Society A/G
Vallecan Whole Community Centre
1 pm

Wednesday, June 11
Laura Landmark in concert
Shelton Memorial Hall
7 pm

Kanusa Night
Nakusp Legion
6 pm

The Park Amendment Act, passed on March 24, expressly permits industrial research in parks, which was formerly prohibited. The Act facilitates the removal of park land for a variety of industrial activities, including oil and gas development and logging.

“Minister (Mary) Polak has admitted, on record, that there was no consultation because the government was already issuing permits without any legal basis,” said Peter Wood of the Conservation Council and Wilderness Society. “Instead of upholding its own law, the government went and changed it to suit industry’s needs.”

Meanwhile, 30 parks have already been earmarked by the BC government for boundary adjustments for industrial purposes. Kinder Morgan, the massive pipelines company, already has a park use permit to undertake “invasive research” in five protected areas in BC.

“The BC government rammed through the controversial legislation with just four days of debate, totally a little over eight hours,” says Sum of Us. “More critically, there was no public consultation prior to the legislation’s introduction.”

The following groups helped organize and promote the petition: BC Wildlife Federation, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, Forest Ethics, Friends of Strathcona Park, Sierra Club BC, West Coast Environmental Law, Wilderness Committee, Wildlife and the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative.

The petition can be found at sunmoe.org/ParksNotOil.

166,000 demand repeal of Amendment Act submitted

A petition calling for the repeal of the Park Amendment Act, which allows for industrial activities in provincial parks, has been delivered to the provincial government by leading parks advocates.

“Like the 166,000 signatories to this petition, I am appalled that the BC government would sell our parks out to industrial interests such as Kinder Morgan, Revyen Angus Wong, Vancouver-based campaigner for Sum of Us, who initiated and hosted the petition. ‘The BC government’s insidious legislation will get the Kinder Morgan and other pipelines built more easily. That’s why we need to fight back.’

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Missing my friends...
All four of the young people who died in the May 10 tragedy were my friends. I had known three of them since infancy. All of them had sheltered under my roof at one time or another. We shared many meals. I loved each of them dearly. They were among my children’s best friends.

These were adventurous souls. Self-reliant and confident. All of them veteran hitch-hikers and wilderness explorers. They were young, strong and happy people just embarking on the adventure of their adult lives.

Lily was a ray of sunshine. She was optimistic, cheerful and vivacious. She was sticky, spunky and wise beyond her years. She had charisma. Lily would think nothing of dropping her schoolwork for a week to hitch hike to the coast to visit an old friend. She was an experienced traveller and had thumbed her way across the country and back once already. She was passionate about books and writing. She had strong opinions and wasn’t afraid to share them. She was living with us at the time of her death.

Skye was another great kid. Hard-working and enthusiastic. He had a smile that outshone the sun. When Skye was happy, everyone around him was happy. He was an artist and a rapper. He was a talented landscaper with a passion for plants. He was always helpful around the house. He too was a seasoned traveller, having been to India and back in his childhood. I’ll miss his crooked smile and off-beat sense of humour. He was always a warm and loving presence in my life.

Jule was the quiet one of the bunch. I was only getting to know him when his life was cut short. I have memories of him as a toddler, but only a few of him as a child. He doted on Lily, his girlfriend - which endeared him to me. Because of this relationship, I saw quite a bit of Jule over the last year. He impressed me as an earnest and caring young man. I teased him once about a mess of dirty dishes that he and Lily had left on my counter. It never happened again. Indeed, my fondest memory of Jule is of coming home and finding him standing in front of my kitchen sink, up to his elbows in soapy water.

Hayden was a chatterbox, good-hearted and generous. Hayden is one of the lucky few that I’ve ever seen to insist himself during a conversation. Hayden had come to live with us a few months ago when he was between jobs. He was another hard-working young man. He had just secured a job with Jacob Butt at One Time Electrical, and was speaking enthusiastically about doing an apprenticeship.

They were all interesting, engaging and fun people to be around. They showed a passion for adventure. Their lives were too short, but how brightly they burned!

Each of them touched my heart in a special way.

I miss the bright energy that they brought to my home and my life. I miss the easy banter and good-natured teasing back and forth. I am profoundly saddened by their deaths.

Coming to know and love these young folks has enriched my life in so many ways. I miss them a lot, but I feel ever so much richer for having known them.

Dan Nicholson, publisher

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My, Hayden, Lily and Jule  
Our Water  
Our Water, hollowed be thy rain  
That our rivers and drivers flow on so many things may grow.  
Shower us with our daily drink,  
And quench our parched souls and souls,  
As we refresh those in need.  
Melt our frozen places, so we may clench ourselves and drink deeply from the wellspring of healing.  
Four oars is the great ocean...  
Of wisdom, woe and courage.  
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Anusha Azzopardi  
New Denver

Scrap Bill 24  
(ARL changes)  
The Kootenay Local Agriculture Society (KLAS), which consists of 67 members, including 18 farms, are deeply concerned that the proposed amendments to Bill 24 still divide farmland into two zones. The Kootenays remains relegated to zones and hampers to industrial development. KLAS is also disappointed that the "public consultation process" for Bill 24 appears to have undergone a small-scale bill.  
KLAs calls on Minister Lentick to scrap Bill 24 and to organize a meaningful public consultation process similar to the multi-year one undertaken to update BC's Water Act. Legislation, including the enabling regulations, that will affect every single British Columbian, should be open to input from farmers and the general public. British Columbians want to eat wholesome food and not food produced on farmland contaminated by fracking, which is the type of development Bill 24 is designed to permit.  
Andrew Bennett, KLAS Director  
Rosalind

More than coffee  
I love good coffee and like many people from the Kootenays, I am a regular customer to local coffee shops.  
Last week, an older man addressed me in front of Nelson's Oso Ngo, asking me if I had a little money for a coffee. I invited him, "Come in with me and I'll buy you a coffee." He rejected with a head shake. "They don't want me in. I'm somewhat disturbing to them. But I would be thankful for a muffin." I entered the cafe, ordered my double Americano and a muffin, which I brought out to him while my coffee was being prepared. "Thank you so much," the man said. Someone had already bought him a coffee. I waited half an hour before he was gone.  
In the morning sun of Oso Ngo's peaceful garden, I was not the only one enjoying my coffee. Around me, happy-looking young mothers were chatting and laughing while their colourfully dressed children, grandmothers and grandfathers were in serious discussion, two elderly ladies were admiring the magnolia tree in full bloom, and a young man enjoying especially popular Gerard project called 'Buy a coffee, donate a coffee.' I had just read about this on German TV and came into my mind. Customers pay for their own coffee and buy another for an unknown person. A ticket at the wall indicates the number of coffees donated. Anyone - a senior on a small pension, a person whose dentist bill messed up the whole monthly finances, someone laid off unexpectedly, a homeless person - can go in and order - not beg - for a coffee here, and the number on the wall gets reduced.  
The whole thing is not all about coffee. It is about sympathy, respect, decency, and small participation in social life and not being excluded. The small gift from an anonymous donor can brighten someone's day by offering a bit of normalcy in the absence of interaction without being ashamed, having to feel like a beggar. Knowing "Our Daily Bread" in Nelson is giving out 90 meals each day wouldn't it just perfectly match the spirit of the World Kootenay if our local coffee shops join in to this project?  
Elizabeth von Ahlen  
Lemon Creek

Open letter to minister re: Canada Post  
I was very disturbed to learn that Castlegar residents will no longer be able to pick up courier items such as parcels or mail requiring a signature at our main post office. Instead, as of May 12, residents will have to go to one of two private sub-contracted postal outlets. This change will particularly be problematic for seniors and those with mobility issues who live in the downtown area within walking distance of the main post office.  
This announcement comes on the heels of the elimination of the full-time clerks position at the main post office. In addition, I have learned that the Slocan Park post office will no longer be offering Saturday service.  
Attached please find a letter from one angry resident that explains how this closure affects her ability to rely on postal service.  
Minister, I am sure that our situation in Castlegar and Slocan Park is similar to that of many other communities across the country. Canada Post employees are dedicated local citizens who provide quality service to the citizens they serve.  
The fact that the highest paying jobs contribute positively to our local economies.  
I urge you to impress upon Mr. Deepak Chopra, President and CEO of Canada Post, that any elimination of service or positions has a direct negative impact on our small communities.  
Any change in the structure of Canada Post should not be made on the backs of our rural communities.  
Alex Atanamenko, MP  
BC Southern Interior

Dear BC Hydro users  
I received a letter from Mr. Greg Reimer, Executive VP Transmission & Distribution for BC Hydro. He suggests that my analog meter has expired.  
This expiration matter never came up before "smart meters" were forced upon us taxpayers. In my opinion, this is just another lie, and for someone who makes more than $200 per hour, or $348,059 per year in compensation, I think Mr. Reimer should be able to produce something more believable. Perhaps we are as stupid as BC Hydro believes we are.  
I called BC Hydro to speak with Mr. Reimer and he is not taking any calls. No explanation was given - just that he was not available. My question was taken and someone was supposed to get back to me. That was more than seven days ago.  
The questions I asked were: a) how many customers did not renew their contracts and b) why is an extention fee/legality measure change was implemented? b) why did the grid suddenly become able to handle anaglogue meters AFTER the legality measure was passed? c) what standard of proof was used to measure the truthfulness of the statement(s) by BC Hydro that only a small number of customers are affected by the legality measure? d) is the rate rider a good or service as we pay GST on it? is the legality measure a fee or service as we pay GST on them?  
The answers are simple. I am not formally educated beyond grade 8 and I could answer these questions for far less than $200 per hour if I had access to the records. Mr. Reimer has. Please write to him and ask him what he does to earn his pay if he does not take calls from the people that he is supposed to serve and electricity and he can collect his obscene compensation.  
I am a member of the class action lawsuit and BC Hydro thinks it can just do whatever it wants to do. Show them they are wrong. Stop auto payments and write a cheque for the amount after you deduct the extance fee and GST from your bill. Write on the memo line 'paid in full for electrical services if cashed by BC Hydro.' Join the lawsuit even if you already have a new meter.  
BC Hydro cannot shut off your electricity as long as you pay for the amount after you deduct the extance fee and GST from your bill.  
We also learned that SNC recently monitored a large back channel on our property; we reviewed the report submitted by SNC on November 26. We were disappointed to see no analytical testing of sediment for hydrocarbon. In addition, there was no reference to the proliferation of algae growth at the spill site and no monitoring of the critical wetlands below the Lemon-Lemon confluence.  
I am one of the founders of Faunier United Concerned Citizens. I will forward all paperwork to anyone who is interested. My email is marthavb.net. It is your duty as a ‘free’ citizen to ensure public servants behave with honour and integrity. Doing nothing is a choice. Is it your choice?  
Debbie McAnlsey-Bleakney  
Faunier

Monitoring of Lemon Creek fuel spill  
Dear Ms. Eichholzer  
I am writing you because we have had inadequate or no response from individuals at the Ministry of Environment. I am told that you have a long-standing connection to our region and serve as head of the negotiating team for the Columbia River Treaty (CRT) renewal.  
I want to express my grave concerns regarding the transparency and effectiveness of the monitoring process being conducted after the Lemon Creek fuel spill. The report from SNC/Lavin for Executive Flight Centre. My husband and I own the first piece of private property downstream of the July 25, 2013 spill. We have approximately 38 acres adjacent to the creek and over one kilometre of creek frontage.  
We have had an aquatic biologist, a microbiologist, a botanist, and a hydrological geologist view this area since the spill. All have expressed serious concerns regarding the ongoing contamination from the spill and the very minimalistic and non-transparent monitoring plan put forth and implemented by SNC/Lavin.  
As private citizen/s, we have requested information on the monitoring and the analysis and the results of the monitoring and the costs.  
We have not received any of this data available (e.g. benthic invertebrates, and fish counts) if they are allowed to participate in the monitoring process and have equal access to SNC’s data. We should also be on-site to represent public interest and to ensure the transparency of the process.  
Are you aware that SNC is #1 on the World Bank’s Corrupt Companies Blacklist, with SNC Lavalin and its affiliates being credited for 115 of 117 infections listed? This outrageous distinction does not engender trust in the current process. Quite the contrary. We need to be held to trust the process; we need transparency.  
The Province is currently negotiating with the US on the CRT. As we have heard from the negotiators at the negotiating table if the Province does not recognize the value of, and acknowledge and support the credible community-based groups that have data (like the Slocan Streamkeepers and the Slocan Valley Monitoring Programs of the 1990’s)? Slocan Streamkeepers is a member of the cross-border Columbia Roundtable, which is comprised of non-governmental organizations from the US and Canada working together for a unified environmental position for the CRT negotiations.  
SNC is not collaborating, nor has it been made to collaborate, with the Slocan Streamkeepers. There is neither data sharing nor information sharing regarding the content of their monitoring program. We need the Slocan Streamkeepers included in the monitoring process! We need knowledgable, local experts on-site!  
We need a monitoring process we can trust! We need the MoE to help us in all regards.  
I await your response. Thank you.  
Chloe Dicken and Yvon Couture  
Slocan
Slocan council, May 12: Water plant computer problems

by Barbara Curry Mackay

• Tim Hill, Public Works Foreman, reported that the computer controlling the water plant had started acting up on April 8. The program that runs the water plant works on the Windows XP operating system, which is no longer supported by Microsoft. A water plant program capable of running on the new operating system, Windows 7, would cost over $5,000. Hill said he was getting advice on how to have a new computer “ghost” the Windows XP operating system so that the Village could continue to use its current water plant program.

• Council adopted the 5-Year Financial Plan Bylaw and read the Annual Tax Rate Bylaw three times. The tax rate bylaw was adopted at a special meeting May 14.

• Council adopted an Untidy and Unsightly Properties Bylaw. Councilor Patricia McGreal, finding fault with the bylaw’s provisions to control noxious weeds and noxious insects, opposed the motion.

• The Village will write to New Denver expressing condolences on the tragic canoeing accident.

• Council agreed to put $250 from its discretionary grant funds towards Slocan District Chamber of Commerce signage at the Neeldes and Shelter Bay Ferry sites. A photo of Slocan will be placed at each site. Village brochures will be sent to the New Denver Visitor Information Centre.

• Council will invite the Slocan Valley Senior Housing Society to a meeting to discuss the possibility of building affordable housing in the village.

• Council agreed to allow Julie Bouchard and Stefina Kuenzer to have three bedrooms for guests, instead of the two allowed in the Village zoning bylaw, at their new business, the Blue Moon B & B Inn.

• The Village will write a letter to the Okanagan Basin Water Board supporting regulations that prohibit the transport of invasive zebra and quagga mussels into Canada, and requesting that border guards inspect boats for invasive aquatic species and prohibit such boats from entering Canada until decontaminated. Councillor Hillary Elliott will find out whether the boat wash station proposed for the Slocan waterfront would deal with mussels.

• Council discussed a new provincial government program to audit local governments’ performance. Rossland has been audited recently and said the process “was a huge drain on resources” that ended up discovering nothing new. Councillor Elliott spoke against this “concocted” new layer of bureaucracy and other local governments were shocked at the work necessary to comply with this program. Councillor McGreal defended the program, saying the report issued was “extremely thorough” and that accountability was important.

• Councillor Elliott, Slocan’s RDCK Director, reported that Slocan’s request to withdraw from three RDCK services (Parks, Recreation, and Sustainability) has made it through the first steps towards approval. If Slocan is allowed to withdraw from all three services in a timely manner, it will not be tied for them in 2015. The Village could use the $7,000 to $10,000 saved to pay for local initiatives and avoid increasing taxes where possible. Elliott reported that copies of the Slocan Lake Governance Document are available at the Village Office or on the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society website. She directed those interested in initiatives and grant opportunities in the Columbia Basin to the Rural Development Institute’s website world-chdi.ca.

• During public participation, Dick Kelly, the chair of the board of the Slocan Community Library Society, responded to comments Councilor McGreal made at the April council meeting. He said her comments challenged the society’s authority. Reading a three-page statement, Kelly pointed out that the library board had been formed at council’s request a year ago and had been “charged with resolving ongoing disputes and in fighting at the library.”

Deena Dufault spoke against the microhydro project on Springer Creek and called instead for a project connected to the water treatment plant on Gwillam Creek. She favours a “community social enterprise” (which she described as “a marriage between social and economic objectives”) that could supply power to the Village, instead of selling it to BC Hydro. She said this project would cost less and provide more benefits.

Slocan council makes decisions on CB Community Initiative funding in July

Six of the nine smaller requests received full funding. The Slocan and District Technical Rescue Society received $2,000 to help buy a capstan winch system to aid in rescues on steep terrain. St. Sylvestre’s Garden Club received $700 to produce a hikking brochure of the Vallarta area. Two groups received $500: the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society to help pay for a winter geo- and trail guide project and the Slocan Community Service Society to help provide supportive programs for parents and young children.

Three of the smaller groups each received partial funding of $1,000 each. The White Pines Akido Association received 67 percent of its request. The money will go into a new bursary to help fund training and uniform costs for children from low-income families. The Slocan Community Library Society received 40 percent of its request. The money will go toward books, media, and other materials for the children’s storytime program, sign, and library furnishings and supplies. The Slocan Fitness Centre also received 40 percent of its request. The money will go toward protective floor mats, weight training equipment, yoga mats, storage, sign and publicity.

The Slocan River Streamkeepers Society’s request for $2,020, the total costs for a project to study and improve the Village watershed, was turned down. Councillors noted that the project contractors had not consulted with the Village or its councillors and that if the microhydro project went ahead, a water study would have to be done for that.

They thought it would be wasteful to pay for two studies.

The Village Voice May 21, 2014
Kootenay Sufferfest requests comments on Strategic Plan

submitted
Kootenay Sufferfest is requesting comments on its Strategic Plan, which sets out a vision of the future of the event. Through surveys, a series of focus groups and a workshop, the organization and its community partners created a plan that expresses the important values of Kootenay Sufferfest and how these will shine through the event as it develops.

If you haven’t already seen the plan, a copy can be downloaded from the website. The site also has more information about the event and contact information for comments.

This year, Kootenay Sufferfest will take place August 30 – September 1. It will run through Kaslo, New Denver, Silverton and Nakusp, linked together by the 200 km Loonie Tooine Trail Run. The first day will feature the Kids’ Races and the 10, 25 and 50k trail runs. Cross-country mountain bike events at 14, 40 and 100k happen out of New Denver on day two, along with the Idaho Peak Mountain Marathon. On the third day, Nakusp will host the new duathlon and cyclocross events. The change from Kaslo Sufferfest to Kootenay Sufferfest means more events and more excitement, but also more complexity in logistics.

Kaslo’s Elise Hewat is Amazing Travel scholarship finalist

The researcher and planning process was led by TLC Associates. With the help of Sufferfest organizers, the planning team consulted with volunteers, athletes, partners and stakeholders. Support for the process was provided by the Columbia Basin Trust.

The size of the event was a key concern for the future. The volunteers, organizers and athletes all highly valued the community feel and the event atmosphere. At the same time, the three valley communities are all interested in economic development. To bring these together, the Sufferfest vision is that the event be limited to 1,500 registrants over a three-day weekend, but that it develop an international reputation that helps to bring riders, runners and walkers to the area in the rest of the trail season.

The events of unusual suffering – the marquee events – are important to bringing the event visibility and drawing international attention. The 200km Loonie Tooine trail run is the only multi-day ultra in North America. The 100k cross-country mountain bike ride is the only point-to-point event of its distance in Western Canada. These two events already draw riders and runners from well outside of the normal ‘tourism’ range of our area.

At the same time, family and community involvement are part of what makes the event so special. Local athletes from children to adults need a variety of distances to progress within events, and to enable them to challenge themselves in a distance where they can suffer and achieve.

This value is expressed better with the addition of the Nakusp events. Now the first jump from the Kids’ Races to a race distance can be as short as a 5 km run, with a team entry in the duathlon.

The course for the Kids’ Races in Kaslo was altered after a washout; with the completion of the Trailblazers new bridge this event may be ‘trail’ again rather than ‘street’.

The three main priorities for the Kootenay Sufferfest organization are to build organizational resilience needed to hold a big event across three valleys, to market the marquee races internationally, and to develop the visibility and coherence of the regional trail network. The event cannot live without its volunteers. The athlete surveys showed that the commitment of the volunteers to creating a great event has been visible and appreciated. As with many newer organization, the

Kootenay Sufferfest needs to build more predictability into its volunteer systems, and to provide for succession in volunteers and key organizational positions.

The Sufferfest will focus on a marketing plan in the fall. As to trails, we have begun to improve regional communications, and we are in conversation with trail groups in each community about this summer’s trail maintenance program.

Kootenay Sufferfest will receive funds for regional trail maintenance from the Community Initiatives Program in each of Kaslo and Area D, New Denver, Silverton, and Nakusp and Area. These funds will be used for trail work primarily to support local trails such as the Kaslo 200 km Loonie Tooine Trail Run and the 100k cross-country bike, as these have segments that are not regularly maintained by local trail groups.

Organizers don’t know how much the change in dates will change the proportion of visitors to locals in the races. The dates were changed because of the impact of snow on overall event safety, as well as the need for a three-day weekend for a three-community event. Several volunteers will be unable to accommodate the change in dates, and several expressed a concern about creating a less community-oriented event.

In the past, Sufferfest athletes have been about two thirds from the West Kootenay. Of the rest, about half come from Revelstoke, East Kootenay and Okanagan, and about half from Alberta. Event organizers suspect this might shift a bit towards visitors with the change in dates. The plan is to consider various ways for visitors to give back to our volunteer communities. One favourite is a ‘donate’ option with registration.

One important message from the volunteers is that the commitment of the organization to our communities needs to be reinforced. A Kids’ Race series is a great new idea, but would have to wait until the organization develops across the three valleys.

The Kootenay Sufferfest has already started to work with all trails organizations, and is making an effort to improve those lines of communication.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to section 921 of the Local Government Act that the Council of the Village of Kaslo will consider adopting a resolution to approve the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit TUP-01-2014 at its meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 to be conducted in the Council Chambers at the Kemball Memorial Building located at 312 4th Street in the Village of Kaslo, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

If approved, Temporary Use Permit TUP-01-2014 would allow, subject to conditions, a cheetah conservation sanctuary or zoo to be located and used for three years on Block 11, Plan NHP555, Parcel J (PID 027-032-881), Block 11 DL 205 Plan NHP555, Parcel G (PID LA17623) & DL 209 (PID 026-579-000) and Lots 19 through 22, Block 11 DL 208 Plan NHP555 (PID 005-755-704, 005-755-808, 005-755-816, 005-755-859). This project is commonly referred to as the "Run Cheetah Run conservation program" that will be located at 825 A Avenue, Kaslo.

A copy of proposed Temporary Use Permit TUP-01-2014 and related information may be inspected at Village Offices, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. A copy of the information may also be obtained by email.

Anyone who believes that approval of Temporary Use Permit TUP-01-2014 will affect their "interest" shall give written notice of the submission of the Village’s application within 30 days of the submission date. Notice of the submission may be sent by email, facsimile, mail or hand delivered using the contact information below. All submissions must be received no later than 12:00 pm on Wednesday, May 21st, 2014.

Chief Administrative Officer
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Edgewood ready to make waves for BC Hydro: Boat ramp upgrades a big disappointment

by Jan McMurray

Many people from Edgewood are very unhappy with the recent work done on their boat ramp. After waiting 40 years for BC Hydro to deliver on its promise of a boat ramp for the community, they were unhappy with the results. At a community meeting on May 7, residents discussed reaching out to the people who will be affected by the Site C dam to inform them of what BC Hydro has promised.

The Arts Council presents
“Gotta Good Feeling” a Dance Evening by Dance on the Kusp
At the Bonnington Arts Centre
Saturday, May 31 at 7:00 pm
Doors open at 6:30 pm

Sixty years later, a medal for Korea

The Royal Canadian Legion in Nakusp wants to recognize all soldiers who participated in the Korean conflict, which has now been given the status of a “war.” Just like those from this community who felt the obligation to protect the freedom of their country in World War I and World War II, the young people in 1950 signed up to go to Korea. Those of this village have always been proud of those who went to fight. The Korean government has decided to recognize the Canadians who came to help and has struck a Peace Medal for Korean War veterans.

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Sport groups come together to form North Kootenay Council

Many local sport and recreation groups have common issues: from training coaches and referees, to attracting and retaining volunteers. The new group, North Kootenay Sport and Recreation Council, formed to meet these needs and resources, is a significant step towards the creation of a regional sport council, with support from the Columbia Basin Trust.

Over the past two years, 18 groups have come together and expressed a desire to collaborate. The first step was to have a consultant put together a working team of local contact people, who are now gathering information on how best to create the North Kootenay Sport and Recreation Council to satisfy local needs. The region served will stretch from Kaslo and North Kootenay Lake, the communities around Arrow Lakes to Nakusp.

The Nakusp Hospice Society is extremely fortunate to be supported by so many individuals and groups in our community.

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 20: for continuing to provide us with the proceeds of their annual and a drop-in bingo. These funds assist in maintaining the Garden of Serenity and the patient room at Minto House and help offset costs incurred in sending our co-ordinator and volunteers to workshops out of town.

Hub International Barron Insurance: for providing space for our memorial tree each December and accepting donations for the Society.

Carson’s Corner and Overwaitea Foods: for donating grocery items for our bingo concession.

We would also like to thank The Treasure Trove, for donating helium balloons for our first annual ‘Hike for Hospice’ May 4, a national event to raise awareness and funds. One hundred percent of the funds raised stay in each individual community.

Watch for our advertising next January, and consider forming a team and getting sponsors, to help us raise awareness and money locally.

The Nakusp Hospice Society has purchased books which are available to borrow from the Nakusp Public Library. Please visit our website at www.nakusp hospice.com to read a book review and for more information about Hospice. If you wish to participate in the work of the Society, either as a volunteer or board member, or if you would like more information about the services provided, please contact either Helen Scowen or Lee-Anne Marshall. If you would like to make a donation in memory of someone who has passed away, there are envelopes available through Hub International Barron Insurance, Helen or Caroline Hytrer.

Just a reminder that Hospice is hosting the memorial tree at the Legion every Saturday during the month of May.

“Sport for Life” concepts: the idea that people of all ages can participate in sport and recreation, and that we should be active our entire lives. The regional council will help local groups do their work.

In addition to affecting health and well-being, the council will also touch upon economic well-being, as many communities benefit when sporting events attract visitors.

CLARIFICATION

In our article, ‘Murder bid on a continuing problem at Barton flats’, we quoted Area C Paul Peterson out of context. His quote about people partying till daybreak on Easter weekend was referring to an incident about 10 years ago, not this year.

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Expression of Interest

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The Village of Nakusp is looking for a live in caretaker for the Nakusp Hot Springs and Cedar Chalets. An opportunity exists for a personnal individual or couple to receive accommodation (including utilities) at the Hot Springs in return for night security services, after hour checks and some miscellaneous maintenance and hospitality services. Typically such services would be required after 9 pm to before 9 am.

If you are interested in learning more about this unique opportunity at the Hot Springs, please contact Robert Richards (CFO) in the Village office 250-265-3680 to discuss or email him a letter expressing your interest to RRselect@nookus.com. This opportunity will remain open until a suitable individual/couple has filled the position.

Nakusp & Area Community Forest

Open House

Wednesday, May 28, 2014
Selkirk College – Nakusp [311 Broadway St]
6:30 – 8:00 PM
Come and check out what’s happening in the community forest. Project information and maps will be presented.

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The sun broke through after a cloudy start to New Denver May Days. June's Treasures and Treasures won second place in parade floats thanks in part to Buildus the Clown.

The sun broke through after a cloudy start to New Denver May Days. Newmarket Foods won first place in parade floats.

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Maggie Winters named as Kaslo Citizen of the Year

Kasco’s Citizens of the Year, Maggie Winters, was presented with her award by Daphne Hunter, president of the Kaslo & Area Chamber of Commerce. Here is what Daphne had to say about Maggie:

“This year’s citizen of the year is a roll-up-your-sleeves kind of person who brings great deal of experience and enthusiasm to everything she tackles and she has been tackling lots of things for a lot of us in the Kaslo area ever since she moved here back in 10 years ago.

She has assisted many organizations including Communities in Bloom, the Kaslo infoNet Society and the Kaslo and Area Chamber of Commerce. As the Chamber secretary, she transformed communication and helped increase the membership exponentially. She worked tirelessly to launch the new Chamber website and brought us into the Facebook age. Maggie saw us through many other projects, all the while keeping the administration of the Chamber in meticulously the even now, 13 months later, we still haven’t been able to completely fill her shoes.

Since the fall of 2012, Maggie Winters has worked tirelessly to try to save our 247/365 Emergency Health Care unit in Kaslo. Her energy has inspired the Health Care Working Group and now the Health Care Select Committee. The knowledge she brought to the table and the knowledge she has gained since doing this work has been, and continues to be critical to the ongoing search for the best long-term solution for Kaslo and area, and to our current recruitment efforts.

She is endlessly patient. She loves this community and we’re lucky to have her.”

Her help to facilitate what was originally a local committee to talk and walk with the big boys at Interior Health, coupled with her prior years of experience, might be the only reason Kaslo ever agreed to talk to us all.

Kasco needs more skilled and committed people like Maggie to bring their talent and energy to this community. Maggie demonstrates everything good about new people moving into our area and devoting endless volunteer hours.

Fire Rescue and Kevin Murphy share New Denver Citizen of the Year award

by Art Joyce

Given the recent tragedy on Slocan Lake it was appropriate that the New Denver May Days Committee decided to share the Citizen of the Year Award between Fire Rescue services and Kevin Murphy. The volunteer crew received hearty and well-deserved applause from the crowd gathered at the Centennial Park gazebo, though not all were able to be present.

The award honours the volunteer efforts of Leonard Casley, Doug Fisher, Richard Harwood, Nigel Thomas, Wilt Wilson, Keith Steenhoff, Alvie Boulier, Derek Hicks, Ric Bardini, Calvin Reitemeier, Mercedes Casley, Cameron Nelson, Emma Callies, Casey Law, Brent Olsen, Tyler Payton and junior member Jordan Deckoff. It was explained that the members of New Denver Fire Rescue services over the years have raised thousands of dollars to purchase a fully equipped rescue truck, jaws of life, a sprinkler trailer, and a rescue boat.

Kevin Murphy recently retired as a teacher at Lucerne school is, well known for his services to the community. He is currently on the board of the Healthy Community Society of the North Slocan Valley, and developed almost single-handedly the Lucerne Greenhouse Learning Centre. He has served as a director with the Galena Trail Commission and spent many years serving on Recreation Commission #4, dedicated to organizing programs for various age groups. In the past he has served as the New Denver Fire Department fire chief.

The New Denver Fire Rescue services won Citizen of the Year along with Kevin Murphy.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Slocan Valley Historical Society is requesting contractors to submit proposals to design and construct of up to 10 kiosks in and around the Village of Slocan.

The kiosks will be the framework for interpretative signage and the foundation of an Historical Walking Tour in the Village of Slocan.

Proposals may be submitted to:
PO Box 28, Slocan, BC V0G 2C0
or: slocohkioskchocktah@yahoo.ca

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Norman Takeuchi at the Nikkei Centre, May 23

ON May 23, join celebrated Ottawa artist, Norman Takeuchi, at the Nikkei Centre as he presents a slide-show of his work chronicling his career and exploration of his dual heritage as a sansei (third-generation) Japanese Canadian.

“As a member of a community that experienced the upheaval of the internment years, my art reflects the conflicts in conflicting views: the earlier difficulties of acknowledging my Japanese heritage and the later acceptance of it,” Takeuchi says. “Ultimately, though, the paintings are a celebration of my dual heritage and of having learned to embrace the beauty and the blending of two cultures.”

The event, which starts at 7 p.m., is by donation, with all proceeds going towards the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre 20th anniversary event. Seating is limited. Light refreshments will be served.

The Centre is at 336 Josephine St. in New Denver.

For more info, please visit: www.nmc-shs.washly.com or call 250-358-7288.

May 28, 7 p.m. at The Silverton Gallery. Tickets are $10, available at the door or call Shawsan 250-777-1974.

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Sitar masters at Silverton Gallery

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Slocan council asked to turn over library assets to Slocan Community Library Society

by Barbara Curry Mulcahy

At its regular meeting on May 14, Slocan council discussed a request from the Slocan Community Library Society for the Village to turn over all library assets to the society. Library furniture and fixtures are valued at $22,179.48 and books and digital media at $277,040.50. Council had many questions about this request and decided to ask for a meeting with Dick Kelly, chair of the society board. In addition, Councillor Elliott suggested the matter be discussed further at an in-camera meeting.

Mayor Madeline Perriere said if the assets were to be turned over, she would want the society to agree that if it dissolved, all assets would remain in the village. (The society bylaws stipulate that if the society dissolves, assets are given to non-profit groups, but not that they must remain in the village.)

Councillor Jean Patterson was concerned that there might be old, valuable historic books that should be housed in the Archives.

Councillor Patricia MacGreal pointed out that “the Society has no assets, we have the assets” and she wanted “something that makes clear that assets remain with us... everything,” including the furniture.

Councillor Evan Macaulay said he had heard there was an application from the Village of Wsquekees to buy the library and then to turn it into a building. The Village is said to have scholarships planned for kids to learn a trade by being inside the building.

The library was started after a local area resident, Fred Fraser, died and his son donated his father’s books to the Village. Since then, many other materials funded by grants, donations, memberships fees, and the proceeds of book sales have been added to the collection and the original volumes have been removed. Council did not know how much of the original Fred Fraser donation remains in the library.

- Council discussed a June workshop, to be hosted by the WE Graham Community Service Society and funded by a Healthy Communities Capacity Building Grant to support the Community Garden Project. The Village was noted on the grant application as the applicant, as required by the program, but WEGCSS completed management in BC.
- Numerous groups representing food and land issues have drawn attention to the erosion of key principles of farmland protection as contained in BC’s Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) and the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC). These principles are intended to guide decision-making to account for long-term public interest, the protection of arable farmland from runaway speculation and development pressure, as well as provide a stable base for regional planning.
- Bryne’s co-chair Brent Mansfield points to the fact that opposition to Bill 24 continues to grow. “Perhaps that’s why the government is in such a hurry,” he says. “We are seeing more and more letters from Farmers Institutes and local governments all around the province stating their opposition to this legislation.”

In the last few weeks, numerous municipal governments – who have a direct stake in secure land values and robust oversight, as well as improving regional food security and sustainable development – have been passing resolutions in opposition to the Bill through their local government regional associations. These resolutions either express serious concerns or ask the province for the bill to be withdrawn.

The Minister announced yesterday that some amendments will be made to Bill 24. However, at second reading the bill will further splits the ALR into two zones, adding non-agricultural priorities to decision making for Zoos Two, which comprises 50% of the total ALR. The BC Agriculture Council feels it is time for the provincial government to invest in agriculture, not divert from farmland.

School District 8 adopts preliminary budget at board meeting, April 22

continued effort to build the capacity of staff to attend to changing student needs.

Some highlights of the budget are categorized in three broad categories: focus on student learning, human resources, and a commitment to capital investment.

School District 8 expects an enrolment decrease of 155 full-time-equivalent students, and a corresponding drop of $791,507 in the Ministry of Education operating grant.

Winlaw School needs you votes for outdoor learning project

Great learning opportunities are taking place at Winlaw’s environmental education at Winlaw school, and you can help this program even more! Winlaw school has applied for a CST Inspired Minds Learning Project Grant, which could result in $20,000 to develop and enhance the outdoor learning curriculum. The school needs your votes to help get into the final round of 25 candidates; from there we could become one of 14 winners.

Boothe voting takes place daily until June 2, with voting for the final round from June 9 – 16. Visit here to view our proposal and to cast your vote: http://learningproject.cst.org/ideas/182

Here’s our plan:

This environmental education program facilitates experimental learning and develops values of stewardship through local resources, sustainable education tools and diverse habitats. Primary learning opportunities take place at the Winlaw Regional Nature Park, located 1 km north of Winlaw Elementary School.

Students walk weekly to the park to learn in an environment which provides natural trails and boardwalks weaving through forest and marshes.

The vision is to have an open structure with information kiosks and interactive learning tools, with storage capacity for desks which are used to facilitate group work, presentations and nature studies.

Teachers would receive professional development and have access to field study kits to take on nature study outings. Field trips to other habitats provide learning experiences for students to compare and appreciate diverse natural environments.

The Old Growth Trail, north of Nelson, hosts interpretive signs explaining the surrounding ecosystems and wildlife. Kooknae Creek Provincial Park hosts educational tours along the Kooknae salmon spawning channel as well as an experiential learning centre featuring local plants and wildlife with an emphasis on conservation.

It takes a community to raise our children, and you can help us grow nature’s stewards.
COMMUNITY

RDCK board passes Subregional Services

by Jan McMurray

The Subregional Services Committees Bylaw was adopted with Directors Popoff, Faust and Davidoff opposed. A subsequent motion was passed allowing subregional committees to delay meeting until January 2015 if they so wish.

Director Popoff stated in an interview after the meeting that he would like the Slocan Valley committee to start meeting in January 2015. He felt that the board should have consulted with the commissions to determine the

RDCK moves forward with office renovations

Following a formal tender process for building renovations and a request for proposals process for the supply of office workstations and partitions, RDCK Directors reaffirmed their earlier decision by the awarding of contracts to Nelson’s Dan Maglio Contracting Limited and Graphic Office Ltd. of Victoria.

RDCK Chair John Kettle stated, “The Board is confident with the proposal staff undertook to purchase the furnishings and systems to implement the approved space plan for the RDCK Nelson office. After a thorough legal and administrative review it was determined by the Board that the results are consistent with its purchasing policy.”

Kettle also noted that this

submitted

Please come and help us give Don and Shirley Munro a send-off – and a send-up – with laughter and love and good publak food and memories to treasure as they head into their new lives in the Okanagan town of Oliver.

Those who have known them, or worked and played with them over the years, are invited to come to the Vocational Whole Community Centre on Sunday, June 1, from 4 – 7 p.m. for a good old-fashioned potluck to celebrate the many contributions they made during the almost 20 years they dedicated to the Slocan Valley. During the event there’ll be room for short speeches, and a performance by the Vocational Whole Choir.

Please RSVP to donna@vocational.com.

Don was the Area H (Slocan Valley) director with the Regional District of Central Kootenay from 1999 to 2008. As the director, Don

went through some interesting times, very well liked by many, and vilified by a few. Gary Wright and Corky Evans will tell us how he fared. While there are concerns about the financial viability of the services. He feels the Slocan Valley Parks and Recreation Master Plan will help with this. The board will continue the plan for the provision of parks and recreation facilities in the electoral area.

Without Don’s participation in these services, the Villages of Silverton and New Denver will each pay an additional $200 per year, and Area H will pay an additional $200 per year.

The Sustainability Service Bylaw will be circulated to directors along with the RDCK’s

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Art Joyce launches new book in Silverton and Sloan

by Jan McMurray

Local author and Valley Voice reporter Art Joyce launches his newly published book at the Silverton Gallery on May 29 at 7:30 pm and at the Sloan Community Library on June 1 at 2 pm.

The book, Laying the Children’s Ghosts to Rest: Canada’s Home Children in the West (Hagios Press), was inspired by Joyce’s discovery in early 2007 that he was a descendent of a home child.

Home children were the 100,000 British children from slums and orphanages who were sent to Canada to work on farms as indentured labourers in the late 1800s and early 1900s. These children were often victims of abuse.

“This story affects the four million descendants of these children, or about one in eight Canadians,” said Joyce. “Yet it’s seldom discussed in history classes at any level of education.”

Joyce says his book is unique in that it chose to go beyond straight history to explore the repercussions of past trauma on subsequent generations. It is also unique among books on the topic because it tells the story from the Western Canadian perspective. What happened to some of those boys and girls who were sent to the prairie provinces and BC?

The book cover states, “With painstaking research and an ability to bring personal details to life, Joyce immerses the stories of ‘home children’ with a sense of respectfulness and human dignity in his quest for healing. Joyce asks, ‘Are we a people who have lost our ghosts? Or are we in fact haunted by them, but can’t remember their names?’ as he raises the specter of thousands of child ghosts who inhabit our Canadian landscape.”

Village of New Denver

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, at 115 Sloan Avenue, New Denver, BC

Applicant: Trustees of Turner Memorial Church

Property Affected: 214 7th Ave Lot 6, Block 14, Plan 9501, District Lot 432, Kootenay Land District

In general terms, Bylaw 688, 2014 will amend the Village of New Denver Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 611, 2007 land use designation from “Public and Institutional” to “Single and Two Family Residential” and Bylaw 689, 2014 will amend the New Denver Zoning Bylaw No. 812, 2007 designation from “Public & Institutional” to “R1 – Single and Two Family Residential”

Vietnam War doc features Gary Wright and other former resisters

by Katrine Campbell

“Vietnam Remembered,” shot partly in New Denver, is a different kind of war story. Filmmaker Andy Bilgic says “Vietnam Remembered” (working title) is an overview of what was going on in Canada during the war, and how people here were affected.

The film is a broad overview of how things changed from 1965 to 1975,” he says. It touches on the war itself – half a million Americans fighting and 58,220 killed, an unknown number (estimates as high as 3.5 million) of Vietnamese, Cambodian and Laotian deaths, both military and civilian – but “it’s more an examination of how it affected us. One of the key things is how it changed our culture. It brought in protests, people challenging their governments.”

One of the chapters, Bilgic says, is a look at the people, male and female, who came over the border for reasons of conscription, either to avoid the draft or because they were opposed to the war.

In New Denver, former mayor Gary Wright was one of the main subjects interviewed.

“I had fun working with him,” Wright said. “I was asked something, was going to do a story about that period of time. He was also really interested in talking to a number of the women who came up here at the same time.

“There’s not a lot of coverage of people who came up here either because of dislike of the war, or because of love.”

Wright says Bilgic “had done his research” and contacted him. Wright sent a copy of his book on the Vietnamese, detailing his rebellion over the war and his flight to Canada, and Bilgic “thought he could hang a story off that.”

Wright also called about 40 Kootenay Co-op Radio to host "Straight, No Chaser at Mercado Café"

Kootenay Co-op Radio will host a recording session of the jazz show "Straight, No Chaser" at the Mercado Café in Silverton on Saturday, May 24 from 2 to 4 pm. Judy Wach and Neil Sorochan will host the show.

Authors to read

This is your invitation to take a break from your yard work on Sunday, June 1 at 1 pm. Come to the comfortable Sloan Community Library to hear about your own and others’ books.

Slocan Learning Center Computer Access Hours

Learning Center hours will be changing as of May 26

Mondays 3:30 to 9:00 pm
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Wednesday closed to public
Thursday June 5 and June 19 open 5:00 to 11:30 pm (first and third Thursdays)

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**Employment Edge Program offered**

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Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services will run an Employment Edge (EE) Program in Slocan City from May 26 – July 31. The 10-week program includes five classes in the classroom and five weeks in a work placement.

“Can be a great jumping off point for folks,” says Kathlyn Koep, EE facilitator. “In the classroom portion we discuss topics like communication skills, employability skills, goal setting, how to write an effective resume and cover letter, and how to succeed in an interview. We also address subjects like confidence, self-esteem, and self-awareness. These are all areas that will help you move in the right direction with both your life and your employment goals.”

Keep also points out that the program facilitates matching employees with employers, giving both parties the chance to learn about each other before committing to a longer-term arrangement.

**RDCK recycling program**

In the RDCK, all recycling depots will continue to operate as they have been after the Multi Material BC (MMBC) recycling program rolls out across the province on May 19. The RDCK is not part of the MMBC program and will continue to provide uninterrupted recycling depot services throughout the region.

“Residents that utilize RDCK recycling depots won’t see any changes when the MMBC program launches May 19. RDCK depots will accept the same materials and continue to operate, business as usual,” stated Uli Wolf, General Manager of Environmental Services. Curbside recycling programs in Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, Castlegar and portions of Ainsworth and Nakusp will also be part of the new MMBC program.

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New Denver residents tour water system under the guidance of Public Works

by Jan McMurray
To celebrate Drinking Water Week, New Denver Public Works staff Steve Deckoff and Rayn Butt hosted tours of New Denver’s water system on May 8. The system consists of a well, a backup well, a reservoir, distribution pipes and 24 fire hydrants. The well #1 pumping station is located near the recycling depot, and the well #2 pumping station is located in Green Park. Water is pumped from the wells into the distribution pipes that carry water to homes as well as into the reservoir. The new bolted steel reservoir has a capacity of 30,000 US gallons.

The old wooden reservoir still stands right beside the new one, and the Village is contemplating what should be done with it.

The Village has also had a third well drilled on the site of the old area. A long-term project is to build a pumping station for this new well and get it operational, enabling the decomposition of well #2. The area will be more isolated and away from possible sources of contamination.

Steve Deckoff is now ready to run the New Denver system, with a Water Level 1 certificate. Rayn Butt holds a Small Water Systems certificate and must complete 1800 hours of water system work to get Water Level 1 certification. It is expected that he will accomplish this in a year or so.

The Village is working on a cross connection control program. Cross connections pose the potential for backflow, which could contaminate the system. The Village installs backflow prevention devices on all new connections. People planning to replace their pipes are encouraged to call the Village office to arrange to have a backflow valve installed.

Asian Canadian Heritage Month at the Langham

The second day, May 31, is a Children’s Day. The program starts at 1 pm with Kyogon, followed by the Family Singers Group led by Terry and Janet Marshal and Asian storytelling by Mark Mealing. Asian art games and workshops will follow with origami, kite making and flying, Go, Chinese checkers, etc. Admission both days is free. However, a maximum of 80 people can attend opening night (May 30 at 6:30 pm), so get your free tickets from either Willow Interiors or Stonywater Naturals in downtown Kaslo.

Local full-length film premieres June 21

by Katrine Campbell
Of Spanish/Ojibway heritage, a full-length feature film made in Nelson and area with an all local cast of 34, will premiere at the Capitol Theatre on Saturday, June 21 at 7:30 pm. “We couldn’t have had a better and more productive time in this neck of the woods with the mountain of ideas,” says Timmy 3 Hawks, Nelson resident and director of the film.

“Ever since I was a little kid,” says Resort’s Ash Vor Charmin and I use natural characters for this production, particularly those where the mountain of ideas are written on their brow. And what better place than this region of lost souls to find such treasures. Indeed, all our actors live in this region.

The story is based on a novel by Three Hawks, set in the 1830s. A righteous church inspector, with a posse of bounty hunters hunting down Nipponic war deities, encounters a mysterious vagabond. The group tries to persevere the vagabond, not knowing he is a renowned warrior who had tried to save the mountain from another area of the world.

“Rather than his former vow of

Unity Music Festival at Slocan beach is a go

The Unity Music Festival 2014 is indeed going to be held at the beautiful beach park of Slocan City on July 26 and 27 with a pre-festival event July 25 at the Legion. This is the fourth year for the family festival – the second year in Slocan City. The festival site will have two stages, kids zone, workshops, live art and the beautiful swimming beach of Slocan City along with the breathtaking views of Valthalla Park.

A partial line-up has been announced and includes Los Rastillas (Mexico City), Gaddi (Italy/UK), Locarno, Tequila Mockingbird Orchestra, Bill Bourne, No Excuse, Erica Dee, Dark Fire Cloud, Adam Shait and Stoned.