Johnson’s Landing residents feeling left behind by Province

By Jan McMurray

A little over two years after the tragic Johnson’s Landing landslide, RDCK representatives met with community members July 27 to share the results of their negotiations with the Province for a fair deal for the residents.

“There was a lot of disappointment,” reported resident Kate O’Keefe. “Many of us feel that the Province has left us behind.”

Anna D. Andy Shadrick is even more disappointed. “As far as I’m concerned, the provincial government has absolutely failed the people in Johnson’s Landing who, through no fault of their own, lost their homes,” he said in an interview. “If this was somewhere in the Lower Mainland, it would have been settled and the people would have been bought out.”

The RDCK informed residents both by letter and at the meeting that the evacuation order would be lifted on July 31, reported O’Keefe. She said the RDCK kept the order in place for so long because as long as there is an evacuation order, discussions can take place with provincial authorities. During those discussions, O’Keefe said the RDCK asked the Province for three things: financial compensation for all affected residents, a monitoring program, and for the protective berm to remain in place.

O’Keefe reported that at the meeting and in the meeting, residents were informed that no further compensation would be provided, so those who were deemed ineligible for Disaster Financial Assistance will receive nothing.

“We clearly have legislation that needs to be amended so that when someone has a financial problem as a result of a disaster, they get property compensated,” said Shadrick. He reported that the RDCK is taking a resolution forward to the Union of BC Municipalities in the fall calling for the creation of a fund for people affected by natural disasters.

“Compensating one property owner but not another on the same road is not following common sense,” said Shadrick. “It’s about silly rules that say if you’re your primary residence, you will be compensated. You have a group of people trapped on land they have to own but can’t do anything with. People have invested in that land—some have made money off their retirement home—and now they own land they can’t build on.”

O’Keefe said residents were also told that the Province has agreed to a monitoring program, but no details about the programs are yet available. Monitoring is necessary because 800,000 tons of soil were removed from the site and an unknown amount that came down in the slide—became unstable at the time of the slide.

The Province has promised they’ll have monitoring in place and two years later, there is no program in place and no commitment of how they are going to be protected,” said Shadrick.

The berm at the dog leg in the slide, where the mud and debris piled up, was built up for the safety of people doing rescue and recovery work in the area. O’Keefe explained that no program is in place to remove the berm should the soil be removed once the evacuation order is lifted. However, people in the community want the berm to stay, as it provides some protection from any future slide activity. She understood from the meeting that the Province has allowed the berm to remain.

Shadrick, however, says the Province has yet to confirm that they won’t take the berm down. “I told them if they take something out that the community doesn’t want taken out, I will stand in front of the bulldozer myself,” said Shadrick. “It would be really silly [to take down the berm] because they refuse to compensate people but will spend $100,000 to take earth away.”

O’Keefe said Johnson’s Landing residents told RDCK representatives at the meeting that they did not feel well consulted by provincial authorities during the whole ordeal. “There has been a lot done so far, but we haven’t been involved and we’re on the ground,” she said.

O’Keefe says the letter from the RDCK strongly contests against using property adjacent to high hazard zones.

“People can rebuild on areas deemed safe as long as they have proper engineering, which may be cost prohibitive,” she said.

Broadband plan for the Columbia Basin presented to RDCK board

By Jan McMurray

The Kootenay Boundary Regional Broadband Committee wants to see affordable, affordable high speed broadband and internet services throughout the Columbia Basin by 2016, and is preparing to apply for $35 million in federal funding to help achieve that goal.

Rob Gay, chair of the committee, presented the regional broadband strategic plan to the RDCK board on July 17.

“Why do we need a strategic plan for broadband? We need to stop the outflow of people from this area, particularly young people. We want to maintain our existing business and attract new business,” he said, adding that broadband is also key in emergency situations for public safety, in health care and education, and for entrepreneurship.

The committee was formed last fall by the Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation (CBB), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT). CBB has access to 800 kilometres of fibre in the Basin. The corporation started out in November 2010 with fibre it purchased from Columbia Mountain Open Network, running between Trail, Rossland, Frankfort and Castlegar. Then last fall, it entered into an agreement with Shaw, swapping some of the capacity in that original fibre for access to fibre running from Trail to Nelson to Cranbrook to Cranbrook to Kellogg and up to Golden.

The regional broadband committee’s goal is to partner with internet service providers (ISPs) in the Basin to extend the CBFB fibre backbone network into as many communities as possible by 2016, with 5 megabits per second or better service provided to 80 percent of households that cannot access broadband today. “We want to engage our ISPs, big and small, for profit and not-for-profit. We need to get them together and improve their business plans where possible. We don’t need to get into this business. We want to engage the communities,” said Gay.

A $300 million federal program is expected to be announced this fall, with applications accepted for funding of up to 50 percent of the total project cost. The committee would like to see a $50 million application submitted for the region. Gay pointed out that the application would involve many communities, so the ask is “not as big as it seems.”

There is strength in numbers, so we want to package it up,” he said.

The committee will now hire a consultant to help with the application and to find more partners.

“Just doing the application will cost us about 5 percent of the funding. The documentation is huge,” said Gay, and will involve a wiring diagram and a detailed business plan. “There is a lot that we have to get together.”

Gay said that the last time this funding program was available, $40 million was not used because “the quality of applications was not there. We need a good application.”

Valhalla Fine Arts programs return to Silverton-New Denver

by Jan McMurray

The Valhalla Fine Arts summer programs are underway in Silverton and

Motorcyclist killed on Hwy 31A

by Jan McMurray

A motorcyclist was killed on July 14 on Hwy 31A just east of the
Sandon turnoff.

New Denver:

The theatre school was held July 14-18 with children 6 to 12 years old.

Kelvin Kenneth Hoffman of Didsbury, Alberta, was encroaching into the oncoming lane while taking a curve and collided with a pickup

truck. The 50-year-old man was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Slocan Lake RCMP and West Kootenay Traffic Services attended and report that alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

The highway was closed for approximately six hours. “We always try to open the road as soon as possible, but all the evidence that
had to be gathered in this case was on the centre of the roadway, and it was important to preserve it,” said Sgt. John Ferguson.

A collision analyst was called in from Cranbrook, and the body
removal service came from Trail.

with returning teachers Moe McMillan and Nicole Raper. With the Silverton Gallery closed, the school was held at

the old grocery store in Silverton.

“My head was okay, but the gallery was greatly missed,” said VEAS president Katrina Sunnall. “It was sad that we weren’t in the gallery with the stage and

the pianists. The gallery just feels more like a theatre.” Sunnall added that they missed the kitchen and washrooms at the gallery, as well. Sunnall prepared

snacks at her home and brought them to the store, and the children had visits to the bathroom at Silverton Building Supplies.

“It was fun for a year. We hope to get the gallery back next year,” she said.

They are planning a two-week program

next year, using a script instead of having the children write their own plays.

Two dance programs were also held in July. Nelson teacher Daniella Gibson taught the 5-10 year olds and Calgary teacher Mark Reks taught the 11-15 year olds. Both dance programs were held at Silverton Memorial Hall, as in the past.

The Slocan: Valhalla Institute program will run August 3-9 and the Valhalla Summer School of Music will run August 10-16. There will be faculty

concerts and the final Friday concerts both weeks — see the advertisement this issue for details.

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Interim Lemon Creek monitoring plan raises more questions than answers

by Art Joyce

A comment made from Environment Minister Mary Pollock’s office designed to soothe Slocan River Streamkeepers in its data was being used in the Lemon Creek project has raised more questions than answers.

Jim Stoddin, Assistant Deputy Minister for the Environment Protection Division and Rebecca Taylor and Jennifer Yow of Streamkeepers regarding “commitments made during the 2014 estimates budget debate for the Ministry of Environment” said that Minister Pollock had “committed to continuing SNC Lavalin’s proposed method for reviewing fish populations in the affected area.” This method designates priority fish species for consideration in rainbow trout, mountain whitefish, and bull trout, although the September 2013 SNC Lavalin environmental monitoring plan (EMP) had initially not included rainbow trout.

An updated EMP interim report was released last month and was quite disappointing in this work,” says Jen Yow of Streamkeepers. “In that one of the important studies related to potentially affected Whitefish come from the fish channel (15’), the SNC Lavalin interim report.) The delayed start date resulted in a missed opportunity to collect data prior to full spilling by the time ground crews were able to commence work, water levels decreased and off-channeled habitats were occupied, no longer supported water.”

Enterprise, Monument and Cooper Creek fires fully contained

by Jan McMurray

Both the Enterprise Creek and Monument Creek wildfires in the Slocan Valley are now 100 percent contained and being patrolled for hotspots.

“The precipitation and cooler weather last week helped tremendously with firefighting efforts,” said Fanny Bernard, communications assistant at the Northwest Fire Centre. Both fires started by lightning strikes on July 16, grew to 14.5 hectares, and were 100 percent contained by July 22. Resources included the Province’s new Fire Boss air tankerists—see the sidebar for more information on these air tankers—as well as helicopters.

Another helicopter on the ground at the Enterprise Creek fire and 20 firefighters on the ground at the Monument Creek fire. "Both fires were burning on very steep terrain with heavy timber, so tankers attacked them first and then firefighters went in to work on the ground,” reported Bernard.

There was also a spot fire in Valhalla Park at Evans Creek, caused by the same lightning system that started the Enterprise Creek and Monument Creek fires. It was put out by a three-person incident attack crew, supported by one helicopter.

Another lightning-caused fire north of Klah and Cooper Creek was discovered July 8 and grew to 11 hectares. It is now 100 percent contained and is being patrolled for hotspots.

Bernard reported that these fires were never the cause of smoke in the area. The most concerning fires from last year were from 2014, which included the 131.5 hectare fire in the Black Creek area.

For the latest information on wildfires, fire bans and fire hazard ratings, check with fire.ca.

Further investigation they may recognize Streamkeepers data is comprehensive and use in the final analysis.

Regarding the larger picture and changes in environmental legislation, she expressed some concern that acceptable assessments are being conducted for oil and gas pipelines through First Nations. She also said that the ministry is now developing water quality guidelines for the Elk River near Fernie—"it’s not that we didn’t have the data for that system, they’d been collecting it for years. It’s just that they didn’t use the findings. Fortunately, the ministry is currently requiring mining companies to have a better standard of containment for tailings ponds.”

Yow adds that Streamkeepers’ work is being followed closely by citizen monitoring groups in Larder, Salmo, Fernie, and Invermere. "The good thing that has come from the situation is increased public awareness. We are thankful for the support of people who want to help us.”

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7-11 pm

July, Saturday, August 2
Kootenay Jazz Festival: Concerts at The Old Hall
Kootenay Jazz Festival: Concerts at The Old Hall
7-11 pm

July, Sunday, August 3
Kootenay Jazz Festival: Concerts at The Old Hall
Kootenay Jazz Festival: Concerts at The Old Hall
7-11 pm

July, Monday, August 4
Kootenay Jazz Festival: Concerts at The Old Hall
Kootenay Jazz Festival: Concerts at The Old Hall
7-11 pm

Community Activities

July, Thursday, August 7
E Water in the Store Show @ The Old Hall
E Water in the Store Show @ The Old Hall
9:30 pm

July, Friday, August 8
Kootenay Jazz Festival: Concerts at The Old Hall
Kootenay Jazz Festival: Concerts at The Old Hall
7-11 pm

July, Saturday, August 9
Nakusp Fire Department Open House
Nakusp Fire Department Open House
10-3 pm

July, Sunday, August 10
Kootenay Mountain Film Festival @ The Old Hall
Kootenay Mountain Film Festival @ The Old Hall
7 pm

July, Monday, August 11
Kootenay Mountain Film Festival @ The Old Hall
Kootenay Mountain Film Festival @ The Old Hall
7 pm

July, Tuesday, August 12
Kootenay Mountain Film Festival @ The Old Hall
Kootenay Mountain Film Festival @ The Old Hall
7 pm

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Kootenay Mountain Film Festival @ The Old Hall
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7 pm

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7 pm

July, Friday, August 15
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Kootenay Mountain Film Festival @ The Old Hall
7 pm

July, Saturday, August 16
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Keith Cunning
Slocan City

Slocan Valley TV Society and Knowledge channel

Thank you for your front page article in the July 16, 2014 issue. Slocan Valley TV Society elects first board since 2007, but the statement that “members have been receiving the TV and radio service, but our attention is only partially true.

The signal for the Knowledge channel in the Wanakah area disappeared last winter and as of this date, there is no reception other than the two American stations.

The Knowledge channel is the only TV worth watching and it is sad that, because of a feud between two groups claiming maintenance rights, viewers who pay for and support the Knowledge channel cannot receive it.

When will the signal be restored? Who is going to maintain it? Where to call? Please publish contact information for the new TV society, like email or phone numbers, so we can find out when the Knowledge channel will be available again in Wanakah.

Genevieve Reithnauer
Wanakah

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RCPM: an invitation to tea and cookies

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As we patiently waited there for the traffic to proceed, he informed me the corner has arrived to proceed with the removal of the remains of the motorcycle driver who was dead at the scene, having not well negotiated the corner, creased the yellow line and dove head-on into an oncoming unoccupied driver of a car.

Last year I went to the RCPM in New Denver and suggested they do some traffic controlling of their own; namely some speed enforcement, in particular the straight stretch from Retallack to Fish Lake or it was a matter of time before some not so pleasant serious outcomes would occur. I have lived in this area off and on for 25 years and have never seen any semblance of speed radar control. The hundreds - yes, hundreds - of motorcyclists, local and otherwise, that take down that stretch, going speeds of up to 200 km, particularly June, July and August, and particularly on weekends, is growing exponentially, and the word is out in the North American motorcycle community it’s open season for speed on this world-renowned stretch of wussy roads with no enforcement.

When I suggested some enforcement, the officer in New Denver gave two unsatisfactory responses.

First he asked, “Have you seen the YouTube video you posted rac ing between Kaslo and New Denver?” (confirming he was aware of the problem)

Secondly he stated “I won’t call him up and I should contact Nelson RCMP who have a traffic enforcement division.”

I don’t know how many major accidents and deaths occur on the stretch of yellow motorcycle drag racing, I only know of the recent fatality because I was there at the time, and, over time, (I’ve heard) the unrecorded local stories of crashes from unamalgamated turns by speeding motorcyclists.

I do not understand motorcycle racing is a way out of hand and I do not think it is as racing by the hundreds every day.

I have an open invitation to the RCPM to set up on my road front property with their radar gun for a weekend. You can here the racers coming from a mile away, so it is not rocket science for two officers, a radar gun and a police car down the line.

And I will feed them tea and cookies to welcome and support what I think is responsible use of their resources.

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New Denver council, July 22: Process to build new Valhalla Pure store begins
by Katie Campbell

• The process to transform the northeast corner of Hwy 6 and Main St (Sixth Ave) has begun. Property owners All One World Distributors (Valhalla Pure Outfitters) have applied for a development variance permit to reduce the required lot line setbacks for the new building they plan. Council approved the variance notification letter to be sent to neighboring property owners, although they can’t deal with the variance until the five lots are consolidated into one.
• The Village received a letter of congratulations from the UBCM Green Communities Committee for achieving carbon neutrality in 2013.
• A request from the Slocan Lake Golf Club for garbage collection was refused by council, as it is outside the Village limits. An exception was earlier made for highways contractor YRB because it has a hydraulic bin container, meeting specialized equipment to empty, while the golf course could hire anyone to empty and haul away their garbage.
• Josephine St. between Second and Third Avenues will be closed from 8 am Friday, August 8 to some time on Monday, August 11 for the Nikkie Intermont Memorial Centre’s 20th anniversary celebrations. Originally the road was to be opened August 10, but the tent rental company won’t be able to remove the tent until Monday.
• Council will allow Kootenay Suficraft to hold the Marie Dennis Cel on a 30-minute race, on the block between Slocan, Bellevue, Eldorado and 6th Ave. on August 30 at 7 pm. This is an end event which encourages costumes and restricts participants to any kind of single-speed bike, including bicycles.
• Councillor Nadine Rayndalls reported that the Village is at a point where it could receive a BikeSmart award because of the actions it has taken to reduce human/bike conflict. The only piece missing, she noted, was having documentation on the policy. “We have gone far in best good waste management,” but more could be built into the OCP, she said.
• Rayndalls reported on the Chamber of Commerce’s branding project for the Slocan Valley. The Visitor InfoCentre reports the number of visitors in June was up over last year, with most of the increase coming from Alberta and Europe. Anecdotally, she said weddings are bringing many people into the area.
• Mayor Ann Banks reported she met with Interior Health Chair Norm Emmis and CEO Dr. Robert Halliday, and restated the need to keep the Health Centre and emergency department “as we service a large geographic area and our ambulance service is spotty.” She pointed out the population tripled in the summer, there is a large elderly population and for many it is difficult to leave town for lab work. BI said it has advertised for a nurse practitioner and for a lab tech, but has had no applicants.
• Brian attended an RDCK Rural Affairs Committee meeting to learn about the provincial ministry’s procedures for wharves and docks. Anyone wanting to build such structures must apply through Forest/Corpor CE which will do an initial status review. The Slocan Lake Guide document is one of the references it will consult before approving construction.

SD #10 Superintendent awarded for “outstanding contributions”
by Katie Campbell

School District #10 (Arrow Lakes) Superintendent Terry Taylor has been given a prestigious award by the University of BC.

Taylor was presented with the ‘Matlance King & Joseph Ranallo Teaching Award’ for outstanding contribution and dedication to the preparation of teachers for rural settings. The award was created in 2008 by UBC’s Faculty of Education for the purpose of encouraging, recognizing and responding to the needs of students, teachers and communities.

Taylor also works for the Community Energy Association three days a week, supporting local governments in the Kootenays by providing information and support to reduce energy consumption. Dehnel spent many years with the City of Nelson as a city planner, and gained background experience through supporting the Kootenay Energy Association, the city says. She has also worked with Slocan on three projects, so is familiar with the village.

The projects included the Old Community Plan, a zoning bylaw, and the Age Friendly Vision. “With my work with the City of Nelson, supporting the administration, I feel I have some experience and background in Village operations.” says the city. Her job with Carbon Neutral Kootenays, which supported all the Villages in the area as they worked to reach carbon neutrality, gave her a taste of the budgeting and reporting that is required of Village operations.

“I am really excited to be working at the Village, it’s a beautiful community, in a lovely setting, and I look forward to working with and meeting people of the Village and I thank them for the opportunity,” says Taylor.

Dehnel added that the long-term plan was “that I am monitoring the existing staff and the intention is that she will work to the position when I finish my contract.”

The busy Dehnel is also involved with AFKO, the francophone society, and CFE—Canadian Parents for French, Nelson chapter.

“I am a French language learning advocate and am delighted to speak with the many francophones in the region!”

The exhibition titled Call and Response will include selected pieces from two bodies of work: Blue Light Illumination” is an installation based on a 20-sided form, the icecabinet, constructed from both equilateral triangle and circular frames.

“A Piece of the Pie” is a reaction to the ever-increasing world culture of consumption. As Bukowski says, “The notion of further processing the by-product generated from materials already once reclaimed appeals to me on many levels. It speaks volumes in terms of sustainability, a theme that is consistent throughout my work in the visual arts.”

The opening reception for this exhibition will be held on Friday, August 8 at 7 pm with the artist in attendance. The event will run until September 20. The Kootenay Gallery, located across from the Cariboo Airport adjacent to the Donkhor Vivie Discovery Centre, is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm.

SD #10 Superintendent Terry Taylor was presented with the Matlance King & Joseph Ranallo Teaching Award for outstanding contributions. Taylor has been given a prestigious award by the University of BC.

Kootenay Gallery presents Bukowski sculptures

On Friday, August 8, the Kootenay Gallery will open an exhibition of work by Kaslo-based artist Brent Bukowski.

What some may see only as a scrap yard full of discarded material, Bukowski sees as a source of endless possibilities; the results are intricate, refined sculptures created out of these found objects, pieces of metal and broken glass. They become statements that reference global themes from the perspective of a simple and secluded lifestyle in the mountains of the West Kootenays.

Self-taught, Bukowski has learned by doing such things as designing and building his own home and garden. His resourcefulness, innovation and endless curiosity has allowed him to maintain a fulltime arts practice, working from a metal/glassworks studio with materials reclaimed from a landfill serving a community of fewer than 1,000 people. Many will recognize his work from the Railtown bridge installation in Nelson made from wheels and cogs reclaimed from a century of traffic that has passed over the bridge.

West Kootenay Teacher Education Program (WKTEP) is a program that creates a new market for the region.

“I taught that in the classroom at Lacombe [in New Denver],” she says, explaining she used the Nikkie Intermont Memorial Centre and the Donkhor Vivie experience to help students make relevant connections to local history, geography or social justice issues. Now, she is helping student teachers to make the same connections, “to see the value of the place in which you teach to inspire students.”

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Kaslo council, July 22: Local Conservation Fund re-visited

by Jan McMurray

• Four residents wrote letters asking council to reverse or re-consider its decision to decline participation in the referendum on the Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund. Counsellor Colleen Holland put forward a motion with the intent of referring the decision and allowing Kaslo residents to vote in the referendum along with those of Ainslie, Del Rio and Kaslo. The motion was defeated, 3-2.

• CAO Neil Smith reported that paving is complete for this season, and Public Works will soon be working on the Nebraska Springs Road, as well as fine painting and the installation of lamp posts. A chainsaw carving will be installed across from the hotel.

• The CAO said that based on BCIC recommendations, parking on Water Street will be in back in angle parking. Signage will be installed with a diagram showing how to park, and directing vehicles to the public parking lot behind the church.

• Staff was directed to hasten implementation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Fourth Street and the Old Crow Forest streets. This project has been on the books for a year.

• The CAO reported that the Village would like to take the airport in the airport lands is moving forward. Electoral approval will be sought through the alternative approval process. This means that it will be advertised, and people opposed to the expansion can respond. If ten percent or more of the electors register their objection, council will have to decide whether or not to take it to referendum.

• A letter from Rogers Communications states that the company is expanding its wireless network over the next three years and will be providing “dependable voice and data wireless service” in the Kaslo area. The letter says that Rogers will be calling the Village in the coming months. Staff was asked to respond in order to ensure that community interests and municipal policy are taken into account as an early stage of any possible expansion activity.

• FS and Grant Machacius, owners of the Rosewood Cafe, wrote to inform council that they do not want Kaslo infoNet (KIN) broadband fibre to be built on their property as it could affect their business. Staff will respond and advise them that burial of broadband fibre will not occur on private property without consent of the property owner. The CAO stated that agreement with KIN will allow KIN to bury fibre in municipal rights of way, and the scheduling of these works would be negotiated between KIN and adjacent property owners. Council will also encourage KIN to inform the Chamber of Commerce of any planned work at the time it is planned in the municipal rights of way.

• John Ecklund of the Kaslo Hotel wrote to inform council that the hotel would like to organize a car show, in partnership with the Old English Car Club of BC (Kootenay branch), to take place in Kaslo for September. He advised council that he would like to seek a four-day weekend on Water Street could be reserved for the Saturday and Sunday of the event, and for a $500 contribution to promoting the event. He indicated that he would be asking the Chamber of Commerce to apply for grants and for some volunteer assistance. Staff will let Ecklund know that the Village could close streets for events like those, but cannot guarantee that they will cover any financial assistance to a business. However, council can provide municipal grants to events.

• The CAO provided council with a preliminary report on bylaws and enforcement for the lakeshore. The report noted that armed boats have been observed, and transient moored residences are currently a hot button topic in the community. The report states that there are no options to enforce bylaws in Kaslo at the moment, and that developing the regulations and enforcement tools would involve significant staff time and the hiring of a cost for-profit societies in the Kaswall building. The report was tabled until 2015 budget deliberations.

• The CAO reported that there is serious erosion near the proposed Trailblazers footbridge. Dike improvements and cost of the rock required to protect properties and prevent loss of the new footbridge still need to be added to 2015 budget deliberations.

• The Community Forest Society, Hospice Society and Local Conservation Fund will be provided with annual per capita tax exemptions for their Kemwall building leases from the 2015 tax year onward. The Village will cover the current property taxes owing by the three organizations in the Kemwall building. Businesses renting in the Village.

Innovative Ideas: Corky Evans speaks about food, farming and stuff

submitted

On Thursday, August 7 at 7 pm Corky Evans – former MLA, local farmer, activist, and storyteller – will take the public to talk about what he describes as “food and farming and stuff like that” as the third speaker of the Café Laugha Inspired Ideas Speaker Series.

Following his retirement from the provincial legislatures in 2009, Evans continues to be busy and committed to community. He is currently a farmer, caring for the land, and growing organic garlic, asparagus, potatoes and turkeys for many folks in the West Kootenay region.

Evans has lived a nomadic life. As a Vietnamese refugee, he fled from South Vietnam with his family in 1979. He came to Canada from California in 1969 and worked many different jobs – longshoreman, highways surveyor, tree planter, manual logging operations in the Slocan Valley – before becoming an MLA in 1991.

He is known for many things, but two important ones include the development of the Slocan Valley Forest Management Project and his dynamic storytelling. The Forest Management Project aims to control logging and protect waterbaths in the valley, his storytelling engages all aspects of local arts and social commentary.

Seán Holman, founder of the pioneering cooperative, and political news service Public Eye, called Corky Evans a maverick legislator. In his retirement speech, he encouraged his colleagues to “refuse to say things that are not your own. Your vote as an actor, as
decision makers, for a new release, 'Names on a Centennial: Kootenay Lake Men in World War I.'

The book ‘was written out of respect for them, as well as out of anger at the sacrifice of a generation of men in the First World War. In her book, Corky documents what motivated the scores of men who enthusiastically enlisted in a war where thousands died daily. She discovers how people were moved to leave their families and their lives in Canada’s west, sometimes even lying about their ages, to join the prosecution of a war that has left them with a sense of pride in their lives and the beauties of Kootenay Lake to serve under horrible conditions halfway around the world of a few years. The book is available online and at local bookstores.

Sunrise Inn, 250-355-9667. The Wednesdych and 6:15 p.m., Corky will be at the Boathouse and Teicholz concert is $20. For the Saturday gala, admission is by donation.

You might also catch some of these musicians on a Western Street or playing summer fair music at the Kaslo Valley Festival, Karaoke Friday, Pizzeria, and the Saloon.

Kaslo GuitarFest is sponsored by the Village of Kaslo, Columbia Basin District, Kaslo & District Community Forest Society, DCC, West Kootenay Suzuki Association, Kaslo Concert Society, and D'Addario. Further information: 250-356-4263 or kasloguitarfest@gmail.com.
Silvertown council, July 15: Fuel treatment project approved

by Jan McMurray

Mayor Provan reported that an office assistant/bookkeeper for the Village had been hired for two days per week.

Silvertown’s application for a fuel treatment project was successful. Fuel treatment will be done on about 39 hectares north and east of the creek by SIFCo (the Silvertown Community Forest) Inc. Funding covering 90 percent of the project ($352,000) will be provided by government. SIFCo also completed the first fuel treatment project in the Community Forest on July 13. Councillor Johnson remarked that the project creates jobs, and Mayor Provan added that Silvertown will be well protected once this project is done.

The Silvertown Gallery Society has received a total of $25,000 in CBST Community Initiatives grants that cannot be used until an architect assesses the building and submits a report, including a work plan. Council agreed to support the society’s request for an extension on its 2013 grant of $3,000. Elizabeth Elphick, who is also a member of the Society, received a $20,000 Community Initiatives grant in 2011 for a new floor, and has received permission to re-direct that funding for other purposes.

The society will likely have to ask for another extension on the $20,000 grant this fall.

Council has set aside $12,000 for Open house held on proposed Rooster Road gravel pit near Winlaw

by Jan McMurray

The council’s decision supports a proposal on the proposed South Lenox (Rooster Road) gravel pit was held July 17 at Silvertown Park Hall.

Informational displays were set up around the hall, and representatives from Silktown Consulting, hired by the proponents to assist with the application process, were on hand to answer questions. Mines Inspector Lloyd Bell and the proponents were also in attendance.

The proponents first applied for a mining licence in 2012. The society withdrew the application to make some changes in response to public concerns. They re-applied in 2013 and placed advertisements in local papers, as required as part of the application process. Because concerns were raised by the public in response to the ads, the proponents were asked to hold the open house to inform the public about the project and how they intend to address concerns.

People who came to the open house were asked to fill in a survey, and outline any remaining concerns. The surveys were taken away by the Mines Inspector, who will provide copies to Silktown Consulting and the proponents.

The next step is for the Mines Inspector to consider the application and make a recommendation to government agencies and First Nations, and to decide whether or not to issue the permit. If concerns were raised after the application was advertised, the proponents hired Silktown Consulting to do a field site visit and a geotechnical assessment of the terrain. Jennifer Sabean of Silktown said the proposed REACT bags to be picked up during bottle drive

by Jan McMurray

The last of the REACT reusable shopping bags have been distributed in New Denver and Silvertown — that’s 2,000 REACT bags circulating in the community.

“We’re really glad to see that people are using the bags,” said Darnika Hammonds, founding member of Lacsion School’s REACT (Real Environmental Action by Teens) group. Katrina Sunnall’s class will do a bottle drive in early September and will pick up REACT bags as well. The bags will be washed and refunded.

“The point was to bring the bags back and keep them circulating,” said Darnika. “Even though we’re doing a bag drive, you can’t forget it’s important to bring them back.”

“Thanks to everyone for helping us with our goal to reduce our use of plastic bags, and thanks to CBST for funding the project.”
Nakusp council hears proposal for new bike park

by Art Joyce

Could Nakusp's newest feature be a bike park? That was the proposal brought to council on July 14 by proponents DIG of Rosland, which appeared on behalf of the Nakusp Youth Group. Their business model is to help communities design and build trails and bike parks. The Youth Group is in support of the plan to build a family-oriented course with three sections that serve all levels of riders from beginners to advanced. The park would be built in three sections during three phases covering grading, drainage, safety planning, compaction, etc. Each phase would take approximately four weeks to complete. The park would include tabletop jumps and 'pump' track options.

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SMILE Club celebrates community garden in Fauquier

submitted

The SMILE Club (Sincere Minded Individuals Loving Everyone) held its first free community event on Saturday, July 19 in Fauquier to celebrate the first year for its organic community garden. More than 50 people were in attendance.

Levi Fenton released homing pigeons to get the event off to a great start. Paul and Petra Allen and Val Cabana, local musicians, had the crowd singing and clapping along. Denise Douglas made the most delcious burgers that come on her delicious and fresh homemade buns. There was something for everyone – prizes, free coffee, tea, juice and snacks.

Photograph exhibition at Nakusp’s Museum of Ephemera

submitted

‘Through a Less Lightly,’ a photographic exhibition by Calgary artist Cat Schick, is being presented at the Museum of Ephemera (MOE) in Nakusp until August 14. The exhibition documents poetic moments in the everyday urban environment.

Cat Schick graduated from the Alberta College of Art and Design (Calgary) with a diploma in Photography. Arts in 1987. She has had 15 solo exhibitions and participated in numerous group shows in Europe, Australia and Canada.

From 1997 through 2010, Schick was deeply involved with the development of Artist Trading Cards (ATCs) and co-organizer of various Artist Trading Card events exhibitions in workshops in Zurich, Switzerland; Stuttgart, Germany; and the best fudge ever. Everyone who attended added their own special something to make the event a huge success.

The club gives heartfelt thanks to its generous sponsors: Columbia Basin Trust, Overwrite, J & S Snacks, Fauquier United Concerned Citizens Foundation and VantageOne Credit Union.

Armed, Holland and Calgary.

The Museum of Ephemera (MOE) is at 312 - 3rd Avenue NW, in a two-storey green building located at the back of the property. Access is via the back door, the alleyway entrance.

A photographic installation by Calgary artist Cat Schick is an exhibit at the Museum of Ephemera in Nakusp until August 30.

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Slocan Valley Co-op holds Grand Re-opening, July 19, 2014

by Ian McMurray

The Slocan Valley Co-op Grand Re-opening to celebrate the newly renovated store was held July 19.

Corky Evans, co-op member, emceed the formal part of the event, which included speeches and the ribbon cutting.

MLA Katrine Conroy, also a member of the co-op, remarked that the farmers who formed the co-op 57 years ago because they wanted to “shop local” were “ahead of the times.” She congratulated everyone involved for their tenacity getting the job done, and the staff for continuing to serve customers while the renovations were underway. She also read a letter from MP Alex Atamanenko, who could not attend. Corky explained that co-ops are owned by the members and decisions like building a new store are made democratically. “You can buy food from Jimmy Patterson or you can buy food from yourself because you own it,” he said.

Doug Potentier, on the board of directors of Federated Co-ops Ltd. (FCL), said FCL is the 45th largest Canadian company this year with just under $10 billion in sales, “so your little piece of the puzzle incorporates all those sales, and if we do well, some of those profits go back to the members.”

Fred Pardiswokoff, president of the co-op board, introduced all the board members. He also recognized former president Don Munro, who worked hard on the renovation project. “There have been a few updates to the store since the beginning but never a refresh quite as bold as this one,” he said. “The vision before was to keep the store going, but this new store is about taking the vision into the future.” He recognized Dino Vranić for his work on the building committee and Chris Sapirken for “overseeing every detail and trying to run an active operation while under renovation.” Finally, he thanked the members — “they are the ones to thank for our growth and success.”

General Manager Chris Sapirken thanked all the staff, Jesse Novak of Sustainable Roots Contracting, all co-op members, and the Passmore Fire Department for providing traffic control. He mentioned that the co-op also runs the bulk petroleum plant at Granola, which will be moving to Castlegar. He said he felt proud “to work at a place like this.”

Flash painting on cultural tour

submitted

Robyn Gold and Brian Moisey will display a diverse range of their original artwork at their Telford Road studio in Winlaw during the Columbia Basin Culture Tour, August 9-10. This will be an exciting stop on the self-guided tour, with painting demos, handcrafted jewelry, cards, prints, original art, as well as a chance to participate in the flash painting stations. Come by and discover your inner artist by participating in a 15-minute flash painting session; paint and supplies will be provided at no charge. Take home your own creation.

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Kaslo Jazz Etc. Festival 2014 features strong blues line-up

by Art Joyce

The “etoteca” part of Kaslo Jazz Fest will be especially tasty for blues fans this August 1-3. A strong blues theme runs through the program, with Britain’s top blues guitarist Matt Schofield and Australia’s top bluesman Jeff Lang setting their fretboards on fire. Blues duo The Harpoosist and the Axe Murderer return with a blistering seven-piece band to raise the roof. And Canada’s own George Leach, who won Best Aboriginal Blues Artist at the JUNO Awards, will add his share of tasty guitar licks. David Ward will round out the blues bill with his slide guitar and Hammond organ driven bump ‘n grind rounded out by pop-rock jams. To quote Bo Diddley: “Who do you love?”

A new feature this year will be a stage downtown on the lakefront near the liquor store for free concerts. The street festival spirit will be stoked by jazz/world fusion artists Mach Friday at 4 pm, followed by Hungarian jazz-fusion artists Djobi at 5:15, and wrapping up with The Harpoosist and the Axe Murderer at 6:30. Jazz Fest fans will be also glad to see the return of the Maple Tree stage on the festival site.

Jazz in all its myriad forms remains a staple of the festival, which has a fine tradition of introducing hot new artists to local audiences.

Canadian chanteuse Kelly Lee Evans is one such shooting star on the rise, fusing jazz and soul in a unique blend. Another one to watch is Quebec jazzers MAZ. With its first album – Telescopes – MAZ got nominations at the 2012 JUNO awards (instrumental album of the year) and the 2011 Canadian Folk Music Awards (band of the year, instrumental album of the year and word album of the year).

Latin jazz always brings out the boogie in the crowd and this year the one to watch out for is Cuban band Will Vanga on Gran Union. For those who like to live on the wild side of jazz, check out Tofin Stavinsky. If your jazz tastes are more rooted in tradition, check out the Kelly Fawcett Trio on the Maple Tree ‘upstairs,’ performing classics and old standards. As if to demonstrate that the Kootenays are no slouch in the jazz department, Clint Swanson’s Honography and Rahnett 5 featuring Donnie Clark each contribute their own take on the revered genre.

Jazzing up the etoteca category further is a musical buffet designed to appeal to all ages and tastes. Current Swell of Victoria, BC is fast gaining a young fan base for its songwriting and blend of folk, reggae and blues into a sound sometimes described as ‘surf rock.’ Other hipsters who recall Jackie Treehorn will be interested in Trespassers Will, featuring singer-songwriter Ashley Robyn, known for her powerful four-octave vocal range. Sound of the Sun will entertain with its cutting edge blend of progressive folk-rock. The recent resurgence in bluegrass will crest again with Craig Korth and the...
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Guilty Pleasures, while those who love classic rock will appreciate 25 or 6 to 4, performing the music of Chicago.

“The really big names are great and people know them,” says festival volunteer Lukas Smith, “but I think the smaller acts we get are equally as talented and I think it’s great for people to hear something they haven’t heard before.”

A favourite feature of the festival is its music workshops. This year is no exception, with jazz fusion veteran Djabe offering the benefit of their experience at the Langham Cultural Centre Saturday at 10 am, followed by George Leach’s primer in blues rock at 11 am. Meanwhile across town at St. Andrew’s Church, Kelly Lee Evans will coach budding singers. Sunday workshops include JazzThink with Brian Fraser in the church at 10 am, and Clan Swanson at 11 am in the Langham.

For the first time, music fans can enjoy a 100 percent tobacco-free experience, thanks to the decision of event organizers to make the 23rd annual festival smoke-free. An area just outside the gates will be set aside for this purpose. Festival organizers have already received congratulations for the move from the BC Lung Association.

Bryan Webb’s entry was selected for the festival poster and T-shirt design. Bryan is a student at the Selkirk College Digital Arts and New Media program in Nelson, and as you can see, a talented artist.

Many more volunteers are still needed for the festival. 12 hours of volunteering gets you a weekend pass.

As ever, the natural beauty of Kootenay Lake and the sheltered environment of Kaslo Bay make the experience unforgettable. The floating stage, family atmosphere and superb music has earned Jazz Fest a place in the Top 10 outdoor festival venues in North America from USA Today. Camping is available this year in Kaslo Bay Park; for information contact Tish at the municipal campground or email kaslobaycamping@yahoo.ca.

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When Eastman decided it was time to move on, there was no Tai Chi camp for several years. Enough enthusiasm remained that it was revived by fellow instructor Harold Nakai (Hajime) and it now takes place in a beautiful retreat setting in Johnson’s Landing near the north end of Kootenay Lake.

This year the 37th annual Tai Chi Summer Camp will happen as a six-day event from August 16 to 22. This affordable and fun filled event includes instructions, meals and free camping.

There will be time for learning, relaxation, and swimming in the lake. No previous experience in Tai Chi or Qi Gong is necessary as instruction will be offered at all levels from beginners to advanced.

The camp’s instructors include Bryan Knack and Kevin Wallbridge.

Bryan Knack began studying martial arts in the mid-70s, then turned his studies to Tai Chi and Qi Gong. He was inducted into the US Martial Arts Hall of Fame 2007 as Chinese Martial Arts Master of the Year. Sifu Knack offers study in Tai Chi Ying style, Tai Chi Chen style, Qi Gong, Bagua, Push Hands and weapons. He lives in Washington State.

Kevin Wallbridge has lived and studied in China and is a co-founder of the Academy of Classical Oriental Sciences School of Chinese Medicine in Nelson. He is a medical anthropologist who is trained as an acupuncturist and Chinese herbalist. Agold medal winning competitor at national and provincial tournaments, his training started in 1985 and includes several renowned teachers including the late Grandmaster Xu Congwu.

Hajime Harold Nakai is an Urban Daoist rebel with a cause...and effect. He has been studying, practicing and teaching Qi Gong, Tai Chi and Daoist philosophy and meditation for more than 30 years. He is a well known and deeply respected teacher in the Kelowna area.

Experience the magic of the annual Kootenay Lake Tai Chi Summer Camp. For more information or to register call 1-877-366-4402. See the ad on this page.

Hidden Garden Gallery presents...

submitted

Teri Freeman’s show of recent paintings, "Things Half-Composed", runs from August 4 – 9 at the Hidden Garden Gallery in New Denver. On Wednesday, August 6 all are welcome to celebrate this, her first show, at a reception featuring Vancouver’s Anna B. and local musicians Paul "Garbanzo" Gibbson. Freeman will speak about her work at 7 and music will begin at 7:30.

Freeman studied Art and Art History at McMaster University and taught for 34 years in Ontario schools. She volunteered at the Silverton and Hidden Garden Galleries after moving here in 1997 and has painted full time since taking a break from volunteering three years ago. "Studying the history of art and trying to keep current with trends in Canada and around the world has provided me with a model and a guide for my work," she says. In learning about modern and contemporary art Freeman has created a series of expressive, abstract and evocative paintings incorporating a style that is non-representational but uses the formal elements of line, form and colour.

Films and mixed media artist Megan Bardot presents her show ‘Embrace (A Slow Work in Progress)’ August 11 – 16. A reception will be held on Wednesday, August 13, 7 – 9 pm featuring Michael Taylor on guitar and banjo.

‘Embrace’ includes an ‘Old Age Security Blanket’, a work in progress about this artist’s personal journey of inquiry into ideas of security, economics and growth. Bardot is making a security blanket using friend natural dye colour, penguins collected and saved in cloth and contempt through stitching, words and drawings. An accounting ledger.

The Slocan Valley art show and performance evening seeks submissions submitted

The Slocan Lake Gallery Society will sponsor a September art exhibition and evening of performance, inspired by the nature of the Slocan Valley. There is a call for art submissions in the form of paintings, drawings, sculpture, multimedia, poetry, song, musical composition, dance, photography or other creative expression.

The Slocan Valley with its mountains, creeks, waterfalls and lakes, has inspired many artists throughout history, whether they be locals or travellers exploring the area and being accompanied this piece to preserve a written record of money saved and organic thoughts collected along the way. Drawings in graphite and pen and ink depicting roots and rocks explore the interaction between organic growth and solid obstacles. To continue her practice of creating wearable art, the show includes a collection of silk scarves dyed with natural, and mostly local, plants and found metals. The surprising and spontaneous interaction between plant and fibre has kept this artist enchanted while she counts her pennies and stitches.

The exhibition will take place at the Hidden Garden Gallery in New Denver from September 10 - 21. Opening night will be on September 12 or 13, with performance art such as music and poetry reading. Space is limited, so the sooner you submit your artwork, the better. If you have a work of art that you think would fit well into this group exhibition/performance night, then please contact curator Carla Nienrood at 250-358-7198, weekdays between 10 am and 5 pm, or e-mail silvertongallery@gmail.com.

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Slocan Council Meeting & Special Meeting, July 14

by Barbara Curry Mulcahy

The Village held three consecutive meetings on July 14: a special meeting, an in-camera meeting, and a council meeting.

• Mayor Madalaine Perriera introduced new CAO Trish Dehnel, saying that Dehnel was familiar with the Village, as she had previously worked on the Village OCP, Age-Friendly Vision, and 2012 zoning bylaw.

• A motion to sign the building permit allowing the Legion to build an outside staircase on the road allowance passed with Councillor McFarland voting against. McFarland’s objections were met with exasperation from council and members of the public. For five years, the Legion has been working on the project to replace the outside stairway and entry and to renovate the kitchen in the Silver Slocan Hall. Planning, fundraising, and preliminary work have been completed. McFarland, who lives next door to the hall and has made previous objections about the proposed renovations, had raised nine concerns in a May email to the Village. All of her concerns were deemed unfounded after Village staff had consulted with other municipalities, studied various bylaws, the Community Charter, and the Development Variance Permit; and discussed the proposed Licence of Occupation with a lawyer.

• The Legion's Licence of Occupation was renewed over Councillor McFarland’s objections and dissenting vote. During public participation, Slocan Legion board chair Pat Ashton referred to McFarland’s history of objecting to local projects, and called her objections “a slap in the face.” He said McFarland’s actions were “very frustrating for us...for all volunteer groups in town.”

• Mayor Perriera brought forward a resolution from the in-camera meeting. The resolution directed staff to prepare an impact assessment for a May 2022 proposal to rename Slocan Hall as the Slocan Community Library Society (SCLS) and to consult with a lawyer to ensure that the society’s bylaws and constitution will allow library assets to be transferred. Village Council unanimously approved the motion, and the proposed Licence of Occupation was approved. Council held the meeting in-camera for several minutes, and then the meeting was adjourned.

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The Valley Voice, July 30, 2014
RDCK board, July 17: Regulation of gravel pits discussed

by Ian McMurray

The board received a detailed staff report on the Soil Deposit and Removal Bylaw, which currently applies only to Areas I and J near Castlegar. This bylaw is intended to RDCK directors as a way to have some regulatory control over gravel pits. However, the staff report explains that gravel extraction is under the jurisdiction of the Province. Local governments have no authority to restrict the location of gravel pits; they can deal with processing activity only. Soil Deposit and Removal bylaws can address issues such as dust control and hours of operation. Zoning or Temporary Use Permits would determine the location of processing activity.

Director Popoff said there are 10-12 gravel pits in Area H and there are applications for six more pending. Some are in residential neighbourhoods. He said the bylaw gives some measure of control. Although zoning is the best tool for local governments to address these issues, Director Popoff said many areas don’t have zoning, so the bylaw is a “necessary” interim measure.

The board asked staff to amend the Soil Deposit and Removal Bylaw to include all electoral areas except B and C. Staff will amend the text to improve the ability of the RDCK to issue soil permits and to enforce the bylaw. Also, the RDCK board will focus on improving the RDCK’s relationship with the Province over the next six months. The board is working with the provincial government to follow up on Aggregate Advisory Panel recommendations.

A meeting will be requested with the Ministry of Mines at UBCM regarding aggregate issues.

Meeni Durand, planner, cautioned the directors to manage their own expectations around the effectiveness of the bylaw to achieve their objectives. “It’s only a tool to provide guidance – you can’t prohibit soil and gravel.”

The board instructed staff to contact the Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute/Regional Innovation Chair at Selkirk College and ask if they can look into the steps and costs involved in establishing a home insurance program. This is in response to questions received by residents.

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Vural has collaborated on developing several guitars. He plays six-, eight- and 12-string guitars, and a 11-string double-neck mandolin/ dobro. He has put out five CDs in the past 10 years and a concert DVD in 2013 called, ‘Not Without my Guitar.’ Visit his website at www.lavual.com.

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