Meadow Creek Cedar notified of forest licence cancellation

by Jan McMurray

Meadow Creek Cedar’s forest licence is scheduled to be cancelled as of August 7 this year.

The company was given 30 days’ notice of the pending cancellation, as required by the Forest Act.

A press release issued by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations on May 11 cites two reasons for the cancellation: “the ministry’s dissatisfaction with steps taken to date by Meadow Creek Cedar to meet remediation order deadlines; and Meadow Creek Cedar’s extensive history of non-compliance in managing financial and legal obligations under the licence.”

Meadow Creek Cedar has 30 days from the date it was notified to ask the minister to review the decision or to appeal it. The ministry can rescind the decision or postpone the cancellation.

“If a proposal is put forward to the ministry to give the company more time, we could postpone the cancellation date if it’s in the public interest,” said Garth Wiggill, director of the local forest district, in a telephone interview. “We’ll be cautious about that, though. We’re anxious to bring this to a conclusion.”

The press release states that the licence can still be sold before the cancellation takes effect, as long as a “suitably qualified buyer” can be found.

BC timber sales director Ainslie Watson reported that there are seven bidders on the table for the licence, but “they are all large outfits with no interest in the mill, so that’s of great concern.”

The sawmill in Cooper Creek north of Kaslo burned down last November. Watson said it’s her understanding that the insurance company has determined that the fire was accidental, and will rebuild the mill or pay out the owner. However, the question of ownership before is courts. MCC owner Dale Koorey was in the midst of selling the mill to San group when the mill burned down.

Director Watson is working on a local solution with Kaslo Mayor Suzan Hewat and two community members. “The main objective is to secure employment up the lake,” he said. “The mill enables that, so our first thought is how to get the mill rebuilt. If that’s not possible, the next best thing would be to split the tenure up among local companies.”

Watson says they plan to host a community meeting in mid-June to assess the capacity and interest in the community for a local solution.

“There’s no legislation allowing community interests to take preference over outside interests, but we still want to give it a shot,” he said.

Wiggill explained that if the licence is cancelled, the timber volume associated with the licence (96,513 cubic meters) goes back to the Crown. In this case, he said the ministry would probably manage the volume internally with agreements through BC Timber Sales in the short term, and would develop a long-term disposition plan with the minister’s input. Working with BCTS, a Crown corporation, in the short term would give the ministry options to address the outstanding obligations on the licence with minimal impact on taxpayers, Wiggill said.

For the long-term plan, Wiggill explained that the ministry would likely want to wait for the results of the timber supply review. Every ten years, the chief forester reviews the timber supply in each area, and determines the annual allowable cut. This is due to happen in Kootenay Lake in 2019 or 2020. “If the annual allowable cut for the Kootenay Lake Timber Supply Area goes down, then we’d normally have to take volume away from licensees – but in this circumstance, the Crown could absorb any potential reduction,” he said.

Once the available volume is determined, it can be directly awarded to community forests and First Nations only. Otherwise, it must be advertised and put up for competitive bid. “So it would be one or the other, or a combination of the two,” Wiggill. “We might direct award some of it and put the remaining up for bid.”

Rod Arnold of MCC says Koorey’s preference is to sell the licence with the mill. “It makes the licence more viable, and that’s what the community wants to see,” he said. He added that the mill site becomes a liability if it doesn’t sell with the forest licence, as the site would have to be cleaned up.

Arnold reported that MCC is carrying on as usual. They will plant 80,000 trees this year and have ordered 450,000 trees for next year. They are surveying about 2,500 hectares this year. “Once we have the surveys done, we’ll see how far behind we are [in cultivation obligations]. So far, we’re not as far behind as we thought.”
Bikes Not Pipes cycle tour completes second annual run

by Art Joyce

The Bikes Not Pipes crusading cyclists arrived in Silverton for a rest stop Thursday, May 7. Organizers Keith Wiley, Shannon Lanaway, John Atkin and Tom Nitson, with guest cyclists, completed their second annual tour of the Kootenay loop, some 220 kilometres. Setting out from Nelson City Hall, other rest stops included Sleep is for Sinners in Winlaw and the Bluesbelle Bistro in Kaslo, finishing back in Nelson. This symbolic protest against the building of more oil and gas pipelines in BC has as its slogan, "People power a clean energy future." About a half dozen locals, including Silverton Councillor Leah Main, joined the cyclists for dinner and discussion at the Cup and Saucer Café.

Part of the initiative is aimed at educating people about the possibilities for sustainable energy development instead of pumping more expensive bitumen from the Alberta tar sands. According to Bikes Not Pipes organizer Keith Wiley, "there are many studies showing the economic activity, and number of jobs created, is far higher with renewable energy projects than with heavy industry fossil fuels projects. The Enbridge Northern Gateway is projected to cost $8 billion, and will create a couple of thousand jobs in the short term of construction, and very few after that. Estimates are that the same money could create 30 times more jobs in renewable projects." A Pembina Institute map shows over 14,100 jobs from clean energy in BC, with 156 renewable energy projects currently in operation or under construction. Projects include wind and solar power, run-of-river hydro, large hydro, biomass and biogas. Wiley and his fellow cyclists are encouraged by First Nations resistance to oil and gas pipelines in BC. According to the Globe & Mail on May 6, "the Lar Kw’alaams (nation) have overwhelmingly declined to give their consent for exporting natural gas in liquid form, despite being offered $1 billion in cash from the Pacific NorthWest LNG joint venture led by Malaysia’s state-owned Petronas," citing concern about the plight of the salmon in the Skeena River. An export terminal site for LNG is proposed for Leb Island near Prince Rupert. An alliance of First Nations chiefs convened on Parliament Hill in March 2013 to express solidarity in resisting pipeline development. Native resistance is seen as a major barrier to the realization of development plans. The current shipping price of crude oil – Bitcoin $240 per barrel – isn’t helping the industry’s case. A December 11, 2014 report in Business News Network noted that at extraction and refinement costs of $51 per barrel based on a July 2014 report by the Canadian Energy Research Institute or CERI, oil at present is a losing proposition. Meanwhile the cost of solar continues to plummet as production increases. CERI also estimates that steam-driven oil sands recovery only hits the break-even point at $85 per barrel. None of this even begins to consider the "offshored" environmental costs and impacts on groundwater, which, as absorbed by governments, adds even more cost to production. But Wiley isn’t sure we can count on a temporary hulk in crude oil prices to effect change. "As we know, it always goes in boom and bust cycles. The long term future for oil prices unless we restrict the use of it is probably very bright. One analyst is predicting it getting as high as $200 a barrel. We can’t count on temporary market slumps to help us shut down the tar sands. Restrictions on greenhouse gasses will have to come into effect globally and we’re headed that way quite rapidly. That will have the effect of stranding fossil fuels after they’ve spent billions to extract it. That’s what Bikes Not Pipes is about – it’s about how we handle these fossil fuels and how we can move on and do things better. Naomi Klein said it well – there’s a penalty for procrastination; we must have it shut down that much faster to prevent climate disaster. "We also want to talk about the importance of the coming federal election to our future," says Shannon Lanaway. "We want to encourage more people to pay attention and vote."

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North Kootenay Music Awards opens voting for 2015 awards

by Art Joyce

It’s that time of year again – time to vote for your favourite Kootenay musicians in the Kootenay Music Awards. It’s no surprise there’s a wide diversity of talent to choose from, something the Kootenays have always been renowned for in all the arts.

In the Best New Artist category, the nominees are: Sofiella Watt and the Huckleberry Band, Leeky Teenchts, Morgan ‘Mabs’ Mclaren. By visiting the KMA website you can listen to the nominated songs. The genres for this category are broad, including the ‘newgen’ of Sofiella Watt’s Juncker Bestie; the hard rock/metal of Leeky Teenchts’ ‘Aloha State’, with its cleared vocalised rock’n’roll reminiscent of psychdelica era John Lennons; the rock-punk of The Bum-ins Song ‘Rocky Mountain Blue’, with its female lead vocal, catchy slide guitar riff and choruses; the new hip-hop of Dazza with its strings-backed rap; the young chanteuse sound of Corvus Mac’s Paper Doll, combining radio-friendly vocals with a pleasing swing rhythm; and the sexy high-hip-electronics blend of Morgan ‘Mabs’ Mclaren’s ‘Mabu’ (The Week-End Remix).

The Song of the Year category also includes Sofiella Watt’s Juncker Bestie, along with Kootenay funk/hip hop backgrounds Brian Rosen and the WhatNow for Right Upon The Hour, Reflections by Lyndy Lush, Michael Tyko’s ‘Staring at the Stars’ and the song that made news for Shred Kelly. Sing to the Night. CBC Music called the video for the song “the most Canadian music video of all time,” for its setting on the Fernie ski slopes and the kitschy ski outfits worn by the band.

The Artist of the Year category is just as diverse a line-up: proto-punks Drunk on Purpose; singer-songwriter Steph Cameron, the indefatigable Shred Kelly and Jesse Lee with Rafferty Funkshions. Best Live Act nominees include indefatigable announcer Clint Swanson, Drink on Purpose, Shred Kelly and Sofiella Watt and the Huckleberry Bandits. Album of the Year includes Raith and Mooves by Hauvo’s, a kind of smooth jazz/hip-hop blend; the eponymous album by Leeky Teenchts; the TV5s album Too Oblivious; Mondo Chonzo by Mr. Strange; and Shred Kelly’s ‘Sing to the Night’.

In the Best Rock, Funk or Metal Act we have again Drunk on Purpose, Leeky Teenchts, Mims the Corr, Mr. Strange and Raith and Mooves. In the Best Roots, Country or Folk Act are Steph Cameron, Sofiella Watt and the Huckleberry Bandits, Max Hawk, Brian Rosen and the WhatNow, and High As Mountains.

And finally, in the Best EDM, DJ or Producer Act category is once again Morgan Mabu’s McLaren, Lady V, Moonstrucks, Interscex, Mooves, and SweetPickle. You can vote once per day in each category until voting closes on May 24. To vote, visit www.kootenaymusicawards.com.
Lieutenant-Governor of BC visits New Denver, Kaslo and Nelson

by Jan McMurray

A very special visitor came to New Denver, Kaslo and Nelson on May 14. The Lieutenant-Governor of BC, the Honourable Judith Guichon, spent the morning in New Denver, the afternoon in Kaslo and the evening in Nelson.

In New Denver, she visited the Nakins Intermediate Memorial Centre, the Koaish Garden and the Pavilion. In Kaslo, she toured the City Hall, then was taken to the movie by horse and carriage, and concluded her visit at the school for a demonstration of the May Pole dance by the grade one students.

At the Pavilion in New Denver, she spoke to the residents and Katrina Summil’s class (grades 4,5,6) about her role. Judith Guichon, BC’s 29th lieutenant-governor, represents Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in Victoria. The Queen is represented in every province by a lieutenant-governor and in each of the territories by a commissioner. Federally, the queen is represented by the Governor General.

The lieutenant-governor’s duties include reading the speech from the throne, giving royal assent to laws, swearing in the premier and cabinet, presenting awards in recognition of volunteers, and meeting with people on special occasions. Guichon explained that the lieutenant-governor has no political influence. “I am apolitical. I don’t take sides,” she said.

Guichon spoke about her Stewards of the Future program, for students to learn about resource industries. “I want to bring students from all around the province together with inspirational facilitators to look at issues around water, mining, fishing, forestry, and farming, and to learn about my three Rs: respect, relationship and responsibility,” she said.

Guichon also spoke about her ‘Sing me a Song’ program, in celebration of Canada’s 150th birthday in 2017. People are invited to write songs about what it means to be a Canadian, and there is a $1,000 prize for winners.

Guichon’s background is in agriculture. She and her husband owned and operated a ranch, which has now been passed on to their children. She said she was very surprised to be offered the five-year appointment as lieutenant-governor. “I had never thought about this role,” she said. “When I got the phone call, my children were taking over the ranch, and I thought this was the best answer to a retirement plan that I could ever have.” She explained that the lieutenant-governor is selected by the prime minister from a choice of three candidates, agreed upon by the government and the opposition.

New Denver Citizens of the Year

John Fyke, Paula Shandro and Julia Greenlaw were presented with New Denver’s Citizens of the Year Awards at the May Days celebration.

John Fyke volunteers in the community in many ways. At the school, he has helped younger students with carpentry projects and has led pithole camera workshops for senior students. He actively participates in the New Denver Hospice Garden Restoration Project and the North Slocan Food Program. He is also an active member of the Slocan Lake Garden Society and the North Slocan Trails Society. He has volunteered with Sufferfest, and has joined in with the clean-up of the Slocan Lake Golf Course grounds. Fyke is also the Slocan Lake Regional Director for the Dogwood Initiative. His nominator also noted that he is a good neighbour and he believes strongly in community.

Paula Shandro and Julia Greenlaw co-ordinate the North Slocan Food Program, which includes the use and maintenance of the garden and greenhouse at the school. The program offers workshops and programs about gardening and food production, and a breakfast program at the school where community members cook breakfast for the students. Paula and Julia also organize the Harvest Festival, the Thanksgiving community potluck and Earth Day celebrations.

Paula and Julia are both on the Parent Advisory Council and are involved in the soccer program. Paula participates in the one-to-one reading program at the school, is involved with the Outlet Youth Centre, and is an active member of the Hills Recreation Society. Julia devotes many hours to the Mother Goose program.

Their nominator stated: “Their tireless dedication and commitment to fostering community spirit, to the promotion of health and well-being, and to learning for all ages is truly inspirational.”

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When: Wednesday, June 10, 2015

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Nakusp Senior’s Hall, 210 – 8th Avenue NW, Nakusp

For more information, please contact Jen Walker-Larsen at 250 814 6645 or by email at Jennifer.walker-larsen@bchydro.com.

BC hydro
Peculiar society
It occurs to me that we live in a very peculiar society. It is a society where if we get a little tipsy, we get up to the Parliamentary ‘window’ and engage the reputation of our honourable members of Parliament to have you immediately apologize precisely, even though you only made the comment because it was true, but if you allow a young Canadian citizen to be imprisoned and tortured for a trumped up ‘crime’ which happened in a war zone causing an illegally invading army to suffer a casualty, and subsequently subject him to imprisonment for more than a decade, stealing most of his youth, no apology is necessary. How bizarre.

I do not think Elizabeth May should have apologized. She should have been forced to put a loonie, or maybe even a dub-loonie into the Parliamentary ‘window’. There will be no little fellow in good company with Pierre Elliott Trudeau’s ‘fiddleiddleiddle’ dollar and John Crosby’s ‘pass the tequila Shela, and lie down and love me again’ dollar, except for the fact that they didn’t have to put in their dollars, nor was any apology forthcoming.

Omar Khadr’s imprisonment was absolutely a shameful chapter in Canadian History, and I wonder how Stephen Harper a devout Christian plans to explain it to St. Peter when he gets to the pearly gates. It is unforgivable in my books, but maybe St. Peter is a Tory.

Robert Glade

What’s up with Jumbo?
At this point: the Environmental Assessment Office’s official statement is – the foundations of both the day lodge and a service building are in an average site, putting them in non-compliance with F36 of their temporary certificate.

Glacier Resorts Ltd. is allowed to request a suspension to make various remediation assessments within an undefined time frame.

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Mary Polak, MOE, is obliged to decide if, or not, a “substantial start” has been made.

The resort proponents say they have good material for transferring to the government.

The EcoSociety’s judicial review is on hold until the substantial start decision. The Kamloops’s judicial review is scheduled for May 29.

Keep your ears to CBC while you wait.

Rowena Ehina, Executive Director for Wes Kootenay Coalition for Jumbo Wild

Never ceasing wonders in Galileo’s warming universe

Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) is heralded as one of the greatest scientists of all time. By improving the telescope he was able to look further into the sky than anyone before him, opening the way for the rest of us to view the universe in which we live as never before. He also disproved “Heliocentrism” the notion that the sun is the centre of the universe, a heretical idea at that time, which flowed in the face of church doctrine which squarely put the human earth at the centre of the universe. Though the evidence was hard to deny, the threatened power structure andWAYSayers did what they had to do, tried to stamp out the truth. He was forced to recant, and imprisoned for the last nine years of his life.

The truth that the sun resides in the centre of our solar system has been accepted for centuries. But it wasn’t until 1992, a full 348 years later that the church finally exonerated Galileo – the truth was just too loud to deny any longer.

Fast forward a mere two decades or so from 1992: mysteries and the power elite continue to deny climate change in the face of overwhelming scientific consensus. But wonder of wonders, the most powerful people in the same church who imprisoned Galileo for truth is on the verge of making an Encyclical! (the second most supreme statement that his Holy Office can make) on climate change. This statement based on scientific fact, will be a rupture of doctrine for the millions of Catholics worldwide.

An Encyclical “is the authoritative end to theological debate on a particular question.” It’s a gutsy move since some of the most vocal skeptics are Catholics in the U.S. Congress.

Pope Francis sees climate change as a moral issue. He believes we must “safeguard creation...we are the custodians of creation...if we destroy creation...creation will destroy us.”

His public warnings have included Big Oil, the Koch brothers, Exxon Mobil and most fossil fuel firms as well as investors in their stocks. But perhaps Francis has taken Heliocentrism to heart understanding that we are not at the center of the universe, that we are part of creation, part of inanimate to the consequences of our disregard for the environment. Perhaps he has taken that teleological view of Galileo’s, and sees that indeed the earth is worth our attention.

Donna and Paul Grace-Campbell
Keklo

Ferry failures
Since the failure of the MV Columbia, there has been plenty of reaction in both local papers.

The B.C. Ferry Corporation (B.C.A.) has been pushing for a fixed link at Beaton Arm and crossing again at Salmon Arm thereby retaining the ferry. The Arrow Lakes News on May 7, 2015 “This Week in History” – May 13, 1965 indicates that the Department of Highways will spend 25 million dollars in the West Kootenay for Highway improvements including a bridge over the next 5 years. Where did this go wrong? We still don’t have a fixed link, and now are looking at some 300 to 400 million dollars for a fixed link.

B.C.A. had a booth at the AKILG Conference, April 22 – 24, 2015. Many people stopped by at my booth. One couple from east of Golden indicated that they waited 2½ hours to get on the ferry and they felt it went back wards across the lake taking 45 minutes to cross, then taking 10 minutes to dock. It isn’t any wonder that a round trip was two hours. I did not have one person indicate that a fixed link was the wrong idea. In fact I had one person come running up to my booth saying “where do I sign?” I was not doing a petition but was there to promote the fixed link. On Saturday morning one delegate told me that he now had an eight hour drive home as he was going to alternate an route because he would not go north and take a chance of another ferry delay. Bottom line the ferry gave up a black eye during the AKILG Conference.

A couple of issues that don’t get much press are:

- Ferry Operating Costs
- Carbon Emissions

The ferry cost the tax payers $12,876.00 per day or $4,740,000.00 per year for the current contract. This will escalate in future years. The cost over 25 years will exceed 250 million dollars.

Carbon emissions caused by the ferries well-tuned diesel engines are 5.9 tons per day or 2,154 tons per year. This does not include emissions from idling vehicles at the ferry terminals. How does this fit into the government’s 2020 GIG red plan?

B.C.A. will continue to push for the building of a fixed link. To this end we have produced a promotional video. It can be viewed at https://vimeo.com/124860303. We have been having great reviews on this film. We are also working on a power generation plan and on May 7, 2015 we met with the President and CEO of New Energy Corporation Inc. to discuss the possible generation of 8 MW of power without building a dam by using only the regular flow of the river at the Selkirk crossing. This looks very feasible!

The direction of B.C.A. is in regular contact with the Ministry of Transport on the various issues surrounding the ferry operation and the fixed link project.

We will continue to push for the fixed link until it is completed.

Earl Ferreris
B.C.A. President

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David Wilks: I can’t vote for you!

I am in receipt of your recent party communication titled “Connection” which of course it is. It doesn’t make any connection with me on a number of levels.

I can’t vote for you! First and foremost, as a result of population increases there will be a redistribution for the next election to create 30 new electoral districts and I will no longer be in your riding of Kootenay-Columbia but in a new neighboring riding of South Okanagan-West Kootenay; unless you are planning on moving! I will be voting in my new riding. How come “Connection”, a report on your current riding doesn’t make any mention of this important change?

Now then, while purporting to be a report on your current riding of Kootenay-Columbia “Connection” is an obvious sales document to encourage us to vote for you and your party on the upcoming elections.

I would have been interested if it had been a real report but it wasn’t. I have been deceived in this regard, but then that seems to be a theme with your party and the one before it the “Plan” long before implementation and the flagrant pushing the Conservative position in what should be a non-partisan election even further proof of long standing deception.

I can’t vote for you! You are not now, nor would you be my representative in Ottawa. You are the Conservative representative there, the support for the PMO and particularly for the current leader of the Conservative Party, Stephen Harper. As a buddhacenter, a minor player, you cannot effectively raise the issues that are important to me, let alone give rise to actual change in the way we govern ourselves as a country which will be important to our future generations. Your “Connection” didn’t touch on any truly important issues.

So let us start with the basics, are you in favour of Rep by Pep? Think that the way we have practised politics in the last hundred years is still the best for the twenty-first century? Think that Party Politics is in the best interests of your constituents? Well, I don’t! Can you effectively represent people’s concerns in such diverse areas as Vetnor (Okanagan) and Nakusp (Kootenays) as is the case in our new riding? Well, we can introduce some form of STV as has been satisfactorily used in the other jurisdictions. This voting procedure has the advantage of giving better representation without the need to keep increasing ridings. Are you for the introduction of a Single Transferable vote?

Well, you should be! In addition to the above, a Single Transferable representation within a riding it offers added muscle to the individual voter (You know, the constituents like me that you refer to) so that our second and choices have weight and parties such as the Green Party, with millions of votes would receive corresponding representation.

Would it weaken the mainline parties? Yes, Indeed it would. But you didn’t necessary intend that, did you? What would be that important to you? You could speak up for your area instead of being muzzled by your Whip on behalf of the Conservative Party of Parliament? Will you speak up for the individual voter, though? Of course not, because you have invested in the system despite the fact that you and most of your colleagues will never get off the back bench. So, I’m not interested in investing in you, either, then, I can’t vote for you.

This issue for you, and for all parties in our country, should be at the top of your list if you have a concern for participatory democracy. Every election, fewer and fewer of our fellow citizens actively engage.

Why? They deem their single vote as meaningless, and of course, with our current system in place, who wouldn’t want this changed? Oh right, you and your colleagues can get elected by only reaching a third of the eligible electorate, let’s just leave it at it is. But of the same time, let’s keep telling the rest of the world how important democracy is to their welfare and the successful outcome to managing their countries. No, I certainly can’t vote for you!

Well, you can’t stand on principle either. Preston Manning, who represents Edmonton-Sherwood Park, who has stood up to the leadership and switched parties, has already gotten too far either. He did re-invent your party forcing a splitting of the deal, but your current leader has chosen the path of expediency and weak and split opposition has strengthened the Conservative grip on power.

a reform of the Senate? No. He saw the opportunity and the Canadian people appointed 18 members in one day, helplessly politicizing the body and making abolishing the more attractive option now. How will we reward our financial supporters and colleagues with the Senate option? Now, with respect to the Senate, are you for the status quo, reform, or abolition? Ooops, we’re not on the same page here, either, are we?

The Islamist fundamentalists beat the crap out of the Americans emotionally and snuck them into two very costly wars as well as eroding their freedoms. Ours too, as they blamed us for weak border control knowing full well it was their friends, the Smith’s who had already interned their country and dueled the damage. We paid an enormous price too, as the world’s longest undefeated border is gone and we have created a monster, a threat, a cancer which has bungled our bureaucracy. We didn’t follow them into Iraq but we did into Afghanistan. So a couple of questions on this one then?

Do you favor the status quo with respect to the protection and authority of our Boarder Services, or a more open approach with more freedom of movement of goods, services, immigrants, and tourists?

And do you respect to your armed services, do you build up our forces, allow our forces to use our forces as offensive weapons and endeavour to punch above our weight, or should we restrict ourselves to defense forces and to the role of assisting with policing on the world stage? I don’t that we are seeing eye on eye either.

Aside from the tremendous costs associated with modern armament and supported by the good fortune that our country is blessed with, and understanding the Canadian temperament towards improving the lot of our fellow man – yet somehow we cannot bring ourselves as a nation to reach the less than lofty goal of spending 7 % of our GDP on foreign aid. We have managed half of that for all my adult life. I ask then, in the forthcoming election, will this be one of your goals? Still no, oh? Of course, I can’t vote for you.

One of the major defects of our system of government is the inability to control the spending of public funds at all levels and more we’re looking like our friends to the south, morphing into a two party system that has two years at best to provide direction before the imperative of needing to get elected again takes over the mandate. Ah, but instead of fifty shades of direction, we have only ten and to overcome some of the problems with our provincial and governments, we have to practice cooperative federalism.

However, your leader, with the support of you and your colleagues seems to take great pride in never visiting with your provincial counterparts. Of course it’s messy, argumentative, and it takes real leadership to manage such an arrangement in the country’s advantage.

In the upcoming election you will and your colleagues be standing up to your party and its leader and state the problems that you support a return to cooperation and indicate at least annual Provincial Federal meetings? No, I didn’t really expect you to have that kind of courage. Still reaching for the brass ring, eh?…a Cabinet post and retirement in the Senate. Your odds are about the same as a fly from northern BC making it to the NITL. Good luck with all that!

Well, we know I can’t vote for you. I understand that I’m dreaming in technicolour to expect such leadership that would have Canada, the Federal and Provincial governments working together to the benefit of our future generations. Silly me! With separate and overlapping jurisdictions it seems to me like the only way to make real progress on truly important issues such as Policing, Health Care, and the Environment, it is cooperation. But you and your party have all the answers and so you don’t need my opinion, or my vote. So where will I put my vote? Will any of the parties meet the needs of the world, the people of Canada, the people of Kootenay-Columbia who are participating in our democracy I will become one of the swelling two thirds that opt out.

Larry Parkes
Caribou Point

Open letter to Peter Fassbender, Minister of Education

School District 50 Board of Education and Arrow Lakes Teachers Association wish to express our concerns about the potential impact of Bill 11-2015.

In our district, it is our practice to hold in-depth discussion and consultation on changes that may happen to public education. This results in our partners being involved in meaningful ways as we grapple with different issues.

We hope for same practice from the BC provincial government.

For over a century in the province of BC, public schools have been the responsibility of locally elected school trustees. We take that responsibility very seriously and have governed well. Bill 11’s proposal to power away to provincial government concerns all involved: the parents, staff and communities in which we all work and live, as those we directly serve: our children, and their futures.

We want to know that you for us, shared services is already a well-engaged practice. Due to the many challenges that our board faces in our remote and very large geographical area with long-term declining enrollment, over the years we have creatively found successful ways to share services. Over the past number of years, this board has made significant efficiencies through the closing and reconfiguration of schools, the sale of buildings, staffing changes, administrative and program cuts. Through all these hard choices, we have always made student success foremost in all our decision-making processes.

We recognize that you may have a different expectation is the same thoughtful and prudent conversations with us, as we give our partners in education.

A further concern in Bill 11’s mandate, is its direct contradiction with the spirit and intent of the MOU recently signed by BCSTA and BC Government. The practice of maintaining Bill 11 without consultation or consideration of our dual roles to co-govern public education - leaves the MOU a hollow document in which we have diminished belief or faith. The BC government fails to follow the agreed upon protocols.

In addition, the Advocacy Task Force (ATA) has serious concerns regarding the erosion of their professional development as well as the student data collection and privacy issues inherent in Bill 11.

What we all would like to see is clear inclusion of our voices. Let trustees to the valuable local democratic work they do so well. Help BC become a leader in public education.

Please reconsider Bill 11-2015 and its implications before it fundamentally reorganizes and destroys the public education system in BC.

Patti Alum, Chair
SD 50, Arrow Lakes
Ric Bardati, President
Arrow Lakes Teachers Association

It’s a matter of degree: Know your casino

If you only go to a casino once or twice in your life, you haven’t made much of a game: look at any casino and then think about the players. But if you are one of those who play lots, or get addicted to gambling, well then you need to “know your casino”. It’s a little like our electrical needs eh?, which, on a basic level, aren’t such a big deal, in terms of negative health effects. But did you know that the average attention span has decreased by half since hand-held wireless gadgets took off? And that on May 11th, Prof. Martin Blank (who writes the most readable book on this subject I’ve read – Overpowered) represented 190 scientists who urged the UN and the WHO to update their safety standards for wireless radiation from not just cell phones pressed against kids’ brains, but cell towers in the busy yards and cell phones in the meters of our homes and all that? And May 7th? Our Canadian Medical Association Journal made similar demands. (Lots of emails in my box last week saying “Finally”!)

The health crisis pandemonium they’re forewarning I learned about in 2005 so you can imagine the “Finally”! I feel!!!

So I’m hosting one last Forum June 12th at a Stocan Park Hall in prep for the Fortis deadline of July 1 for the cheaper wireless smart flame net meter deployment commencing in August ($50 up front and $5/month). And yesterday I asked a Silvertone Hydro friend, “how are you doing with that incredible $3/MONTH! extra to keep your old meter? She said basically it seems like people who got new meters are paying even more, despite the extra fee. So maybe Fortis’s extra fee is not so expensive afterall!!

With the wisdom of Bob Dylan in my mind saying “the slow ones now will later be fast” I’m really glad that we’re among the lot on the list to get these new meters. So come and learn the latest about our future. I am a listening member of Kalamu folks who are “just sayin’ No”. But, know your casino!

Daphnie Flood
Schools
Local businesses can get workplace training with Selkirk College
by Jan McMurray

Is workplace training needed at your place of business? Selkirk College can help.

Greg Neelin, Manager of Workplace Training at Selkirk College, was the speaker at the most recent Slocan Valley Lunch & Learn sessions held in New Denver, Winlaw and Crescent Valley.

Neelin’s department at Selkirk College works with businesses to identify training needs, and then either provides the training or helps to bring the training in. They can also help build training manuals, and help people in the workplace learn how to train people. These services are offered for a modest fee.

“We’re a resource out there, so tap it!” Neelin said.

Neelin also spoke about the Canada BC Job Grant, where the federal and provincial governments pay two-thirds of the training costs to a maximum of $10,000 per employee per year. Neelin said the college can help employers navigate through the paperwork to take advantage of this program.

Looking for employees?

Employers can post job opportunities on the Selkirk College website at selkirk.ca/careers.

Contact Greg Neelin for more information about how Selkirk College can help with your training needs at 250-365-5334 or gneelin@selkirk.ca.

Don’t miss the next Lunch & Learn session with Bob Wright of Work BC, who will talk about wage subsidy programs. A complimentary lunch is provided. Wright will attend sessions at Knox Hall on Thursday, June 4 from noon to 1 pm, at the Threads Guild on Friday, June 5 from 11 am to noon, and at the Crescent Valley Hall on Friday, June 5 from 1 pm to 2 pm.

Lunch & Learn sessions are sponsored by the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission and the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce as part of the Business Retention & Expansion Project.

SWAMP in third year of mapping wetlands in the Slocan Valley
by Jan McMurray

The Slocan Wetlands Assessment and Mapping Project (SWAMP) is making good progress on its objectives to identify all wetlands in the Slocan Valley, map them, and assess their condition. The project is in its third year.

Ryan Durand, SWAMP biologist, explained that wetlands are “biological hotspots” in the larger landscape. They harbour a wide range of habitat for wildlife and vegetation. They are also important for the water cycle, storing and gradually releasing water throughout the year.

One of the longer term goals of the project is to do restoration work on wetlands that need it. “Once we identify good candidates for restoration projects, we can approach funders like the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program,” said Durand.

Durand says most of the wetlands in the Kaslo River area have been disturbed by the rail line and are impacted by invasive species. There is less disturbance in the wetlands from Slocan Lake to Summit Lake.

This year, Durand hopes to look at wetlands on private property. Private landowners who are interested in having the SWAMP team come and assess their wetland can contact Ryan Durand at 250-359-7420 or rdurand@ecologica.com.

Visit slocanswamp.org for more information.

Lifesaving Society representative visits New Denver
by Jan McMurray

Dave Miller, Executive Director of the Lifesaving Society (BC & Yukon) came to New Denver on May 9 and 10, the first anniversary of the loss of four young people in a tragic canoe accident on Slocan Lake.

The Lifesaving Society has purchased ‘Public Access LifeRing’ (PAL) stations for installation at local beaches in memory of Skye, Lily, Jule and Hayden.

Funding for the stations was provided by the BC Government Employees’ Union at the instigation of Kathy Nicholls, Skye’s grandmother, who is a member of the union.

Miller said the Lifesaving Society received a cheque and a letter from BCGEU that states: “It is hoped that with these funds, your society will be able to help reduce the risk of similar tragedies occurring in BC and the Yukon in the years ahead.”

Miller has been keen on promoting the installation of PAL stations throughout the province since he first learned about them at a world conference on drowning prevention in 2013.

“Since when we received the BCGEU donation, we thought it was a good opportunity to kickstart the PAL project, in memory of the four lives lost on Slocan Lake,” said Miller.

A PAL station will be installed at Centennial Park, and the RDCG has been asked if a station can be installed at Bigolecule Beach.

The Lifesaving Society is a national organization with branches in every province of Canada, and is a member of the International Lifesaving Federation. The society’s mandate is to prevent drowning and aquatic related injury.
Rocking the Page! Writers Festival: another innovative SD10 program

by Jan McMurray

School District 10 Arrow Lakes is well known for its writers festivals, but this year’s was the most innovative yet.

This year’s “Rocking the Page” Writers Festival occurred both online and in person. Seven professional writers and five schools participated, creating a virtual writing community and giving students an authentic audience for their writing.

“You can get better and better because you can see other people’s pros and learn more,” said one grade 3 student.

Students from Lecumere School, Nakusp Elementary, Edgewood Elementary, Rieland Middle School in Kelowna, and Wildflower School in Nelson joined together in online video conferences with professional writers once a month from January to May.

The festival wrapped up the week of May 11, when the professional writers all came to town and conducted workshops at the SD10 schools. Coffeehouses featuring readings by the students and the professional writers were held in Silverton and Nakusp on May 11 and 12.

Professional writers included Stuart Ross of Ontario, who keeps coming back here to work with SD10 students year after year; Nikki Tate, a children’s author from Victoria; Linda Crofield, a poet from Castlegar; Caroline Woodward, who lived in New Denver where she ran the Motherlode Bookstore with her husband for eight years; Owain Nicholson, a poet who lived in New Denver during his high school years and graduated from Lecumere School; and Morgan Taylor and Eloise Chetel, New Denver residents.

Professional filmmakers Lisa Nielsen of Vancouver and Isaac Carter of New Denver filmed the coffeehouses and interviewed students and teachers throughout the district, so there will be a film about Rocking the Page on the SD10 website.

Richelle Johnston, Lecumere School teacher, was the key organizer of the festival.

Slocan Valley past comes alive in photo montage

by Don Carie

The remarkable creative life and labour of diverse generations of Slocan Valley residents came alive in a photo montage presented by the Slocan Valley Historical Society (SVHS) at the Wil Graham library on May 6. The overflow audience laughed, at other moments fell silent as images of the innocence of childhood, joy of family, the arrival of children, and the warmth of extended families and friends were depicted in black and white imagery.

Local author and community builder Rita Moir, who completed the ‘Photo Albums and Shoeboxes of the Slocan Valley’ project for the society, said she was particularly grateful to the people who opened up their photo albums and “talked to me for hours and hours, week after week. It’s not always a picnic to delve into the past, but what strikes me is how—no matter the crisis, war, internment, or economic hardship, people kept celebrating and taking snapshots of their everyday lives.”

Some of the photos depicted the adversity, pathos and resilience of Japanese Canadian WWII internees. Others were about Doukhobor men, women and children, passionate about their chosen beliefs, resisting and emerging from suffering. The last few frames began to record the arrival of the youth in the 1970s seeking to build alternative lifestyles to war and consumerism.

Still others were reminders of the hardships of wrestling a living from the land. Evocative scenes of road and bridge builders, lumber mills, loggers, trappers, hunters and farmers, men and women defying convention determined to build a new life and community. Other photos were of community celebrations, masquepisodes, dances and concerts, teachers and students relishing a moment of fun. Each photo evoked a sense of the dignity of the people, spanning the turn of the century to the 1970s, many arriving from distant places, in the historical context of their time, but all somehow merged and united in their determination to build something of lasting worth.

Moir thanked the Slocan Valley Historical Society and the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance for support to build an archive of historical record that is located at the Slocan Village Office and is available to researchers on request. The information in the May 6 presentation is on file at the archives. Each file contains details on each photo. The photos are all available digitally.

This project was supported by the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance and the Slocan Valley Legion.

Joyce Johnson, president of the Slocan Valley Historical Society, invited residents to join the society, make contributions and act as volunteers or stand for election as board members. Anyone interested in the work of the SVHS can contact board members at PO Box 28, Slocan, BC V0G 2C0 or email slocanhistoricalsociety@yahoo.ca.

The Slocan Valley TV Society invites all Area H South residents to attend our 2015 AGM on Monday, June 8 at 7:00 pm at the Passmore Hall.

Any resident who is a property owner is eligible to become a member of the Society and vote at the meeting. (Please bring proof of ownership).

For more information, contact us at: svtsociety@gmail.com.

Volunteer Coordinator

Nakusp Community Radio Society

Company: The Nakusp Community Radio Society operates the local radio station 107.1 FM “The Arrow”.

Number of positions: 1

Scheduled weekly hours: 18

Duration: 1 year (subject to financing from the CRFC)

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- Promoting volunteering through recruitment and publicity campaigns e.g. Newspaper and Social Media
- Monitoring, supporting, and motivating volunteers
- Creation of locally produced spoken word content e.g. Daily news or coverage of Town Council meetings
- Training will be provided upon hiring

Requirements and Qualifications:
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Applications may be submitted by e-mail to tune@thearrow107.com no later than May 25th

Thank-you to all who apply, only successful candidates will be contacted for an interview.
Residents fed up with noise from motorbikes

by Karine Campbell

Everyone expected fireworks, and then some. From the opening words of a meeting that had been put on alert in case of altercations, but the May 9 meeting in New Denver called to talk about the problem of noisy motorbikes ended with peace, quiet, and (mostly) agreement.

On social media, the meeting was advertised and immediately a wave of voices from motorcyclists, one claiming the Village was trying to snak in an unjust law. However, moderator Gloria Lisgo said it was very clear from the start the problem wasn’t motorbikes in general – it was the illegal-pipes-and-excessive-speeding community – and that the Village was not involved.

“This meeting is not against motorbikes, it’s a meeting to get rid of motorbikes.”

About 35 people showed up to liable to perform fire inspections pointed out there were already laws in place to deal with speed and the noise from illegally modified motorbikes. They complained that the petition they were circulating called on the authorities to enforce the law, village-wide, not just in New Denver.

The meeting was introduced Art Mason from Mirror Lake, who described himself as a former skidder, faller and railway worker who was used to loud noise but said, “It’s getting crazy out there. There’s no consideration for others.

The RCMCP have not been enforcing the Motor Vehicle Act regarding noisy mufflers.

Mason canvassed much of the Kootenays, talking to residents and riders alike about the noise and speed problems, which he says reduces property values and can cause health consequences.

The petition being passed around at the meeting, and around town, drew some objections and requests for changes. It centred solely on motorbikes; a number of people at the meeting pointed out that modified truck and car pipes were just as bad. Also there are RNWMP Scroggins, who build and races bikes (on approved tracks) said, “We’ve been discovered and it’s an invasion. These guys are a threat to everyone. The bikes are incredibly powerful and incredibly fast.

“I love bikes. I race them. Take these guys, the pettifogers. Lisgo said she would take a look at revising the petition, adding other vehicles and speed to the requests for strict enforcement. However, she later decided to make only small revisions to the RDCK already, our motorcycle are very quiet and not at all offensive.

The petition will go to [to Victoria] petrol industry is not pleased. One of the reasons is that they’ve already started with the same petition in Kaslo and that kind of encouraged us.

I would not have changed it much. The word is that I was raised about motorcycles. I know there are trucks that are noisy but that is not what drove this issue. The noise about bikes has been raised in the legislature and was not broadened to include other vehicles.”

Lisgo added that she was concerned about New Denver getting the reputation that it was anti-motorcycle, “which is not what anyone is trying to do.”

New Denver council, May 12: Kootenay Centre for Applied Creativity invites input

by Karine Campbell

Randy Morse from the Kaslo Institute attended to share information about the institute and its plans for the Kootenay Centre for Applied Creativity, a “think-and-do” tank linked with the same name in the West Kootenay and the Columbia Basin. It submitted its proposal to CFET through the initiative ‘Our Trust, Our Future’ and came in first out of more than 120 in terms of positive public feedback.

Morse said he was not asking the Village for financial support but he invited New Denver to help flesh out the Centre and its activities.

“We’re tired of explaining to [government] what we need, pleading with them. We need to talk to communities to do things together, not just talk about it.”

For example, upgrading technology: Kaslo infoNet Society is laying fibre cable in Kaslo and will have a local technician, higher bandwidth and higher speed which will attract people to live in Kaslo. It also means a 5G connection, $600,000 to $800,000 every year.

Councillor Nadine Raymonds reported the Chamber of Commerce’s air band competition was very successful. The Chamber is trying to do more community development work.

Council gave final adoption to Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw #949, 2015 and to Tax Rates Bylaw #965, 2015. 

FireWise Consulting will be engaged to perform fire inspections on public buildings every two years at an approximate cost of $5,000.

A request from LACE for in-kind assistance for the Nezinshtewat Band was deferred until the Village receives the updated grant application and drawings requested in November.

Council granted a request from Sufferfest to use the northwest dike as a start/finish line on July 26, to close portions of South Ave, Bellevue St, Slocan Ave and Elrod St. from 6:30 pm to 8 pm on September 5 for a race, and to use Centennial Park field for set up on September 5 and as the start/finish for the September 6 mountain bike races.

Sufferfest also asked for the use of Centennial Park on July 26 but it has already been allocated for parking for the Nikkut Centre’s Owen ceremony and the Kohn Garden anniversary celebrations.

Council approved an $812 grant to the May Days committee to cover the cost of renting Centennial Park field and the PA system, and a $150 grant-in-aid to the Citizens of the Year award.

Council approved the New Denver Kwikwélkul Society’s request to replace the Village Hall with an appropriate floor covering and called the society’s willingness to cover the cost “very generous.”

From the April 28 in camera meeting, Valerie Parreyne Wilson has resigned from her volunteer position as Emergency Social Services Director.

The Village will send a letter to the RDCK requesting clarification of the Village’s roles and responsibilities as a participant in the Area H emergency program.

Local author releases poetry collection for National Poetry Month submitted

What is the price of transcendence? How do we attain a state of grace within ourselves that will enable us to exist peacefully with other creatures on this planet? This poetic question informs The Price of Transcendence, a new book of poems by New Denver author Susan Arthur Joyce, published to coincide with National Poetry Month. Poetical questions aren’t meant to be answered, but are written to prompt deep reflection, like a Zen koan or riddle. Published by New Orphic Publishers of Nelson, Joyce’s book was edited by Tom Wyman, who calls it “a first-rate collection.”

It turns out that the path to co-existence on our ecologically threatened planet is found in looking inward to test our assumptions about the natural world. Poets play a key role in prompting this kind of spiritual reflection. Living in the county setting of New Denver, Joyce says one gets a closer view of the birds and other animals we share this planet with. More than that, by interacting with them we key up everything and come up with a firm design.

So what are the many times do you have to get the same information and do nothing with it?” Fox asked.

In the end, Gloria Lisgo volunteered to review some notes and start a petition for residents to ask the Village of New Denver to consider expanding its boundaries to the Kaslo District. One or two other options would be to drill a well and provide residual chlorine treatment (a new regulation from IH) or to build a full water treatment plant, both very expensive alternatives.
Expressions Café: An ideal venue for community creativity

by Art Joyce

Many who are familiar with Nelson’s cultural scene will remember The Express newspaper, formerly known as the Nelson Express, as What's On. But what may be less familiar to Becker’s readers is his recent venture, Expressions Café, which has hosted major artists such as Garnet Rogers and Rick Scott of Pin Dog Mumkin as well as many local and touring musicians. With the installation of a 3.5 metre screen, it is also being used for film screenings such as the Deconstructing Diner film festival. Its Wednesday night open mic event has become hugely popular.

“I operate mostly in a responsive way,” says Becker. “Performers come to me, local or touring from all over Canada. I wanted the cafe to be as flexible an environment as possible.”

The loss of major print advertisers in Express, like the others, has shifted to an all-publication online and left him feeling adrift. After some months it struck him: his original goal in coming to Nelson had been to create a venue, where would be his return to that idea? Becker said.

Herbal Musings with Colleen Emery

The culture of soda pop

It’s that time of year again when the idea of a sparkling, fizzy drink on the patio or deck is a welcome reward for hard work in the sun. Warmer weather brings about the desire for refreshing, delicious beverages that quench our thirst and are fun to drink! But did you know that it’s fun in all the not-so-great ingredients that are used to create the majority of shelf ready beverages found in most convenience stores. From the colorants and dyes used to the sweetening agents to the synthetic additives, what seemed like a yummy drink has now turned into a bottle of toxicity that your immune system and liver will struggle to cope with and bone health become brittle from.

What our modern culture has taken and turned into a high funkate coffee syrup nightmare was originally meant to encourage health. Soda of yore were created to support and heal body systems. Certain fermenting methods were used with different herbal formulas to provide an easy to digest way to introduce herbs that often were unappealing to the taste. A good ginger ale would help calm a sore throat and a tasty spring root beer would help purge a winter’s worth of stored rich foods from the liver and digestive systems. These tasty treats at home is easy, super inexpensive and the end result is improved wellness, not toxic overtones.

My favourite two fermented sodas

When preparing healthful beverages, be sure to access the cleanest, organically sourced ingredients available to you.

1) TIBICOS Root Beer

Tibicos are small, grain-sazed. SCOBYS. A SCOBY is an acronym for symbiotic colony of bacteria and yeast.

STEP ONE: Prepare your Tibicos water.

Take one part tibicos to one part good quality sugar and combine with four parts clown water in an appropriately sized jar. Cover with cheesecloth; allow to ferment on the counter for two days.

STEP TWO: After the two days are up, prepare your root beer tea using a traditional formula or one that you have created. Cool and reserve.

STEP THREE: Strain out your Tibicos grains and begin another batch.

STEP FOUR: Combine your Tibicos water with your root beer tea at a ratio of 1:1; bottle and set on counter for one to two days.

STEP FIVE: Refrigerate and enjoy.

2) KOMBUCHA

Kombucha is traditionally prepared by submerging a Kombucha SCOBY in a mixture of black tea and gojelly sugar and set on the counter for ferment for 14–21 days. To create raspberry kombucha, combine the fermented kombucha tea with fresh or frozen raspberries at a ratio of six parts kombucha to three parts raspberries. Bottle and allow to further ferment on the counter for one to two days. Steam the raspberries from the tea and refrigerate and enjoy.

Concerned about the sugar content in these recipes? Remember the sugar in the food that the SCOBY will consume and then ferment the liquid. By the time the fermenting process is complete there will be very little sugar left in the drink.

When fermented sodas and/or foods are consumed, several positive outcomes can follow.

Fermentation not only preserves nutrients, but also breaks them down into more digestible forms.

Channel 10 which used to be CTY is now, for a trial period, CBC West.

Comments? Delight or dismay with this change can be sent to the Society: via David Everest 250-368-2714 <aardaws@gmail.com> or Donna Jean Wright 250-398-7200 <djgraces@gmail.com>
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- June 30 – July 18: Rick ROGERS
- July 21 – August 5: Tim ANDREW
- August 12 – 30: Sharon DAMMER
- September 2 – 19: Mirja VAHALA & Brigitta DESBOIS
- Sept. 23 – Oct. 10: Louise DUCHARME

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Four-year-old Blade May sits on the monkey metal sculpture created by his father Mike May.

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Reconciliation walk planned for Nelson

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What does it mean to be reconciled? How can the wounds suffered in Canada’s residential schools be healed? Some aboriginal peoples today still don’t have access to clean water, healthy food or decent housing. What is our collective responsibility in the context of colonialism?

One result of Canada’s 2008 Statement of Apology to First Nations, Métis and Inuit Peoples was the creation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). For six years, the TRC has had a mandate to learn the truth about what happened in the residential schools. On May 31, the TRC will present its final report in Ottawa.

To mark this historic event and to work towards a new relationship with aboriginal peoples, KAIROS is planning a reconciliation walk in Nelson on Friday, May 29 from City Hall to Lakeside Park. Participants of all ages are invited to bring banners, to listen and to take action towards a possible new relationship between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples.

Slovenians Ivan and Vera Grujic, Ivan said the community is always looking for ways to better understand the effects of colonialism.

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Summit Lake Ski Hill works with Lake Louise Ski Resort
by Jan McMurtry

The Summit Lake Ski Hill has an ally in the Lake Louise Ski Resort.

Mark Aichele, who sits on the board of the local ski club, forged the alliance while looking for a second-hand groomer.

"I started the search at the end of the 2013-14 ski season, and I talked to everyone on ski hill and cross country ski group from the east coast to the west coast," said Aichele.

In the end, "a fantastic agreement" was signed with Lake Louise. "They were very impressed with the massive amount of effort people put in to keep the sport alive here, in such a small community," Aichele said.

The Summit Lake hill now has a gently used 2009 groomer from Lake Louise. Aichele says the piece of equipment is worth $150,000, but Lake Louise set the purchase price at $67,000, which can be paid over three years with no interest. The ski club has been able to pay $45,000 towards the purchase so far, thanks to a Columbia Basin Trust grant and the sale of the old groomer to the local snowmobile club.

As part of the deal, the Lake Louise Ski Resort is being promoted at Summit Lake. A large billboard advertising the resort sits on the Summit Lake property, and information on package deals at Lake Louise is available at the day lodge. Aichele reports that Lake Louise supplied the billboard signs, and paid a local person to install it.

The new groomer, named 'Jennifer' by Mark’s daughter, Taylor, has served the Summit Lake hill for one season and "it ran like a charm," Aichele says.

Nelson CARES tackles seniors’ transportation challenges in the West Kootenay
submitted

Nelson CARES Society’s Age Friendly Community Initiative has released the Moving Together Project report, which details a plan for improving seniors’ transportation access in the Kootenay Boundary region.

“We know from talking with seniors and service providers that transportation is the biggest challenge facing most seniors in the Kootenays, especially those living in rural areas,” says project co-ordinator Corrine Younie. “Without transportation options that work for them, seniors can’t get to medical appointments or grocery shopping, let alone participate in social activities, all of which are essential to seniors’ health and well-being.”

Younie also notes that, while the region has perhaps the best transit systems in the country, some seniors are still falling through the cracks.

The Moving Together project looked at a wide variety of transportation options available to Kootenay seniors, including Transit, HandyDART, and volunteer driver programs, as well as co-operative and private transportation providers. "Seniors' transportation needs are as diverse as they are; no single transportation option is going to meet the needs of all seniors," says Younie. "We need to work together as a community to find creative solutions that utilize all of the resources at hand."

Over the past year, the Moving Together project talked with key stakeholders from the Kootenay Boundary region. Specific service gaps and barriers were identified and recommendations drafted to deal with them. In January, seniors and community organizations, representatives from BC Transit, Interior Health, the Ministry of Transportation, and elected officials from municipal and regional governments gathered from throughout the province. The project findings were presented and the stakeholders worked together to identify the most promising recommendations and generate ideas for making them a reality.

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Arrow Lakes Historical Society AGM report
submitted

The Arrow Lakes Historical Society held its annual general meeting on

A HUGE thank you to Ray and the Galena Contracting crew for their generous donation.

From the Staff at the Nakusp Hot Springs, Chalets and Camp Ground

Nakusp & Area Community Forest
OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2015
SELDICK COLLEGE – NAKUSP (311 BROADWAY ST)
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MEMBERS OF NACFOR’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MANAGEMENT GROUP WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS AND DISCUSS THE PROJECTS.
Please call the NACFOR office at 250-265-3656 for more information
WWW.NAKUSPCCOMMUNITYFOREST.COM

The Summit Lake Ski Hill purchased this second-hand groomer from the Lake Louise Ski Resort.

The P&L’s Mother’s Day Plant Sale was very successful again this year, with many donations of all kinds of plants, garden items and furniture. Rob Hall won $1,000 in the 50/50 draw.
Nakusp council, May 11: Partnership with Village proposed for Youth, Parkour and Biomass Centre

by Kattine Campbell

• Council moved to in camera a request from the Nakusp and Area Youth Society and the Parkour Society for a letter of support and future partnership with the Village of Nakusp for a new Youth, Parkour and Biomass Centre. Their goal is to use green energy wood waste to heat the centre and Nakusp Secondary and Elementary Schools and, in future, other facilities like the arena. Council decided to meet with the NAYS board for further discussion before making any decision.

• Terry Welsh, Director of Hot Springs Operations, gave council a progress report on the new roof at the hot springs, including cost update. Many of the beams had rotted, and were removed by crane. There was some unforeseen work that had to be done, including replacing the chimney cup, putting new joints on the drainage plans, putting in a new venting system and replacing rotted fascia. The shingling was 40 per cent completed and was scheduled to be finished by the end of the week.

“it’s nice that it’s getting done properly and we won’t have to worry about it again,” said Mayor Karen Harding.

• Council discussed a possible stewardship agreement with the Nakusp Trails Society on the trail around the village. Acting CAO Tim Palmer commented the trail was a huge asset for the community but stewardship could be very expensive; the needed repairs and maintenance would put the financial strain on the Village. Councillor Uli Mueller asked what would happen if council decided not to take over. Mayor Harding said they were waiting to hear back from Highways, which was considering it as a potential project.

• Mayor’s report.

- RDCK: The board approved a resolution that the RDCK, RDKB and Nakusp Nelson County Council sent letters to the Honourable Todd Stone, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure encouraging the Minister to provide transit funding that will, at a minimum, maintain current levels of transit service. The board has also asked staff to review the 2011 Product Stewardship Interest Statement to confirm current legislative requirement; identify optimal service levels and duplicate costs to rate payers and report back to the board.

The RDCK will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with other BC local governments to collaborate on procuring and replacing parks and recreation management software.

The board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Regional Breadboard Committee comprised of the RDCK, RDKB and RDEL to apply collectively for federal funding to improve highways in the region. Chair Harding will represent the RDCK.

- AKBio: The mayor thanked administration, staff and council for the work they did to make hosting the conference a success.

- Common Agenda meeting: The mayor attended along with Councillors Mueller and Bill Tolley. After one or two more meetings, they expect to have community priorities for projects. The results will also be beneficial to council in future decisions concerning the community.

- Councillor Mueller reported on the Better At Home one-year pilot project. This is an initiative funded by the province through the United Way to identify what non-health related services are required by seniors to enable them to stay longer in their own homes. Nakusp was selected as one of five pilot project communities. The group identified two major priorities for seniors: transportation and light housekeeping. The Nakusp proposal was accepted and the United Way will provide funding for one year. A coordinator has been hired and the program will be rolled out immediately.

- Councillor Tom Zelenik met with the Chamber of Commerce re: signage on the north and south lookouts. The north one will advertise the hot springs, and there has been no decision on the south one.

About 20 businesses attended Destination Nakusp, instead of the 50 to 70 the Chamber had hoped for.

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North Kootenay Sport & Recreation Report

by Jan McMurray

There were six reasons to celebrate at Buton School on Tuesday, May 12.

First, the shared use agreement between School District 10 and the Burton Community Learning Society was finally signed, after three years in the works. The society uses the school to offer a variety of recreation programs to community members.

Second, there will be significant savings in energy costs to operate the building, thanks to RDCK Area K Director Paul Peterson. The energy upgrade project will be covered by a $31,600 gas tax grant that Peterson was able to access.

“Many thanks to Paul Peterson for his leadership and ingenuity in helping us access those funds,” said Superintendent Terry Taylor. “The gas tax grant has made the partnership with the Burton Community Learning Society affordable, given the reduction in energy costs. And we could never have afforded the energy upgrades without the grant.”

This is a legacy partnership which will generate savings year after year after year in operating the school for both students and community use.

The project involves the installation of Direct Digital Controls, so staff can adjust the heating and cooling systems in individual rooms at the school from an off-site location such as the board office in Nakusp or via a smartphone or computer. Power monitoring controls will also be installed, allowing power consumption to be monitored 24/7.

“We are fortunate to have in Director Paul Peterson a local government official with vision and giant heart for making a difference for community and for kids!” said Taylor.

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The Village thanks all who apply, however only those chosen for interviews will be contacted.

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Asian-Canadian celebration at the Langham Cultural Centre

KASLO/COMMUNITY

submitted
For the fourth year, the Langham in Kaslo celebrates Asian Canadian Heritage Month with free events open to all.

On May 22 at 6:30 pm, the program starts with poetry readings by Robert Foster, Mark Mealing, David Jackson and Annie Fernstone. The poetry focuses on food and drink, essential cultural elements which frequently serve as a metaphor for erotic and spiritual experiences.

Lardeau photographer launches book of wildlife photos

by Art Joyce

For Catherine Atkin, what began as a hobby has become a passion. As a former director of marketing in Calgary, she and her husband discovered the natural splendor of Kaslo and north Kootenay Lake and retired to Larder Lake in 2007. Annual vacations on Kootenay Lake prior to retirement had exposed Atkin to wildlife as far more intimate than she could have ever imagined, and she yearned to capture the whales, and everything else the sea had to offer. The result is a Fine Art Award-winning book of marine wildlife, which Atkin plans to share with the world in its entirety through a new photographic exhibition to be held at Kootenay Lake, Kaslo, BC.

Kootenay Moments

Kootenay Moments BOOK SIGNING

with local photographer Catherine Atkin

DRIFTER’S RESTAURANT

Meadow Creek

MAY 24 • 2:00-4:30 pm

FOOD FOR THOUGHT & THE BELLY!

LANGHAM ASIAN CANADIAN HERITAGE MONTH invites you to this annual celebration on May 22 & 23, 2015.

May 22nd, 6:00 – 9:00 pm: Asian poetry reading focusing on food and wine, followed by a pageant of traditional Asian Pacific dress & jewellery. Then, a delicious Pan-Asian dinner will be served. The entire event is free (14 years & older only). However, you will need an admission ticket which you can pick-up from Willow Home Gallery & Sunnyside Naturals. Those who live outside Kaslo, please reserve by e-mailing rglorioso@peoplep.com.

May 23rd, 9:30 – 12 noon: Kite flying workshop at Vinny Park’s Baseball field & 15 kites will be raffled. Afternoon workshops 1:30 – 3:30 pm at the Langham Cultural Centre: Haiku, Origami, Qi Gong & Reiki. All workshops are free. Children & adults are welcome.

SLUGS launch season at the Kohan Garden

The Sloan Lake Garden Society (SLUGS) is looking forward to another busy season at the Kohan Reflection Garden. The society has reservations for four weddings and a concert, as well as the 25th Anniversary Festival on July 26. Mark your calendars and plan to bring family and friends to this beautiful outdoor venue for a day of celebration.

Kohan Garden fund raiser season will launch with a Father’s Day raffle, to be drawn June 19 at Kootenay Savings Credit Union 818. Ticket are $5 for a chance at one of four great prizes for dads: two director’s lounge chairs; a linen/cotton cushion created and donated by Morgen Bartlett; two handcrafted mugs donated by Kaifin Murphy of Jumping Creek Pottery, and a set of wrought iron fire pokers donated by Jamie Barber. Tickets can be purchased at various local businesses, from SLUGS members or at the credit union on June 10-12, and 17-19.
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Restaurant: Clubhouse, full-service pub, 14 hole casual dining

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Phone: 250-358-2408  www.slicg.ca golf@slicg.ca
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GREEN FEES: $20.00/9 holes, $30.00/18 holes
Restaurant: Clubhouse, full-service pub, 14 hole casual dining
women: Wet Feet
Tournaments: None

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Tournaments: None

**Campgrounds**
Nakus Municipal Campground - Nakus
(250) 265-1061  www.nakuscampground.com  Campbell@nakuscampground.com
Location: 7.5 km west of Nakus on Hwy 3
Open May 15 to September 30
amenities: Hot showers and water supply. First come, first served, reservations accepted

Silverton Municipal Campground - Silverton
(250) 358-2472  www.silverton.ca  At Leavallie and Turner Streets.
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(250) 355-2266  springer@telus.net
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Kasl Municipal Campground - Kaslo
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**Dreamers and Dissidents premieres May 28 in Nelson**

submitted
Knowledge Network hosts the premieres of Nelson filmmaker Amy Bohigian’s documentary
*Dreamers and Dissidents* on Tuesday, May 28 at the Civic Theatre. The doors will open at 7 pm for the 7:30 pm free public screening, with film director, producer, broadcaster, and participants in attendance. The film’s crew was comprised entirely of local talent who utilized photographs and local archives to tell the history of Nelson and the Kootenays. From war resisters to prisoners of war, hopeful immigrants to urban refugees, Dreamers and Dissidents explores why certain people have made a home in this rugged interior across the generations. "The film explores insight into the Kootenays is known today as a place with a resilient spirit where many of us find a strong and vibrant community," Bohigian says.

"Knowledge Network’s collaboration with independent producers in BC has resulted in a memorable collection of stories about the past 14 years of Kootenay history. Many of the Kootenays that will resonate with audiences throughout Canada," said Wendy Bogner, Knowledge Network President.

"We are absolutely delighted to be premiering Amy’s documentary at the historic Civic Theatre. Bogner will be in town for the premiere, along with executive producer and Knowledge Network’s Director of Original Content Marty Bailey. The last time they were in Nelson was for the filmmaker pitch session and competition, in which Bogner’s project was chosen and commissioned.

"Tickets for the premieres of Dreamers and Dissidents are free to the public and are available at www.civictheatre.ca. The first act will be on Sunday, May 14 at 4 pm. The second act will be on Tuesday, May 28 at 7 pm. The third act will be on Thursday, May 30 at 7 pm. All events are free to the public. The final act will be a screening of Amy Bohigian’s new film, *Dreamers and Dissidents* on Saturday, June 1 at 4 pm. All events are free to the public. The final act will be a screening of Amy Bohigian’s new film, *Dreamers and Dissidents* on Saturday, June 1 at 4 pm. All events are free to the public.

**Galleries**
The Langham Cultural Centre - Nelson
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407 A Avenue, Nelson. Built in 1896, The Langham is a national historic site and the heart of the community’s arts and culture in Kaslo. Art exhibits in our two galleries; live performances in our theatre. During WINT, Japanese Canadian Museum presents the interpretive exhibits at our Japanese Canadian Museum. Open daily 10-4. Galleries open Thurs. from 1-4 pm. Office open Wed to 4-7 pm.

The Lost Art of Performing for a Social Cause: A Public Lecture by David A. Dutko, Ainsworth
(250) 354-7885  www.ainsworth.com
May 23, 2015 The Valley Voice
CALCIFIED/COMMUNITY

RDCK celebrates Local Government Awareness Week submitted
May 18-22 is Local Government Awareness Week and the Regional District of Central Kootenay is inviting residents to learn more about the role the RDCK plays in local communities by attending a free barbecue on May 21 in Nelson.

The board and head office staff will be at the event and available to answer questions about the RDCK from noon to 1 p.m. at the main administration office at 202 Lakeside Drive.

“The RDCK is a large organization that delivers over 100 services to our residents,” says chair James Harding. “Drinking water, waste and recycling, recreation facilities, fire protection, building inspection, bylaw enforcement, transit and emergency planning are just some of the services that the RDCK delivers to our 60,000 residents.”

The district is comprised of 11 electoral areas and nine municipalities with a mission “to provide services to residents and communities with services, governance and representation in a manner that supports the economic, social and environmental goals of the region.”

The RDCK also has offices in Creston and Nakusp and owns and operates three multi-purpose recreation centres in Nelson, Castlegar and Nakusp.

Genealogy workshop in Nelson submitted
Looking for your ancestors or distant family members? The West Kootenay Family Historians Society is offering an Introduction to Genealogy Workshop at Touchstone Nelson’s Shawn Lamb Archives on Saturday, May 30 from 1:30 pm to 4 pm.

The workshop will include short presentations on traditional genealogical research and online resources, along with one-on-one consultation. Participants will receive a family tree starter kit.

For the workshop is $12 for members, $15 for non-members. Seats are limited; to register contact Touchstone Nelson at 250-352-8613. For further information, contact colleen@touchstonenelson.ca or rdckshfs@shaw.ca.

It employs more than 350 full and part-time staff throughout its operations.

“We encourage everyone to drop by our office on May 21 to enjoy lunch, chat with directors and staff, and learn more about regional government,” says Harding.

The May RDCK Board meeting will start at 9 am that day and everyone is encouraged to attend to watch their regional leaders in action.

Go to our website for more information at RDCK.com

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Slocan council, May 5 and 11: Four priorities identified for 2015-17

by Barbara Curry McNaught

Council has decided on four priorities for the years 2015-17: the microhydro project, a waterfront plan, seniors’ housing, and the boat launch. Goals for the boat launch include setting an anchor to hold it in place, improving safety for boaters, and hiring a waterfront ambassador. The microhydro and the seniors’ housing projects are to be completed by 2017. Waterfront plans will start with negotiations with CWR and the Rail Trail with the goal of gaining title to land containing the pathway, gazafo, beach and boat parking. This year the Village will review the MoU, meet with the stakeholders, and develop a plan for the parking, boat launch, and beach. The waterfront plan is to be completed next year.

The Emergency Medical Responder Course to be held in Winlaw this month has been postponed until June 25. Jason Twells of the BC Ambulance Service said in an email to the Village that the delay will allow the seven applicants to complete “the hiring requirements” and will also allow time for “further applicants to come forward.” BC Ambulance will recruit applicants with flyers and posters, radio and newspaper ads, and articles profiling local paramedics.

The Job Creation Program funding application for the Western Screech Owl Habitat project has been approved. The JCP funding will cover labour expenses for the project manager, and equipment and training for up to four participants. Participants must have been on EI in the last three years. The joint funding for the project amounts to about $100,000. The project will probably start at the beginning of June.

Slocan Community Library Board Chair Dick Kelly presented drawings and a report on design considerations for the sign to be erected at the Wellness Centre. Council agreed to form a select committee to plan and carry out the construction of the sign. Councillor Van Byken and Dick Kelly were appointed to the committee. Staff will draft terms of reference for the committee and put out a call for up to three more committee members.

Council adopted the annual tax rate bylaw, and an amendment to the council remuneration and expenses bylaw to correct an administrative error.

The Village received a report on its participation in the Climate Action Plan which includes a summary of the GHGs emitted by the Village during the year. The Village’s GHHs are expected to be reported in early 2017.

Council agreed to write a letter to the Wastewater Stewardship Society ‘Wild Days’ CBT grant application. Along with other activities, this summer the Village will educate and inform residents about proper wastewater education programs about the ecosystems of Slocan Lake at the gazafo in Slocan, and in Silvertown, New Denver, and Hills.

A request by Daphne Fields for a letter of support for a water monitoring project on Spring Creek was referred to council’s next meeting. It is to be used to draft state what group she represented. Fields arrived during question period and stated that her request was on behalf of the Columbia Basin Trust and the local people. The request will be considered at the June council meeting.

Staff will respond to a request from Romance Hall that the Village stop chlorinating the water supply. Staff will explain that the Village is required by provincial regulation to test the water.

An in-camera resolution from a meeting on April 13 was brought forward and approved. The resolution was to appoint Robert Turley, FairWise Consulting Ltd., as local assistant to the Fire Commissioner, to hire Fire Wise to do inspections required by the Fire Services Act and to inspect local businesses and public buildings in June; to ask Fire Chief Gates to assist in inspections; and for the Village to prepare a policy on a system of regular inspections as required by the Fire Services Act.

Mike Koolen was appointed as the Village’s representative on the RDCK Rosbery Parklands and Trail Commission.

Council agreed to give a $50 discretionary grant to the Fishing Derby, which raises funds for equipment and training for the Slocan fire department’s first responders and technical rescue.

During public participation, Patricia McGreal asked “what, if anything, council is doing to pursue the issue” of the investigation into how the RCMP handled Peter DeGroot. Mayor Luna said, “We haven’t written a letter… it is something that we could bring forward.”

Comments from the public included whether the Village could amend the Building Code to require new buildings to face south to encourage solar energy (CAO Dehnel: no, but the development permit could be “used as a tool” for this purpose); could council write “a letter of support” to the Village of Castlegar for their dogs reminding the owners of the Village’s leash law (Perriere: this could be put on the agenda for the next meeting); could staff be directed to post agendas for upcoming meetings on the grocery store bulletin board (yes); could pictures and plaques be hung on the wall in council chambers and a display case be provided for historical trophies (Public Works to look into the matter); whether the Village is counting entrepreneurs to encourage small businesses in the Village (the Village’s membership in the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Commission are a way to attract small business).

Slocan emergency volunteers host 10th annual fish derby

The Slocan Volunteer Fire Department along with the Slocan and District Technical Rescue Society and the Slocan First Responders are ramping up for another fishing derby.

Spring Fling fundraiser for Winlaw returns May 23

Winlaw Elementary students are bursting with excitement, planning and preparing for the school’s annual Spring Fling fundraiser. This important community event is happening at the school on Saturday May 23 from 10 am to 2 pm and will feature a barbecue and bake sale, kids’ games, face painting, an auction, various raffles and a plant and craft sale.

Don’t miss the opportunity to bid on a number of auction items donated by our community artisans and local businesses.

Proceeds raised help fund quality educational programs, services and resources including field trips, arts, music and reading programs.

Second Wind opens season for Ravencourt concerts

Saturday, June 6 sees the return of the Music in the Courtyard series at Ravencourt B&B in Passmore. On that day, beginning at 7 pm, you’ll be introduced to Second Wind, a duo of accomplished musicians based in northwest Montana’s Flathead Valley.

They feature a cartload of stringed and wind instruments, playing Celtic music ranging from the very traditional to the very new. Second Wind consists of Jason Foy, a lifelong musician whose artistry on flute and whistles anchors this duo; and Barbara Calm, whose hammered dulcimer drives the rhythm, dances lightly around a melody, and adds a room with warm vibrating sound.

Their background is in Celtic tradition and to these roots they remain true — most of the time! They find joy in experimental approaches to traditional tunes and continuously find new inspiration from some great contemporary bands from Ireland and Great Britain.

As previous years have shown, the Ravencourt concerts have become very popular. It’s recommended to come earlier and enjoy the ambiance before the music begins. Admission for these concerts is by donation with all proceeds going to the performers.

Ravencourt B&B is located at 4615 Upper Passmore Rd. (www.ravencourtnorthchord.com). Turn off Hwy 3 and follow the signs that will take you past the bridge and follow the signs to pure musical enjoyment. It’s a windy drive to this steel-deck B&B, but worth the trip. Refreshments will be available. For more information phone 250-226-7801.

Youth Action Coordinator Position

Wage: $18 per hour

Hours of Work: months, 12 hours per week

Job/Position Summary: The Youth Action Coordinator is an employee of WE Graham Community Services Society. They will work collaboratively with the Executive Director, other staff, local government, educational institutions, and businesses to plan and implement youth programs, projects, and activities to youth living in the Slocan Valley, from the junction to Slocan City. The Youth Action Coordinator reports to the Executive Director of WEGCSS.

Deadline for Application: FRIDAY June 1, 4:30 pm. For more information, including Responsibilities/Expectations, Duties, Skills/Qualifications, and Conditions and Conditions of Employment email Holly Jack, Executive Director, at coordinator@wegcss.com. For more information, please call Holly Jack at 250-355-2484.
Slocan Valley TV Society reveals survey results

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In March, the Slocan Valley TV Society (SVTVS) board conducted a survey of households in Area H south of Trail. Part of an ongoing community consultation process which will determine the best course of action for the future of free over-air (FOA) TV service in the region. This service is offered to residents from the Village of Slocan and is funded almost exclusively by taxes collected by the Regional District of Central Kootenay. The SVTVS is a non-profit society that owns the broadband infrastructure for four television channels and the internet. The RDCK provides funding to the SVTVS under conditions set out in an RDCK bylaw.

In the survey, area residents were asked a number of questions to help estimate the following: level of use (number and types of households); patterns of use (frequency and channel preferences); level of community support for the FOA service as currently provided.

1,780 surveys were mailed to households and 15 additional surveys were distributed on request. One hundred and fifty surveys were returned, covering households consisting of 281 people; one survey was ineligible. The return rate was 8.3 percent of circulated surveys. A report of the results has been prepared; to receive a copy, please email the society at svtsociety@gmail.com.

Some highlights:
- 31 percent of the 149 respondents stated that their household used the FOA service. Others use satellite, cable and the internet; the largest geographic concentration is in the Castlegar area (41 percent) live in the central valley, from Kootenay Lake to Lower Fruit; the most frequently watched channel was Global TV; most (48 percent) of the 149 respondents supported continuation taxation for the FOA service; 30 percent were opposed to continuation taxation; 31 percent of respondents were either undecided (15 percent) or stated that they would be in support of continued taxation if changes were made to the service (16 percent).
- The board of the SVTVS will continue to provide information on levels of use and preferences of residents. The next opportunity to speak will be at the AGM on Tuesday, June 9 at 7 pm at the Passmore Hall. All Area H residents are welcome to attend. Those who are property owners are eligible to become members and vote at the AGM – please bring proof of ownership.

Co-op builds new bulk petroleum plant

submitted

The Slocan Valley Co-operative Association will start construction of its new bulk petroleum and cardlock facility in Castlegar on May 22. The construction contract has been awarded to Phoenix Petroleum Limited, and the facility is expected to open in the fall of 2015. The official groundbreaking ceremony will be attended by Mayor Lawrence Chernoff, the co-op’s board of directors and General Manager Chris Sapke.

This modern facility will replace the aging bulk petroleum plant in Gusella, owned by Federated Cooperative operating Ltd. (FCL) and managed by the Slocan Valley Co-op, which has provided commercial petroleum needs for more than 65 years. The new facility will service the co-op’s bulk petroleum delivery trucks, including cardlock customers in the Kootenays, and is wide open to customers in the co-operative retailing system throughout western Canada.

The site, just off Highway 22, will be easily accessible for commercial traffic traveling through Castlegar 24 hours a day. It has a holding capacity of 540,000 litres of gasoline, diesel and home heating fuel, and can easily be upgraded by an additional 270,000 litres when required.

The existing bulk plant will be decommissioned as soon as the new facility is operational. To sweeten the pot, FCL is contributing 30 percent of the overall cost, estimated at $3.2 million, and offering zero percent financing on the remainder, as needed.

With current annual sales of approximately $12 million, the new site will provide additional sales to strengthen the co-op’s bottom-line earnings, which is given back to its members through equity and cash. Over the past five years, Slocan Valley Co-op members have earned in excess of $275,000 in cash and equity, and continue to share in the rewards of a locally owned company. If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a Slocan Valley Co-op member, and is interested in bulk petroleum delivery or the new cardlock facility in Castlegar, please contact either Dan Ulyasich at 250-695-2313 or Chris Sapke at 250-226-7433 for further information.

Customers don’t have to be a member to enjoy the services of Slocan Valley Co-op, but with a lifetime membership fee of $25, those who join will reap the benefits of ownership.

Trillium School of Dance presents ‘For the love of Dance’

submitted

Jennifery’s Trillium School of Dance and Holistic Expressions will present ‘For the love of Dance’ at its annual spring recital May 30. There will be a matinee at 2 pm and an evening performance at 6:30 pm at the Capstone Theatre in Nelson.

The performances will bring together the rural and urban dance communities of the Slocan Valley, Ymir and Nelson. Consisting of dancers of all ages, Trillium School of Dance is excited to share a diverse program that includes a contemporary fusion of modern, ballet, Afro, folkloric, belly dance, Bollywood and hip hop dancers.

The recital also includes performances by Ina the Sticks, an Afro-Caribbean jazz troupe, and Shanna of Soul Fire. So please join family, friends and the wider community and offer your support to local dancers of all ages who are performing this afternoon or evening of dance that will be sure to warm your heart.

Invoking a sense of timelessness with the qualities of strength, passion, beauty, grace and joy, Jennifery’s dance programs meld a variety of cultural and eclectic traditions of dance. Merging this with the freshness and curiosity of authentic and contemporary exploration, movement and body/mind centering, she mentors dancers of all ages into a unique and empowering dance synthesis!

For more information about Trillium Dance, the performance and upcoming summer camps visit www.trilliumdance.ca.