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KDCFS gets through AGM and requisitioned meeting, June 15

by Jan McMurray

In a surprising show of efficiency given its track record lately, the Kaslo and District Community Forest Society completed the business of the AGM and requisitioned meeting on June 15 in just over three hours. With about 200 members in attendance and Gary Cockrell as chair, the meeting dealt with the election, five special resolutions, four ordinary resolutions, and the resolution calling for Cockrell's resignation.

The resolutions, which addressed the main points of contention within the membership, were mostly voted down. The only two that passed were the ordinary resolutions to have an audit done of the books for the past 12-month period and to reinstate the water monitoring program. Resolutions to require membership for two months before being allowed to vote, to allow for advance polls for the election of directors and for changes to bylaws, to eliminate the two appointed seats, to make the number of directors to be elected each year five, and to have Gary Cockrell resign and Don Scarlett removed as a member all failed.

Bob Douglas, mayor of Kaslo, and Stewart Enderton, a retired judge from Nelson, were both there to give advice on procedure. The board also hired security for the meeting.

As people filed into the school building, former director and election candidate Steve Anderson was handing out leaflets signed by ten members outlining their concerns, saying that all he wanted was to have these concerns recorded.

Anderson rose on a point of privilege very soon after the meeting was called to order. Cockrell ruled him out of order, telling him there was an opportunity at the end of the meeting to bring up new business. Douglas explained that a point of privilege can be made only if you are experiencing personal discomfort and said that Anderson's wish to have the statement of concerns recognized was new business.

The minutes of the 2004 AGM were passed without a hitch. The financial statements also passed, 114-46, but not without objection. The year end was changed from June 30 to December 31, and presented were financial statements as at June 30, 2004 and an income statement for the period July 1, '04 - December 31, '04. ML Thompson said the membership needed complete financial statements for the period July through December.

The special resolution regarding a two-month membership requirement before getting voting privileges, requiring a 75% vote to pass, failed 111 in favour and 85 opposed. The board recommended this in order to discourage one-issue members. Objections were that an existing bylaw conflicts with this one and that all the bylaws need to be looked at rather than making "piecemeal" changes to them.

The next item on the agenda included two ordinary resolutions, asking members if they'd be in favour of advance polling for the election of directors and for bylaw changes. ML Thompson rose to object. "The advertised agenda that you claim cannot be altered does not contain these resolutions," she said and indicated she'd like a ruling from a parliamentarian. Douglas said that his understanding was that the Societies Act does not allow for advance polls.

Despite Cockrell telling her she was out of order, Thompson insisted on an answer to her question, which was, "How do you have the right to insert these resolutions that are not on the advertised agenda?" She added, "I object to this and to not allowing members to discuss amending or adopting the agenda."

Cockrell explained that the board put the two ordinary resolutions on the agenda "to test the waters." The board recommendation states: "The board endorses passage of this resolution because it will give direction to this and future boards regarding this important issue. Regardless of the success or failure of the special resolution on tonight's agenda."

Both failed, as did the special resolution referred to above, which addressed the advance polling questions in the form of a new bylaw. Kate O'Keefe and Andy Shadrack both said they would approve of advance polling for the election of directors, but not for bylaw changes, as they believe debate is necessary for this.

On the audit, Erika Bird said she felt it would set a precedent that the membership expects an audit, which is "not a bad idea considering the size of the society and the business it does." Someone else agreed, saying an organization with $1 million cash flow should make sure that the bookkeeping was "right on." That resolution passed.

The motion to adjourn the AGM passed by a very slight margin: 95 to 93. Anderson objected to adjournment because there had been no opportunity for questions from the floor.

The first agenda item for the requisitioned meeting was a special resolution to do away with the two appointed seats. Effie Woloshyn wanted clarification on the issue that the two appointments were possibly linked to keeping the licence. Anderson said he had a letter from Garry Beaudry, District Manager, Kootenay Lake Forest District, that said the licence was in no way tied to the appointments. Cockrell said the board was aware of that letter, but that he would personally like to see a letter from the Minister.

People speaking in favour of axing the appointments said they felt these were no longer appropriate in the context of an open Society. Those speaking against said the appointees provided a broader perspective, continuity and a monitoring of the board. The vote resulted in 101 in favour of removing the seats and 87 opposed. It failed, as it required 75%.

Next up was the special resolution to allow for five people to be elected every year. Anderson spoke in support of the motion, saying it would give the membership a chance to vote in a majority, while providing for continuity. Woloshyn pointed out that the resolution, which read "The number of directors shall be nine, all of whom shall be elected by the membership," assumes that there are no appointed seats. Pat Mackle pointed out that the motion would have to be defeated and then brought back, re-worded. The motion was defeated.

When the resolution calling for Cockrell's resignation came up, Cockrell referred to it as his "beauty contest." He informed the membership that if they voted in favour of his resignation, "I don't think I will — because this is a personal issue."

Shadrack, who moved the resolution, named the two occasions when Cockrell did not follow the bylaws. The first was in August of last year, when advance poll ballots, which are not allowed for, were brought to a meeting on the Shutty Bench logging issue. The second infraction was a resolution sent by email to remove Steve Anderson as director around January 30. Shadrack said that only the members can remove directors, and only at general meetings.

The vote resulted in 78 in favour of Cockrell's resignation and 86 opposed.

"She loves me, she loves me not, she loves me," was Cockrell's response to the result.

The special resolution to remove Don Scarlett as a member was met with disgust. Although 80 people signed a petition in favour of this, very few people voted that way. The grand majority voted opposed to removing him. John Cathro informed the meeting that glue had been put in the locks of Scarlett's vehicle and said, "Nobody assumes the questions are going to be easy, but we have to address the questions and look people in the eye after these meetings."

The final resolution, moved by Shadrack, was to reinstate the water monitoring program. The board was not in favour of this one, because of the expense involved and because they question the usefulness of the data in resolving possible disputes. What the board is doing instead is accruing a fund for water issues.

Jennifer Gunter, former office employee of the Society, said the former board had asked hydrologist Norm DeVerney about two years ago if the program could be streamlined to be less costly, but he said they were doing the bare minimum.

Ken Van Koughnett from Shutty Bench said he was concerned about the water. "There is no recourse if the water changes course or dries up. I want data..." Jack Staples pointed out that the monitoring had a lot to do with McDonald Creek Water Users getting a grant for a new system. Brody Whitney said that money doesn't fix water, but buys clean water. The motion to reinstate the program passed.

Finally, it was time for new business. Anderson asked to have his concerns attached to the agenda and Cockrell said he would be more than happy to. The motion was carried.

Shadrack said he wanted to see a committee of members struck to work on the bylaws and bring them to a general meeting, and said he'd be willing to serve on the committee. Cockrell said he agreed and he'd call Shadrack first thing in the morning to get started.

Dirk Pidcock said he felt it was unhealthy for an organization to place so much power "in one person such as yourself and I would encourage you to share that power with other members of the board." Cockrell agreed.

KDCFS AGM election results

Elected: Steve Anderson (136 votes), Erika Bird (112), Kelly Abbey (110).
Remaining directors: Gary Cockrell, Ken Wapple, Barry Rempel, Owen Bendis, Randy Simpson, Donna Cormie.
Outgoing directors: Joan Murach and Dave Collier.
Candidates not elected: Luke Crawford (106), Eleanor Nichol (91), Dave Russell (65).

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Village of Kaslo makes offer on heritage courthouse building

by Jill Braley

KASLO—At its June 14 regular meeting, Kaslo council voted to make an offer of $120,000 for the provincial courthouse building, subject to a referendum. Councillors Donna Cormie, Molly Leathwood and Suzan Hewat were in favour; Mayor Bob Douglas and Councillor Jim Holland were opposed.

This issue has been Cormie's "baby" for about three months now. She sees it as a space for the Village office, at least while the City Hall building is being renovated. She also sees it as a source of rental income for the Village.

"My point is that that building has belonged to the citizens of this area for years. It's a public building that we've paid for over and over through our taxes. It's part of our heritage and it's a sturdy building. They [the government] used to give them [buildings] to us for $1 but those days are over — $120,000 is reasonable for that land and building and I think we can hammer out an agreement that will work for us," she said.

On the contrary, Douglas says the Village can't afford the $120,000, let alone the cost of a new roof for the building, estimated at $85,000 some time ago.

"We had a good, hard look at it three years ago," said Douglas. "It has a cracked foundation and it needs a new roof, and the government isn't going to give it to us for $2. We have a Village Hall that we have to restore and every bit we spend on the government building we can't spend on the Hall. Yes, it's a heritage building, but we can't save them all."

He also mentioned that the Village has a recent report from an independent real estate firm which indicates that purchasing the building would be a bad investment. "I had hoped that this would have been enough for some of my fellow councillors," he said.

BC Building Corporation (BCBC) is in charge of selling the building. Greg Yaholnitsky, BCBC representative, met with council at an informal meeting on June 7. He gave the background. About four years ago, with the new provincial government, BCBC was mandated to "facilitate the accelerated sale of surplus properties." Properties were listed as surplus mostly because of government downsizing and possibly because of the age of the property. About three years ago, the Kaslo courthouse building appeared on the list and BCBC offered the property to the Village. BCBC policy is to appraise the properties at market value and to offer them to local governments and any other publicly funded organization before putting them on the market. CAO Rae Sawyer wrote to BCBC saying that the Village was not interested.

Yaholnitsky went on to explain that several government properties in the area went up for sale at the same time, and BCBC did not want to saturate the market. So, it did not actively pursue the sale of the Kaslo building. Then, when the government building in New Denver sold on March 15, BCBC became interested in accelerating the sale of the Kaslo courthouse.

Around that time, Cormie called Yaholnitsky to ask about the possibility of renewing the interest of the Village of Kaslo in purchasing the property. Council passed a motion requesting that BCBC provide the Village with all market information on the building, and BCBC complied. Yaholnitsky made it clear that he was now looking for an offer to buy the property.

Mayor Douglas asked what the plans were for the government agent office, housed in the courthouse. Yaholnitsky said that the building does not suit the government agent's needs, but would look at continuing its tenancy for an interim period of perhaps a year.

Cormie says she has spoken to Peter Lee, Regional Manager of Service BC Operations, and he says that based on the budget for this fiscal year, the Kaslo agent is not planning to move. Also, his division is looking at sharing space and equipment with local governments, which is happening as a pilot project in Nelson's government building, which the City purchased.

Although Cormie and Douglas disagree on this issue, they agreed on one thing at the meeting with Yaholnitsky — to take it to a referendum.

Yaholnitsky asked if council was prepared to make an offer subject to a referendum. Douglas replied that there would be a referendum first to see if an offer would be made.

At the end of a lively discussion, Susan VanZandt, Deputy Clerk for the Village, who was in the gallery, asked Yaholnitsky if he could wait until June 15. She suggested that a motion to make an offer be brought to the June 14 council meeting and that Yaholnitsky could be contacted the next day with the outcome. Yaholnitsky agreed. The motion to offer $120,000 subject to a referendum passed, 3-2, at the council meeting.

SD 10 initiates partnership with homeschoolers

by Jan McMurray

Peter Blacklock has invited all homeschoolers in School District 10 to come out to a meeting in their community to explore a possible partnership.

He says the bottom line is that he would like homeschoolers to register with the district and wants to know from homeschooling parents how to get them to do this while maintaining the integrity of their program.

"Part of what we want to do is find out what is going to work for homeschoolers rather than present a program," he explained. "We want to find out what we can do to help with their programs, what kinds of resources we could provide."

He says that when parents register their homeschooled children at a district school, there is an agreement outlining the ways in which the family can access the school's facilities. "We're fairly limited as to what we can provide in those situations," he said. He gave the example of the HomeLinks program at School District 8 (Nelson-Creston), which is able to provide a greater level of support, such as lending out computers long-term to homeschoolers.

Superintendent Walter Posnkioff pointed out that there have been children in the district who have homeschooled part time and attended school part time, and homeschooled kids who have participated in the band program. "We want to find out what we can do to serve kids," he said.

The School District receives $5753 per pupil enrolled and only $250 per homeschooler registered with it. However, Posnikoff says that if homeschoolers wanted to participate in some of the regular school program, the district may be able to get more funding.

"If they take four courses, for example, we could maybe get .5 FTE for that. We're working on that right now," he said.

Slocan District Chamber of Commerce co-ordinates new business opportunity

by Leah Main

The Slocan District Chamber of Commerce has come up with the idea to try and attract corporate retreats to our area.

At a special meeting June 6, the Chamber's Industry Committee described this initiative and enlisted the energy and support of several business owners.

Corporate retreats typically involve a group of employees developing corporate strategies, planning, goal setting or training in a location quite remote from the normal place of business. Businesses (whether private, government, or associations) often send groups of managerial and executive employees to these three- to five-day meetings, which cannot effectively take place in the normal working environment. Spouses are often included in these retreats, and separate activities are planned for them.

Venues are selected on the basis of their ability to provide services such as accommodation and food, meeting rooms, audio-visual and technical support, and recreational activities, among other things.

While these venues are typically destination resorts or hotels, the Chamber's Industry Committee believes that it is possible to put together packages for groups of up to a few dozen participants utilizing the combined resources of several businesses in our locale.

Corporate retreats are usually scheduled during the months of October through April, to avoid competing with vacations and holidays. This creates an opportunity for tourism and non-tourism businesses alike to generate some activity when they are usually pretty quiet.

The Chamber is willing to act as the initial co-ordinator of the project, and expects that natural leadership will evolve from participating businesses. The participants, which included representatives from several different types of services, agreed that there is much planning to be done and will give the project thought over the summer in preparation for a September follow-up meeting.

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Province makes shorter appointments to CBT board

by Jan McMurray

The recent appointments to the Columbia Basin Trust board of directors has raised some eyebrows around the RDCK table. Although RDCK board members were happy that their nominee, Josh Smienk, was re-appointed, they noted that his term was only for one year instead of the usual two.

"It shows the amount of control Victoria has over CBT," said RDCK Chair Gary Wright. "We'll be interested in exploring options for making CBT more independent and regionally controlled at the upcoming symposium."

Wright said that the Province had made appointments to other organizations in the province at about the same time and had given appointees longer terms. "I heard that the reason the Province gave CBT directors one-year terms was because municipal elections are coming up in the fall and there was an upcoming provincial election at the time. They say they don't like to fetter governments around election times. This would ring true if they hadn't made similar appointments for longer terms in the same month."

Karen McDonald, Communications Director of the Ministry of Economic Development, said the Province chose to make all pre-election appointments to crown agencies one-year terms so as not to bind the future government and to allow the government of the day to implement its own policy.

Under the original Columbia Basin Trust Act, directors had two-year terms, and 2/3 of them were appointed by local governments and 1/3 were appointed by the provincial government. Since the Columbia Basin Trust Amendment Act was passed at the end of 2003, all 12 directors are appointed by the Province, and the Province decides the length of the term and the terms and conditions of the appointment for each individual director. Up until now, however, the Province has given two-year terms.

At the time the Amendment Act was being passed, there was a lot of opposition to it in our area. The general feeling was that the local control of this regional organization was being seriously undermined. The RDCK, on November 22, 2003, passed a resolution stating that the District had grave concerns about changes in the governance structure of the CBT and that they would be watching closely to make sure that this change did not adversely affect the benefits of the Trust to the region.

A March 30 Order in Council makes six appointments to the CBT board for the period April 1, 2005 to March 31, 2006. Re-appointed are Josh Smienk, RDCK, Dieter Boggs, Kootenay Boundary Regional District, Greg Deck, East Kootenay Regional District, and Mike Rouse, Cranbrook. New appointments are Mike Berg, Nelson and Jim Miller, Creston.

RDCK gets its money back from BC Liberals

by Jan McMurray

The Regional District of Central Kootenay has been refunded $350 from the BC Liberal Party. This $350 was one of several "inappropriate" contributions from local governments throughout the province. Such contributions amounted to $2,050.

In a letter from RDCK CAO Carol McGowan to Mr. Kelly Reichert, Executive Director of the BC Liberal Party, dated April 28, she says "...we are seeking the recovery of the amount of $350 relating to a breakfast meeting with the Honourable John Les which, as has been revealed, was in fact a Liberal Party fundraiser."

Chair Gary Wright explained that an RDCK volunteer committee working on the Nelson and District Community Complex had been invited to meet Minister John Les at a breakfast meeting and were told that the breakfast would cost $25. Thirteen committee members attended the breakfast. About a month later, the RDCK treasurer received a bill for $325 and a request from the committee to pay it.

"Even though we paid the bill to the BC Liberal Party, we didn't think much of it," said Wright. "We thought it was for the breakfast. Then just before the election, when the parties released a public list of campaign contributions, our $350 and contributions from other local governments showed up."

At the RDCK's May meeting, a policy was adopted that the District will not make contributions or donations towards any provincial or federal political party, nor will it campaign for or against any party. Also, all funds committed or remitted to any political party will require a board resolution authorizing the transaction.

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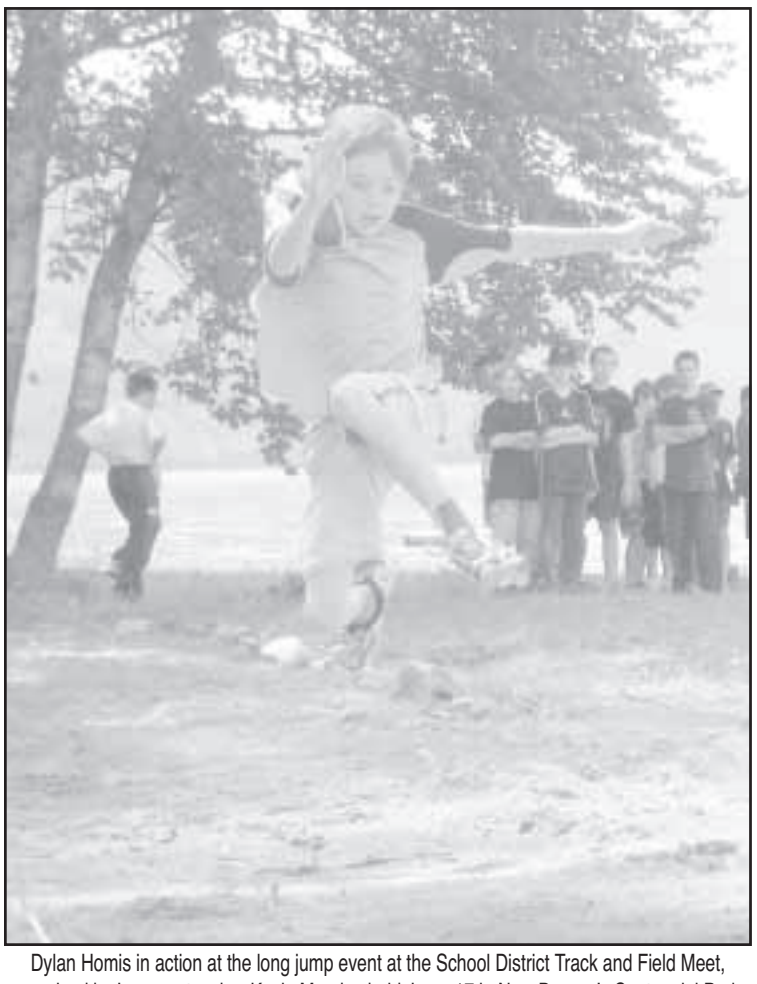

Dylan Homis in action at the long jump event at the School District Track and Field Meet, organized by Lucerne teacher Kevin Murphy, held June 17 in New Denver's Centennial Park.

Another season of community Soccer was celebrated June 18 at Centennial Park in New Denver. Al our young soccer players received a medal and team photos. Pictured here is the intermediate team.

For 29 years, Cullen devoted his time and efforts to teaching and counselling his students at Slocan Elementary School and WE Graham School. In recognition of his years of teaching in the Village of Slocan, Mayor Van Bynen presented Mr. Cullen with a comemerative plaque at Cullen's roast on June 17.

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Voices from the Valleys

Bear to change

I love the Kaslo BC Jazz festival, but I am still haunted by the memories of the little black bear that was brutally killed last year while innocently eating cherries in a tree. It was a horrendous and unnecessary death and I am curious to know what the town of Kaslo is doing this year to lessen the likelihood of this ever happening again.

I do hope they have not swept this atrocity under the rug but have attempted to implement change in the wake of this disaster. The festival is once again happening in July and I would like to go, but I want to know what they are planning to do to prove to us they have positively evolved in the area of bear/human encounters. Do they know they have the opportunity to be the flagship towards peace and respect towards bears and other wildlife?

Education of the citizens through Bear Smart programs have worked very well in Whistler. I would be willing to contribute to any program that will enable bears and humans to live harmoniously in our world together. I do hope to see change so as this little bear did not die for nothing.

Ellie Archer
Calgary

KDCFS moving forward

I wanted to thank those members of the KDCFS who made an effort to attend the AGM on June 15.

I am pleased with the newly elected board members Erika Bird and Kelly Abbey and I'm confident that Steve Anderson will seek to further this community asset in a constructive manner as well.

The meeting was very ambitious in its agenda. Unfortunately there were a small number of members whose sole goal was to disrupt the proceedings. Thanks to the strong chairing of Gary Cockrell we managed to churn through it.

Tensions did run high and caught many of us up in it as there are strong views from different sides of the issues. I found myself exasperated by a particular member who kept speaking out of turn and laughing out loud. Suddenly a "shut up!" bubbled out of me. I immediately regretted my comment as it too was out of order and did not help the situation. My sentiments about this particularly obnoxious member still remain, but it was disrespectful to the membership as a whole.

I do believe that as we move forward with some new direction we will all see a willingness to pull together for the bigger picture, the prosperity and sustainability of our community.

Randy Simpson
Kaslo

Hoping for common ground in Kaslo

Webster's dictionary defines community as a "unified body of individuals," and also as a "fellowship," but it seems, once we in Kaslo added the word "forestry" to the word "community," terms like "unity" and "fellowship" went out the window.

I was appalled when I opened the June 8 edition of *The Valley Voice* and encountered what appeared to me to be snide and hateful comments directed at both members and directors of the KDCFS in the letters section.

We have sunk to the level of petulant children. We are drowning in the puffed-up, self-indulgent, egomaniacal sludge of the, "he said – she said." Is any of this enabling us to do better logging, to better manage our watersheds or to invest in our community and its future? No, but it is causing us to come to a complete standstill in our negotiations, which would be proactive discussions if we stopped butting heads long enough to listen to one another.

We live in a very small pond and arguing over who is the biggest fish is insanely idiotic when we are all small fish, and if we don't accept this we will all soon be gasping and floundering in the dry lake bottom that was our community. A big fish needs water as much as a little one.

So, I say let us have faith that there is a place of common ground and that all we must do to get there is to remember the unity and fellowship that are possible in our community if we simply respect each other as pieces of the whole.

R.Dugdale
Kaslo

In support of the Crooked Cafe

Hats off to Chris Burk and his sincere rebuttal last week to the bizarre comments made regarding the Crooked Cafe (found in the council notes of the May 25 issue of *The Valley Voice*) that left us all reeling.

It is most unfortunate that there are some envious business owners who become so beclouded by their concern for their own selfish affairs that they give little concern to what is good for the community as a whole. Kaslo has always needed a safe, wholesome environment where people (young people, in particular) can gather and dance and listen to music, and where alcohol is available for those of age. The Crooked Cafe offers such an atmosphere. It is regrettable that there are some who are critical of others' enjoyment of this tasteful provision, when there are so many other less desirable places where youth could choose to gather to enjoy music and alcohol — places which are less wholesome, not monitored and not safe. How tragic it would be if any aspect of this atmosphere were lost on account of a handful who view it as disruptive to their personal affairs.

As for those who have chosen to live on Front Street, and who choose not to come to the Crooked and enjoy the positive atmosphere for themselves, it would be unselfish and neighbourly to be willing to allow others to do so. I encourage young and old to check out the Crooked Cafe if you have not already done so. The atmosphere is prime, and the food is great — just ask the crows.

Lastly let me note appreciation that customers of the Crooked Cafe are always treated with an unmatched degree of friendliness and respect, and they need never fear getting yelled at for standing the wrong way. Does everyone remember that "Soup Nazi" episode of Seinfeld?

I hope that Chris and Serge continue to receive community support in their first-class operation.

Geoff Tripp
Kaslo

Civility called for in Kaslo

It might seem that we should tolerate a little rudeness from our neighbours and maybe some arrogance too. No one really gets hurt, do they?

Sorry, folks, it's not so simple. Civil behaviour is expected of us all — particularly of those in positions of power and influence — and yes, people do get hurt when civility is lost. Last year some people from Kaslo and North Kootenay Lake took it on themselves to overhaul the board of the Community Forest Society. They had every right to publicize their concerns — but they also used bulk mail and whole pages in the local papers to attack individuals personally. This was hurtful (as intended), damaging to reputations (they obviously didn't care) — and effective. The victims were silenced and no doubt wondered how to continue living in a community that would treat them so hatefully.

Fast forward a year and a few months. The same characters, who now control the Community Forest Society board, chose to single out and attack personally someone who had been critical of their behaviour (which during the past year included rigging a vote, breaking Society bylaws, ignoring legitimately expressed concerns of the membership and failing to fulfill the duties of the Board). I of course am that person. In a notice published by the board I was accused of shutting down the April 9 AGM at great expense to the Society and a number of other sins. Unfortunately, I must yield credit for the April 9 fiasco to Gary Cockrell — who adjourned the meeting when it appeared that it might not go the way he wanted — and the rest of the charges fell somewhere between unbelievable and ridiculous.

Regardless of the truth, I was identified as a troublemaker by people in positions of power — and in a small town that all too frequently means someone to victimize. Within 24 hours

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of the publication of the notice, my truck, which I require for work, was vandalized to the tune of $500. The obvious message: "Keep quiet or expect worse." Rudeness will degenerate into criminality, and that cannot be tolerated.

Everyone in this community should recognize the warning signs. It was sickening to see the rudeness with which Society members — including Steve Anderson, who was elected to the board with by far the largest number of votes — were treated by the chairman at the June 15 rescheduled Community Forest Society AGM. Members of the public have also been rudely treated by the Mayor at Village Council meetings. It's time for those who think of themselves as big men in town to take seriously their responsibilities to be civil or find different jobs. We can't afford to allow such behaviour to set an example for our community.

Donald Scarlett
Kaslo

ATVs trespass on private trail

Your Editorial "Motorized versus Non-Motorized Trails" warrants a response. Speaking of the Slocan Valley Rail Trail, you state that you "have come to an understanding of the historical use of this trail by the ATV community."

The unique history of each rail trail is important. First, at some point each rail line was owned by a rail company and was private property. The rail company had all the rights that any private land owner enjoys. As the economy changed, and it no longer was profitable to operate certain lines, the rail companies requested permission from the regulators to stop operating them. When permission was granted, some rail lines were literally 'abandoned' in the sense that the former owner - the railway company just gave them up and they reverted to the crown and became public lands.

But that is NOT what happened to the Slocan Valley rail line. It has never ceased to be private property. When the CPR owned it, it was private property. When CPR tore up the rails, it posted the property at every public road crossing with concrete barriers – certainly not put there to facilitate access by motorized vehicles – that had the words "Private Property – No Trespassing" on them. How anyone who chose to ignore these barriers – or better yet, to push them aside to access the former rail line – can now claim an 'historical right' to do so is somewhat baffling.

CPR decided to make a tax deductible gift of the Slocan Valley line (and several other former rail lines in western Canada) to the Trans Canada Trails Foundation (TCTF). During the period that TCTF held the land, the "Private Property – No Trespassing" signs stayed where they were but TCTF was sued for an injury in an ATV accident that happened just north of Lemon Creek about November, 2002, because it was the land owner at the time of the accident.

About one year ago, the Slocan Valley rail line was finally transferred to Tourism BC, a provincial agency which is the present owner. It is STILL private property and Tourism BC has chosen to develop and manage the trail for non-motorized recreational use – which is its right as the land owner. It also makes sense in terms of community wishes – based on extensive community input over the years, a non-motorized designation is the preference of a large majority of Valley residents. It makes sense, too, in terms of liability. Liability is a major concern and insurance premiums are many times higher if motorized use is allowed as about 90% of injury claims on recreational trails involve motorized use.

Dan, you say that you are unlikely to cycle or hike the trail, what a pity! It is SO easy, whether you are fit or frail, thin or fat, old or young. The Slocan Valley Rail Trail alternates magical secluded riverside vistas with sections that pass close to services and communities. With restaurants, bakeries and coffee huts along the way, and a bus (with a bike rack) going up and down the valley two or three times a day, it is possible to take unbelievably scenic walks or bike rides along the trail, refresh yourself with food services along the way, and then catch the bus back to your car.

Rory Lindsay
Slocan, BC

Tax proposal for heritage restoration projects should go to referendum

Kaslo village council, at its June 14 meeting, voted to make an offer of $120,000 for the Provincial building, subject to a referendum. So Kaslo taxpayers will have an opportunity to vote on this deal before it goes through.

In the meantime, without consultation with Kaslo taxpayers, council has approved a tax proposal to support restoration of "village-owned heritage resources." This would include the Village Hall, the SS Moyie, the old fire hall on A Avenue, and if the Village buys the Provincial building, it will be included, too.

That's not all. Kaslo council has asked the RDCK to impose tax support from Area D residents, from Ainsworth to Schroeder Creek (the Library Service Area) for this.

This tax is not a one-shot deal for a certain amount of money for a specific project, to be paid off over a certain number of years. This is a forever tax to raise $50,000 each year and you can be sure that the tax will be increased in the years to come.

Why $50,000 a year? Because this is the maximum amount that can be imposed without going directly into a referendum. If people want a referendum, they will have to petition for it.

For taxpayers in Kaslo, the tax proposal will be advertised twice and the tax will be imposed unless 10% of the taxpayers register opposition by signing special response forms. Taxpayers get about 30 days to do this. If 10% of them oppose the proposal, it goes to a referendum.

It's a little different for taxpayers in the Library Service Area. Area D Director Larry Greenlaw has asked the RDCK to send them a questionnaire to get a sounding on approval/disapproval for the proposal. He will then decide to let the thing die or proceed with advertising the proposal twice.

The SS Moyie and the Village Hall have been designated as national historic sites by Parks Canada. Parks Canada may provide funding for restoration programs, but they require strict adherence to the original structure and matching funding by the owner of the site. This makes it very expensive. It was estimated in 2001 that full restoration of the Village Hall would cost about $750,000. In 2005 terms, the figure would be closer to a million dollars.

Surely, this question on a huge undertaking for the Village Hall should go directly to a referendum? A million-dollar restoration program according to directives from Parks Canada is one way to go and it may be that taxpayers would support it.

But there is another way to go.

Village council has a to-do list of necessary repairs and proposed renovations for the Village Hall. Council could set priorities and propose a specific project for taxpayer support. An architect could draw up specifications, a contract could be awarded and the job done, without compromising the general heritage appearance of the building.

Parks Canada would not fund such a program, but grants are available from the provincial government, BC Hydro and Columbia Basin Trust.

And ask the taxpayers, yes or no in a referendum, if they will support the project: pay a certain amount of tax for a certain number of years for a specific project.

Taxpayers might say yes to that kind of proposal.

Jane Lynch
Shutty Bench

On behalf of the New Denver May Day Committee, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the following businesses and individuals for all their contributions to a very successful May Day celebration. Huge Thank You to:

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- *Ann's Natural Foods*
- *Essay Enterprises*
- *And ALL of the people who participated in the events and the fun!!*

We apologize if we have left anyone out. We couldn't have done it without all of you.
Thanks again and we will see everyone next May.
–The New Denver May Day Committee: Ross, Richard, Debbie, June, Anita, Kerry, Linda, Tanya & Shelley

New Denver council, June 14: only paving tender rejected

•There was only one tender for the contract to pave the streets of New Denver. Because the estimate provided was $50,000 over budget, council rejected the tender. Administrator Carol Gordon is pursuing other options and council is still hopeful the project can be completed before fall.

•Mayor Wright reported that he had met with a group of local people interested in low income housing and that he would attend the Healthy Housing Committee public meeting scheduled for June 20 at 7 pm at the Lucerne library.

•Fire Chief Leonard Casley reported on the cuts to the Fire Commissioner's Office. There will be a chiefs' meeting to discuss this and recommendations may be brought forward to council.

•Tony Steenhoff received his certificate for the water distribution system operation and maintenance program at California State University. He achieved a 96% average.

•On RDCK business, Mayor Wright reported that Hans Cunningham was re-elected to the FCM executive and is chair of the BC Caucus.

•Council received a letter from Interior Health regarding gym renovations at Slocan Community Health Centre. Before any interior walls can be removed, IH requests a formal structural assessment and design by a qualified structural engineer at the expense of the CVND. IH representatives, council members and Administrator Carol Gordon will have a meeting on Wednesday.

•Council unanimously endorsed a resolution forwarded to them by the District of Central Saanich regarding the Ministry of Education funding formula. The resolution asks the Ministry to review its current per pupil funding formula with a view to increasing the amount of funding for school districts, especially for rural and smaller schools.

•New Denver resident Eleanor Quirk wrote to council with suggestions on the disposal of yard waste, a community composting program and noise abatement. Mayor Wright said he would contact Quirk to discuss composting, which the RDCK is also interested in.

•Provincial Voters List Adoption Bylaw No. 589, 2005 was given three readings. The provincial voters list will be used for local elections and voters will not be asked for two pieces of identification.

•The Property Assessment Appeal Board wrote to council regarding IH's appeal for tax exemption on residential property in New Denver. The appeal board will be advised that the Village wants to be an active participant in the appeal. Council noted that the property in question has never been tax exempt and that it provides rental income for the IH.

•Carol Bell wrote to council on behalf of the Lucerne Association for Community Education (LACE). The organization is applying for charitable tax status but is running into some bureaucratic difficulty. Councillor Bunka and Administrator Gordon will work with LACE to resolve this issue.

Silverton council, June 14: CBT funding delayed again

by Jan McMurray

•CBT Community Initiatives Funding was put off for the third time due to lack of quorum. Mayor Wiseman and Councillors Huether and Laktin were present, and Councillor Duncan phoned in so that he could participate with this item. However, with Councillor Dorsey absent and Wiseman and Huether wishing to declare a conflict of interest and to remove themselves from the discussion in regards to the Valhalla Summer School of Music application, council could not proceed with this.

•Acting fire chief Ron Provan reported that the initial meeting of the committee in charge of the amalgamation of the New Denver and Silverton fire departments went very well. The next meeting will be June 21.

•Councillor Huether reported that Destination Silverton will hold its grand opening on June 19. Also, that the Silverton Historical Society has just published a newsletter and hopes to do so twice per year. The Society is in the process of moving the tram towers and updating the outdoor exhibit. They were also successful in getting a grant for a student. She also reported that the Silverton Gallery has a full summer schedule.

•Public Works Foreman Chris Fox reported that the new generator had been picked up and works very well. Also, the boom foot has been mounted on the reservoir for the safety crane. Fox has started training new employee Tom Hughes. The arbourist has marked trees of concern and Fox will fall them as time allows. The water distribution system has been flushed and all hydrants have been exercised.

•The Overflow Campground policy will be brought forward to the next meeting.

•The janitorial cleaning checklist for the Memorial Hall and the Municipal Hall was approved.

•The janitorial position now available for the Village will be advertised.

•Councillor Huether will discuss signage for the Day Park with Public Works and report back to council.

What's on at the Hidden Garden Gallery

submitted

The Hidden Garden Gallery in New Denver is up and running for the season and will host "Basin Best: The Columbia Basin Touring Art Exhibition 2005" from June 20-25.

On June 24 at 7 pm, award-winning Slocan Valley author Rita Moir will read from her new book of creative non-fiction: *The Windshift Line: A Father and Daughter's Story*.

From June 29-July 4, the photographs of emerging artists Chillia Zoll from Hills and Myles Berney from Sandon will be featured. The grand opening will be held Canada Day, July 1, from 11 am-4 pm, complete with Canada flag cake. There will be music in the garden from 7-9 pm, and light refreshments will be available.

Silverton celebrates Canada Day

Friday, July 1st

- Pancake Breakfast - Memorial Hall - 7 am - 11 am
- Flea Market at Silverton Gallery - 10 am - 4 pm
  Contact John 358-2760
- Children's Parade starts at 11 am
  Silverton Hotel to Ball Park
- Children's Games & Treasure Hunt
  Dewis Park - 11:30 am
- Sailboat Race - Skippers meeting -12:30 pm
  - at the Marina
  First Race at 1:00 pm
  Second Race at 3-3:30 pm
- Duck Race at Silverton Creek - 4 pm

Bocci Court Area

- Silent Auction - 10 am - 4 pm
- Bocci Tournament - 11 am - 6 pm
  Dick 358-2456
  Dave 358- 2456
- Cotton Candy - Noon - 4 pm
- Beer Gardens & Concession - Noon - 6 pm
- Horseshoe Tournament - 1 pm - 4 pm
  Contact Smitty 358-2876
- Dunk Tank Noon - 4 pm

Day Park Area

- Youth Award - 8:15 pm
- Canada Day Cake - 8:30 pm
- **COMMUNITY FAMILY DANCE**
  Bring Comfy Chair - 8 pm - Midnight
- **FIREWORKS - 10 pm**

Saturday, July 2nd

- Bocci Tournament - 10 am - 6 pm
- Cotton Candy - Bocci Area - Noon - 4 pm
- Kayak Races - Coopers Beach - 10 am
  Contact Jody 358-2211
- Beer Gardens & Concession - Bocci Courts
  Noon - 6 pm
- Model Airplane Float Fly - Day Park - 1 pm - 4 pm

BINGO June 29th at 7 pm, Memorial Hall

Exhibition & Sale of Photographs
Hidden Garden Gallery, New Denver
Myles Berney & Chillia Zoll
Opening Night Friday, July 1st at 7:00 pm
Music in the Garden, Light Refreshments

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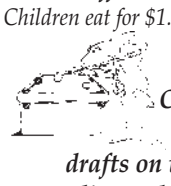

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Slocan council, June 8: Council asked to participate in Seniors Housing Project

by Don Currie

•Council received a report from Karie Garnier, member of the Slocan Seniors Housing Committee, formed at a public meeting on May 26 following the dissolution of the Slocan Valley Legion Seniors Housing Society. Garnier said the new nine-member committee was eager to keep up the momentum for the project. "In a nutshell, the housing committee would like the village council to re-address the issue of the Seniors Housing Project and invite you to participate in this very worthwhile project." Councillor Perriere said the committee was at an early stage in its work and appealed to anyone interested in the project to join the committee. Later in the meeting, council discussed a Member's Advisory from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) noting provision for funding for affordable housing in the federal budget. Perriere suggested it might be source of funding for the Seniors Housing project.

•Perry Weir and Caroline Hansen, who have been given approval to sell food from a bus located at the beach, asked for a decision on a location for the bus so that power and potable water can be hooked up. Weir reported that Public Health was coming to inspect the bus and that he was anxious to move forward with the project. Council assigned Public Works Foreman Jerry Simmons and Administrator Eunice Ludlow to work with Weir to determine the location and an opening date.

•Carson Fitzpatrick applied for and received council approval for a business license to operate a hot dog cart offering sausage and corn on the cob. He identified the Mountain Valley Station, music events, and the Slocan Outdoor Market as possible venues.

•Caroline Hansen, who had been given approval to operate a pub at the Silver Muse building, regretted to report to council that she could not proceed with her project because the building had been sold.

•Council approved an agreement between the Village of Slocan and the RDCK for the use of the Valhalla Unit Camp as an Emergency Operations Centre. The agreement is part of the Village of Slocan's participation in the Area H - Slocan Valley Emergency Preparedness Committee.

•Council decided to apply for a $25,000 grant for a fuel management pilot project from the Ministry of Forests Protection Branch administered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). Council figured the required 50% contribution from other sources and in-kind contribution would be covered by the volunteer work of the Valhalla Unit Crew. The application date is June 30. Preference will be given to communities "who have prepared Community Wildfire Protection Plans."

•The RDCK requested clarification regarding the transfer of the Slocan Waste Transfer Station property from the Village to the RDCK. Administrator Ludlow said there were still two problems to be resolved. One is the need for an easement from the RDCK for the use of the heli-pad, which is on the property. The other is to determine whether the road to the transfer station and heli-pad is private or public. Council went on to consider problems associated with equipping the heli-pad with lighting for 24-hour medi-vac use.

•Council contributed $500 from the balance of the Columbia Basin Trust fund to the Slocan City Loggers Sports Committee for its 25th annual show, to be held July 9. Also, council assigned Village staff to assist with moving bleachers and other duties. Organizers said participants are expected from Canada, the US, Australia and Finland and the event is considered the best on the CANLOG competition circuit.

•Council approved a request from the Winlaw Soccer Club to use the ball field and facilities for its tournament on June 25 and 26 on the condition that there be no dogs. In previous years dogs have been allowed to run at large over the pitch and adjacent park. On a related matter, Councillor Septav lauded the local K9 Committee for its work to date on dealing with dog issues and cited the recent rapid response of the committee in quickly finding the owner of a lost dog.

•Council referred a letter from Heritage BC to former councillor Dave Fredrickson who had initiated the idea of a Loggers Museum for Slocan. Council noted that Heritage Minister Murray Coell had allocated $500,000 for grants to community heritage projects.

•Council took note of an FCM Advisory that the federal government had delivered on its commitment to return 100% of GST rebates to municipalities and to share a portion of gas tax. The FCM reported that a total $373 million was paid to municipalities for calendar year 2004. The Administrator was requested by Council to advise FCM of the amount of GST rebate received by the Village of Slocan.

•Council considered a request from Ed Roshinsky to remove a stop sign "on my driveway." Roshinsky said drivers see the sign, mistake his driveway for a street and drive in and turn around, damaging his property. Councillor Septav reminded council the route in question was actually a street and recommended that council place a yield sign with an arrow to direct traffic away from the Roshinsky residence.

•Council received a letter from Elizabeth Newman congratulating the Slocan Motel for its recent improvements. Council agreed and decided to add their congratulations to owner Tamara Mathews.

More awards and scholarships: Lucerne grad

The following awards and scholarships were missed from our Lucerne graduation coverage in the June 8 issue.

RoseAnne Sopow: Columbia Basin Trust Youth Community Service Award and Chie Kamagaya Memorial Award. **Kim Reitmeier:** Female Student Pursuing Education for the Sake of Learning. **Asaly Skrenes:** Matsushita Family Award.

Correction

In our June 8 article entitled "Slocan Valley Rail Trail AGM draws surprisingly large crowd," we said that Moderator Derek Murphy announced in his opening remarks that, according to the Societies Act, the only business that could take place was the business on the agenda, which had been advertised. In fact, it is according to both the Societies Act and the bylaws of the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society that only the advertised business could be done at the AGM.

Tourism in the West Kootenay, featuring Columbia Kayaking

by Sally Smith

The limitless lure of the outdoors has tempted more than a few Kootenayites to climb onto the tourism venture bandwagon.

And now there's even more reason to jump aboard. According to the 2004 Small Business Profile, produced by a group of business development and government agencies, tourism is being touted as a frontrunner for potential growth in B.C.'s economy. The BC Wilderness Touring Association backs this trend, stating that "BC's wilderness tourism sector generated $1 billion in direct revenues and created 15,000 full-time jobs" in 1999. And it's growing at about 4.5 per cent a year, they say.

While the industry isn't the fastest growing sector yet, our region is stacking up as a hefty contender for future prospects: the Kootenays and the Lower Mainland are the only two BC regions that experienced tourism growth last year. While it was only 1.2 per cent in both cases, all the other regions experienced a decline.

Mom and pop operations running on four or less staff are growing the fastest, adds the Small Business Profile. And being less reliant on resource extraction is yet another bonus for prospective entrepreneurs.

When you look at the facts, our region stands to reap promising rewards in everything from heli-skiing to quiet fishing lodges to guided bike tours as we catch the tourism wave that's spreading across North America.

Business and tourism guru Roger Brooks says that those poised for the potential windfall need to understand one thing: what edge do our towns have that distinguish us from every other mountain community in the province?

Columbia Kayaking is one company that's riding the wave of the burgeoning tourism trade in the West Kootenay. Lovers of the open waters, Jordan and Tana Cliff of Silverton offer everything from high-end ocean kayak sales, rentals, lessons and guided day tours on the gorgeous Arrow and Slocan Lakes. Highlights include visits to hot springs, waterfalls and remote sandy beaches.

The pair have been running the business now for seven years and agree that tourism is a growing concern. Despite their other day jobs — the paddling season is short — they're steadily increasing their time on the water.

Jordan has a background of outdoor tourism activities, having grown up in the Muskokas in Ontario where paddling canoes and kayaks was an everyday activity, then later moving to the Rockies where he worked the gamut of guiding jobs — snowmobile tours, fish guiding, rafting, bike tours, cross country skiing, heli-skiing and heli-hiking.

Finally the Kootenays beckoned and it's here that he found the perfect balance of outdoor delights.

"I've always loved this area. I've been coming here since I was 10 years old. The big freshwater lakes were what I missed in Alberta. This area's got the mountains and the lakes — it's the perfect combination. When I first came out here there was a real lack of outdoor-experience tourism businesses. I worked in forestry — tree planting like everybody else — and always wanted to do something tourism-oriented because it's my background."

Perhaps what makes the water so alluring in these parts, he speculates, is that it was the transit medium of choice, lending a historical and cultural context to today's paddling appeal. Not only did the Aboriginals navigate these shores but paddlewheelers and train barges were common 100 years ago. Settlement sprang up along the water rather than roads: the Silverton high street was only two blocks long with no highway in or out.

This is the Kootenay edge, Jordan says. Not only do we have clean, uncrowded and limitless water routes, but a selection of quaint little towns in easy paddle distance.

"It's really quiet," he says. "You don't see hordes of other people. I can't think of anywhere else in the world where there's big fresh lakes like this that there's no boats on. A lot of people, especially from the States say, 'How come there's no boats?' You're in the wilderness but you can paddle across to the store to get some ice or milk."

This article is part of a series on small business commissioned by Community Futures. Sally Smith is a freelance journalist living in Nelson.

PUBLIC NOTICE
VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER - 2004 ANNUAL REPORT

Residents of the Village of New Denver are requested to take notice that pursuant to Sections 98 and 99 of the Community Charter, the Village of New Denver's Annual Report will be available for public inspection as of June 15, 2005, at the Village of New Denver Municipal Office, 115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, BC, between the hours of 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Pursuant to Section 99 of the Community Charter, Council will consider the Annual Report at its Tuesday, June 28, 2005 Regular Meeting, at 7:00 pm, in the Village of New Denver Council Chambers, 115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, BC. Council will accept submissions and respond to questions from the public at this time.

Carol Gordon, CMC
Administrator

37 students in 2005 Graduating Class of Nakusp Secondary School

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Front Row,L to R: Ashley Fahlman, Jamie Sokoloski, Heather Tillapaugh, Alison Watson, Katlyn Adams, Laura Hewat, Grace de Wit, Grace Last, Elizabeth Lathem, Mareena Smith,Sara Reiter, Laura Craine. Middle row, L to R: Dustin Moore, Troy Watson, Roberto DeSandoli, Garret Brinker, Blaine Orr, Mason Jones, Riley Weatherhead, Jeremy Roberts, Arlyss Southin, KJ O'Connor, Brandi Witwicki, Chelsea Jansen, Stephen Vanderkroft, Benjamin Bontron, Graeme Paterson, Mike Tait. Back row, L to R: Eric Davis, Christopher McMechan, Troy Waldron, Daniel Dunn, Robert Rogers, Michael Royko, Brandon Buerge, Kevin Cuff, Jonathan Green.

Nakusp Secondary Valedictorian Speech delivered by Jonathan Green

by Jon Green

On behalf of the grads of 2005, we thank you all for coming and showing your support and being here for this.

After 13 years of anticipating, waiting and working hard towards our goals, graduation is here and it seems that the years have flown by and we're left with only highlights, memories, and of course many friends that have made this journey all the more memorable. We find ourselves looking back on all of our accomplishments, the hard work that has gotten us where we are today, and experience gained. The friendships and stories made here will be unforgettable, and as we begin to make our first decisions in life and discover new things we will remember where we came from and how growing up in a small town has prepared us for whatever life has in store.

Jonathan Green read the Valedictorian's speech at Nakusp Secondary's Graduation Ceremonies.

It's pretty amazing when we look at all of the grads that have been together ever since Kindergarten and how our relationships have grown very strong over the many years. We've had many experiences growing up here together — going to Silver Lake on our Grade 7 field trip, playing on sports teams, winning some regional and provincial championships, joining clubs, and participating in other out-of-school things that have had unforgettable trips and experiences, and also all the good times we've had growing up and chilling with our friends.

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Nakusp Graduation ceremonies well supported by community

The Grand Promenade is the traditional close of the Nakusp Graduation ceremony

Dave Perfitt presented Brandi Witwicki with the Overwaitea Scholarship.

Roberto DeSandoli was the recipient of the Free Spirit Award at Nakusp Grad.

Ernie Knecht presented Jamie Sokoloski with the Garth Haggart Memorial Award.

Awards, Scholarships and Bursaries

Nakusp Secondary School's graduation ceremony took place on June 11. Peter Blacklock was Master of Ceremonies. Principal Kees van der Pol, School Board Chair Verna Burton, Superintendent Walter Posnikoff, Mayor Bill Cowan and NSS secretary Caroline Huyter all addressed the audience. Nicol Suhr presented the Major Trophies and Awards, and Ernie Knecht presented the scholarships and bursaries. Of the 37 students in the Class of 2005, 17 received major trophies and awards, and 28 received scholarships and bursaries.

Major Trophies and Awards

Glen Joseph Farrer Award: Troy Watson **Senior Citizen of the Year:** Chris McMechan **Industrial Education Award:** Mike Royko **Science Council of BC Achievement Award:** Roberto DeSandoli **Principal's Award:** Jamie Sokoloski, Liz Latham, Ashley Fahlman, Robert Rogers **Student of the Year:** Jamie Sokoloski **MVP Girls Basketball Trophy:** Arlyss Southin, Brandi Witwicki **MVP Boys Basketball Trophy:** Jon Green **MVP Golf Team Trophy:** KJ O'Connor, Garret Brinker **Jim White Trophy:** Daniel Dunn, Brandon Buerge **Teanne Jones Trophy:** Arlyss Southin **Top Male Athlete:** Kevin Cuff, KJ O'Connor **Top Female Athlete:** Arlyss Southin, Brandi Witwicki **Free Spirit Award:** Roberto DeSandoli **Allan Taylor Award:** Jamie Sokoloski

Scholarships and Bursaries

Arrow Lakes Arts Council: Chris McMechan **Kootenay Savings Credit Union:** Alison Watson **Royal Canadian Legion Branch No. 20:** Troy Waldron, Riley Weatherhead, Chelsea Jansen, Arlyss Southin, Ashley Fahlman **Legion Ladies Auxiliary:** Riley Weatherhead **Arrow Lakes Hospital Foundation Scholarship:** Chelsea Jansen **Hospital Employees Union Bursary:** Blaine Orr **Hospital Auxiliary Bursary:** Chelsea Jansen **Joe Lee Bursary (CUPE Local 2450):** Chris McMechan **Stuart Ross Scholarship:** Roberto DeSandoli **Girl Guides of Canada Scholarship:** Chelsea Jansen **School District No. 10 Scholarship:** Chris McMechan **Selkirk College award:** Troy Watson **Canadian Mountain Holidays:** KJ O'Connor **Columbia Basin Trust:** Ashley Fahlman **Arrow Lakes Tugboat Society:** Blaine Orr **Arrow Lakes Teachers' Association:** Elizabeth Latham, Jamie Sokoloski **Rotary Club of Nakusp:** Alison Watson **Columbia Power Scholarship:** Garret Brinker **Pastor's Award:** Grace Last **Robyn Pazurik Memorial:** Jamie Sokoloski **Overwaitea:** Brandi Witwicki **Renewable Resources Bursary:** Chelsea Jansen, Chris McMechan, Graeme Paterson **Pope and Talbot:** Chelsea Jansen, Grace de Wit, Grace Last **Bell Pole:** Robert Rogers **Ron Aldridge Citizenship:** Ashley Fahlman **Reunion '80:** Chris McMechan **Class of '94:** Chelsea Jansen **Class of '95** (sports bursary): Arlyss Southin **Class of '97:** Brandi Witwicki **Class of 2000:** Grace de Wit **Class of 2001:** Elizabeth Latham **Class of 2003:** Jamie Sokoloski **Skills and Trades Bursary:** Dustin Moore, Brandon Buerge, Michael Royko **Jason Ambrock Memorial:** Kevin Cuff **Joan Fowler Memorial:** Brandi Witwicki **Sarah Jackins Memorial:** Chris McMechan **Vera Johnson Memorial:** Laura Hewat **Arrow Lakes Historical Society:** Ashley Fahlman **Debbie Samuelson Memorial:** Laura Hewat **Janice Buerge Memorial:** Chelsea Jansen **Clark Kessler Memorial:** Mason Jones **Donna Wong Memorial:** Sara Reiter **Garth Haggart Memorial:** Jamie Sokoloski **Needles Reunion:** Troy Watson **Logging Contractors Bursary:** Kerry O'Connor **NSS Scholarship Society Bursary:** Garret Brinker, Mason Jones, Graeme Paterson, Jeremy Roberts, Jonathan Green, Roberto DeSandoli, Elizabeth Latham, Alison Watson, Grace de Wit

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We are proud of the entire Graduating Class of 2005 from Nakusp Secondary School! Good Job!
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Arrow timber supply area harvest level unchanged

submitted

The allowable annual cut for the Arrow timber supply area will remain at 550,000 cubic metres a year.

"The base case forecast and other technical information show the harvest level can remain unchanged for 80 years, and then increase to a long-term sustainable level of 690,000 cubic metres a year," chief forester Jim Snetsinger said. "The long-term harvest reflects improved site productivity estimates and higher productivity in managed stands."

In determining the allowable annual cut, the chief forester considered all forest values, including scenery, community watersheds and wildlife habitat.

About 43 per cent of the Crown productive forest in the Arrow timber supply area is not available for harvesting for environmental or economic reasons.

This allowable annual cut determination is the third for Arrow under the comprehensive timber supply review process, and the first in BC to be completed under Defined Forest Area Management (DFAM), a collaborative forest management strategy. Under DFAM, the companies licensed to harvest in each timber supply area collaboratively carry out a timber supply analysis at least once every five years. DFAM groups are responsible for collecting data and preparing a data package, completing a timber supply analysis and report, providing for public and First Nations reviews, and submitting digital data files.

A copy of the chief forester's allowable annual cut determination, which takes effect July 1, 2005 is available on the Ministry of Forests website at http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsa/tsa01/ or from the ministry's Arrow Boundary forest district office in Castlegar or the Southern Interior forest region office in Nelson or Kamloops.

Under the timber supply review, the chief forester must determine how much wood can be harvested in each of the province's 37 timber supply areas and 34 tree farm licences at least once every five years. Each determination is an independent professional judgment based on information ranging from technical forestry reports and public input to government's social and economic objectives. The chief forester can determine new allowable annual cuts earlier in response to abnormal situations such as the mountain pine beetle, or postpone a decision for another five years if a harvest level is not expected to change significantly.

Nakusp council, June 9: Arrowtarians granted $100,000

by Jan McMurray

•Council granted a donation of $100,000 from the Village to the Arrowtarian Senior Citizens Society for Rotary Villa expansion. The money will come from the general reserve, which has about $500,000 in it. Society director Gene Nagy, who was in the gallery, said the intention was to begin construction in October.

•CAO Richard Mahoney reported that discussions are ongoing with Monty Paul for a long-term lease on the concession. A draft lease has been prepared and Paul should be set up by June 20. Mahoney said that Paul is amenable to working with other groups. The Rotary Club and the United Church are two groups that will be able to use the concession on certain dates in the summer.

•Council received two letters regarding the relocation of the recycling bins. One was in favour of the current location near the park because of its convenient access. The other was against moving the bins to a location close to the Village hall, as the mess would simply move with the bins. Mayor Cowan suggested that if the RDCK paved the area where the bins are now, it would be easier to keep the area clean. Councillor Hamling said she thought education would help address the problem. RDCK representatives are expected to visit Nakusp to discuss the issue soon. Councillor Dahlen said they should know that the issues are sightliness and cleanliness.

•Mayor Cowan reported that he spoke with Diane Tammen of BC Hydro on May 13. She said that Arrow reservoir levels are expected to peak at 1425 feet in mid June and drop to 1420 by mid August. Last year, levels peaked at 1430 feet. She also said that both BC Hydro and the CBT had received the Village's letter regarding the boat launch.

Cowan also reported on the ALTIA AGM held June 3. All officers remain the same, with Helmut Klughammer as chair and Cowan as vice chair. Council passed a motion to send Klughammer a letter of thanks for his volunteer time and commitment on the board.

On the Hot Springs, the board decided to investigate the subdivision of the property to accommodate motel and summer cottage development using information from past studies. New board member Ulli Mueller "will be a great addition to the board," Cowan says in his report. The board also passed a motion to restructure the way the hot springs is run and managed.

•Councillor Dahlen reported that the FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) convention in St. John's, Newfoundland, had the best ever attendance at about 3,000 people. Hans Cunningham, RDCK Area G director and former RDCK chair, was elected as chair of the BC Caucus of FCM. This is his third year to be elected to the caucus and his first year as chair. She also reported that the Recreation Commission had hired two students for the summer day camp program and two swim instructors. The swim program is already full, except for the higher levels.

•Councillor Hamling reported that there is a need for a van to transport residents between Halcyon and the extended care unit of the hospital. Currently, residents are being moved from one facility to the other in wheelchairs. The hospital now has an Activity Co-ordinator, and Halcyon residents are joining in with the activities.

She also reported that there are two years left in the 10-year commitment of Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives funding and that there could be a different process for community funding at that point. She said this will probably be an issue to discuss at the CBT symposium July 8-10.

The Nakusp and Area Community Foundation received $15,000 from the recent CBT funding program and now has the $25,000 needed for matching funds from the Vancouver Foundation and CBT. The Foundation is now beginning its second and last year of raising another $25,000 for matching funds from the two organizations.

At the Nakusp and Area Development Board (NADB) meeting, Farhana Allin attended to explain her position as representative for Community Futures. One day per week, she is available to provide information about Community Futures programs. She can be reached through the Nakusp outreach office.

The NADB is sponsoring the Arrow Lakes Youth Society trails project through Human Resources and Skills Development Canada. The program will employ six youth for 16 weeks to work on several trails: Saddle Back, Halfway Hot Springs, Burton Creek, Hot Springs cross-country trail, Cedar Grove, Kuskanax and Kimbal.

Arrow and Slocan Lake Community Services has hired a part-time volunteer co-ordinator to promote volunteerism, a youth co-ordinator and two summer students. Home support workers are needed.

•In response to a request from Ulli Mueller Building Planning and Design Inc., council approved a new zoning classification that would allow mixed residential and commercial use, with residential on the ground floor. Council gave two readings to Bylaw 436-47, which amends the zoning bylaw to allow for the new classification: C1M, Core Commercial (Mixed). The request is in connection with the proposed development for the former RCMP building on 6th Avenue NW. The new owner of the building would like to renovate the building in two phases, with the end result being a building with four residential suites and two commercial spaces.

•Funding was approved for engineering and materials for a water and sewer crossing under the Kuskanax bridge. While the Province is replacing the bridge and detouring the highway, it is a good opportunity to get this infrastructure in place. If the Village has enough time to have this work done, up to $30,000 will be taken out of the water and sewer reserves to fund the project.

Dave Perfitt, Manager of Overwaitea, presents Barb Chwachka, from the Nakusp and Area Community Foundation with a cheque for points donated. A donation of 1000 points is matched by Overwaitea giving a $2 donation to the foundation endowment fund. These funds are further matched by the Vancouver Foundation and the Columbia Basin Trust to become a donation of $6. Points can be donated until July. The Foundation has raised its first $25,000 and now has about a year to raise another $25,000, to be matched by both the Vancouver Foundation and Columbia Basin Trust.

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Construction of Phase 4 of the Arrowtarian Rotary Villa

The Board of Directors of the Arrowtarian Senior Citizens Society invite bonded licensed contractors interested in constructing Phase 4 of the Arrowtarian Rotary Villa to submit a submission of interest in writing. Submissions are to be sent to:
Mr. Bill Becker, Building Committee Chairman, Arrowtarian Senior Citizens Society, Box 560, Nakusp, BC V0G 1R0

The successful submission will be required to follow the guidelines laid down by Human Resources and Development Canada.

Interested contractors are invited to view the site located at 206-7th Avenue NW, Nakusp, BC, Please contact Mr. Becker at 250-265-4586.

Jazz & Java at the Legion Hall

by Lee-Anne Marshall

A near-capacity crowd gathered at the Legion Hall in Nakusp on June 17 to enjoy the 6th annual Jazz & Java.

The NSS Jazz Band played three sets of music featuring many spectacular solos — among them, grade 8 student Avery Bremner, who wowed the crowd during "Blues Bari Pie" on the baritone sax.

Guest performers included "New 'D' Jazz" from New Denver, Milt Parent, Wren, and drumming legend Steffan Adam. Band Director Doug Awai never got a break as he sat in with each group and played four different instruments over the course of the evening. He was also out-bid during the auction on a beautiful set of pottery bowls by jazz band parent/organizer Tracy Kew. The auction is always a fun part of the night and this year was no exception. Pattie Adam, founding mother of Jazz & Java, with sidekick, "Marsha, Marsha, Marsha" Roberts, presided over the bidding wars. Many thanks to them and to those businesses and parents who donated the much-sought-after items.

Music lovers delighted in the consumption of aromatic coffee, cappuccino, and espresso donated by "Whatís Brewing On Broadway" and delectable goodies and iced tea donated by Overwaitea Foods. Who knew a ten dollar bill could provide so much quality entertainment and mouth-watering refreshments, too? Now, you do! Hope to see you next year.

Nakusp Music Fest
July 15-17

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Approximately 170 volunteers are needed to help us with the production of the show. So far 85 have signed up. Many more are needed. Please come forward and register now. If you are interested, please come forward and register.

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Also, please register with our office the availability of rooms or campsites you may have. We receive daily inquiries and we would be pleased to refer those to you.

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Our office is staffed 7 days a week from 9 am to 6 pm.

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Kaslo council, June 14: Waterfront liability discussed

•Council voted to offer $120,000 for the provincial courthouse building, subject to a referendum. Mayor Douglas and Councillor Holland were opposed.

•CAO Rae Sawyer reported back to council on waterfront liability risks. After much discussion, council referred the matter to the Public Works Committee for recommendation to council.

•Council received a draft agreement between the RDCK and the Village for the McDonald Creek Water users. Council referred the item to the Public Works Committee. McDonald Creek water users are now paying the Village of Kaslo for water.

•Correspondence from Jane Lynch regarding heritage taxation was received. Lynch will be advised that the municipality will be proceeding with its heritage conservation plan. Lynch will be invited to a Conservation Committee meeting to discuss her letter in detail.

•Council received correspondence from Paul and Helen Woolgar regarding the Crooked Cafe, asking council to "reconsider the issuing of this liquor license as granted." Letters of support for the Cafe were received from Eric's Meat Market and Geoff Tripp. The Crooked Cafe sent in a request to appear before council as a delegation. Council agreed to invite the owners of cafe to attend the next Administration & Finance (A&F) meeting as a delegation.

•Anne Gray wrote to council with a proposal for a new option for payment of annual property taxes. Her letter was referred to A&F.

•John Glavin, Wilderness Helicopters Ltd., wrote to council to propose to construct a helicopter maintenance hangar and office at the Kaslo Municipal Airport. He asked to lease a site 50 feet x 50 feet. Council decided that the Village should communicate with Glavin to get more information about his proposal.

•Council approved the Kaslo & District Public Library's renovation plans. To accommodate the new automated system, the desk area will be re-designed.

•Clarice Caywood asked to speak to council regarding a research project on seniors home support and home care, funded by the Vancouver Foundation. Mayor Douglas said he would like to get together with Caywood and CAO Sawyer to see what they could do to assist, mentioning that the municipality might be able to obtain additional grant funding.

•The municipality will seek Seniors in Communities Dialogue grant funding in co-operation with the Kaslo Seniors Association.

•Howard Kushner, the Ombudsman of BC, wrote to advise that as of May 1, his office is again accepting complaints concerning local government, since partial funding has been restored for a one-year term.

•Councillor Hewat was appointed as the Village of Kaslo rep to the Community Consultative Group (CCG).

•A letter will be sent to the RCMP asking what Village bylaws they could easily enforce. Councillor Cormie said that during a CCG meeting, the RCMP pointed out that if they had a ticket book they would be able to do some ticketing for bylaw infractions. Douglas said the Village had looked at the ticketing issue and was still looking at it. Councillors Hewat and Cormie said the CCG group was waiting for the village on this.

•The following Spring 2005 recreation grants awarded: Kaslo Area Youth Council $100; Kaslo InfoNet Society $100; Kaslo Jazz Etc. Society $250; Kaslo Minor Hockey $600; Kaslo Singing Grannies $150; Kaslo Youth Soccer $250; Kaslo Baseball Association $250; Langham Cultural Society $916.37; North Kootenay Lake Arts & Heritage Council $250 & $300 — Total $3,166.37.

•Council authorized the purchase of a 2000 F450 Ford for the Kaslo Fire Department from Sunshine Logging for $12,500 and acknowledged the company's contribution of $6,000

•A memorandum from CAO Sawyer regarding three byelection candidates' failure to file disclose statements was received.

•Lot 21, Plan 9499 will be appraised for the purpose of potential sale. Mr. Glen Walker had proposed to purchase and develop this lot between Arena Ave. and the road to the transfer station.

•Dawn Lang, Kaslo campground operator, informed council that campground revenue for the month of May was $1,918 and 30% or $575.40 was being paid to the village.

•Accounts payable were approved in the amount of $56,082.16.

Kaslo gets CrimeStoppers

CrimeStoppers is now up and running in the Kaslo area. This was announced at the most recent Community Consultative Group meeting on June 8.

Rich Jones has volunteered to co-ordinate the program in Kaslo and has started to approach businesses for donations. He reports that the businesses are very supportive and welcomes donations from the public as well. The organization is entirely volunteer driven and supported with donations.

CrimeStoppers is a community program where tipsters" offer anonymous information on criminal activity and are paid up to $2,000 for information that leads to the arrest of the person or persons responsible. It is anonymous: callers do not have to reveal their names and there is no call display.

The West Kootenay/Boundary CrimeStoppers program was started in January 1997 in Castlegar. Over $150,000 worth of stolen property has been recovered, many frauds and suspects involved in property crimes have been identified and over $2,000,000 worth of drugs have been seized because of the program. The number of tips per year has varied from 60 to over 200.

To make a donation, call Jones at 353-2583 or mail a cheque to West Kootenay/Boundary CrimeStoppers, Box 3392, Castlegar, BC. V1N 3N8

The women at Meadow Creek Cedar Ltd. raised $5500 for the proposed new clubhouse at the Kaslo Golf Course in a walk-a-thon on May 7. Three groups relayed from Lardeau to the brake check above Kaslo, and then they all walked in to the golf club together. The new clubhouse will cost about $250,000 and will have a new location — down in a part of the parking lot — where there will still be a great view of the lake. Removing the old clubhouse will allow for an improved golf course design. Walk-a-thon participants, from L to R were: Margret Morris, Joanne Leesing, Denise Kyler-Funk, Pauline Abey (front), Michelle Johnson, Cheryl Hillier, Marlene Wiens and Kathy Volpatti.

Starbelly Jam music festival — an East Shore tradition

submitted

Starbelly Jam Music Festival is a family affair. Now in its sixth year, this weekend event is kid-friendly, while at the same time offering good quality entertainment for adults. This year, it will be held July 9 and 10 at Crawford Bay Park.

With performances alternating between two stages, the entertainment is continuous, and encompasses a wide variety of music styles. The program this year includes blues, folk, klezmer, rock, jazz, percussion, funk, dance, world music, spoken word, and some that's too hard to define. Performers will be coming from just around the corner, and as far away as Taiwan, Quebec, Oregon, and Australia. Lyle Dool, a native elder, will perform a ceremony and be on hand to share his wisdom with those interested.

For children, there will be a craft tent for hands-on activities, along with puppet shows and participation workshops. On Sunday the giant parade will snake through the park, an amazing collection of kids, performers, parents and grand-parents, all there to have fun. It has been aptly described as "loving chaos."

On site is an eclectic mix of food and craft booths. Primitive camping is available across the road for a small fee. For those who like a more comfortable experience, there are full service campground/RV parks, a hostel, motels and other accommodation within a few minutes of the festival site. Visit www.kootenaylake.bc.ca for a look at what the East Shore has to offer.

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• Silverton Municipal Campground (250) 358-7914
A wooded, lakeside campground in the village, open May 15 to Oct. 15, washrooms (no shower), fire pits, picnic tables, 15 unserviced sites, firewood available. Convenient access to swimming , day park, tennis court, ball field, grocery store.

• Three Island Resort Campground (250) 265-3023
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Original wicker chair from the SS Minto discovered

You never know what people may have in their homes. Nigel Waterfield and Janet Spicer have recently donated original wicker chairs from the SS Minto to the restoration crew at the SS Moyie.

"I am delighted with this donation. There is not even a photo of these chairs. Now, we can replicate them and put the originals on display. Our quest continues to locate the original chairs from the Moyie's salon deck," said project manager Ken Butler.

It was Milton and Rosemarie Parent from the Arrow Lakes Historical Society who found out that Waterfield had some of these chairs. He says his mother picked them up from the Minto years ago. Spicer said that her parents found the chairs she had on the beach, speculating that the Nelson company that bought the Minto for metal salvage left them there.

If you have any such treasures in your home, call the Parents at 265-3323 or Butler at 358-7705.

One of the original wicker chairs from the SS Minto

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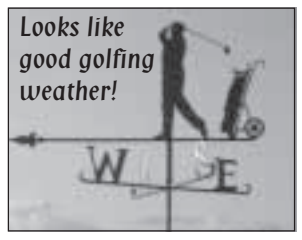

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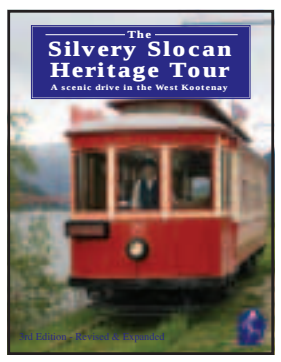

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with Peter Roulston

Further afield on the Rail Trail to Christina Lake

Every now and then I feel the need to tear myself away from the Slocan Valley and visit another place with different climate and terrain. With all the attention to rail trails this past year and all the work being done to upgrade them, I decided to sample the grade from the Blueberry/Paulson summit down to Christina Lake.

This is not real far away, nor is it foreign or exotic. But Christina Lake is definitely a vacation playground with the warmish waters, cottages, and general business of leisure. There is little blatant industry evident, and certainly no trains anymore, and it's just 70 km past Castlegar on an excellent fast highway. The Columbia and Western Railway once connected these two towns, and it was time for me to see some more of it.

I car camped down by the river off the end of the old highway, and after breakfast in town I organized my hardtail mountainbike for the loop ride. I don't like the hassle of car shuttling and usually travel alone anyhow, so the plan here was to ride the 25 odd kms from Christina Lake east up Hwy 3 to the summit, then hook onto the rail grade for the 23 km ride back down the southwest side of the McRae valley, opposite the highway. Once you get on the rail grade at Paulson, there are no detours to get back out during the whole ride.

I'm guessing the elevation gain on this tour is maybe 800 metres, but the climb went well, and I find that a hardtail bike with tires pumped extra had can give pretty good performance on the paved portion of any loop ride. At the summit is the spectacular big blue Paulson Bridge, which deserves a walk across as a rest break. the climb does go on further though, up the Paulson detour Road, beside the bridge, for another 3 kms to the train stop and a couple of occupied houses.

There's several guidebooks to refer to and the Forest Service recreation map is helpful and the rail trail is pretty easy to get onto anyhow. There is some signage already in places and more will likely be erected. The rail trail is a continual slight downhill and you can gather the pedals in higher gears the whole way. There are a lot of rockfall areas that will pose future problems, and with the wet season so far this year, the brush is all growing in just fine. Rail rides can get tiresome due to the lack of hills up or down and the vibration is always slightly there, so take regular stretch breaks on rides like this.

Early in the ride you go under that big highway bridge and then through a short but dark and scary tunnel, then the ride simply keeps descending with the highway to the right and the traffic farther and farther below as you go west. After a steel bridge and gravel pit area, the grade finally swings around to the south and you see the lovely lake below. Rock bluffs, ponderosa pines, and early dryland flowers are everywhere, and this seems to be the most pleasing section of the route near the west end.

Some mining ruins appear above the grade, then you pass through a pretty farm and cross a paved road that can get you back down to the highway. But riding a little further will get you to the Santa Rosa Road and a longer, mellower descent back into town for ice cream. There are fantastic quarried rock walls supporting the rail grade right above the townsite so you can look them over first hand while on the ride, then admire them again from below as you conclude this loop ride. It took me about five hours to do the 50 odd kms with a lot of stops for photos and food, so I'd call it a nice moderate day trip.

During the entire ride I encountered no motorized vehicles, but I encountered no cyclist or hiker either...Even as a bicyclist, I don't go along with the idea that these lengthy recreational corridors should be non-motorized because there simply aren't going to be many people benefitting from all this tax money and grant money being dumped into these tail reclamation efforts. The whole motorized menace thing is wildly overblown and I have never felt any risk or any annoyance from the occasional passage of some four wheeler, just the odd kid on a dirt bike that usually backs right off anyhow.

There simply isn't and won't ever be the population crush here that requires these urban trail traffic restrictions. I don't see any great volume of users so far on these rail grades and except for several good weeks mid-summer the chances of meeting more than a dozen other trial users in a day is small. The folks who dictate these limitations on trail use really need to examine provincial demographics more closely and allow a wider and more realistic use of these trials by people who could enjoy them and play a positive role in the ongoing maintenance and stewardship of them which is so vital.

Peter Roulston lives in New Denver and has operated the Bicycle Hospital near Nakusp since 1992. 265-4331, 358-2133.

Doc Spanner comes up with pedestrian scheme

One of the problems with living in New Denver and Silverton is the difficulty of getting from one to the other if you don't want to drive. In many ways, the two small communities are one, (although you will hear many old timers howl at this one). For one, they are only 3 km from each other; for another, most of us have friends that live in both villages; and for a third, many amenities are shared between the two and we often find ourselves shuttling from one to the other — but this is difficult to do if you don't want to drive.

If you have enough gumption, you can ride your bicycle on the highway, but the narrow road combined with the oversized trucks that barrel along here, make this a precarious proposition — particularly for young children. You can take your kayak or canoe, but this is very much weather dependent, and of course, you have to own such a water vehicle. If you want to walk, you again have to deal with the hazardous traffic situation. It's a problem that Doc Spanner has been cogitating and I am glad to report that he has come up with a plan.

While every now and again we get transportation proposals reported in this newspaper, such as the Hills-Burton tunnel project, (which appears to be temporarily stalled), this project is advantaged by the short distance involved and the fact that no private land needs to be crossed (I think). What we need is a walking/bicycling path between the two communities.

While I recognize that opening a can of worms generally gets you covered in dirt, lets look at the advantages first. Doc Spanner's proposal sees this path meandering along the lakeshore between the two villages — keep in mind the wonderful scenic views as you picture this. The grade needs little in the way of elevatory inclination — that is to say, it is pretty flat. Most of the work could be done with volunteer labour, as was done with many of the other paths in this area. Think of the advantage of being able to walk, jog or bicycle from one village to the other — a feat that previous citizens have not been able to enjoy. I propose that this project would enhance all our lives.

By way of preliminary research, (in the qualitative vein of course), I recently took a page out of Peter Roulston's book and traded in my Harley for a canoe. We leisurely paddled along the shoreline with an eye to constructing such a path. I would encourage any person interested in this idea to do the same. If nothing else, this is an enjoyable way to spend an hour or two. I saw little in the way of construction problems, although there are a few short stretches that would require more work than others. The idea seemed just the ticket to facilitate pedestrian enjoyment, so I thought it timely to further disseminate the "Doc Spanner pedestrian scheme" to gauge community reaction. I encourage all with interest (either for or against) to barrage Dan with letters and we will see what transpires.

Meanwhile……ENOUGH OF THE RAIN ALREADY.

Financial Forum

with Debbie Pereversoff

Who wants to be a Millionaire?

Far too often we are lured by the thought that there may be a shortcut to becoming rich! We all dream about winning the lottery, or investing in the next great invention or starting a unique business that becomes a license to print money.

The recent investment scam encountered by the New Denver area residents has deeply saddened me. It brings back haunting memories of the infamous Dixie Dee pyramid scheme that some Castlegar residents were lured into some twenty years ago.

It still confuses me as to how people pour all of their life savings or even borrow against their homes with the promise of huge profits and returns. What looks like a sure fire way of going from rags to riches ends up being a financial nightmare that can have life altering ramifications.

Unfortunately, it's incidences like these that cast a dark shadow over the investment world. It paints a portrayal that somehow all financial investment advisors are self-serving and out to take advantage of everyone.

As an investment consumer, you have access to the Better Business Bureau, the BC Securities Commission and to various legitimate advisory firms. Protect yourself! Do your homework and get the facts before being swayed into these get rich quick schemes.

In case you didn't know it, life is a continual struggle and it takes time, patience and personal sacrifice to build wealth. Becoming wealthy doesn't happen overnight; however, there are legitimate ways of setting up a financial plan to make sure you're heading in the right direction.

What steps can you take to becoming wealthy?

Live below your means. Keeping up with the Jones' will not make you wealthy! Assess your personal income and be sure that your standard of living is comfortable. There is no point drowning in debt when you don't have the means to rise above the surface.

Save regularly. Wealth is not built by accident. Wealthy people get in the habit of forming a systematic disciplined savings plan. The best way for anyone to develop this habit is to start an automatic monthly savings plan where money comes off your paycheck or out of your bank account before any other expenses or deductions.

Rate of return. Long term savings such as RRSPs, are generally invested in potentially higher risk/return equity type investments and/or mutual funds. Short term savings are generally invested in safer, low-interest savings or term deposit type accounts. A well-diversified portfolio with performance returns of 7% will double your investment every ten years. Conservative returns of 2% will double your investment every 36 years. Invest wisely — diversify and have patience!

They know where their money is going. Most wealthy people not only live below their means but they also are very conscious of where they spend their money. Make sure your income is higher than your out-go because your upkeep will be your downfall!

They avoid debt. Wealthy Canadians make a very conscious effort to avoid, minimize and pay off debts. The temptation we all face is that we want things now! Delayed gratification can be more difficult but it is far more worthwhile to pay for things up front and in cash.

They maximize income. The more money people earn the more likely they are to build wealth faster. Take time to think of ways you might be able to increase your earning power. This might mean getting more education, starting a business or getting a part time job, etc. No one said building wealth did not take some effort.

They own appreciating assets. The majority of wealthy people own their own home. In addition, most wealthy Canadians have equity in other appreciating assets like businesses, stocks and other real estate.

They get professional advice. Wealthy people typically have a team of professionals to help them accumulate, manage and protect their wealth. This might include accountants, lawyers and financial planners. If you want to become wealthy, you should seek out the advice of these professionals. Please remember, building wealth takes knowledge, personal sacrifice, patience and time.

Debbie Pereversoff is a Certified Financial Planner and co-owner of The Affolter Financial Group Inc.

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CARD OF THANKS

I would like to extend a huge thank you and well done to Katrina and her class and, of course, Bert for getting the directional signs re-done and up again. Also, thank you for the book the class did about all the places on the signpost. The book is in the store and is very interesting reading. Anyone interested, come in and have a look!

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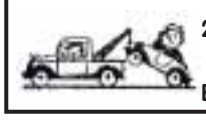
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Notes from the RCMP

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Slocan Lake detachment

•RCMP responded to a call of an intoxicated male outside Silverton Inn interfering with traffic during Destination Silverton's grand opening celebration on June 19, at about 1:40 pm. The 6', 230-lb. male became combative when approached by the lone officer. Back-up from Nakusp was called in and the male, Bryan Shaw of Revelstoke, was subdued using the Taser. He spent the night in Nakusp cells and was released in the morning on bail. He is charged with causing a disturbance, resisting arrest and breach of conditions on an undertaking and is scheduled for Nakusp court August 30.

•Mountainberry Foods in New Denver was broken into June 6 at about 4 am. The front door was smashed, entry was made, but nothing was stolen.

Nakusp detachment

•Three Nakusp businesses were broken into and items were stolen between June 1 and 2. A 19-year-old male and a male young offender, both of Nakusp, have been charged with break enter and theft and possession of stolen property. Both are scheduled to appear in Nakusp court July 21.

Kaslo detachment

•RCMP responded to an incident in the 5000 block of Kaslo South Road on June 6 where the victim had been sprayed with a bear spray repellent. Charges of assault with a weapon are being recommended against a 53-year-old male.

•Darren Avid Lloyd has been charged with assault, cause a disturbance by fighting and entering a licensed establishment within 24 hours of being requested to leave in connection to an assault at the Breaker Pub on May 22.

•Seron Beattie, age 19, has been charged with supplying liquor to minors and will appear in Nelson court on this.

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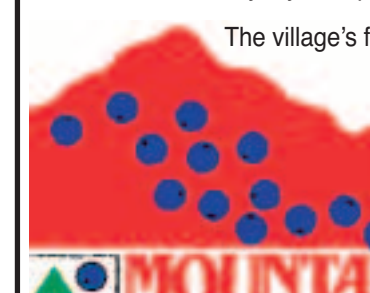

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