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Water systems main focus of Munro's RDCK committee

by Jan McMurray

The Regional District of Central Kootenay's (RDCK) three standing committee chairs presented their first annual progress reports at the October 22 board meeting.

Area H Director Don Munro, chair of the Water, Fire and Emergency Services Committee, says that while the committee is responsible for three distinct service areas, much of its time and effort has been directed to issues around water and water systems.

He explains that the committee has focused on water systems that are currently owned by the RDCK. A secondary focus has been on developing a long-term strategy and framework for the acquisition of water and sewer systems. The target date for the completion of this plan is October 2006.

"We need to get our own house in order before we take on more systems," he said. "Since six out of ten RDCK systems are on Boil Water Advisory, they have been a priority for the committee and our Manager of Engineering and Environmental Services, Marianne Crowe."

Crowe reports that with the new Drinking Water Protection legislation coming into effect January 2006, "it is not unusual to receive one or two calls per week" on how smaller water utilities can become a regional district service or if funding can be obtained through the RDCK to bring the systems into compliance with the new legislation. She says that since 2002, the RDCK has maintained a list of 16 such written requests.

The systems currently owned by the RDCK are: Arrow Creek; Erickson; Lister (Boil Water Advisory); Riondel; Sanca (Boil Water Advisory); Duhamel; Denver Siding (Boil Water Advisory); Ymir (Boil Water Advisory); South Slocan (Boil Water Advisory); Blewett Fire Hall; Beasley Firehall (Boil Water Advisory); Lucas Road.

At the October board meeting, two new positions were approved as recommended by Munro's committee. These positions are Utility Supervisor and Utility Technician, who will deal with the six systems on Boil Water Advisory and will do monitoring, testing, data recording, source protection and emergency planning for the RDCK-owned water and sewer systems. Munro says that to pay the two new staff's salaries ($60,000 and $46,000 per year), rural residents only will be taxed about $5 per $100,000 assessed value.

In the area of fire protection, Munro reports that members of the Central Kootenay Regional Fire Services Association attended all the committee meetings. He also says that a Fire Protection and Emergency Services Co-ordinator, already approved by the board and to be advertised shortly, will be "a great asset to the committee."

In the area of emergency planning, Munro reports that the RDCK will have emergency plans for the entire region once the plans for Areas I and J and Kaslo and Area D are completed.

Director Gordon Zaitsoff, chair of the Land Use, Inspection and Resource Committee, reports that applications for rezoning, Agricultural Land Reserve and development variances have doubled compared to 2004. Also, housing starts are up throughout the regional district with many areas doubling in projected estimates. "The Central Kootenays are beginning to be acknowledged as providing destination recreational opportunities that attract international appeal," Zaitsoff states in his report.

Director John Kettle, chair of the Administration and Finance Committee, says, "The completion of the Corporate and Governance Review and the adoption of all the recommendations by the RDCK board from the review make this a monumental transitional year for the RDCK." He also announced tha tthe full review and updating of board policies is 90% complete and will be finished within the one-year target set by his committee in March.

Lily Harmer-Taylor made her way to New Denver's Bosun Hall after an evening of trick-or-treating, October 31.

Lots of friends and family celebrated Brenda Mayson's 90th birthday at the Senior's Centre on November 5. Brenda is also Nakusp's Good Citizen of the Year this year.

Evans gets answers on community forests and Needles bridge

by Jan McMurray

MLA Corky Evans went to bat for his Arrow Lakes and Slocan Valley constituents in the legislature at the end of October.

On October 26, he got a commitment from the Minister of Forests and Range that the Nakusp and Slocan Valley community forest groups would get a "definitive answer" on their proposals in two weeks' time.

He did not have as much success on October 27, when he broached the subject of the Needles Bridge with Minister of Transportation Kevin Falcon. The time frame given for "moving forward" with the bridge was "in the latter part of the ten-year plan," which covers 2002-2012.

He explained that when the $49 million original cost estimate went up to $68 million, they looked for ways to get that number down to a figure that would be "easier to explain and justify to the taxpayers" but were unsuccessful. The prohibitive cost of concrete and steel, and low traffic volumes (800 vehicles per day) do not "lessen the commitment, but it does impact the timing..." he said. When those two situations turned around, Falcon said they would "move forward."

Falcon confirmed in a telephone interview that "moving forward" meant the construction of the bridge. When asked if the bridge would be built even if prices did not go down or traffic volumes did not go up, he said he fully expected "softening" of prices after Olympic construction was completed.

In the legislature, Evans asked if the bridge would be part of the 2006 construction agenda if the cost were $49 million as originally estimated. Falcon said he would not engage in speculation and repeated that the government had looked carefully at lowering costs, to no avail.

In 2002, when the Province initiated the contracting out of the ferry operation, Arrow Lakes communities put their annual Columbia Basin Trust funding together and set up the Fighting Back Fund to finance a court case against the Province. In the spring of 2004, people from Fauquier voted to ask for the unused portion of their $7,000 contribution back, but agreed to wait until the government awarded the contract for the bridge. That was expected to be in the spring of 2005 at that time.

Fighting Back organizers have recently received a letter from the Nakusp and Area Development Board asking again for Fauquier's funds back. The NADB's application for the $7,000 from the CBT says that the money was going toward a court case "to keep our ferries toll free and in the same hours currently running." Bonnie Greensword, one of the three principals in the court case, says it was both to restore service and to get the bridge. Timothy Pearkes, the lawyer representing the Fighting Back principals, has advised that the communities keep their money in the fund until the contract for the construction of the bridge has been awarded. The NADB says that if the Province's legal counsel "is prepared to let us drop the case without legal costs, we request that the funds be returned to the originator (NADB)."

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Sinixt Nation holds annual Thanksgiving feast and barter fair

by Carla Nemiroff

For 13 or 14 years now, the Sinixt Nation has hosted a community Thanksgiving potluck feast on the land adjacent to their ancestral burial site in Vallican. Many elements came together to make this year's gathering a special one

The sun shone the whole weekend, the first ever barter fair was a success, there was a stage, there were bands, there were DJs and First Nations drummers. Singers came out from the Coast and the Chilcotin. There was the raffle and silent auction full of donated items, and on Sunday there were the traditional Sinixt wild foods and the laden table with a line-up of hungry guests that seemed to last for hours.

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Lola with baby Agnice Sophia, the first Sinixt baby born in Sinixt territory in approximately 100 years.

Probably the most remarkable occurrence on the land that day was the auspicious birth of Sinixt baby Agnice Sophia Campbell. She was born right there at home to mother Lola Campbell on October 9. Both mom and babe are healthy and happy.

Bob Campbell, Sinixt head man and proud grandfather to baby Agnice, publicly announced the birth during the feast and explained that Agnice is the "First Sinixt person to be born in Canada in over one hundred years—this is big!"

He was referring of course, to the fact that the Canadian government declared the Sinixt an extinct race after the last known Sinixt resident in the area, a woman who lived near Edgewood, passed away in 1956.

Most Sinixt were killed or run out of their traditional territory in the 19th and early 20th centuries by settler society. Far from extinct, the largest community of Sinixt now lives in Colville, Washington. Sinixt people born in the US reoccupied their ancestral burial ground in Vallican in the late 1980s and have lived there consistently ever since.

As grandpa Bob Campbell pointed out, Agnice's genetic lineage as a Sinixt can be proven through blood tests. Born on Canadian soil, will Agnice be able to challenge her peoples' extinct status in this country?

"The Sinixt are in the process of seeking redress for the historical injustice which resulted in their disenfranchisement from Canadian soil," says David Aaron, legal counsel to the Sinixt. "We want to see that Agnice is free to carry the Sinixt flame towards a reclamation in Canada of the rich heritage that precedes her.

"A recognition of aboriginal rights in BC is critical."

Gordon Campbell's government has now disengaged from the treaty process, and the voices of First Nations sovereigntists have been not been heard by the public for quite some time. We will most assuredly be hearing more from the Sinixt on these issues in the future.

In the meantime, Thanksgiving is when the Sinixt open up their home to us all and it is a tremendous opportunity to come into contact with the original inhabitants, the First Peoples of our valley.

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Local businesses win awards

At Community Futures' sixth annual awards ceremony on October 19, winners in nine categories were chosen from over 62 nominees. Several businesses from our areas were honoured with awards.

The Youth In Business award was given to Stephen Skolka of Spectra Artworks, based in the Slocan Valley. Stephen & his partner Tyler Toews specialize in large scale murals and have completed projects all over Canada. While international travel is part of the business, Stephen & Tyler are also following their artistic pursuits locally, including working with children on mural projects in Bonnington and Winlaw.

Meadow Creek's Hamill Creek Timberwrights, owned by Dwight and Debbie Smith, won the award for Community Economic/Employment Impact. The Smiths began their business 15 years ago in their backyard with one employee. Hamill Creek is now a 45-person operation and recently made it into Kootenay Business Magazine's top 50 Kootenay Companies list, with sales of over $3.5 million dollars. What's most exciting about Hamill Creek is that they provide full-time, high paying, sustainable jobs in Meadow Creek, and offer amazing career options for local residents. With their recent million dollar investment in a computer controlled beam mill, Hamill Creek now has employees who started cleaning timbers after school, moved through their BC Carpentry Apprenticeship to become full Timber Frame Artisans, and are now experts in Computer Aided Design and Robotics.

Tamara Smith of the Slocan Valley won the Innovation award for Film Lovers in the Kootenays (FLIKS), which she started up to bring her love of good film to the small towns in the Kootenays. Tamara travels to over six different venues in the Kootenays offering her loyal fan base the best of alternative and festival-quality films at small town friendly prices.

New Business of the Year went to Susie Myers of the Brent Kennedy Learning Centre. Myers and her staff of seven offer childcare at the centre, which had been closed by the previous not-for-profit operator. Susie has done a great job involving families, the community and Brent Kennedy Elementary School.

Stephen Skolka, with his Youth In Business award, sidles up to Community Futures board chair Karen Hamling as she reads out an impressive description of his business.

Nakusp to Kaslo trail project gets modest grant

The Nakusp to Kaslo trail project, still in its initial stages, has recently received funding of $1200 from the Columbia Basin Trust.

The funds will be used to install kilometre markings on the trails. Along with detailed digital maps provided by the RDCK, the markings will allow the inventory and planning process to begin.

To reach the major goal of raising the funds for the project, the steering committee would like to attract a sponsor organization and to apply for grants.

"First we need to create a process that will show we have community support and agreement, and then a management structure that will allow us to administer this trail system. Only then will we be ready to attract a sponsor organization and apply for the substantial funding needed," said chair Jeff Bustard.

The main goal of the committee is to establish these corridors as public recreational resources.

"Although we will address the details of construction and management, our first goal always is to preserve these corridors in their entirety before they get chopped up due to policy changes. It could happen with the stroke of a pen," commented Bustard.

He says the aim of the project is to create a network of trails connecting Nakusp, New Denver, Sandon and Kaslo that accommodates both non-motorized and motorized recreational use. "The whole trail will have rules of use, including speed limits, trail etiquette, and perhaps some times of complete closure in sensitive areas," he said.

Anyone with comments or questions can email the committee at nktproject@slocanlake.com.

TIMBER SALE LICENCE A75965

Pursuant to section 20 of the Forest Act, a Timber Sale licence is being offered for sale.

Closing Date:	November 24, 2005 @ 1:30 PM, BC Timber Sales, Kootenay Business Area, Nelson, BC
Geographic Location:	Barnes Creek, located approximately 17 km northwest from the Needles ferry landing on Lower Arrow Lake, within the Arrow Boundary Forest District.
Estimated Volume:	34,248 cubic metres, more or less
Upset Stumpage Rate:	$32.08 / cubic metre

The upset stumpage rate was determined by the Market Pricing System, and is applicable only to coniferous sawlog grades.

Term:	Two (2) years
Estimated Species / Volume:	Sawlog: Lodgepole pine 17,025 m^3, Douglas-fir 3,571 m^3, Larch 1080 m^3, Cedar 781 m^3, Spruce 387 m^3, Balsam 370 m^3, White Pine 173 m^3, Hemlock 38 m^3
	Grade 3: Lodgepole-pine 8,771 m^3, Balsam 950 m^3, Fir 534 m^3, Spruce 208 m^3, Cedar 207 m^3, White Pine 153 m^3,

Comments: Harvesting method is clearcut with reserves utilizing ground-based equipment. The licensee will be required to construct approximately 5.8 km of new road to access the timber sale area.

Tenders will only be accepted from individuals or corporations registered as a BC Timber Sales Enterprise, Category 1, 2 or 3.

Stumpage rates will be fixed for the duration of the licence term and for the duration of any extension to that term.

This licence is subject to, among other things, new maximum term limits and extension fee and surrender provisions. Applicants are advised to carefully consider the impact of these changes when formulating their bids. Further information on these changes may be found in Advisory Bulletin 06/28/04.

Applications will be accepted by the BC Timber Sales Manager, Kootenay Business Area, 1907 Ridgewood Road, Nelson, BC V1L 6K1 no later than 1:30 PM (Local Time), November 24, 2005.

In respect to this proposed timber sale licence, there is additional material which the applicant must consider in their application. This material and application forms may be obtained from the above BC Timber Sales Office or the ministry web site at: http://www5.for.gov.bc.ca/notices/init.do Specify Timber Sale Licence A75965.

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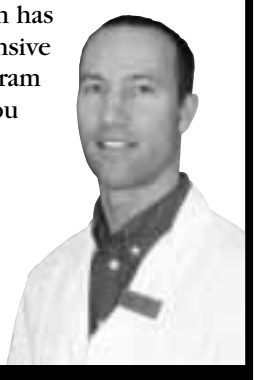
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Candidates for Silverton Council answer questions at public meeting

The November 1st Village of Silverton All Candidates Forum, sponsored by the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce and moderated by Bill Roberts, was attended by the two mayoral candidates, John Everett and Ken Poznikoff, and four councillor candidates, Carol Bell, Michael Dorsey, Linda Laktin and Kathy Provan. Councillor candidate Stephanie Griffiths was unable to attend due to a family commitment and Bert Butchart had already withdrawn his name.

After the candidates gave brief opening remarks, Roberts commented on the wealth of experience each had. Then the floor was open to questions from the public.

The mayoral candidates were asked who nominated them and what each would do to restore the reputation of Silverton in the political realm.

Everett was nominated by Larry and Shirley, owners of the Silverton Heritage Country Inn. He said he had spoken with the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission, Columbia Mountain Open Network and other groups and "I don't think we're that far apart — we just need to get back talking." He said he has worked with a lot of different organizations and has had no problem doing that.

Poznikoff was nominated by Allan Laktin and Tim Wiseman. "We have to move forward and forget what has happened. We need a fresh new start. We should take advantage of the grants and work with the RDCK, EDC and get what Silverton deserves. We have to listen to the citizens of Silverton and see what they want."

The two mayoral candidates were also asked how they feel about *in camera* meetings.

Poznikoff said, "My objective is to have open government. I would like to have the people there and listen to them. We can't have business done behind closed doors."

Everett answered, "My intention is to have open and transparent government. There are exceptions around personnel matters, where someone's dignity is at stake. But we are dealing with public money — your money — and you need to know."

All candidates said they felt Silverton had to be represented at the regional district level.

The priority issue was the amalgamation of the New Denver and Silverton fire departments for Laktin, more dialogue between citizens and interest groups and council for Provan, to know what the villagers want and to review the bylaws for Bell, and to restore the Village's credibility and usefulness at all levels of government for Dorsey.

When asked how they perceive the proper relationship between the mayor and the councillors, all candidates expressed that they would like to work together as a team. Everett added that in the rare case of a dispute, the mayor would have to take charge. Provan pointed out that "democracy is about 'majority rules'" and Dorsey said, "The mayor has to reflect what is going on in council."

One member of the public pointed out that Silverton has a limited land base and asked candidates how they saw land use and development in the village. She asked if their visions included condos.

Most candidates said they did not see condos in the Village. Bell and Provan both said that community members should be asked what they want and mentioned working on an Official Community Plan (OCP). Dorsey also mentioned the OCP and said there was room to grow if surrounding residents wanted to, perhaps by incorporating Red Mountain Road and becoming a district municipality. Dorsey, Poznikoff and Everett all listed high speed internet as critical to growth of home-based business in Silverton. Everett is keen to preserve the quality of life but also to generate business "so we can survive the winter" and suggested promoting local shopping as a way to do that. Poznikoff wants to see Silverton as a four-season village by encouraging businesspeople to get involved in winter tourism. He also wants to see the people who buy homes in the village stay year round. Laktin mentioned her work with the 2010 committee, which is planning the remodelling of Memorial Hall to attract conventions, and said "we need good paying jobs."

Candidates were asked to define "integrity," both personally and as it pertains to conflict of interest issues as a councillor.

All understood that members of council have to leave the room in a conflict of interest situation. Dorsey added that colleagues may have to point it out to a member. Everett said he would stop doing business with the Village if elected as "there is no room for conflict of interest in the Village."

Candidates defined "personal integrity" as follows: Provan: "When you say something, follow it through." Laktin: "Total honesty." Dorsey: "Personal honour. Public servants take an oath." Bell: "Standing in your own truth and walking your walk and talking your talk." Poznikoff: "When a person gives his word, stick by it and finish the job." Everett: "Fair, honest, transparent. You have to be all those things."

One person wanted to know how villagers could communicate with council. All candidates said residents could stop them on the street or call them with their comments. Other suggestions were to write a letter to council, take concerns to the Village office, attend council meetings and ask questions during public/press time, and attend council meetings as a delegation. Everett added that he would like to have community meetings regularly. Bell pointed out that *The Valley Voice* carries a report of all council meetings.

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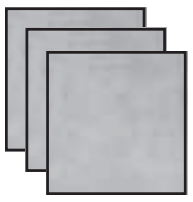

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Voices from the Valleys

Get out and vote, November 19

Municipal elections are right around the corner. We're going to the polls on November 19. There's a number of interesting races, and I expect a high turnout. I'm particularly watching the mayoral races in Nakusp, Kaslo and Silverton. Each of these contests provide clear contrasts in style and priorities.

Area D and Area H are both contested again, and voters will have a chance to pass judgement on the performance of their current representatives.

Everyone in School District #10 will have a chance to vote for the school board. Electors in both the Eastern and Southern Zones have contests. For the first time ever, all voters in the district will be asked to choose two at-large trustees from a list of three candidates.

I shall refrain from endorsing any candidate, but encourage everyone to attend an all-candidates' meeting, and to research the contests in their area. This is the last issue of *The Valley Voice* before polling day. Unfortunately this means that we won't be able to offer coverage of the meetings currently advertised within these pages, at least not before you have to vote. It means a little more work - attending these meetings, but it's worth it.

Dan Nicholson, publisher

Jumbo theatens Kootenay lifestyle

As the fate of the Jumbo area process heads into the last lap the public now watches with growing interest as the pro-resort politicians and businesspeople trip over themselves in their efforts to keep the decision from being transparent on a level playing field.

It looks to me that they are lining themselves up like a row of one-armed bandits in a rogue's gallery while the dollar signs spin in their eyes. As jackals skulk and slink around nipping off unsuspecting and unguarded bits of prey will these 'development affectionados' keep ripping and tearing at any undeveloped piece of Mother Nature that dares to exist within their relentless grasp?

And now, it seems that many of the members of Tourism Action Society in the Kootenays (TASK), aka Tourism Activists Selling out the Kootenays, have joined the ranks of the pro-resort people. Ah, birds of a feather.

How do you justify taking the wild habitat from the animals and birds — the forests and the flowers? Is it with the same justification of power-over that the dominant culture took the lands from the First Nations peoples?

Do you not have enough stuff in your lives? Are you not happy? Do you not have plenty to eat and drink, warm clothes, comfy quarter, satisfying work? Are your children not beautiful? What will you gain by developing our rare and wonderful backcountry? And after Jumbo becomes yours, what will you want next? and next? and next?

I am disappointed and disgusted by the recent events. Yet surely I'm not surprised as I've long realized that most often this government and the pro-development faction's primary claim to fame is that of being innovative exploiters of the land, and of any human or legal obstacle that might stand in their way.

This is more than just another hockey game for both the pro and no resort teams. If the Jumbo Glacier Resort development is allowed to proceed, it would set a precedent by opening the flood gates to continuous permanent high impact developments in our cherished backcountry and we can kiss goodbye to what the Kootenays has always been about.

Rowena Eloise
Argenta

Brochure oversteps

Paul Peterson sent a brochure to mailboxes in Eastern Zone supporting his candidacy. In it he states his support for one candidate in the Eastern Zone and declares, "I see her challenger as an intrusion by the BCTF." As a candidate running for member-at-large, and as a sitting School Board Trustee, Peterson needs to check his facts carefully before making such a sweeping statement attacking another candidate. Neither the BCTF nor the local teachers' association have endorsed any candidates. It is up to the citizens of the district to determine School Trustee representatives. Negative outlashes, such as in Peterson's brochure, do nothing to help a fair democratic process.

Henning von Krogh
Arrow Lakes Teachers' Association

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Kaslo candidate should broaden platform

I would like to make a comment to the Kaslo Candidate for Councillor Peter Vass. In the piece on page 15 in the October 26th *Valley Voice* you gave your reason for running for councillor, and I quote "I think the most important issue facing Kaslo is that the 911 system is broken."

The issue that you are referring to has been rectified. It was rectified in the first two weeks after the incident occurred. The 911 operator was concerned because the cell phone being used was an out of Kaslo number. Rightly so. 911 operators cannot be sending emergency vehicles willy nilly all over the place without verifying that the call is legitimate.

If this is the only platform that you have to run on, I would say you have a problem. Please get over this issue and get on with more important things.

V. Reed
Kaslo

Wrong again, Campbell

Referring to the teachers' strike, premier Gordon Campbell states that we "don't get to choose which laws we obey." The recently late Rosa Parks, the effective founder of the civil rights movement in the US, would disagree, as would Gandhi, since they both changed the world for the better by disobeying bad laws.

The dogma of those in power states that we would all have different opinions about which laws were good and which were bad, and so there would be a complete breakdown of order if people used their discretion. However, really bad laws are as obvious as rotten apples. For example, bad laws enable the persecution of minorities or women, disempower people, enable corporations to trash the environment for profit, enable the rich and powerful to take money from taxpayers and the poor. Anyone disagree so far ?

Law-makers throughout history have given themselves the legal right to make any laws they want and demand that their citizens obey them, but they have no moral right to do so. Apartheid South Africa, Nazi Germany and modern day dictatorships all use(d) the same argument simply because it entrenches their authority, free from questioning.

People who break bad laws are always put on the defensive when they are accused of disrespecting the courts. However, despite all the pomp and ceremony, the courts are just the delivery system of laws, and a slave to them, so the battle between bad law makers and breakers should not be side-tracked and confused by interposing outraged judges.

Finally, laws are only as good as the intentions behind them. They will get the respect they deserve from people of good will, and anything more than that is in fact a far greater danger to our freedom and democracy than blind obedience.

Keith Newberry
Slocan

Area H Director has not helped Krestova water

Mr. Munro has a re-election ad in *The Valley Voice* indicating his priorities for the next three years. One of them is his continuing work to ensure that residents have safe drinking water.

Mr. Munro has done nothing in the past six years to improve the quality of our drinking water. Is his priority to continue doing the same for the next three years? One does not have to be a rocket scientist to figure out that it is going to be nothing again. Then his other priorities that he will continue doing should possibly be looked at. Has he really done anything for Area H? Or is he taking credit for the projects volunteers have worked hard to accomplish?

The Krestova Water Improvement District is one of the biggest water users in Area H and has been on a Boil Water Advisory for many years, along with many other water users in Area H. We have made numerous calls to the regional district asking for their assistance to improve the quality of our water. There is provincial funding available to regional districts and municipalities for improvement of quality and quantity of water, and we were told by the regional district that the Krestova Improvement District does not qualify. Mr. Munro has made no effort to contact us to explain why the regional district will not make that provincial funding available to us, or to help us to achieve our goal of supplying safe drinking water for the residents of Krestova. Mr. Munro in the last six years did not take the time and effort to come to any of our AGMs or trustee meetings to explain to us what and how we can qualify for the provincial funding through the regional district.

It is bad enough that we hear all the hollow promises and political rhetoric from the federal and provincial politicians. Now we have to listen to it at the regional district level.

Joan Deschene, Sec./Treas.
Krestova Water Improvement District

Open Letter to Teachers

Dear Teachers:

You have been kicked back into the classroom like so many unruly kids. You went back threatened with fines and criminal prosecution, lured with empty promises and token financial incentives.

Eighty five million dollars for teachers and $20 million more towards class size and specialist teachers is a drop in the bucket. Essential services legislation is still in place and you have no right to bargain about either wages or working conditions. In a democracy, that is unacceptable.

The government is promising to incorporate limits on class size and class composition in The School Act, but legislation is drafted and passed by government, not by teachers. Four BCTF representatives and two principals take part in the Round Table on Education, together with four government representatives and four from school boards. Teachers may be consulted, but decisions rest with government. And yet it is teachers, not government, who have to deal with the six students on an IEP, the two or three with behaviour problems, the five slow learners and the odd Down's Syndrome, autistic or cerebral palsy student.

In Holland, government bureaucracy has taken over the medical profession. Doctors make the diagnosis, but it is a government agency which decides on treatment, regardless of what would work best for the patient and regardless of probable outcome. There are hospitals with an obstetrician but no pediatrician, with surgeons but no anesthesiologist. Doctors are drowning in red tape and administrative costs are going through the roof. A nightmare scenario, but our education system is not all that different.

Teachers are professionals just like doctors, pharmacists, psychologists and lawyers, but unlike these professions teachers are not self-regulating and have no power to make professional decisions. They are government employees with no say in what they do or how they do it. It is time teachers took back ownership of education. Maybe contract negotiation and job action are not the best venues for this. Certainly mere consultation is not enough. But unless decisions about curriculum, class size, class composition and special education are made by teachers, our children will continue to suffer and illiteracy rates will not come down. It is teachers, not parents, not school boards, and not government, who should be making decisions about education.

E. De Boer
Fauquier

Seeking clarification on motions

At Kaslo council's October 25 regular meeting, two resolutions were passed that I would like to point out to residents. I have asked council, in writing, for clarification on the two resolutions and expect a reply after the next meeting of November 8.

The first resolution was the approval of accounts payable. In the listing, there was a sum of $11,000 for payment to the Village of Kaslo's accountants (Berg, Naqvi & Co).

I recall that some time ago a sum of approximately $9,000 was paid out

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to Kaslo's accounting firm for an interim audit billing for the year 2004. I also recall that during 2004 there were four persons working in the Village of Kaslo office, ie: Rae Sawyer, Chief Administrative Officer; Rhonda Bouillet, Financial Officer; Carol Hughes, Deputy Clerk; and Susan Van Zandt, then part-time Office Clerk, now Deputy Clerk.

My question here is: Why are the taxpayers of Kaslo having to foot a $20,000+ audit bill?

As a matter of public interest, I confirmed the following stats from three Villages on October 27th: Village of New Denver - 2004 audit bill totalled $4600 (with a population of 538, the per capita cost was $8.50); Village of Nakusp - 2004 audit bill totalled $11,700 (with a population of 1800, the per capita cost was $6.50); Village of Kaslo - 2004 audit bill totalled $20,000 (with a population of 1039, the per capita cost was $19.25).

Why is Kaslo the highest per capita? Why the extra $10,000+ bill in comparison to New Denver? Before council considers raising taxes in Kaslo, perhaps it should take a good look at this.

In my letter to council about this, I have asked: If the main reason for this audit cost was that the Village did not have an experienced Deputy Clerk, why was one not hired? Could you explain the $50,000 in wages mentioned at the October 25 meeting and where it shows on the financial statement? What was the job of the Director of Finance? Who was responsible for this job after May of 2004?

The second resolution was the approval of a request for a Development Variance Permit (DVP) to build an over height garage, which can also be called an accessory building, to house/maintain logging trucks in a residential area. I thought the area was zoned to be residential in order to maintain a relaxed family atmosphere. An adjacent property owner did oppose the variance but it did not affect the outcome. I have empty lots close to my residence and I am concerned what could possibly show up on those lots one day.

I have concerns as a taxpayer and I am trying to understand council's logic in these matters and how they relate to the Village's bylaws.

Jill Braley
Kaslo

Over-used words and a reality check.

In his last editorial, Dan Nicholson said the kids had learned the following lessons from the teachers' strike: "Bullies always win. You can't fight city hall. When faced with an unjust law, capitulate. It's okay to make a little noise but only if you can afford the fine. You can't have any effect on government policy. Don't bother organizing, it's not going to improve your lot in life."

The over-used word here is "bully" and the reality is that one of the primary functions of the public school system is to mould kids into compliance with rules with little or no questioning. The dictionary defines "bully" variously as a synonym for terrific or a blustering browbeating person. Well, if you can back it up it's not bluster. So what could it be? The legitimate exercise of authority? Now, the kiddies were supposed to have learned a bad lesson from this "bullying" but let's check reality.

First of all, I felt "bullied" by the teachers, poor me. Here's a group of people who make more money for less work than lots of us, with pensions, dental, medical, etc. to boot. For the most part they have spent their lives in the blessed shade of academia while their employers (us) are stuck in the blistering heat of a market economy with no recourse but to scramble when they decide to walk off the job. I know they're a lot smarter than us but I'm pretty sure most of us knew when we voted for this particular 'management team' (the current government), there might be labour unrest but we voted for them anyway! That's our "right." But the teachers, through sheer hubris, wanted to rub our noses in a big "I told you so."

Second, was Canada's favourite son a bully on 'the night of the long knives?' What about Trudeau's National Energy Policy — was Alberta bullied? Were we bullied when Mulroney brought in the GST? Then there's the National Gun Registry. The government hypothecated a new class of 'citizen' called a 'gun owner' and, de facto, created a brand new criminal element by forcing dissenters underground. Ever gotten on the wrong side of Revenue Canada? Did you feel bullied? Is it bullying when, on a long weekend, you have to drink your beer inside an eight-foot plastic fence? I'll bet smokers feel bullied. Bobbing around on the lake, dragging a hunk of deer hair, and having a cold one – 'uh oh' the bullies show up and take your refreshments.

I could go on for pages. Remember the old saying, "it's a free country?" You used to hear it all the time – "free country ain't it" or "hey, it's a free country." Funny, how you never hear that anymore. The point is if the kids learned it's not a free country and things aren't always 'fair,' they better get used to it because there's a lot more where that came from and school is as good a place as any for these sorts of lessons.

Gary Cockrell
Kaslo

Things to keep in mind when voting for trustees

On November 19 the electorate votes for school trustees. We finally have a real election in Nelson and the North Shore. Six members of the Nelson public have put their names forward for two of the nine trustee seats in SD8 Kootenay Lake. Two are incumbents and four are new candidates. Three members of the public on the North Shore have put their names forward for one seat at the board table. One is an incumbent and two are new candidates.

As you attend the many forums, listen to radio interviews and read articles about the candidates, consider which candidate will best participate in the manner a trustee should before you exercise your democratic right to vote.

Please keep the following in mind:

The board of trustees is a democratically elected organization that is accountable to the electorate.

The board of trustees is responsible for advocacy, leadership and support for children's education and it speaks as the voice of public education for all children in the district.

The board of trustees is responsible for setting the direction of education in the district. And because the day-to-day operations of the district are largely in the hands of management, the board of trustees must ensure that management excels at its responsibilities.

The board of trustees is responsible to direct the funds and policies of the district. They review all aspects of the district's financial management system to ensure clarity, completeness and accuracy in the management of district revenues and expenditures.

Ensure that your vote is cast for a candidate who will participate fully as a responsible and accountable trustee by voting for the candidate who pledges to:

Attend all regularly scheduled board meetings and board committee meetings;

Be informed on all agenda items; be prepared to debate issues and to vote only after due reflection;

Make all decisions at public meetings only, unless that decision is related to personnel matters;

Base all decisions on available facts and individual judgment and never in response to individual influence or special interest groups;

Fully inform themselves regarding current educational issues, especially those that pertain to the Kootenay Lake District;

Support the employment of only the best suited and qualified staff;

Avoid potential conflicts of interest and refrain from using the position for personal gain;

Never compromise the board or administration by individual action or comments;

Respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged;

Seek open and respectful communication between the Board, students, staff, education partners and the community;

Appropriately communicate public reaction to board policies, school programs and staff to the superintendent;

Work cooperatively with other board members to establish effective policies and to appropriately delegate authority for administration to the superintendent;

Set the direction of education in the district and monitor senior management;

Effectively monitor process to ensure reports are straightforward and transparent;

Review all aspects of the financial management system.

Remember on November 19, we get what we ask for!

District Parents' Advisory Council (DPAC) Executive:
Susan Wilson
Carolyn Hawton
Kathy Couch
Juanita Skinner
Christie Heron
Victoria Vaseleniuck

Telephone workers vote NO to Telus offer

Recently members of the Telecommunications Workers Union (TWU) voted NO to a tentative agreement negotiated with Telus. The NO vote was 50.3% of the total vote but it's important to note that this was achieved despite the fact that the TWU's bargaining committee and their executive council recommended that the membership accept the offer. It also happened despite the fact that a large number of TWU members that had crossed the picket line were given the right to vote. These were dues paying TWU members that were bussed to the ratification meetings after being encouraged by Telus management to vote YES. In the future, these members will have their right to vote removed so they won't be able to vote in the next round of ratification meetings as they are not members in good standing.

Shortly after the results of the vote were known the TWU approached Telus with an invitation to get back to the table. Telus refused and instead wants the TWU to conduct a new vote on the same contract. The TWU members have voted NO, period!!! The result of the vote indicates that the TWU and Telus are very close to reaching a deal.

As of the date of this paper it has been 112 days since Telus locked out TWU members and there is still no end in sight. To date we have not received support from the government, the media or the police. The government, by way of the Canadian Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) refuses to rule on important issues in front of them such as the use of replacement workers. Telus has been found guilty by the CIRB of interfering in the operations of a trade union and bargaining in bad faith yet there are no penalties imposed on Telus. Telus has the resources to hire a slick media relations firm and dominates the media with trained spokesmen saying the same thing over and over. These media companies receive millions of dollars from Telus to advertise their products. Telus has hired security firms that specialize in labour disputes. They are experts in gathering evidence which when presented to police, results in the arrest of TWU members.

We do have the support of the public, for which we are very grateful. At the end of the day it is you, the public that will decide what will happen with this dispute. Since the arrival of the Telus CEO, Darren Entwistle, much of the public now has an intense dislike of Telus and it continues to grow as time goes on. Your complaints to the CRTC have not gone unnoticed. Complaints have tripled since the beginning of the dispute and this will probably get worse as winter sets in. Telus has delayed the submission of data, which would enable the CRTC to determine the "Quality of Service" results that determine how it is responding to the demands of customers for service.

The issues are complex and difficult to explain in just a few words. The TWU is attempting to preserve the good jobs that are here now and we want them here for many years to come. Do not fall for Telus' constant banter about not being able to compete with internet and cable companies. The industry has been open to competition for many years and Telus continues to make huge profits despite this competition. A skilled and reliable workforce made these profits possible. If Telus gets its way, this workforce will be replaced by temporary workers and contractors from distant locations.

This rejected agreement provided for the closure of 3 offices in BC and 250 jobs. Those jobs will be moved to Alberta. During the negotiations that led to this contract Telus threatened to close all clerical and call center jobs in BC. These jobs would be moved to Alberta unless we ratify the agreement, so expect to see more jobs lost soon. This could mean that up to 3,000 jobs will be lost to BC. Telus has also transferred a portion of its call center work to Manila and to India. "Only for the duration of the strike," says Telus.

Citizens of BC and Alberta deserve better from Telus. They pay their bills and they deserve to have the benefits of the good jobs that this industry has the ability to provide. What Telus wants is for the rich to get richer at the expense of those that actually do the work. You do not have to accept this. Show Telus you mean business by cancelling your calling features and getting a different long distance provider. If you can change your internet provider, do that as well. If Telus wants your business then they should show more responsibility to their customers and employees.

Continue to report your problems to the CRTC. The contact information is on page 10 of your phone book. Contact your MP and tell him to get involved with the Telus dispute and get them back to the table.

Thank you for your support.

Bob Varaleau, TWU - Local 4
Silverton, BC

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What's New at the Slocan Community Health Centre

Public Health : Linda Nero
- Well baby clinics
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- School programs
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For information on these and other services, please drop in to the Centre at 401 Galena in New Denver weekdays 09:00 to 15:00, or call 358-7911.

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Diagnostic Services:

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no appointment needed
Xray, ECG, Holter - Mon, Wed - Fri 08:15 - 11:00
appointments at 358-7911

Interior Health

School Board candidates square off in public meeting held in New Denver's Knox Hall

by Jan McMurray

Candidates running for the Eastern Zone and "at large" seats on School District No. 10's board of trustees came together in New Denver on November 5 in an All Candidates forum. New Denver/Silverton area residents will vote for Lora Lee Brekke or Hans Suhr to represent the Eastern [Lucerne School] Zone, and for two of the three "at large" candidates: Bill Hilton, Paul Peterson and Judy Struck.

At the New Denver forum, both Struck and Peterson, incumbents, said the students were their number one priority. Peterson added that he has always voted "no" to closing the Lucerne high school, a motion that has come to the board table two or three times in the twelve years he has held his seat. Hilton is a Ministry of Forests employee who lives in Burton. He said he could bring his communication skills to the board, promising that as a "good listener," he would take parents' issues to the table.

Brekke, Eastern Zone incumbent, said she had learned a lot in her first term as trustee and was hoping to continue. Her challenger, Suhr, believes that schools must remain open in the smaller rural communities. He said his strength was his communication skills and, although he is a Nakusp resident, promised to attend Lucerne PAC and town hall meetings to be an informed voice for the Eastern Zone. When asked why he chose to run for the Eastern Zone seat, he said he was told on nomination closing day that no one had submitted papers for the Eastern Zone. "I thought it was important that someone step up," he said.

Another controversial issue for Suhr is that his wife is a teacher in the district. He said he did not see having a relationship with someone who is a stakeholder as a conflict. "It's no different than being a parent," he said. "It's more of a benefit because you hear a different side of the story." He said he was sure he would have to excuse himself at times, but that those times would be "few and far between."

Brekke and Struck agreed that the fact that Suhr was married to a teacher was not a big issue. Hilton said there was some bias there and trustees married to teachers "would be judged on that" by the public. Peterson sees it as a big problem, pointing out that two spouses of teachers are running in this election. [Edward McGinnis, running for the Southern Zone, is also married to a teacher.] If both got in and both had to excuse themselves from the board table for potential conflict of interest, only three members would be left. "If one were sick, we wouldn't even be able to deal with it," he said. Peterson had sent out a flyer to all New Denver/Silverton area residents just before the forum, where he strongly endorsed the re-election of Brekke as the Eastern Zone representative. The flyer states: "I see her challenger as an intrusion by the BCTF to manipulate control of the Board of Trustees and their ability to make non-partisan decisions." When asked to comment on his "risky position," Peterson said that BCTF "owns" the bigger school boards in the Province and was afraid the same sort of thing was happening here because the local teachers' union representative had nominated Suhr. "To keep our focus on the kids, we have to be non-partisan and not listen to what the government and the union tell us to do," he said.

Evelyn Goodell asked the candidates what they could do to "mend fences" with the teachers, referring to the fact that local teachers did not feel well supported by the board during the recent job action. Struck answered that it was unfortunate the teachers felt that way because the board has always wanted a negotiated settlement. She also said that class size was out of the board's hands.

Suhr said he felt it was important that the board support all stakeholders and, as representatives of the electorate, communicate the people's views to the Minister without fear of repercussion. In this case, the people were in support of the teachers, he said.

Brekke said the board could not support the job action because the government had deemed it illegal. She pointed out that class size is reasonable in the district, with the two biggest classes, one in Nakusp Elementary and one in Nakusp Secondary, each having 25 students.

Hilton said the hard feelings could be mended through good communication.

Peterson reiterated that of the many stakeholders in public education, the most important is the kids. "We wanted the kids back in the classroom," he explained. "When BCTF and BCPSEA met 30 times and could not agree on one item, were we supposed to tell them to just keep that up?" He also said that all board members "adore the teachers;" however, "as soon as they get a call from BCTF, they do what they are told and it feels like a betrayal." He concluded by saying, "I wish we could take the two organizations out of the picture and focus on the kids."

A Nakusp Elementary School teacher asked incumbents why people should vote for them again when there has not been a teacher/librarian or new books ordered for the library at NES for the past three years, and when the school district's Kindergarten kids came out at the bottom of the scale for readiness in a province-wide study. He said that the year of the study, there were 22 children in the Kindergarten class and that hiring another part-time teacher would have been appreciated by the teacher and teacher's assistant.

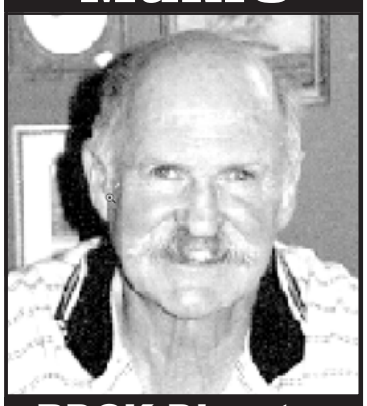
All incumbents said the board simply does not get enough money and if they decide to hire a part-time teacher, something else has to be cut. Peterson described that particular situation as "atrocious" and said that kids coming into Kindergarten are "not on a level playing field" because parents have to pay for early childhood education (ECE). He said the Province should be funding ECE. "The day we start looking after our kids way before Kindergarten is the day this society will be in a much better situation. The kids who start behind never seem to catch up."

Struck mentioned that the boards regularly ask for more money through the BC School Trustees' Association. Suhr suggested that another way to free up some funding would be for board members to "do it for free as a public service." Brekke pointed out that this is one of the lowest paid boards in the Province and "we need more accountability from government." Hilton suggested that perhaps statistics on the excellence of our rural schools would get the government's attention. Peterson presented his "10% solution," where 10% of salaries from top to bottom, starting with the Minister of Education and down through to board members, would be re-directed back into the kids.

Lack of consultation with parents when former Lucerne principal Peter Blacklock was offered his new position of co-ordinator of the two high schools was raised as an issue. Incumbents explained that because it was about staffing, it was dealt with *in camera* and was the Superintendent's, not the board's, decision. Brekke said she understood that parents not only wanted a say on that issue but also wanted to know that the change in his position was on the table. Suhr believes that parents and students should know about the issues, saying, "I think it's important to be transparent in the process."

"If you had your druthers, what would you change about the way the school boards are set up?" was a question from meeting moderator Gary Wright. The answer was that school boards need more autonomy. Brekke pointed out that the government often earmarks the funding it distributes, and Suhr said that although boards had to manage the funds, they had no power to make decisions.

RE-ELECT
Don Munro



RDCK Director
Area H
Slocan Valley

Don's priorities for the next three years

✗ Continuing to support the work of community groups through fair and equitable allocation of grants.

✗ Continuing to improve Valley transit by expanding to provide mid-day and evening bus service. Initiating bus service to Krestova once the 3 year provincial freeze on expansion expires in March, 2006.

✗ Continuing to support the Economic Development Commission to promote economic growth, stability, diversity and the acquiring of high speed internet access for all Valley residents.

✗ Continuing to support our volunteer fire departments in helping to ensure safety for Valley residents.

✗ Continuing to work to ensure that residents have safe drinking water.

✗ Continuing to work toward a safer highway and river system for both residents and visitors.

✗ Continuing to work closely with the many Rails to Trails volunteers to make our trail a world-class experience.

✗ Continuing to maintain a reasonable rate of local taxation.

For continued responsive and responsible representation
RE-ELECT
Don Munro
ON NOVEMBER 19

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
KOOTENAY LAKE WEST
TRANSIT SERVICE

NOTICE OF ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Central Kootenay proposes to adopt **"Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1783, 2005"** which would authorize the establishment of a transit service to serve Electoral Areas and municipalities on the west side of Kootenay Lake, namely, Electoral Areas D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K and the municipalities of Castlegar, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton and Slocan, and further, authorize a maximum taxation of $81,000 to cover the cost of providing this service.

AREA: The service area may be more particularly described as the "Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Area" and comprises Electoral Areas D, E, F, G, H, I, J and K and the municipalities of Castlegar, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton and Slocan.

TAX IMPLICATIONS: The annual cost of providing the service shall be recovered by means of a property value tax to be imposed on the basis of the net taxable value of land and improvements in the service area in accordance with Sections 803(1)(a) of the Local Government Act to be collected under Section 806.

The maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for the service shall not exceed $81,000. or $0.024/$1000. (Residential Rate of $0.017/$1000.) of the net taxable value of land and improvements, whichever is greater.

EXAMPLE OF PROPERTY TAX:

ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY	TAXATION @ RESIDENTIAL RATE ($0.017/$1000.)
$70,000	$1.19
$100,000	$1.70
$150,000	$2.55
$200,000	$3.40

Please note:
Property classed "Utility" pays 3.5 times the residential rate indicated above.
Property classed "Business" pays 2.45 times the residential rate indicated above.
Property classed "Residential, Recreation & Farm" pays the residential rate indicated above.

ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS: Under Section 86 of the Community Charter, approval of the electors within the "Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Area" is being obtained by means of the Alternative Approval Process. Therefore, eligible electors within the service area **opposed** to establishing this service may petition against the adoption of Bylaw No. 1783 by signing an Elector Response Form which may be obtained from the Regional District of Central Kootenay Office.

At least 10% of electors must petition against the adoption of Bylaw No. 1783 prior to the deadline date which is at least 30 days after the last publication of this Notice in order to prevent the Board from proceeding with the Bylaw without the assent of the electors.

ELECTOR RESPONSE FORM: The Elector Response Form **must** be in the form established by the Board of Directors and is available from the offices of the Regional District of Central Kootenay during regular office hours or from the RDCK's website at "www.rdck.bc.ca."

WHO MAY SIGN THE ELECTOR RESPONSE FORM: Electors, either resident or owning property, within the boundaries of the "Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Area" are the only persons entitled to sign the Elector Response Form. An elector is a person who meets the requirements and qualifications defined by the *Local Government Act* as described in detail on the Elector Response Form. The Board of Directors has resolved that a fair estimate of the total number of electors in the subject area is 36,850. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 86(1)(c) of the Community Charter, 3,685 or more electors must sign the Elector Response Form to prevent the Board of Directors from proceeding with establishment of the service without the assent of the electors.

DEADLINE: The Elector Response Form must be received by the undersigned before 4:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, December 7, 2005.**

If you have any questions regarding this proposal or would like to request an Elector Response Form, please feel free to contact the undersigned. Information relating to this notice will also be available on the Regional District's website at www.rdck.bc.ca under "Public Notices."

Dated at Nelson, B.C. this 20th day of October, 2005.

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Silverton council, October 25: Leonard Casley appointed fire chief

•In his report, Mayor Wiseman listed the Village's accomplishments over the past 2 3/4 years. "I am very proud of what this council has done. I would like to see this continue in the future, so I have been talking to Ken Poznikoff and I would like to say publicly that I support him 100%." Wiseman also said he was in support of the first four candidates for councillor that appeared on the list, and cautioned Councillors Dorsey and Laktin that he would not allow any campaigning from them during the council meeting.

The list of accomplishments included: the completed reconstruction of the breakwater and boat launch; completed upgrade of water system; purchase of equipment for fire department; purchase of data logger, flow meter, pump, maintenance truck, portable generator and laptop for Public Works, and a comprehensive computer system for the office; boulevard restoration and sidewalk replacement; new tag system for garbage collection; re-organization of fire department; finalized leases with Gallery, Historical and Arena Societies; re-worked campsite policies and hired excellent attendants, as well as excellent maintenance and administration staff; paving of recycling area and with the help of Recreation Commission #6, the basketball court; village beautification projects; initiation of Memorial Hall upgrade project; and more.

•Mayor Wiseman announced that Leonard Casley had been appointed chief of the Silverton Volunteer Fire Department and thanked Ron Provan for stepping in as interim fire chief during "a rough time." Provan is now battalion chief for Silverton. Wiseman added that the changes fit in with the expected amalgamation of the two departments. Casley is also chief of the New Denver department.

It was also mentioned that Chris Fox's name did not appear in the special Fire Prevention Week issue of *The Valley Voice*.

Provan reported that the "#1 engine" was now fully loaded to meet the requirements after "robbing" the "#2 truck," which is no longer functional. He said they had not heard back from Red Mountain Road residents on the referendum they were going to hold on joining the fire protection service area.

•Battalion chief Ron Provan wrote to council to request the use of the free store building for vehicle and equipment storage for the fire department. "As we take on more area and responsibility, we require more resources and the place to house these resources," he says in the letter. Wiseman suggested that maintenance and the fire department work together for the best use of the building. Councillor Dorsey asked what would happen if the Village ever decided to operate the free store again. Wiseman suggested that the main street would be a better location, and said the future council could deal with that issue.

•Three readings were given to the Garbage Collection and Control Bylaw. Rates are increasing to reflect rising gas prices. Residential rates will go up to $75 for 55 tags (formerly $55); business rates will go up to $150 for 110 tags (formerly $110). This works out to $1.36 per bag, which is still less than the $2 per bag charged at the transfer station. Reconsideration and adoption of the bylaw will be done at the first November meeting.

•Councillor Dorsey's report was in response to some of Wiseman's previous comments about the RDCK. Dorsey said the total annual budget of the regional district was approximately $25 million, so that the cost of sending directors to conferences, etc. represented a small percentage of that.

•Public Works Foreman Chris Fox reported that the maintenance truck had been serviced for the fourth and probably last time for emission control. There was discussion about the possible installation of an A/C line to the reservoir, which the Village has been investigating for some time because the controls at the reservoir had been malfunctioning. Fox said that with the new portable generator and regular snow removal from the solar panels, the A/C line was a "moot point." Mayor Wiseman recommended that Public Works monitor the situation. He said that the next council may decide not to install the line.

•Junko Ida was promoted from Acting Administrator to Administrator.

•Wiseman confirmed that Fox was staying on the Village's maintenance staff "hopefully until he retires."

•Brought forward from in camera were the hiring of a full-time assistant maintenance worker, an increase in Village staff salaries according to the recommendations of the staffing committee and a fee schedule update.

Kathy Provan asked for clarification about the assistant maintenance worker, who has worked part time in that capacity for the last three months. Wiseman confirmed that the job was not advertised and that the call-out list would still be maintained but would probably not be used much.

•Ken Poznikoff congratulated mayor and council for a job well done.

•Mayor Wiseman congratulated all who were running in the upcoming November 19 election and said it was the first time in many years that the mayor's position would be voted on.

New Denver Mayor's Message

When you live in New Denver, the mayor's message more often reads like a letter of appreciation than a political report. I think that is because so many residents are involved in community service as part of their daily lives. This month we can particularly thank:

- retiring village councillors Leonard Casley and Kevin Murphy for their effective and conscientious work on our behalf;

- newly elected councillors Bonnie Greensword and Katrine Campbell for volunteering for what can be a challenging and rewarding public position;

- returning councillors Ann Bunka and Gordon Brookfield for their continued commitment and energy;

- the many of you who took time to complete and return our air quality survey;

- Diane Gagnon and Darcy Cowan of the Interior Health Authority for permission to get on with gym renovations at the health centre;

- the Silverton Historical Society for its note to me, recognizing the role played by the regional district board of directors (in the absence of its Silverton member) by introducing and approving the funding request for its wonderful tramway project;

- MLA Corky Evans for his contributions to recent meetings with Minister of Health the Hon. George Abbott and Minister of Transportation the Hon. Kevin Falcon;

- Selkirk Paving for donating all labour, equipment and surfacing for the new outdoor basketball court being prepared in Centennial Park;

- Mike, Tony, Carol and Carol for the extra care they took to make sure our street paving project went well.

• Speaking of paving, those of you who noticed and inquired about the size of aggregate used in this year's project are both observant and correct: the aggregate is larger than that used in some previous work. It is 'highway standard' and recommended by the paver as more durable than the slightly smoother skateboard-friendly surfacing we have laid down in the past. My apologies to New Denver boarders.

• Council members continue to meet with MLA Corky Evans, the Interior Health Authority, sister municipalities and regional district directors (including Slocan Valley's Don Munro) on a variety of ongoing issues such as health care, education, economic development, broadband communications, highway improvements, and improved public transit.

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Young Kaslo woman wins prestigious Animal Action Award

Kaslo resident Julia Axenroth was among 10 distinguished Canadians honoured at the 2005 International Fund for Animal Awareness Animal Action Awards.

By the age of 17, Julia's accomplishments in animal welfare are impressive. She is well supported in her community, demonstrated by the several people and groups that nominated this phenomenal young woman for an Animal Action Award.

Julia has focused her energy on mobilizing others into action to improve animal welfare in her community and abroad. As the founder and president of her local Roots & Shoots group — the Jane Goodall Institute youth action program, Julia has motivated her fellow students to raise awareness and take action on behalf of local animal groups and international organizations. Additionally, Julia is a director of the Spirit Bear Youth Coalition and gives talks to the public and in her school about animal welfare.

"Julia is an exceptional young woman who motivates others to care for animals of all types and is already ready to help in a crisis. Her accomplishments at such a young age serve as an inspiration to everyone! It is an honour to recognize her with this award," said Barb Cartwright, IFAW's Animal Action Week co-ordinator.

Other 2005 award recipients were the Minister of Environment, Stéphane Dion, recognized for his dedication to protecting Canada's seabirds through his leadership on Bill C-15, and well-loved media figure Vicki Gabereau for her ongoing commitment to companion animals. Other winners were from New Brunswick, Alberta, the Yukon, Ontario and Quebec.

Rebecca Yurychuk was a witch this Halloween. Here she is at the Bosun.

Langham News

submitted

•The Langham Theatre will present a new and impressive collection of women guitarists who come together as Grrrls With Guitars on Friday, November 18 at 8 pm. The four women sharing the stage are Christa Couture, Coco Love Alcorn, GreenTaRA and Nadine Davenport.

Created and developed by artist/producer Nadine Davenport, the Grrrls with Guitars compilation and showcase series, now in its 11th season, has become one of the longest run new songwriter events in Canada. From jazz to acoustic pop, bluegrass to alternative country and modern folk, GWG has showcased over 500 women songwriter/guitarists to packed houses and outstanding reviews.

Tickets will be available at Sunnyside Naturals for $12 or call 353-2122 for info.

•The last art exhibition of the 2005 season at the Langham features Spirit Landscapes — works in acrylic, collage, pen and ink by local artist Christine Yallop; and Mixed Greens — Wool to Wax works in mixed media by Rossland artist Kathleen Hill.

The opening reception is on Saturday, November 12 from 2-4 pm. The artists will be in attendance and refreshments will be served. The exhibition runs until December 18. Regular gallery hours are Thursday to Sunday, 1-4 pm. www.thelangham.ca

Dynamic chamber music at the Bonnington, JVH Auditorium

Performing in Nakusp for the first time, cellist Kirril Kalmykov and pianist Julia Altebaeumer will be presenting a dynamic and diverse program of chamber music at the Bonnington Arts Centre in Nakusp, on Saturday, November 19 at 8 pm. This is the second concert in the Arrow Lakes Arts Council's concert series.

Kaslo Concert Society presents the same duo on November 18 at 7:30 pm in the JV Humphries School Auditorium.

A native Calgarian, Julia Altebaeumer is an experienced pianist, having performed extensively at various Canadian festivals and competitions as well as in Europe with members of the acclaimed Schonberg Quartet. Julia holds performance degrees from the Conservatorium Maastricht (Netherlands) and the Cleveland Institute of Music (USA). This past summer, she has been awarded a scholarship to attend the 2005 International Keyboard Festival at the Banff Centre for the Arts in Banff. This fall, Julia continues to further her studies at the Cleveland Institute of Music as a pupil of Professor Antonio Ponpa-Baldi.

Russian-born Kirril Kalmykov has resided in Western Canada since 1996 where he regularly performs as a soloist, chamber musician and orchestra player. As a member of the St Petersburg Cello Ensemble and St Petersburg Philharmonic (Russia), Towson State University Cello Ensemble. D'Angelo Symphony Orchestra and D'Angelo Opera (USA), Kirril has performed extensively throughout the former USSR, Europe, North and South America. In Canada, he has continuously collaborated with various symphony orchestras and chamber groups such as the Red Deer Symphony, the Symphonie of the Kootenays, the Mountain View Festival of Song, and Calgary Bach Society. Kirril currently plays with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra.

Coming from two different backgrounds and performing schools, Kirril and Julia find many things in common when it comes to their passion for chamber music. The program that they will be performing in Nakusp will include sonatas by Bach, Boccherini and Mendelssohn, Variations on a Handel's Theme by Beethoven, Rumanian Dances by Bartok and Le Grand Tango by Astor Piazzolla.

The Arrow Lakes Arts Council would like to thank the Bear Ridge Cabins for hosting this concert. The ALAC will be offering special tickets for string students at $10.00. Please get your coupon from your string teacher or call Marilyn Massey at (250) 265-4087.

Doors open at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available at the Broadway Deli or at the door the evening of the concert.

While in Kaslo, Kirill Kalmykov will also present a workshop for area cello students and teachers on Saturday, November 19 from 10 am until 12:30 pm at the Anglican Church Hall in Kaslo. To register call David Stewart at 366-4623.

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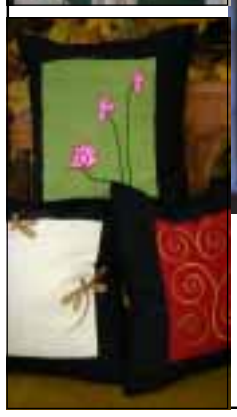

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Crime Stoppers program now official in Kaslo

by Jill Braley

On October 27, a community meeting was held at the Legion to officially kick off the Kaslo & Area Crime Stoppers program. Rich Jones, director for the Kaslo program and member of the Community Consultative Group (CCG) invited members of community groups to speak at the event.

Elaine Smith from the Community Response Network said her group gets together to address the issues of adult abuse, neglect and self neglect. She drops by the seniors hall every Wednesday between 8:30 and 10 am to offer assistance to the public in these sensitive areas. "Legislation alone does not keep people safe — communities keep people safe," she said.

Elizabeth Brandrich of North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society spoke about the free counselling services for all ages available through the organization, as well as the Hummingbird Home Help program.

Ron Tarr of Power Pioneers Cranbrook gave a very informative talk on seniors' safety and and crime prevention. Tips were given on how to secure homes and possessions.

Cam Clayton from the Legion said its 300+ members support Crime Stoppers and sell license plate holders for $5 that advertise the program.

Vivian Tam of the Community Consultative Group explained that the CCG is a group of civilians who take information to the RCMP. The group's initiatives include the installation of signs on the DARE (Drug Awareness Resistence Education) program and Crime Stoppers at the entrances to the village. The group meets every second Wednesday at the Kaslo Village Hall. A box is located at the Village Hall for members of the public to communicate with the RCMP in confidence.

Ross Pease and Jack Fisher of Nelson spoke about how the Crime Stoppers Program works. The public call the TIPS line (located in Kamloops) staffed by trained personnel who route the information to the nearest RCMP detachment. Callers are given a case number only. The case is given to a constable to work on. There is no call-display, you never have to give your name, and you never have to appear in court should the case be resolved. If it is resolved, a set-up meeting is arranged to drop off a monetary reward (if desired). Crimes Stoppers decide the amount of the cash payment based on the severity of the crime. A member of the group delivers the envelope to the pre-arranged location with your case number on it and leaves. The citizen asks for that envelope, quoting the personal tip number. No one ever meets anyone face to face. It is completely confidential from start to finish.

Corporal Paul Voisine and Constable Andrew Luukko gave a report from the Kaslo detachment.

They said that the anonymous Crime Stoppers tips help to point officers in the right direction. Luukko will be taking over the DARE program, which will be brought back into the school in the Grade 5 class in the spring of 2006.

The officers urged the public to call 911 immediately with reports of suspicious activity. Voisine said when the new call system was opened in Kelowna, there were problems that frustrated the public and the local detachment, but those have been ironed out now. In Kelowna, a team of call takers screen the calls and a dispatcher will call the RCMP. Sometimes, the caller will be advised that the concern will be dealt with the next day. Voisine says he reviews all the call reports every day.

Voisine said it is the public's job to support the Community Consultative Group and Crime Stoppers and it is the RCMP's job to support the public. Luukko said there are Break & Enters taking place in the community and youth is receiving alcohol from adults. Bullying is also a problem in the school. He said that when calling information in, vehicle description, plate number, colour, driver and/or passenger, colour and description of clothing, time, date, location and direction of travel are all very helpful pieces of information. The public was encouraged to talk with the officers when on patrol, at the detachment or by calling 353-2225.

Stretch your grocery dollars - The Good Food Box

submitted

The Good Food Box is a community volunteer-driven food initiative that strives to provide high-quality, fresh produce to any local residents regardless of income. The non-profit program depends on buying in bulk to ensure quantity in the $10/per box cost.

If you find it difficult to stretch your food dollars, please consider ordering a box on a monthly basis; if you have sufficient resources yourself, you can order for another family and have it delivered anonymously once a month.

If your garden is over-producing, drop off your excess to be added to the boxes.

If you'd like to volunteer your time, or want more information on the program, contact one of the Healthy Families Resource Group sub-committee members: Linda Nero, 265-3608; Karen Scott, 265-4865; Nancy Bone, 265-3674; Jodi McLean, 269-7209; Janet Royko, co-ordinator, 269-7384.

Mt. Sentinel embraces Africa

submitted

Students and staff at Mt. Sentinel Secondary School are embracing the continent of Africa in a humanitarian effort and through cultural exploration.

"Our school is committed to issues of social justice, and since this year there has been a focus on Africa internationally, we have taken on Africa as a theme," says Heather Robertson, chair of the Embrace Africa committee.

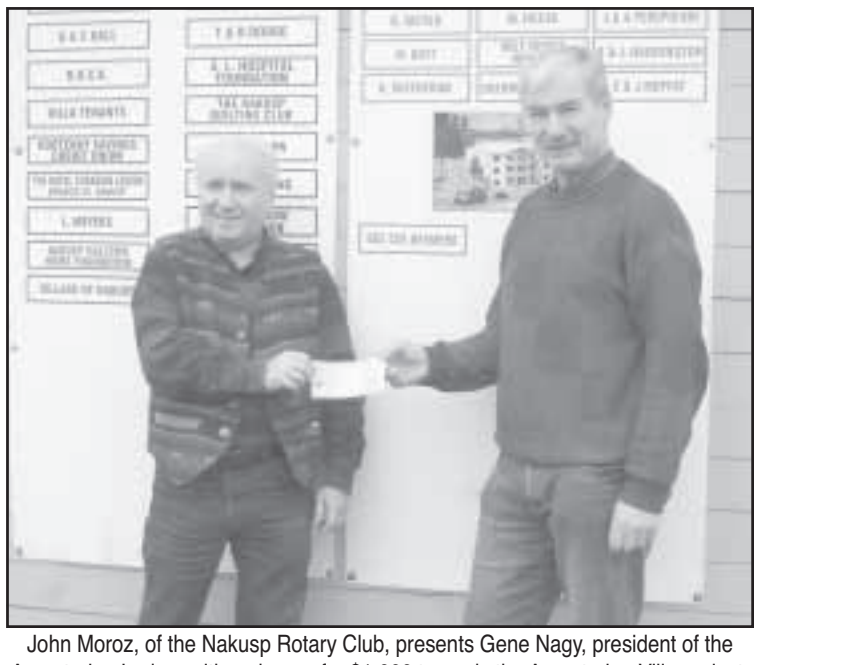
Students, staff, parents, WE Graham School and community volunteers are working to forward the school-wide program, which will include fundraising to build a well, to supply bicycles to healthcare workers in Africa, and to maintain an ongoing fund for the school's foster child from Ethiopia. In addition, students will be exploring the diversity of Africa through curricular theme units in their classes. These will include West African music, art and drama, making African food, as well as studying the AIDS epidemic and other humanitarian issues.

A kick-off assembly took place on November 2 in the school gymnasium. Students were introduced to two fundraisers — the water bottle drive and the "embracelet" fundraiser.

All students were given a water bottle and challenged to put a coin in it every time they use water at home. This will not only raise funds but also awareness of water usage. Students will also sell bracelets that say "Embrace Africa" on them for $2.50 apiece.

The curricular units of study will culminate in an Africa Celebration Day on Thursday, December 8. There will be a series of workshops and panel discussions on the theme of Africa. Anyone with a knowledge of African culture or humanitarian issues is invited to contact the school to become a presenter.

For more information, contact Heather Robertson at 250-359-7219, and visit the school website at www.msss.sd8.bc.ca. (Embrace Africa link).



John Moroz, of the Nakusp Rotary Club, presents Gene Nagy, president of the Arrowtarian Lodge, with a cheque for $1,000 towards the Arrowtarian Villa project. This was from the BC Beemer Breakfast that Rotary hosted last summer.

EXTERNAL JOB POSTING

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Nakusp council, October 27: Village will get legal opinion on waterfront retaining wall

by Jan McMurray

•Mayor Cowan opened the meeting and introduced Larry Robinson, retired CAO of the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary, who will work as interim CAO at the Village of Nakusp until the position is filled. Richard Mahoney continues as treasurer.

•Council voted to seek a legal opinion regarding the retaining wall recently built on the waterfront. At the October 13 council meeting, council decided to place a Stop Work order on the project because of the concerns raised about the structure, i.e. the integrity of the wall, liability issues, lack of a development permit and its placement on Village property (the Village's retaining wall). Council also directed staff to review the construction project.

A staff report states that a Stop Work order was placed October 14 and that Superintendent Jason Chernoff and Clerk/treasurer Richard Mahoney met on site with the contractor on October 18. The contractor indicated that he is fully insured and has no hesitation guaranteeing his work. He explained that the wall was built over, not on, the Village's retaining wall.

•A letter from Richard Friedenberger, New Denver resident who has lived in Nakusp most of his life, suggests that everyone who uses Nakusp in their address, even if living in the regional district, should be able to vote on the referendum regarding the name of the Village of Nakusp. Councillor Dahlen brought the letter forward for discussion. She said she had spoken with Mahoney about it and learned that it would be the responsibility of the RDCK to hold a referendum for people outside Village boundaries. Because Area K representative Paul Peterson has been acclaimed, there will be no election, making it very difficult to organize a referendum. The Village's mandate is to hold an election for the Village, and its electoral list includes people living inside Village boundaries only. A letter explaining this will go out to Friedenberger.

•Council received a letter from a resident concerned about heavy truck traffic on Government Hill. The letter says trucks "should travel the approved truck route through town," as climbing the steep hill causes noise, safety problems and damage to the roadway.

Council acknowledged that the truck route does not work well for trucks travelling to and from the Okanagan, as they would have to drive through the village and the school zones to use the designated route. Superintendent Chernoff will discuss this with Highways Manager Bruce Lintott and report back to council.

•Council passed a motion to encourage the Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) to start putting substantial funding into the foundation the Trust has set up. Councillor Hamling put the motion forward as a safeguard against the potential loss of the Delivery of Benefits program. This loss could happen if CBT purchases the Columbia Power Corporation shares and then things go wrong with the power assets. Council endorsed Mahoney's suggestion that the Village ask other communities to pass similar motions.

•Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw 596 was adopted with the amendment that only the non-business portion of the land owned by the Straight Arrow Youth Ops Society be tax exempt.

•Public Works will get a new snowmobile for a maximum of $9000, to be taken from the water reserve fund. The snowmobile is used mainly to maintain the water system, but will also be used for grooming trails at the hot springs. The 1993 ski-doo currently in use is not powerful enough for the job and carries only a single rider where water system maintenance requires two staff.

•The Village will send the Nakusp Public Library a letter of support for its expansion project, as requested.

•Council approved requests for fee waivers for the use of the arena auditorium to Arrow and Slocan Lakes Community Services for the preparation of Christmas hampers, December 19-23 and to the Chamber of Commerce for the All Candidates forum, November 8.

•Restorative Justice Week, November 13-20, was proclaimed. The RCMP will be invited to a council meeting to report on the restorative justice program in Nakusp.

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Rent a car close to home - Arrow Lakes Auto Rentals

by Jan McMurray

People from the Nakusp area wanting to rent a vehicle will no longer have to go very far away.

After receiving many requests, Kim Marchischuk from Kim's Kustoms Auto Body in Nakusp has decided to open up Arrow Lakes Auto and Truck Rentals.

"People kept asking me if they could rent my courtesy cars, but they couldn't," says Marchischuk, explaining that he needed the necessary certification first.

Now that he has the stamp of approval, he is hoping to provide rentals by mid November. He will have five compact cars. A pick-up truck, probably with crew cab, is "in the works." He adds that he will probably expand as time goes on.

Kim's Kustoms will still provide courtesy cars while customers' vehicles are in the shop. Arrow Lakes Auto and Truck Rentals will be run from Kim's location on Highway 6 across from Highway 6 Service.

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Defending champs place 8th

by Lee Ann Marshall

The teachers' strike and the snow creeping down the mountains didn't keep the boys of BC from competing in the Single 'A' Boys High School Soccer Provincial Championship, November 3-5 in Nakusp.

Twelve teams laced up their boots and took to the fields to battle for the banner. After the round robin pool play on Thursday, Glenlyon (Victoria), West Point Grey (Vancouver), Southridge (Surrey) and St. Ann's (Okanagan) advanced to first place positions in the Friday crossover games. Glenlyon beat Osoyoos 1-0 and St. Ann's 3-0 to end up in the final against Mulgrave (Vancouver) who upset West Point Grey 1-0 and Southridge 2-1.

Glenlyon prevailed, winning the championship game on Saturday afternoon 2-1.

Nakusp Secondary's young squad finished in eighth place with one win and four losses. An exciting match against Osoyoos helped to keep spectators warm. The teams were tied 1-1 at the end of regulation play, with the goal for Nakusp scored by Tyson Klein. The score remained tied after Klein's goal with just a minute left in the 20-minute overtime. A five-man shoot-out saw the score tied at four goals a piece and an extra shooter was brought in for each team. Osoyoos managed the win.

Awards for the tourney were as follows: The Golden Boot award for the top goal scorers was shared by Justin Abbott of Queen Charlotte City and Connor Doherty of St. Ann's Academy with four goals each. Most Valuable Player distinction went to Michael Abbey of Glenlyon and the Most Sportsmanlike Team was Sir Alexander Mackenzie. An all-star team was chosen by having each coach pick a player from his own team. Ben deWit was bestowed with the honour for Nakusp at the Players' Social held on Friday night. The teams gathered at the arena auditorium and were treated to dessert and refreshments, as they watched video highlights of some of the games.

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Nakusp's community foundation holds open house

by Jan McMurray

The Nakusp and Area Community Foundation (NACF) held an open house on November 2 at the Senior Citizens' Hall.

This year, the foundation provided grants to three charitable organizations. The Nakusp Public Library was given $1850, which helped the group purchase a shelving unit. Librarian Evelyn Goodell said the unit would be installed when the expansion project is completed. It will house a video collection the library bought as a result of an Arrow Lakes Arts Council request.

Nakusp's community radio station was able to purchase broadcasting equipment with its $2500 NACF grant. The station has been on the air 24/7 since July. Tune in to 101.7 FM between Summit Lake and West Arrow Park to check it out.

The Senior Citizens' Hall Society bought nine portable, lightweight tables with the $850 it received from the NACF. The tables are much easier for the seniors to move around than the older wooden ones at the hall.

Karen Hamling, NACF committee member, also presented a certificate to all those who participated in the "Jail and Bail" fundraiser, which raised $3300 for the foundation. Only $8,000 remains to be raised to meet the goal of $25,000 by October 31, 2006 in order to get matching funds from Columbia Basin Trust and Vancouver Foundation.

Hamling also recognized Area K Director Paul Peterson and local residents Mr. and Mrs. Dodge for their generous contributions to the foundation.

Frank Moroz, the youngest jailbird in the Nakusp and Area Community Foundation's "Jail and Bail" fundraiser, was given special mention at the organization's recent Open House.

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Silverton Memorial Hall pays ongoing tribute to the dead of the Great War

by Rob Riley

In August of 1914, when the first shot was fired that would drag grand alliances into conflict, obliterate empires and forever alter the face of Europe, the Slocan region had become a fairly sedate place. The frantic pace of the Silver Boom was long passed, and the steady flow of investment money had long since dried up. Mining activity in the area had slowed to a crawl, and a recession had set in. As the "Great Powers" swung ponderously onto a war-time footing, many speculated that a war would be just what was needed to help the metals markets recover. No one expected the conflict to last for very long. Many men — and boys — from this area left to join up, in the patriotic fervor that swept the country. Four years later, with Europe in ruins, and the death toll in the millions, the world was left reeling in shock.

In the Slocan and Arrow Lakes valleys, the death toll from the Great War stood at 46, and citizens from Silverton vowed to build a memorial, a community hall that would benefit the living, while commemorating the sacrifice of their dead. A local group, known as the "Get-Together Club" was formed in July of 1919, and local author John Norris notes the support it received, writing in *Old Silverton*, "Russell Hohn... used to go up to the mines to get subscriptions. 'I want a window from you,' he would say, or 'you'd be good for a door,' until the whole mining camp was signed up with pledges for money." Hohn and other committee members had such success that four months later the 'Nelson Daily News' reported that the project was "virtually complete and practically paid for with public subscription and free labour."

The hall had its official opening on December 23, 1919, just in time for Christmas. Affixed to the building's face, above the front door, was a large marble plaque with the names of all 46 war dead from eight different communities in the area. Among them were these men:

Sandon

Edward Arthur Towgood, from a well-known Sandon family died nine months into the war, in May of 1919. Son of James and Kate Towgood, 37-year-old Private Towgood had shipped overseas after joining a Manitoba regiment of the Canadian Infantry. He is buried at the Vimy Memorial Cemetery at Pas de Calais, France, site of the famous April 1917 Battle of Vimy Ridge. After the war, the highest point of the ridge was chosen as the site of a huge memorial to all Canadians who served during the Great War, particularly to the 60,000 who died in France.

Appledale

Patrick Stewart Dewar was 26 years old when he enlisted in an Eastern Ontario regiment of the Canadian Infantry. A deckhand by trade, Private Stewart died September 9, 1916. Like Towgood, Dewar is buried at the Vimy Memorial Cemetery at Pas de Calais, France.

Slocan City

James Robert Armstrong died on September 4, 1917. The son of Mr. and Mrs. T.J. Armstrong of Slocan City, Private Armstrong had joined the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles (British Columbia Regiment). He was only 19 years old when he was killed. Like Towgood and Dewar, Armstrong is buried at the Vimy Memorial Cemetery at Pas de Calais, France.

Edgewood

Arthur Elliott Gold also joined the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles (British Columbia Regiment). The son of William and Mary Gold, of Sanderstead, Surrey. Private Gold was 23 years old when he was killed on June 18, 1917 near the village of Barlin, in Pas de Calais, France. He is buried in the Barlin Communal Cemetery Extension.

Summit Lake

Christopher Marsden joined the British Columbia Regiment of the Canadian Infantry virtually right out of school. The son of John and Elizabeth Ann Marsden, of Meadow Creek in the Lardo district, Private Marsden was only 19 when he died, June 28, 1917. He is buried in the Villers Station Cemetery, at Villers-Au-Bois This cemetery was begun by the French but was used by Commonwealth divisions and field ambulances from the time they took over this part of the front in July 1916 until September 1918. It is associated particularly with the Canadian Corps whose headquarters were nearby and many of the graves date from April 1917 and the Battle of Vimy Ridge. After the Armistice, a few graves were brought in from isolated positions in the neighbourhood

Nakusp

Frank Benton was 42 years old when he enlisted, and married to Frances L. Benton. A shoemaker by trade, Benton was a Sapper for the Canadian Railway Troops, 1st Battalion. He died October 29, 1917, and is buried in Bournemouth East Cemetery, UK

New Denver

Arthur Jolly Kinnear joined the Saskatchewan Regiment of the Canadian Infantry.

Private Kinnear was 29 when he died on September 27, 1918. He is buried at Quarry Wood Cemetery, Sains-Les-Marquion. The cemetery was made by the 102nd Canadian Battalion in October 1918. There are now over 250 Great War casualties commemorated in this site.

Silverton

Harold Francis Langhorn was an assayer by trade when he enlisted in the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles at age 21. Son of Brig.-Gen. H. S. and Mrs. Langhorn, Lieutenant H. F. Langhorn died Sept 29, 1918, and he is buried in Bourlon Wood Cemetery in Bourlon, France. The village and the wood were the scene of desperate fighting in the Battle of Cambrai 1917. At the end of the battle the British troops were withdrawn from Bourlon. The wood and the village were ultimately retaken by the 3rd Canadian and 4th Canadian Divisions on the 27th September 1918.

Today, the Silverton Memorial Hall continues to serve the surrounding communities, hosting dances, weddings, and all manner of social gatherings. In December of 2000 - the hall was declared a municipal heritage site, and in 2001-2002 the building received an extensive restoration.

If you would like more information on Canadian Armed Forces burials overseas, you can check out the website of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission at http://www.cwgc.org/cwgcinternet/search.aspx

The names commemorative marble plaque on the Silverton Memorial Hall reads:"To the boys of the Slocan who answered Canada's call, and paid the supreme sacrifice." ***Nakusp:*** Frank Benton, Peter Bryant, Mervin Bowes, Edward M. Edwards, Chas Gregory, Walter Hoar, John Ioh, Frank LaBerge, Eric Stokes, Hugh Taylor, Lieut H. C. Waterfield. ***Summit Lake:*** Chris Marsden. ***New Denver***: Arthur Kinnear. ***Sandon:***Geo. Thompson, Edward Towgood, Wm Tattrie, Wm Ferguson, Donald J. McAskill. ***Silverton***: Harold Jenkin, Samuel Waters, James White, John McInnis, Alfred Moul, Harold Bowers, Alfred Broughton, R. Griffith, F. Langhorn ***Slocan City:*** James R. Armstrong, Thos Holt, Donald J. Morrison, Jack McPhail. ***Appledale:*** Harold Carter, Wm Hill, Patrick Dewar, Thomas Tattersall, Reginald S. Stevens, Arthur Jennings, Samuel Thompson, Roy Wilton, Jacques Bernard. ***Edgewood:*** Lewis Murton, Arthur Gold, Fred Hant Walter Bull, Walter Slater, Wm McIntosh "This plate is a tribute from the people of Silverton, BC"

Peter Mackie, Area Supervisor of Parks and Protected Areas, and President Ray Anderson of the Royal Canadian Legion Br. #20 Nakusp, stand beside the newly installed sign to recognize the work of Br.#20 in first establishing a park at MacDonald Creek.

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Community Forest to disburse $150,000

submitted

The board of directors of the Kaslo and District Community Forest Society has voted in favour of disbursing $150,000 to the community. This was decided after careful consideration of the amount of money available after all current and planned obligations were met and in consultation with the woodlands manager and the board.

In previous disbursements, in the interest of fairness, the disbursement committee chose to distribute money widely, so that as many as possible non-profit groups and their projects could be funded. Over the course of the last year and a half, close to $500,000 has been disbursed by the Community Forest Society. The society's goal has been to release excess funds generated through forestry operations to benefit both training programs and directly as grants to non-profit organizations.

The committee felt it was now time to review how well the funding has worked out for the various groups—to discover how close they were to their stated goals, and what extra funds, if any, would help them to achieve their purpose. Quite a few other groups, who since last spring have contacted the Community Forest for funding, were met with by the committee as well.

All organizations that received funding in this new round of disbursements will be contacted. The list of grants and organizations are also posted on the bulletin board, second floor of the Provincial Government Building in Kaslo. If your Kaslo or Area D non-profit group would like to receive funding, don't hesitate to mail your request to PO Box 1360, Kaslo, BC V0G 1M0.

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Kaslo council, October 25: Response expected soon on offer to purchase provincial building

by Jan McMurray

•Council received memos from CAO Sawyer and Deputy Clerk Van Zandt regarding the provincial building.

On August 12, the Village offered to purchase the building for $120,000, subject to electoral approval by referendum on November 19. BCBC cannot respond to the offer until it has secured a lease with its tenant in the building (the government agent).

Van Zandt informs council in her memo that Greg Yaholnitsky from BCBC called on October 21 to say that the lease with the government agent should be in place within four weeks. The memo also states that the government agent will be reducing its leased space from four to three rooms in the building.

Sawyer has let BCBC know that council defeated the motion to give first reading to the loan authorization bylaw which would allow the purchase of the building at the August 23 meeting. This means that the referendum asking citizens if they are in favour of purchasing the building is not going ahead on November 19.

She reminds council that a referendum can be held at any time. She states that it will not be necessary to get Ministerial permission to further exceed the Village's borrowing after December 1, but that approval from the Municipal Finance Authority is necessary for any borrowing.

•Marianne Crowe of the RDCK wrote to say she had received invoices from the Village for water sampling in the McDonald Creek service area. She says that the Village, not the RDCK, should be paying the invoices because the Village collects user fees and other fees in order to offset the costs of operating and maintaining the McDonald Creek system.

The Village will let the RDCK know that it does not consider water testing costs to be a municipal responsibility since the municipality has no agreement respecting McDonald Creek water users.

•An email from UBCM clarifies that the Village can access its community tourism funding by providing an application describing its tourism project. The funds are available to Kaslo until March 30, 2007. Council had understood the funds could be put into a reserve fund. The email was referred to the Planning and Development committee for recommendation to council.

•A letter from Ann McNab, president of the library board, states: "Another major air quality incident occurred on Saturday, October 15th. The volunteer firemen had to use their extractor fan to make the library space usable." McNab acknowledges that the Public Works Committee had identified a company that could provide a quote on library ventilation and thanks council for taking this action.

•In a memo to council, Deputy Clerk Van Zandt advises that council begin planning for the 2006 May Day event as the Chamber of Commerce will not be involved as in the past.

•The Village will provide a letter of support regarding municipal in-kind contributions to the Kaslo Back to Earth Community Composting Project. The project group will be advised that extension of municipal liability insurance to the project is not possible.

•Kitchen renovations to the Senior Citizens Hall were approved, subject to the necessary permits being obtained.

•The agreement with CGI Information Systems & Management Consultants Inc. to provide fire inspection service to the municipality from 2006 to 2008 will be ratified.

•Accounts payable of $87,691.99 were approved.

YOU HAVE A CHOICE

Andy Shadrack for Regional District Central Kootenay Director Area D

(does not include Kaslo Municipality)

From all my door knocking so far, I've heard about many of your concerns. On November 19, please give me the opportunity to work on these important issues with you:

- Highway 31 and the YRB maintenance contract
- Water treatment regulations and operations
- Ambulance, medical transport and transit services
- Assisted Seniors and Low Income Housing
- Obtaining clear ownership title in the Lease Lots
- Fire protection, zoning and recycling
- Library services and high speed internet access
- Enhancing business and employment opportunities
- Access to, cleanliness around and relocation of the Kaslo transfer station
- Community Forestry and value added employment
- Director accountability and discretionary funds disbursement

- **I have the time, energy, knowledge and experience to work with you and your communities, RDCK staff and directors, and provincial and federal government officials and agencies to get action on these issues.**
- **When I don't know the answers I do my homework and bring in others to help me find solutions. I'm willing to look at new facts which I hadn't previously considered, and I'm not afraid to admit when I'm wrong.**
- **For the last two years I have sat on an advisory committee to the Chief Electoral Officer of Canada working with up to twelve different political parties and I've taken the common sense approach of looking at each issue based on its merits.**

General Voting Day: Saturday, November 19, Ainsworth Community Hall, Argenta Hall, Kaslo Community (Scout) Hall, Lardeau Valley Community Hall, RDCK office Nelson, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM

If you need a ride to the polls call (250) 353-7350

Thank you for taking the time to talk to me about your concerns on the doorstep. Let's keep talking, and work together to find some solutions.

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with Peter Roulston

The transition from riding to gliding

I've already mothballed a couple of my bicycles for the winter, but always have a couple set to go for those fine rare days when conditions allow good riding through the winter. Last Thursday I loaded up my suspension bike and did the ride from New Denver to Three Forks, via both Hwy 31A and the old Sandon Road. The 8-km climb out to Three Forks got me warmed up quite nicely and I swung off at the Galena Trail terminus parking lot to begin the return ride to New Denver on the south side of Carpenter Creek. Most riders tend to ride back down along the Galena Trail via the cable car at Alamo and back into town to emerge at the Denver Siding trailhead.

As a variation on this most pleasant route, I decided to divert at the Alamo millsite and walk my bike up the wagon road through the settlement there and past the old mine manager's house to the Sandon Road, higher up the hillside. A number of local enthusiasts have worked to repair and improve this trail over the past few years to point where it is a viable and largely rideable alternate route to get you back to New Denver. Assuming that you can find your way to the picnic table beside the trail at Alamo where the Galena Trail drops down to the cable car crossing, the route is easy to pick up...

From the picnic table just near the collapsed concentrator mill, there is a good trail that leads uphill for 600 metres to the Sandon Road, then turning right on to it will get you down to New Denver some 7 odd km further. I'm pretty content to simply walk my bike up this connector trail because it allows me time to gaze around the woods and see all the traces of the large settlement that was once called Alamo. As always, it's helpful to read up on the amazing history and accounts of these places before making your visit.

The rainy weather leaves things slippery for days on end now, and exposed roots and the fallen leaves make riding a little scary in places. Getting off the bike at the really crazy spots adds only a minute or two to the total ride time, and I hate to bust up my bike or myself if it can be at all avoided. I generally ride with my tires inflated hard to reduce pedalling effort, though it tends to reduce traction as well. This loop ride from New Denver out and back may take from 2 to 3 hours depending on how things go, and may not be snow free much longer the way things look at this point.

I tend to wear the same clothing for ski outings as I wear at the cold end of the bike riding season, so the main difference is equipment used and surface encountered. I'm sure there's already been some great skiing up higher, even if just on roadbeds, but I may wait a bit longer until there's a decent base established to avoid skibase damage and hard landings when you do lose control...Most skiers have at least one pair of beater skis that can handle some new gouges and dings.

Whichever pursuit suits you at this time of year, always remember to let someone know where you are going and be prepared for those unexpected delays that may befall yourself or a companion. Matches and a good LED type headlamp are essential. Always have a small but well stocked pack or fannypack and dress well to avoid chills or overheating. We're very fortunate to have dedicated and skillful search and rescue groups in these communities, but it's our obligation to head out to play in a well equipped and timely manner.

Peter Roulston owns the Bicycle Hospital in Nakusp and lives in New Denver at 358-2188.

Cool Eateries of the West Kootenays

with Andrew Rhodes

Frog Peak Cafe is a must

Hello food fans. Did you know that in 1886 there were folks putting up buildings in Crescent Valley? About a century later one of those old buildings was purchased by the Ministry of Transportation and was used by the Crescent Valley Volunteer Fire Department as a 'practice house.' Now and then they'd light the house on fire and then put the fire out. For practice. All right then.

Much more recently Laurell Giasson, who grew up in the Valley, and her husband, Matthew Theoret, bought the building and spent two years renovating it and living in it. They are both former tree planters so they know all about hard work, and the tremendous amount of hard work they've done on this building has paid off brilliantly in its most recent incarnation as the Frog Peak Cafe, which they own and operate.

For those who may not know, Frog Peak is the big bold somewhat flat-topped mountain you can see to the south from the lower Slocan Valley. First Nations people gave the mountain that name, I believe, because it looks somewhat like a crouching frog.

Laurell gave the cafe that name because all her life she's admired that mountain. But what about the Frog Peak Cafe as an eatery? Let me start by saying that the place is a treat for the eyes and a supreme pleasure for the palate! I'd go there right now if I were you...before the lineups begin to form. Laurell's mother, Shelly Swann, who has thirty years baking experience does the baking magic and runs the kitchen.

My fearless publisher and I (your intrepid food editor) drove down there last week. We parked in their lot, and as soon as we got out of the car I could detect splendiferous aromas emanating profusely from the cafe. I'm not kidding about this. You can smell the great food from the parking lot! Much of the aroma comes from the dozen kinds of paninis they have which are baked on foccacia bread from the Kootenay Bakery (spelt panninis available).

I had the Frog Peak panini which has roasted teriyaki chicken, roasted red pepper, onions, greens and cheddar. My mouth is watering just remembering. My fearless publisher had the brie and artichoke variety. "Exceptionally good," he remarked. They have sausage rolls, chicken pot pies, Cornish pasties, meat pies, tortieres, pizzas that vary daily, quiches big and small, various samosas including curry potato, carrot pea and, of course potato-feta spinach. Ahhhhh! They also have organic sausages from Legendary Meats just up the valley, fresh soups and salads and a whole lot more items than there is room enough here to list.

The place was absolutely hopping while we were there. The cafe is small, but certainly not cramped, the art on the walls is bright and pleasant, and the hubbub of customers enjoying the food never stops. The vibe there is as good as the food is delicious. There are French doors that open onto a patio which opens onto a large yard full of toys for kids and there's a nice wooden fence that keeps the highway at bay.

There's carrot cake, brownies, oblong date squares, lots of muffins, popovers, great big cookies and more. Every day there is not only a lunch and dinner special, but a coffee special too, and if all you want is a half a bowl of soup, they have bowls that have been cut in half. That's right!

On top of all this the Frog Peak Cafe will soon be offering take-out pizza, and don't forget they are open for breakfast mornings till 11.

This is a simply wonderful place to eat. Go there and find out for yourself. You'll keep going back.

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Frog Peak Cafe

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-Andrew Rhodes, Valley Voice Food Editor

Crescent Valley, BC

Financial Forum

with Debbie Pereversoff

Certified Senior Advisor Designation

I have chosen to become one of 600 Canadian Certified Senior Advisors through the Canadian Academy of Senior Advisors, an international organization that has trained over 17,000 professionals in North America.

Professionals in the fields of medicine, insurance, investments and recreation require a broad spectrum of information to serve the needs of seniors. The Canadian Academy of Senior Advisors keeps us informed about seniors in Canada today.

Looking ahead, Canada's population will continue growing but it will age considerably and the proportion of young people will shrink significantly.

The baby boomers — those born in the two decades after the Second World War — will continue to have the most profound impact on our nation's demographics in the next 25 years. Looking back on the last 30 to 40 years, we saw how this same population group created a need for more community schools. These same schools now sit abandoned as many of the baby boomers and subsequent Gen-Xers chose to have smaller families. By 2016 at the latest, Canada will have far more seniors than children aged 14 and under — a phenomenon never before recorded. With the aging population, we are now feeling the impact of the pressures in our health care system as well. The most rapidly growing age group will be the 80 and older group, which will more than double from 920,000 in 2000 to 1.9 million in 2026. By mid-century, this group will likely have increased nearly four-fold to 3.3 million.

In the history of the world, two-thirds of all people who have lived past the age of 65 are alive today. In Canada, seniors (age 65+) number almost four million and will continue to rapidly increase, leading a shift in population distribution by age never before seen. This demographic shift requires an educational response in how professionals work with the challenges and opportunities seniors face.

Years ago, it was expected that the seniors would be taken in and looked after by their children. Most of these children have careers and may have delayed starting their own families. Although many still try to provide caregiving to their senior parents, these individuals are feeling the pressures of balancing demands of their own families, work, social activities and health concerns.

I'm empathetic to the challenges faced by the seniors and their families. As financial planners, there are many ways that we can assist with the financial and estate planning issues. Having a broader perspective and understanding of the trends of aging and the impact it has on the senior and his/her family members can only enhance the relationship I have with our clients.

As a Certified Senior Advisor, I will participate annually in continuing education provided by the Academy. In turn, I will be able to share this information with my senior clients, their children and the general public through these financial forum columns.

The world continues to change and evolve. The more informed we are, the better prepared we are to continue to deal with the changes coming our way.

Debbie Pereversoff CFP CSA is the vice-president of The Affolter Financial Group Inc.

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CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Call for submissions for the **"ALFA" Guild Gallery in Nakusp** B.C. Visual artists are invited to submit proposals for exhibitions. Submission requirements - description of proposed exhibit, CV or Biography, min. of 10 slides or photos which are labelled with artist's name, title of work, medium, dimensions and date made, and an artist's statement. The Gallery will not show any works previously shown in this venue. Please include a SASE for a return of submission package. Deadline is March 1, 2006. Mail to: Selection Committee, ALFA Guild Society, Box 155, Nakusp B.C. V0G 1R0 Call Betty for more info, 250-265-4636.

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THANKS to everyone who participated in the MASK show at the Hidden Garden Gallery and helped make it such a LIVELY event.

Paul and Koko

COMING EVENTS

X-MAS CRAFT FAIR Winlaw Hall, Sat. Dec. 10/05 9-3 pm Kitchen will be open. To book tables, call Ruth 505-4885

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BOSUN HALL BENEFIT "Under Milkwood - A Play for Voices" by Dylan Thomas, Friday November 25, 7:30 pm, Bosun Hall, New Denver. $10 at door. 358-2162.

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SUNDAY BREAKFAST Passmore Lodge. The Seniors Housing Society hopes to see you at the first breakfast of the season! November 20th, 9am-noon, 3650 Old Passmore Road. Everyone welcome 226-7136/

ALL HILLS RESIDENTS are invited to a special general meeting of the Hills Recreation Society. Provide your input on a proposed multipurpose fire hall/ recreation building. Monday, November 21, 7 pm at the Hills Doukhobor Hall.

CALLING ALL WOMEN! The Circle of Habondia Lending Society presents our AGM and Joan Posivey as our after potluck dinner speaker. Sunday, November 20, 3:30-7:30 pm at Crescent Valley Hall. Children's program provided on site. For information 226-6788.

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Nelson Detachment

•A "Pepsi" vending machine was stolen from in front of the Slocan Valley Co-op in Slocan Park sometime between October 23 and 26. Anyone with information should call the Nelson RCMP or Crime Stoppers.

Nakusp Detachment

• In the early morning hours of September 14, Nakusp RCMP, local ambulances and the fire department were called to an accident on Highway 6 near Burton. A car had gone off the road and rolled. The driver suffered a broken jaw and serious facial lacerations, but she was able to get out of the vehicle and find help at a nearby house. The cause of the accident, which totalled the car, is still under investigation.

• A 73-year-old man was rescued unharmed after spending a night lost in the bush. Nakusp RCMP say the man was reported missing to the detachment on September 13 at about 4 pm. He and another male had started picking mushrooms in the area, approximately five km north of Halcyon Hot Springs, earlier that day. At the time he was reported missing, he had not been seen since about 10 a.m. Members of the detachment and local Search and Rescue began searching that evening. They stopped when night fell.

The next morning the local SAR team and two Nakusp RCMP members were joined by Search and Rescue members from Castlegar and Nelson, the Nelson RCMP dog master and a Highland Helicopter.. In total, there were approximately 18 people involved. At about 10:30, the missing man was located on the lakeshore and picked up by helicopter. He was transported to Arrow Lakes Hospital, examined and released. He had gotten separated from his companion, lost his way and eventually made it to the lake where he waited for help. He was not injured and appeared to be in good health.

Thanks to Search and Rescue and Highland Helicopters for the safe recovery of this individual

Slocan Lake Detachment

• Somebody's been passing counterfeit $100 bills in New Denver, and the RCMP are asking for your help in identifying the culprit. They're looking for a man with a shaved head, in his late 20s or early 30s, who was travelling with a woman about the same age with reddish-brown hair. They were in a black 90s model Dodge Neon that sounded as if it was not working properly

The bills were spent in the village some time between September 23 and 25.

• Bryan Shaw of Revelstoke, arrested in June for causing a disturbance, resisting arrest and breach of undertaking after interfering with traffic outside the Silverton Inn, pled guilty during a recent court appearance. He was sentenced to two months in jail.

Kaslo Detachment

• A 16-year-old driver was treated for minor injuries and charged with speeding too fast for road conditions after a single-vehicle crash October 9 on Kaslo South Rd.. Police say the driver lost control of a pick-up truck, which left the road and hit a tree, causing extensive damage.

• RCMP and the BC Conservation office conducted joint patrols on Kootenay Lake October 8 and 9, laying several Fisheries Act charges and issuing warnings under the Small Vessel Act.

Boaters are reminded to ensure their boats are in compliance with the regulations; for more information, check with your local detachment or at www.tc.gc.ca/marine/menu.htm.

• Police are investigating two incidents of windows damaged by shots from a pellet gun. They occurred October 1 in the 300 block of 'D' Ave., causing about $500 in damage.

• Kaslo RCMP have charged two people with a break and enter to a residence on Rainbow Dr. which occurred sometime between 9 am and 6 pm on September 20. The suspects forced open a window and stole a Fuji camera and cigarettes.

Charles Carter, aged 22, and a young offender were arrested and charged, and police say a second adult male will soon be charged. Carter appeared in court in Nakusp September 28 and pled guilty to one charge of break and enter and another of breach of a conditional sentence. He was sentenced to eight months in jail. RCMP Cpl. Voisine thanks the public for their assistance in solving this case.

• Police are investigating a break-in on September 13 in the 600 block of Victoria Ave. The resident woke up to find a man inside his home; the house was under renovation and the basement area wasn't secured. The intruder is described as about 5' 8" to 5' 10" tall, and wearing a black ball cap. He stole a JVC digital camera.

• Between September 12 and 15 a number of thefts from vehicles were reported to the detachment. All occurred during the evening, and all were from unlocked vehicles. The suspect(s) were mostly looking for money, police say.

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Wednesdays
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