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Pope & Talbot update – Minister's consent needed before finalizing sales

by Jan McMurray

The floundering Pope & Talbot has access to its credit until October 26, after the agreement with its lenders was extended on October 16 for the second time since it was made July 31.

Contractors in Nakusp were not paid as scheduled on October 10. Mark Rossolo, media contact, said, "At this point, everyone is being paid, but being paid late. We're making every effort to make past due payments, but we can't make any commitment on when they'll be paid. That's where we're at right now, unfortunately. It's a tough time in the industry."

Three of the company's four Canadian sawmills are shut down for a two-week period beginning October 15. All of the company's assets are up for sale and another fairly recent development is that 15,863 acres of Pope & Talbot's private land is up for sale. Colliers International is handling the portfolio, which includes 35 properties ranging in size from 16 acres to 5,533 acres and in price from $99,500 to $9,950,000. The total value of the parcels as listed is $42,967,000. Twenty of the properties are located in the Upper Arrow Lakes region, three are near Castlegar and 12 are in the Grand Forks region.

Mark Lester of Colliers says some of the properties are former log dumps, which "tend to be nice waterfront properties," while other pieces have been used informally for campsites, and still others are forested lands with a fair amount of merchantable timber. "Some have development potential. Others would be best for recreational purposes. There is a very wide variety of locations, topography, water access, onsite amenities, and challenges," he said, adding that most are accessible by forest service road or public road and only a couple have water access only.

The bids opened October 15 and Lester says they have had a huge response. "There are lots of Expressions of Interest. Some of the properties have garnered considerable interest."

He said the parties who have expressed interest are a varied mix of recreational buyers, timber buyers, developers, conservationists. "It's all over the board. There is some interest in the whole shot, and a lot of interest in individual properties."

He says they are trying to sort through them and decide "what the best course of action is. It's like a big puzzle."

Contributing to that puzzle is the fact that the bulk of the lands (11,286 acres) are in P&T's Tree Farm Licence #23 and the company cannot sell them until the Minister gives his consent to remove them from the TFL. The remaining 4,577 acres are not in P&T's Tree Farm Licence #23, according to the Ministry of Forests, so these lands can be sold more quickly.

Lester said they were prioritizing the properties they could deal with more readily, such as the non TFL properties. "We can do faster transactions on those so if I'm able to address those, as long as I'm not compromising opportunities on TFL lands, then we're OK. We can enter into agreements on properties in the TFL but cannot transact until the Minister has consented to the removal of the land from the TFL."

The ministry says P&T has applied to have the land removed, but several steps must be taken before the Minister will review and consider the request. First, there is a legal obligation to consult with First Nations. Other potential considerations, according to the ministry, include how a removal would affect forest management.

Bob Simpson, opposition forest critic, calls the removal of lands from TFLs "nasty business." He says when private lands were first brought into TFLs in the 1950s, the deal was that companies got control over the public lands partly based on bringing in the private land. "So we've argued there should be a public consultation process before they release them, because the original deal was between the Crown on behalf of the people and the company in order to get the lands managed for the public good. The private lands now up for sale are supposed to be managed for the public good as long as the company has the TFL. If the Minister is going to release private lands, we believe that some of the public lands ought to be taken back or that BC taxpayers should get fair compensation for their release."

Simpson explained that in 1999, after the NDP created land use plans and Forest Reserve Land, MacMillan Bloedel and Timber West on the coast wanted to be compensated for losing public lands to these preserved areas, special management zones and parks. An exhaustive public consultation process throughout Vancouver Island took place, where the public made it clear they did not want the MacBlo land to be released. Instead, the government compensated the company in cash. Timber West got their private land out of the TFL, "but they got that in lieu of a cash compensation. A precedent of consultation and compensation was set, but under Minister de Jong and now Minister Coleman, that precedent has been blown out of the water."

The NDP's Forest Reserve Land Act was repealed in 2003. Western Forest Products was given government approval this year to remove more than 28,000 hectares of private land from tree farm licences on Vancouver Island, and has the land up for sale.

"The issue is whether the ministers are acting in the interests of the Crown or the private companies that are supporters of the Liberal Party," said Simpson. "Coleman's argument will be that he is acting in the best interests of the region to keep the company afloat, but he's supposed to represent the people of BC and not the corporation."

Simpson said the minister will often put conditions on the private land removal deal, "but there is nothing binding on the purchaser to agree to the conditions."

The NDP is asking the auditor general to examine the issue of private land releases and sales.

For more information on the P&T land sales, visit www.uniqueproperties.ca. To contact Minister Coleman's office, call 250-387-6240, fax 387-1040, email through the website at www.gov.bc.ca/for or write PO Box 9049, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria V8W 9E2.

Willi Jahnke & Greg Craine of the Nakusp Music Fest accept the Innovative Community Organization award at Community Future's 2007 Client Recognition Awards event held October 17 in Nelson. Small Business Month is celebrated on pages 11-13.

MP Jim Abbott appointed to Privy Council

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper has appointed Jim Abbott, MP for Kootenay-Columbia, as a Privy Councillor. Since his election 14 years ago, Jim Abbott has served the Parliament of Canada in many areas, and has been Chairman of the BC Conservative Caucus. Since 1867, Mr. Abbott is only the second Privy Councillor appointed from the Kootenays.

"This was an extremely proud moment in my political life and I was delighted to have my family join me as witness to my Privy Council oath."

In previous parliaments, Abbott has served as his party's critic for Canadian Heritage, Solicitor General, Revenue Canada, Regional Development and the Senate. In February 2006, the Prime Minister appointed Abbott as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Canadian Heritage, and he has served on numerous Parliamentary Committees, including Vice-Chairman of the Committee on Canadian Heritage, Environment, Natural Resources (Forestry), Finance, Public Accounts and Justice and Human Rights.

Asia Pacific issues are of particular interest to Abbott. He is currently Chairman of the Canada-Taiwan Parliamentary Friendship Group, and was Associate Critic of Foreign Affairs for Asia Pacific in the 38th Parliament. He has been a participant in many inter-parliamentary conferences in Asia under the Asia Pacific Economic Development Conference and the Asia Pacific Parliamentary Forum.

There are now seven Privy Councillors for BC, including Chuck Strahl, David Emerson, Gary Lunn, Stockwell Day, Jay Hill and John Reynolds.

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MP for Columbia-Kootenay Jim Abbott receives his appointment to Privy Council, thus becoming part of Prime Minister Harper's cabinet.

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Mountain Caribou Recovery Plan and funding announced

by Jan McMurray

Mountain caribou recovery in BC has taken a "giant leap forward," according to Candace Batycki of ForestEthics, with the recent announcement regarding the Province's long awaited Recovery Implementation Plan (RIP).

The plan's overall goal is to restore the mountain caribou population to the mid-1990s level of 2,500 animals, up from today's 1,900.

Minister Bell said it may take several generations of mountain caribou to achieve this number, "but we may find we have success more quickly than we are anticipating. The northern herds have seen some growth already. There are challenges in the southern half of the province and this is where we'll have to focus our efforts," he said.

To achieve the goal of 2,500 animals, the government has committed $1 million per year for three years. This money will go towards developing 'adaptive management plans' to address the negative impacts of forestry and backcountry recreation on mountain caribou habitat, as well as to manage predator populations of wolf and cougar where appropriate. Adaptive monitoring plans will also be developed, and a cross-sector progress board will be established to monitor the effectiveness of the plan.

Minister Bell says the adaptive plans and the progress board are "what will give people confidence in this plan. The progress board will report annually on the progress of the plan, with concrete numbers. We are willing to adapt the plan if it is not working."

The progress board will consist of a broad variety of groups, such as the Council of Forest Industries, Heli-Cat Canada, the Association of BC Snowmobile Clubs, BC Snowmobile Federation, Interior Lumber Manufacturers Association and the Mountain Caribou Project, a coalition of ten environmental groups including Forest Ethics and Wildsight, said Bell.

John Bergenske of Wildsight notes that a "big win" in the plan is that habitat protection is now recognized as the main focus of caribou recovery, rather than predator control.

The plan commits to protecting 380,000 more hectares of the caribou's "high suitability winter habitat" from logging and road building by spring 2008, for a total of 2.2 million hectares protected. This means that 95% of available high suitability winter habitat will be fully protected, as recommended by the science team. "This will be a very challenging task at best, but as long as we keep working together in the same direction, we can do it," said Bell. "We will do it in an adaptive way so there is not undue stress on forestry, so it's very difficult. We need individual strategies."

He says the most challenging areas are Revelstoke, the North Thompson and the South Purcells, but says the Incomappleux Valley in the upper Arrow Lakes region is "one of the areas we're looking at very closely. But we sense that the local environmental community and Pope & Talbot will be able to find a good compromise that makes sense."

John Allan, president and CEO of the Council of Forest Industries, said all forest licencees had agreed to deferrals while the plan was being implemented, and there was very little impact on harvesting levels in the short term. "There are some challenges around Revelstoke, but everyone will roll up their sleeves." In the longer term, "companies need to find logging opportunities elsewhere and that will take time."

When asked about year-round habitat for the caribou, Bell explained that the plan focussed on winter habitat because winter survival is key for caribou recovery. "That's when predation typically takes place and when you see the real risk of the animals running out of food," he said. "But it would be foolish to think we have all the answers, and that's why we are going with the kind of plan that allows us to adapt."

Predator control will be limited, said Minister Bell, with no need for large culls. "From experience, when it is necessary, it is on a very isolated basis. It will be one specific cougar or one specific wolf. Last year, we were monitoring one herd and because of one cougar, that herd went from 44 to 28 animals over nine months, so that cougar is no longer with us."

Transplanting animals to augment small herds is also mentioned as a strategy. This was recently done without much success in the Kootenay Pass (Creston area). When asked about this, Bell said, "Unfortunately, at the time, the issue of predation was not considered, so we lost a large portion of those animals, but we're working on this now and anticipate it will work."

To minimize the negative effects of backcountry recreation on the caribou, "areas where activities threaten to displace mountain caribou will be legally closed to those activities in spring 2008," according to the government press release. "Consultation with users are currently underway and agreements on both legal and voluntary closures for mountain caribou have already been reached." Bell confirmed that legal mechanisms will be put in place to ensure enforcement.

Also, the current moratorium on commercial backcountry recreation applications in the south will be extended for five years, and a similar moratorium will be placed over the rest of caribou range for one year. The government has committed $75,000 to develop snowmobiling opportunities outside of mountain caribou habitat and additional funding to monitor compliance within the closed areas. Efforts have already been made to produce educational materials for backcountry recreationalists, and these will continue, said Bell.

Minister Bell described the collaboration between environmental organizations, the forest industry and outdoor recreation groups in forming the plan as "historic" and "unique."

"We relied on science to develop this plan, but remarkably we also had this group that came together, willing to set aside their differences, and develop solutions over a period of time," he said.

He explained that the process for the approval of this plan involved a cabinet decision and a funding commitment from the treasury board. "It is unprecedented to invite groups like the Mountain Caribou Project and Heli-Cat Canada and allow them to be part of the cabinet submission. It is a very exciting way to do business from the government's perspective, in a collaborative, co-operative fashion. It is quite a remarkable achievement," he said.

West Kootenay EcoSociety releases summary of climate change conference

by Art Joyce

Stormy weather – don't just get used to it, do something. That's the message contained in a document released by the West Kootenay EcoSociety at a media conference in the Community Recreation Complex in Nelson October 10. The EcoSociety has produced an executive summary of the climate change conference it held in Nelson in April, which brought together scientists, regional and municipal officials, and community activists to explore solutions to the looming problems of climate change. The choice of location for the document's release was no accident, according to climatologist Dr. Mel Reasoner, one of the conference presenters.

"This is an example of a shared municipal and regional facility that could significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions while putting money back in the local government coffers by realizing reduced energy costs. Reducing heat loss through improved insulation and converting the gas heating system to a GHG (greenhouse gas) neutral system, like geothermal or a wood boiler, are options we want to explore with the City and the RDCK."

The release was also a chance to provide the community with an update on the actions taken by various government representatives. At last spring's climate change conference, local elected officials and their staff learned about the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program, a five-step process for determining and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Since the conference, the City of Nelson has joined the PCP while the RDCK is busy completing step one of the PCP, a comprehensive inventory of regional emissions. Area D director Andy Shadrack has recommended the establishment of a committee to help Nelson and the RDCK move through the milestones of the PCP, bringing our communities closer to a carbon neutral state.

The theme of this year's annual Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) conference was 'Climates of Change,' where Premier Campbell unveiled his Provincial Climate Action Charter. The charter is an agreement between the provincial government, municipal and regional governments to meet the Province's target of a 33% reduction in greenhouse gases by 2020, and for municipalities to become carbon neutral by 2012. This is to be accomplished through inter-governmental co-operation through legislative and policy reforms, taxation strategies, 'green' community design, alternative transportation, and more.

A top priority identified in the Ecosociety's summary is energy conservation strategies, starting with increasing public awareness of the need to reduce consumption. This could extend to building code improvements, for example, in Spain before a house can be sold it must be retrofitted with a solar hot water system. Grey water recycling in new construction and anti-idling bylaws for vehicles are other policy solutions. Providing free public transit to encourage use, as well as bringing back passenger rail, streetcars and bicycle lanes are some transportation options.

Developing local energy systems with a low-to-no carbon footprint is another option. As Area F director Al Dawson pointed out at the conference, the West Kootenay is a 'hotspot' for geothermal energy that could be further developed. Using wood waste from the forest industry for energy-efficient generating systems as Nakusp Energy Corporation is doing, instead of burning it as slash, is another solution. This may require creating a green energy directory of resources for the region, a useful role for Regional Innovation Chair George Penfold's office to coordinate.

The Columbia Basin Trust has also released a technical report on climate change within the Columbia basin, Preliminary Analysis of Climate Variability and Change in the Canadian Columbia River Basin: Focus on Water Resources. The report provides an analysis of historical climate trends in the Canadian portion of the Columbia River Basin, with an overview of projected future climate change and its impacts on water resources in the region. To view or download the report, go to www.cbt.org, or to have a copy mailed to you, call 1-800-505-8998.

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Court order puts end to Glacier Creek blockade

by Jan McMurray

The blockade on Glacier Creek Forest Service Road was removed after Gabriela and Mick Grabowsky were served a Supreme Court order to do so by October 17 at 2:30 pm.

Purcell Green Power filed the complaint against the Grabowskys, as the company would like to complete its seismology and hydrology work for the proposed Glacier/Howser independent power project this fall.

Neil Murphy, regional representative for Purcell Green Power, said he went up to the Grabowskys on Saturday, October 13 and personally hand delivered the 100-page package of documentation and exhibits that would be presented to the Supreme Court just three days later, on Tuesday, October 16.

Murphy says he advised the Grabowskys on Saturday that it would be in their best interest to respond to the court, even though it was not required of them. He also said he requested a meeting between the Grabowskys and two of the power project's directors from Axor, Purcell Green Power's parent company, with a suggested date of November 8.

"We'd like to come to a long-term legal agreement that benefits them, rather than leave it hanging in the air," said Murphy.

He explained that the company felt it would "only be proper" to sit down and discuss the Grabowskys' concerns, as well as reasonable ways to compensate them for the inconvenience, extra traffic, etc. that the project creates.

Murphy returned to the Grabowskys on October 17 and posted the court order at the Meadow Creek Post Office, the junction of Duncan and Glacier Creek Forest Service Roads, and at the location of the dismantled blockade, as ordered by the court. He says when he saw the Grabowskys that day, he sensed they would agree to the November 8 meeting, although they were still upset by the Supreme Court decision on the matter.

On the Saturday that the Grabowskys were given notice of the court proceedings, Mick travelled to New Denver for help in finding legal representation for the Tuesday court date. With no lawyers available on the weekend, Mick was able to enlist the help of Richard Caniell, a New Denver resident with experience in these types of legal proceedings through his work with the Valhalla Wilderness Society.

Caniell says the process was "abusive of the individuals served documents by the power company's wealthy lawyers" and "a particularly bad experience for the Grabowskys."

"Here is a guy, 15 kms from the nearest highway, with no electricity or phone, who is given notice at 4 pm on Saturday that he is to be in court in Vancouver on Tuesday morning," said Caniell.

Caniell says he made up "my version of an affidavit," got it to lawyer Kenyon McGee Monday morning for review, had Mick get the final version notarized at the Village office, and then sent it back to the lawyer, who arranged to attend the Vancouver court on Tuesday morning by teleconference.

Caniell reports that McGee had wanted to request that the case be transferred to Nelson, but "he never got that far. The judge came in and didn't want to hear anything."

He says he feels the court order itself infringes on people's rights. The order not only prohibits anyone from "obstructing, preventing, impeding, restricting or interfering" with the work of the power company, but also from "encouraging, counselling or conspiring with others to obstruct, prevent, impede, restrict or interfere" with the company's activities on the project land. Also, any peace officer is authorized to arrest and remove anyone who has knowledge of the order and who the officer has "reasonable and probably grounds to believe is contravening or has contravened the provision of this Order."

"There are a lot of questionable things about this," says Caniell. "People cannot even talk to each other about this, and there was no opportunity to defend this in court."

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Grabowskys' legal fees may make a donation through the Rainbow Ranch Defense Fund at any branch of the Kootenay Savings Credit Union (Maximizer account #1200856, New Denver branch).

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On October 13, Endangered Creek Expedition Paddlers Marco Colella of Rossland, Chris Ryman of Crescent Valley and Carl Jacks of Castlegar successfully documented the Lower Howser Creek Canyon, which the group considers "endangered" by the Glacier/Howser indepedent power project.

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Mexican man dies in fall from Silverton lookout

A 27-year-old Mexican man visiting the area lost his life on October 14 after jumping the fence at the Silverton lookout above Slocan Lake. Dylan Pinta was travelling with five friends, one Mexican and four from the Castlegar and Crescent Valley area, when the accident occurred.

All contact with Pinta was lost after he lost his balance and plummeted 400 feet to the lakeshore below. The New Denver/Silverton Fire Department was called to the scene about 12:20 pm. Fire Chief Leonard Casley dispatched Doug Fischer with a boat crew to see if they could locate Pinta from the lake. Slocan Lake RCMP, the BC Ambulance Service, and Nelson Search and Rescue were soon on the scene. Fire department members were able to locate the body by walking in along the edge of the dropoff, and a helicopter was called in to remove Pinta with an emergency basket. Sadly when Pinta was retrieved no life signs could be found. His intentions in jumping the fence are unclear but suicide has been ruled out as a motive. The coroner has released Pinta's body for shipment to his relatives in Mexico.

The RCMP remind the public that this tragedy was easily preventable by exercising caution when approaching cliffs and respecting barriers placed for public safety.

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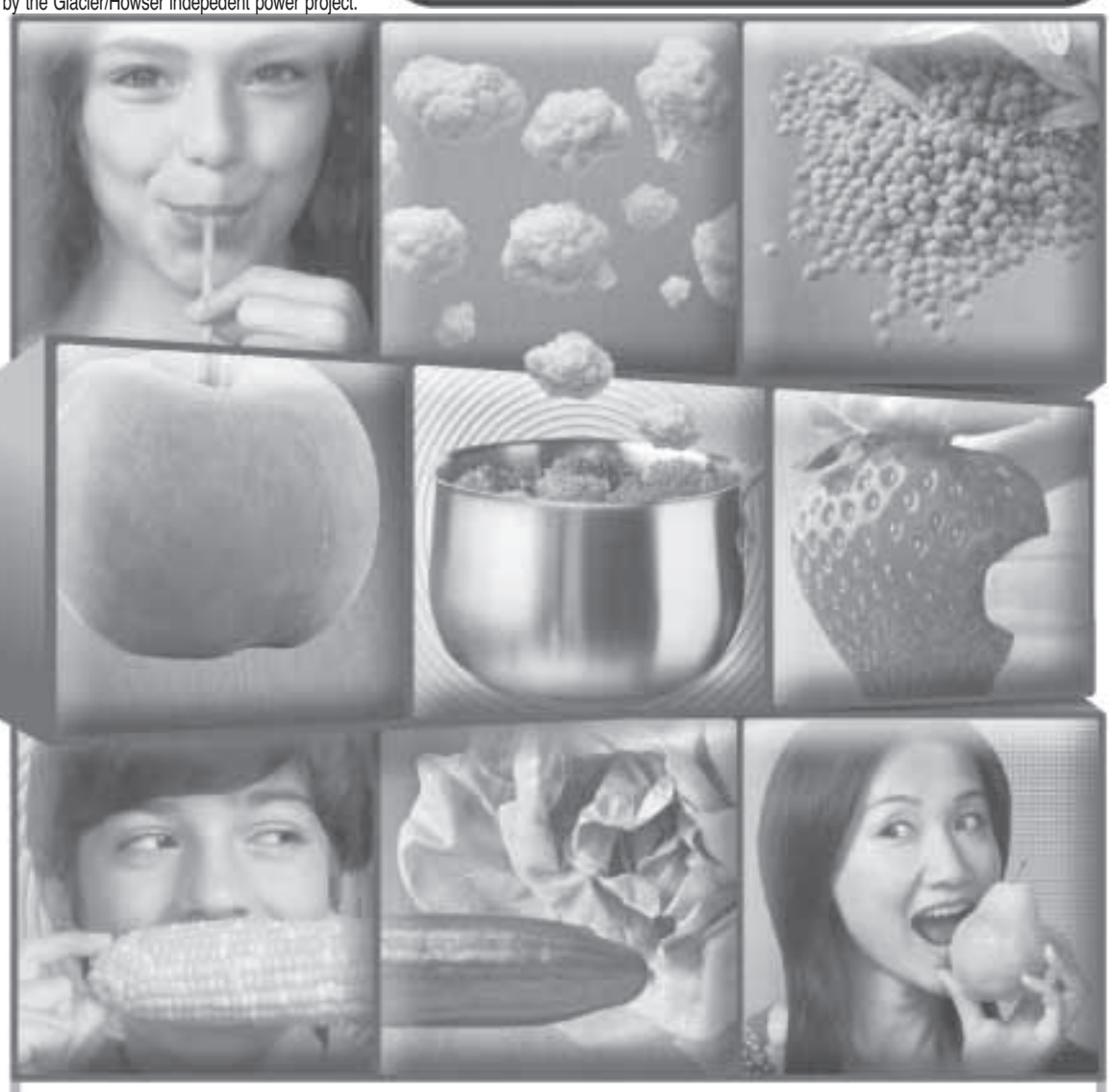

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Voices from the Valleys

Get Councillor Vass back to work

I am in complete agreement with Gary Cockrell's letter in last week's *Valley Voice* about reinstating Peter Vass back onto the Kaslo Village's committees. Furthermore Peter is hard working, accessible, honest, frank and willing to fight for what he feels is right.

He did publicly apologize on Channel 10 for what went on at the skateboard park opening, and it had nothing to do with the Village of Kaslo.

Get over your hurt feelings, lift the censor, put him back on the committees and get back to the good work the Village does.

Paddy Flanagan
Kaslo

Objects to recent editorial

Your recent editorial makes some comments I think are incorrect and unfair.

You say "Richard's work at the Valhalla Society or his career as a landscape artist are irrelevant to this debate, as well." Then why did you publish letters attacking my association with Valhalla and the Valhalla building or letters which, taken together, assert that I was attacking the artistic community, or that I am lazy, cowardly, wrong-minded as to priorities, among other things? All of this published by you in a series of letters in one edition.

Isn't it more the fact that the attacks were irrelevant to the highway sign subject about which I wrote, and that the responses of others about my background were made necessary because you published these irrelevant attacks in the first place?

I was, as you know, deeply involved in the cell phone issue when these attacks were published, hence I couldn't reply, but others did. Meanwhile, some persons contacted me and said they supported my view. When I suggested they write in their views to the *Valley Voice* their response all had the same tone: and subject myself to such attacks? You should recognize that the failure to exercise editorial control over personal character attacks is inhibiting response from some part of the public.

In this instance, you seem to have briefly got the factors upside down. This doesn't remove from a broader fact that I think everyone recognizes – that you both have made the *Valley Voice* an invaluable community forum and asset.

Richard Caniell
New Denver

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Eric Faulks
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Response to 'Evans Conflicted'

Larry Greenlaw's letter published in the *Valley Voice* September 26 questioned the merits of purchasing agricultural land for wildlife conservation in Argenta by "BC Hydro's fish & wildlife branch." Mr. Evans is certainly not in conflict with the land in question as he has no influence on which lands we purchase. I would also like to set the record straight on a number of other points in the letter.

I assume Mr. Greenlaw is referring to the Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) which acts on behalf of its three program partners (the BC Ministry of Environment, BC Hydro and Fisheries & Oceans Canada), to conserve and enhance fish and wildlife populations impacted by the construction of BC Hydro dams in the Columbia Basin.

Purchasing land for conservation purposes is an important way to conserve habitats and the many species that rely on them. The land purchase Mr. Greenlaw refers to is a cooperative effort including The Nature Trust, Columbia Basin Trust, Nelson District Rod & Gun Club, the BC Conservation Foundation and Kootenay Wildlife Heritage Fund as well as the Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program.

Mr. Greenlaw refers to the FWCP as buying "prime agricultural land" and "again paying much more than the market value." It is, in fact, quite the contrary. The land in question has not been farmed for 17 years and has been on the market for two years. Furthermore, every wildlife property purchased with the help of FWCP funds (15,000 hectares in the Columbia Basin to date) has been below the appraised value.

Finally the land in question will not be removed from the Agriculture Land Reserve. It will be managed for a variety of wildlife values with the goal of restoring some of the valley bottom habitat types lost to flooding and reservoir creation resulting from the construction of BC Hydro dams.

Ed Hill, Acting Manager
Fish & Wildlife Compensation Program

Jobs?

'Jobs' appears to be the rallying cry in the pro-development protest at Glacier Creek in favour of the Glacier/Howser hydroelectric project. This seems strange considering that these 'ruin-of-the-river' projects are known for creating few jobs. Possibly some locals could get short-term jobs building the thing, but AXOR corporation only expects a total of 4-6 longer-term full-time jobs from this $240 million project. And how many people in the Lardeau Valley have the specific qualifications for these few jobs?

However weak an argument, 'jobs' is probably the best possible argument for local pro-development factions regarding this proposed project. The simple reason is that there are no other advantages for the local residents. In fact, with diversions of our creeks, risks to already threatened fish and wildlife, possible limitations on recreation opportunities, and the tearing up of pristine wilderness, it's hard to imagine why anyone here would want the project.

Yes, we have recently lost forestry jobs here but we may permanently lose even more of these jobs with the destruction of the forestry land base by way of the proposed 91.5 km transmission line. Forestry jobs have already been lost as a result of the flooding from the Duncan dam.

What we really need to keep in mind is the changing economy of our area. It is the low impact ecotourism sector that is really taking off. Dams dot the planet. What we still have to offer people is an experience in the wilds – an increasingly unique experience.

Having worked in factory, forest and farm my entire life I know the great value of jobs for our area. The problem with the Glacier/Howser hydroelectric project is that it could kill more jobs than it creates. Let's all work together for truly sustainable jobs and let's keep our environment intact.

Gary Diers
Argenta

Be Bear Smart

For the last 20 years my mother has made the Slocan Valley her home, and for the last 20 years we having been coming to the valley for a summer retreat. When you are from a big city, part of the fun coming out here is the wildlife and taking the chance of meeting some.

This year was the second time I've seen a little bear up close. He was no farther then 10 feet away from me. After the initial shock of seeing the bear, my mom and I followed the little guy to see where he was going. Much to my surprise I watched him get some food and lie down beside a tree to eat. We took some pictures and left him alone. As we were leaving him, an RCMP officer came by. We told him it was a little brown bear getting something to eat and we came home hoping the conservation officers would not show up. Much to our disgust, about an hour later we heard a shot from a big gun. We ran down to where we had left the bear and he was dead. I asked the conservation officer if he had to shoot him, and he said yes, for public safety.

The bad news is that the human race has taken over the lands of the wildlife, and kills wild animals when they are seen. In my opinion, if you don't want wild animals in your backyard, move to the big city. Then all you have to deal with are the psycho human animals. We come here for the wildlife that man is destroying.

Not only do the animals have to deal with wildfires, etc, but also with the people who are supposed to be protecting them shooting them. It makes me wonder why we have to pay for killers of wildlife.

As I return to the big city I wonder why the little bear that made my day had to die, and I hope the men who killed him get a conscience and remember the animals were here first.

Susan Edge
Brantford, Ontario

Concerned about wildfire response

I am writing to express some of my concerns with the way the Penstock fire was handled by the Forest Service Protection staff stationed both at the Nakusp Field Office and Southeast Fire Centre.

This fire was very similar to the 2003 Oatscott to Arrow Park fire – a single lightning strike not actioned immediately, left for days to build up heat on the ground until the wind picked up the flames and then became a mult-million dollar fire.

I was an Initial Attack crew foreman from 1989 to 1992, when my crew actioned fires similar to this one between Castlegar and Trout Lake. I came to a couple of conclusions after 21 years with the Forest Service and experiencing all the changes from small ranger stations to district offices and finally to a separate protection branch with "professional wildland firefighters" that will respond to your every emergency after a phone call to the magic 5555 number. 1) You or your community should be prepared to suppress any small spot fires if possible. 2) If not, then when the fire hazard is high and the fire heads in your direction, be ready to leave as quickly and as safely as you can. I have found out a person cannot outrun a wildfire with a strong wind behind it.

One of the best provincial firefighters in my experience was Craig Pettitt from New Denver, who said that the time to put out wildland fires is when they are small, and you hit them hard with everything available, because when the fire gets big, the only thing that will contain them is nature (change of wind, rain, or snow). Seeing the action taken on the Penstock fire this summer convinced me that the policies of the Protection Branch are not working, from crews leaving Nakusp at 8:00 am, arriving at the fire around 10:00 am then departing early in the afternoon to be back in Nakusp for dinner. Then every day for 10 hours heavy helicopters bucketing from a fire retardant mixing area across the reservoir from the end of July to the end of August. This combined with the smoke filling the valley made me very happy that the lightning strike was on the other side of the Arrow Reservoir.

Next year I realize that we might not be as lucky. Fire is a reality in this province and just because the 2007 fire season is over, don't forget the lessons learned and be prepared.

G. Wayne Miller
Fauquier

Voice of Nakusp needed on P&T land sales

I hear that Pope & Talbot is going to make a quick buck from the real estate boom and sell off its private lands. In order to do that, the Minister of Forests must release those lands from their Schedule A restrictions.

I don't pretend to understand all the details, but one thing is pretty clear: if the Minister releases those lands, it amounts to creating cash for the company. Surely the Province, which represents the citizens, will give some thought to the interests of the communities in this transaction. How will this affect our planning processes? How will it affect the future of forestry in the area?

When the TFL was transferred to P&T, there was a lot of public consultation. You might assume that will happen again, but folks, I think we have to ask for it. I, for one, am going to write to the Minister.

And if you think that's all futile, think again. Remember what happened when the people of Nakusp stood up

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for Halcyon Home? And remember when we asked the Columbia Basin Trust to reconsider closing their office in Nakusp? We have a voice; let's use it.

Laurie Page
Nakusp

A Telus story

I'd like to comment on the position Telus is taking with New Denver/Silverton regarding the cell phone question. I'm mostly against having cell phones in our area and the reasons are not relevant. I just want to let the community know of the treatment I received from Telus regarding a problem I had with my dial-up service.

Three years ago we decided to have a designated phone line installed for our computer to avoid all the hassles with having the phone line always competing for time with the computer. The phone line was installed and we were given another number, supposedly devoted to our computer. Right from the start we experienced problems of trying to get on the computer with the new line. Sometimes we would go for two or three months without any problems but then for long periods of time we could not raise our ISP. We had the poor people at Net Idea going crazy trying to figure out why we could not connect to their remote computer.

To make a long story short, we ended up having Telus personally check our line on a number of occasions, only to tell us nothing was wrong. We took our computer into Nelson twice to have it looked at and in the end finally bought a new one.

Only when I finally unplugged the designated computer phone line and hooked back up to our residential line did the problems quit. It was just as obvious as the nose on Brian Keller's face (a customer relations person I dealt with) what the problem was. Somebody else was using our line as well as ourselves.

Dealing with Telus for a number of months trying to have them at least admit this situation could have been corrected prior to us buying a new computer ($500) and paying for the use of a designated line every month for three years which did not give any satisfaction, was, to say the least, hopeless. When I spoke to the customer service advisor about spending all this money on a pensioner's salary, his response was, "Well, none of us would like that." In other words, "Tough titty, baby, you're dealing with Telus here!"

Could it have anything to do with us using Net Idea and not Telus? What a question.

From the mail-out letter we received yesterday, it would appear that Brian Keller and Shawn Hall are graduates of the same Telus School of Corporate Canada.

Stick to your guns, Mr. Caniell, there is a lot of support for your endeavour!

Barry and Rita Morrison
Silverton

Afghan poll smells suspicious

It seems mighty suspicious to me that as our Prime Minister is busy trying to extend the Afghan mission and diffuse debate on the issue, a poll, sponsored in part by the state-owned media (CBC), would come out stating that Afghans are happy with the Canadian role, the Canadian and United States-sponsored government, and the present situation in that country!

I also find it curious this poll would appear less than two weeks after the Canadian government refused to grant the opposition defense critic official permission to conduct his own review of the state of affairs in Afghanistan!

If things are really as this poll suggests, then perhaps our Prime Minister will now allow the opposition to do its own polling, and conduct its own investigation into how the Afghan people feel about what is currently going on in their country. Perhaps he will also allow some studies to be conducted by people who are not aligned, or sponsored by, the state media, the government, the military, or any other group involved in the Afghan mission.

Methinks the CBC, and others involved in this poll, are dupes in a fantastical effort to spin the Afghan mission, orchestrated by top levels of the Canadian government. Only a completely independent poll, conducted by an above-reproach organization, such as Amnesty International, will convince me that we, the Canadian people, are not being whitewashed.

Will Webster
Kaslo

Cell phones are important

Over the past several months I've witnessed the whole local cell phone tower debate and though I would be okay with the arrival of this service, like many people in the valley I just haven't got too passionate about it. Events that took place Thursday, October 18 have convinced me to write some thoughts I've had.

Thursday night was that windy, rainy, cold one with storms all across the province. At about 7:30 pm I got a phone call that a canoeist was across the lake in distress and flashing a signal light. Luckily the New Denver/Silverton Fire Department were having their Thursday night meeting and were able to assemble a rescue which was successful. Foul weather, dark conditions and the inability to contact the canoeist right across the lake made the entire matter very challenging and stressful.

We assembled at the marina and loaded two boats to head over in the heaving waves and wind. Ironically, we could at best only flash lights across the water to the victim to assure him of help, despite standing right beside the planned cell phone tower site. Everyone present agreed that if service was available, and that canoeist had a handset, the rescue could have been performed with greater certainty.

I'm tired of all the discussions and dithering over why we should avoid this modern and effective form of communication. Although popular protest has varied from fears of tower transmitted radiation to headset hazards to bad social behaviour, the fact is that most communities benefit from good communication and when I visit Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson or anywhere else, I don't sense any great decline in the quality of life there.

I remember how radiation from overhead wires, computer screens, fluorescent light, microwaves, television screens, etc. were going to create problems, yet anyone now would raise hell if any of these toys were forbidden from our homes. I don't accept the idea that tower radiation goes any distance, and if the cell phone itself is a risk then just don't talk on the goddamn thing so long. Every discussion I've heard about these devices ends up as stories about thoughtless people talking in the wrong circumstances.

I don't have a cell phone now and likely won't get one, but I respect their purpose. I don't have a computer either, or a wife and kids, but I respect their purposes too. Cell phones will continue to annoy everyone in urban settings but their value in regard to recreation and work sites in these mountains cannot be disputed. Hell, people abuse cars and cause accidents with them all the time, but we'd have a tough time without them.

I'm disappointed that the Chamber of Commerce feels that having a cell-phone-free community could work as some tourism attraction gimmick. These cell phones have so many functions and features now that any cell users would soon find this environment confining. Just tell people to shut them off more often. Having a place that bans cell phones is like having a place that bans foul language. It's only a nice idea until you stub your toe on a rock.

Peter Roulston
New Denver

Ode to the Trout Lake Bear

It was mid August the first time I saw you. My wife came running into the house to get her camera and told me to come see the bear up the orphaned apple tree on West Side road. She was amazed at how detached you were to your surroundings as you stuffed your face – even the dog's barks didn't seem to bother you. We arrived on site with some other neighbours and watched and clicked as you gorged yourself with your succulent treats. After you had eaten your fill you came down the tree and scurried off into the brush.

The next time I saw you it was the first week of September and you had moved onto greener pastures. You were now perched in my apple tree and were systematically stripping it from top to bottom. This time, as we watched, there seemed to be more urgency as you ate. After all, the nights were getting cooler and it wouldn't be long before winter set in. Nature was telling you you needed more. You were getting ready for hibernation and the sleep would be long and cold; you would need your fat to carry you through.

As the apples and fruit disappeared around town your food source became more challenging. Your search for food took you into every backyard and to every unlocked door. You became more desperate and when people asked you to leave you would ignore them until they threw something at you or used a noise maker to get you to leave. People became impatient with you.

The game warden was asked to come in and set a trap for you. You were smart enough to avoid his efforts and keep searching for the food that you so desperately needed. It was now two days after Thanksgiving. The snow was halfway down the mountain and you were making your final rounds. You were not afraid of humans because other than the odd rock being thrown at you, they caused you no harm. Your instinct was to simply ignore them and eat the food that would keep you alive. This is where you made your mistake.

You trusted people and you turned your back on one. As you rummaged for food, he snuck up on you and buried an axe into the top of your skull. The wound was vicious but did not kill you. You were dazed, in shock and hurt very badly. Your instincts kicked in and you ran for survival. You found a tree in the townsite that offered you safety. It was a tall tree and unlike your usual pattern, you climbed to the very top of the highest branch. You did this because you were hurt and knew you were vulnerable.

The game warden was notified about your severe condition and he instructed a local hunter to shoot you. As you looked down at the gathering crowd, from your perch 60 feet in the air, injured and bewildered, careful aim was taken and you fell to your death. This sleep would be your last.

For the axe-wielder to defend his actions he will probably say the bear threatened him and he feared for his life. He would never admit that if his terrific idea of killing a bear with an axe were successful, his bravado would be campfire fodder for years to come.

He would be just like Davey Crockett. With one exception. Davey Crockett was only three when he killed his bear and didn't know any better.

Shame on you.

Red Forsyth
Trout Lake

Open letter to Roger Leroux and the blockaders

I have been with the West Kootenay Coalition for Jumbo Wild since the beginning, so let me take this opportunity to clear up certain misunderstandings.

The coalition is made up of many backcountry groups and individuals. These people include hunters, trappers, anglers, business people and folks who work jobs of all kinds, amateur and professional athletes and many others – old folks, young folks and in between folks. This same broad cross section of folks is present in the East Kootenay Jumbo Wild groups. Our common bond is our desire to keep our shared backcountry wild and free and in local control.

The Jumbo Wild people are not opposed to development in the front country, where it belongs. We are opposed to any permanent development in our backcountry because, simply put, we are for making sure that all wildlife have places to live without humans constantly in their faces. Neither are we opposed to hunting or fishing to add a tasty dish to our diets from time to time.

Roger, you talk of your grandson wanting to continue to live here. Is the reason he likes it so much the same reason that everyone I know likes to live here – the natural surroundings? The ability to get into our unspoiled back country where the majestic mountains greet us all seasons of the year and where wildlife are free to roam in the places they call home? What about our beautiful lakes with the sun dancing on the water as the shadow of a 'big one' slips by? A perfect piece of paradise.

If the proposed Jumbo Glacier resort and the proposed Glacier/Howser hydroelectric projects go ahead, our backyard is gone – make no mistake. Wildlife has learned to adjust to hikers or ATVs on a logging road. They have a really hard time with helicopters. But they are totally driven out to extinction when major construction takes over a place.

The government still does not know what to do with the grizzly bears (a species at risk), should that resort go through. And what do you suppose will be the result if AXOR (Glacier Power) gets going at clearing, road building, diverting feeder creeks, blasting, tunneling and so forth while completely reworking the whole Glacier and Howser watersheds and valleys? What about the bull trout (a species at risk) who like to spawn in those creeks but will find the lower 12 km of Glacier Creek and the lower 10.5 km of Howser Creek diverted directly to the power station on the shore of Duncan Lake?

The proposed Jumbo resort promises jobs. Who over here, or over there, has the job skills to build a schwagg city for nearly 10,000 people? No one I know. Anyone you know? The jobs most locals will get are minimum wage chambermaid and bartender type jobs.

AXOR (Glacier Power) promises jobs. Who over here is able to build a $240-300 million project that generates up to 125 MV? No one I know. Anyone you know? AXOR is from Montreal. When they say 'local' that probably means Alberta or Vancouver – at least as 'local' as they can find people with the necessary specialized skills. I've heard from a reliable source that those huge, yellow metal container boxes at the Nelson rail yard are full of specialized equipment for doing this job. There may be some clearing or cat work early on for locals but that will be about it. Don't forget, the name of the game in the corporate world is PROFITS.

When I asked the old guy at the AXOR public meeting about the many thousands of trucks full of muck mess made from tunneling through our mountains, he boasted that one similar job he was on 25 years ago was now greening up.

If either, or both, of the proposed Jumbo resort and Glacier/Howser hydroelectric projects go through, we will not only be losing local control of what once was some of our beautiful and important Crown areas, there would also be a serious loss of wildlife habitat, especially to some species that are already 'at risk.' So, added to our loss of local control, loss of habitat and loss of our backcountry back yard, with our present set of job skills, the only jobs any of us 'locals' will get are minimum wage bottom of the ladder employment ops.

Let us always consider this when the slick-talking outsider businessmen tell us we need to give our natural surroundings over to them. And let us remember always that at least now there are fish and wildlife enough, who still roam free, that hungry locals get by in times of need.

Rowena Eloise
Argenta

Correction

In an article entitled 'Slocan Valley director shares UBCM highlights' in our October 10 issue, we reported that Jo Brown manages the local BC Transit service. She has in fact not held this position since July. Gary Hipwell is the new manager. Brown will be working on a questionnaire about the transit service in her capacity as the Area H Director's alternate to the RDCK board.

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Silverton council, October 9: Water and garbage rates to stay the same for '08

by Art Joyce

•Mayor Everett's report contained good news: it was decided at a recent budget committee meeting that the water and garbage rates for 2008 will not be increased. Rates had been increased in 2007 to cover loans required for water infrastructure upgrades.

•The mayor, CAO Junko Ida and public works decided after close consideration of the Johnston Meier Insurance Agencies' valuation of Village assets to revise the figures. The existing valuation places assets at a total of just over $2.5 million, a figure the mayor felt was "vastly underpriced." After revision the total is closer to $3.7 million when the rising cost of real estate and other factors are included. The municipal office, formerly valued at $168,493, has been re-valued at $225,000, for example, and the Memorial Hall from about $350,000 to $500,000. Councillor Wiseman was concerned about the effect this would have on Village insurance rates. The mayor said rates will likely increase but that the replacement costs of Village property and assets needed to be taken into the equation.

•Mayor Everett brought forward his motion from the previous meeting that council go ahead with the purchase of fencing for the genset and pumphouse. Public works made a presentation with a diagram to include the enlarged area proposed for fencing to include the second pump station, with a large gate for easier equipment removal and servicing. The security and liability issue was again pointed out to council. The motion was amended to go ahead with the fencing pending receipt of a second estimate, and was passed by council.

•The mayor requested that council reconsider his earlier motion to purchase a new John Deere tractor and fittings, as per the recommendation by public works. In discussion it was reiterated that the current sweeper and lawn mower are worn out, and that it would be cost effective to purchase the John Deere with these attachments rather than having to replace each item separately over time. Councillor Wiseman proposed an amendment to the motion that the purchase be made through a loan from the Municipal Finance Authority rather than taken out of Village funds in a lump sum. Under the terms of an MFA lease, the loan can be paid out at any time without penalty. Council passed the motion as amended. Councillor Laktin asked jokingly, "Does this mean the ball field will get mowed any faster?"

•Councillor Wiseman brought forward a recommendation from the Memorial Hall select committee that council amend its original motion for the MRIF grant to read that the village is applying for $246,000 in funding. The Village is required by the terms of the grant application to commit to one-third of that amount, or $82,000. Some members of the community have questioned the wisdom of spending $422,000 on the renovation project, of which the Village is committed to spending $170,000. The committee believes that the hall is the centerpiece of the Village, so upgrading it to a top-notch facility will create considerable economic returns for the community. Of this, $88,000 has already been approved in 2010 Olympics grant funding, the mayor explained. And the Friends of Memorial Hall already have prospective funding from BC Heritage and the CBT, which has earmarked money for a marketing plan.

•Mayor Everett has told the *Valley Voice* he will be bringing a motion to council October 23 to sponsor an electronics recycling day in Silverton for the weekend of November 3. The mayor says the Encorp recycling depot in Trail will accept any amount of computers and related equipment as well as TVs as long as trucks can be arranged for shipping. The cost is paid for by the provincial government.

Argenta citizens negotiate with developers over marina location

by Art Joyce

The Bulmer's Pointe project in Argenta is just one of several lakeshore developments in the West Kootenay, but it seems to be one of the least contentious, thanks to a respectful negotiation process with locals. Argenta residents met with representatives of RW Brinkerhof Holdings Ltd. of Calgary recently to discuss options for locating the development's proposed marina. Sue Cairns of the Cranbrook Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) was also present at the meeting, which took place on the waterfront site.

The site plan offers prospective buyers a choice of 25 lakeside lots and eight 'wilderness' lots whose forested eastern boundary faces onto communal property with trails, a park and community garden. The northern third of the property is bisected by Bulmer's Creek. And while Argenta residents would rather not have such a development, their greatest concern is for the placement of the proposed marina. The community's traditional beach access is adjacent to the project's northernmost lot, lot 1, and residents worry that having a marina located at this lot will be disruptive to the peace and tranquility of the public beach.

Area D alternate director Kate O'Keefe said the developers are working with residents to see if any other location will work for the marina. She thinks lot 2 is one alternate possibility. Residents would prefer it to be located further south, near lot 10. Unfortunately the lake bottom at lot 10 isn't deep enough, nor does it offer sufficient shelter from the prevailing southerly winds. ILMB doesn't want a breakwater built as it would be too damaging to the aquatic ecosystem. Aquatic impacts at the lot 1 location are considered minimal.

The developer is getting enquiries from prospective buyers about where the marina will be located, and would like a resolution to the issue. Based on research so far, lot 1 is still the best choice in their view. The marina will be as wide as the lot and more than double its length, or roughly 45 X 132 metres, with 24 berths. The dock will be situated about 80 metres from the northern property line and will measure about 73 X 40 metres, constructed of steel pilings, composite decking, cedar fascia, poly floats and secured by concrete anchors. The developer has assured residents they do not want to allow jet-skis and will require buyers to sign a disclosure form to that effect. The original idea had been for 'finger' docks from each property but this was rejected by DFO (federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans).

O'Keefe says the issue of riparian rights enters the discussion. Lakefront property owners have the right not to have their view of the lake blocked by docks or marinas, which can devalue their lot. The original public comment deadline of September 13 has been extended by ILMB to the end of October. A decision by the Cranbrook office will probably be reached within about two weeks of that date.

"I think people are somewhat demoralized by the fact that there will be a wharf interrupting the visual peace of the area, plus having neighbours on what's traditionally been their beach," says O'Keefe. "As an alternate director for the RDCK, though, I have to say I'm very pleased with the process. The ILMB rep said it was the most neighbourly development she's seen."

"Some of us are concerned not just where the dock goes in but that it goes in at all, and that it attracts loud motorboats and all the toys of the rich," says Uli Holtkamp, a 16-year resident. He says the natural acoustics amplify sound from the lake, and he worries about the effect of the increased noise on local wildlife.

David Herbison, Argenta postmaster, says residents are trying to "make the least worst situation," but feel strongly that the dock shouldn't be located where proposed. Residents will be meeting October 22 at the Argenta Hall to present research results and discuss their options.

Ernst Gerwig of Silverton caught this 24-lb., 38"-long Rainbow on October 12 at about 4 pm at the mouth of Wilson Creek on Slocan Lake.

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New Denver council, October 9: No indemnification from possible health effects of cell service could leave Village liable

by Leah Main

•Letters were received for information from Municipal Insurance Association, Telus, CBC, MP Alex Atamanenko, and Mayor Wright regarding various issues surrounding the cell phone controversy. This ongoing issue requires no action at this time. It should be noted that while Telus and CBC both declined to indemnify the Village "against any legal action or lawsuits brought against the Village for downstream health damages or deaths" pursuant to installation of cell phone equipment, MIA observes that since "there is no agreement with the Village [from Telus and CBC] therefore no indemnity would be available to the Village." They go on to state that "If CBC and/or Telus were found to be responsible for any losses arising from the installation and operation of their equipment, Common Law principles would prevail and our Courts would determine liability," meaning that their observation that the Village has no liability could be overturned in a court case.

Council discussed the possibility that Industry Canada may be able to facilitate a solution if a total impasse is reached between the organizations involved.

•Correspondence was received from Wayne McCrory regarding inclusion of Bear Smart in the current OCP review. Council will advise McCrory that although measures to minimize bear-human conflicts will be included in the OCP review, resident consensus was that the Bear Smart program in total was too restrictive.

•An RDCK report on the Denver Siding Water System was discussed. Council is not prepared to consider taking on responsibility for this water system at this time, and found the information in the report inadequate to support reaching any other conclusion.

•Council decided that Monday, October 29 would be the Fall Arbour Day. Notices will be posted.

•Al and Theresa Walker appeared as a delegation with questions and suggestions regarding the Village's boulevard policy. Council also received a letter signed by seven concerned residents regarding the policy. The Walkers have applied for permission to plant some trees on Village property adjoining their holding near the Bigelow Bay entrance, intended as a means of preventing vehicles from driving on their lawn. Councillor Bunka explained that council has been examining the current policy, which requires property owners to request permission before planting trees and shrubs (on Village-owned property), and treats each case individually. She further explained that this involved having Public Works identify whether there are water lines or other considerations that would make such plantings inappropriate; that keeping boulevards planted just to grass keeps mowing simple and cost-effective; and that those people who have recently been instructed to remove their plantings are those who did not apply for permission before planting on Village property.

•Rick Harding requested purchase of a lane allowance and to have the alley between lots 28 and 1-6 opened, in Block 59 adjacent to his property. At this time, council is willing only to consider opening the lane portion and will include the item in the 2008 budget, as this would require a legal survey as well as fire access and consideration of other concerns.

•Natasha Weiss Zoll's request to rent Knox Hall at the community group rate of $300 for the year for the Mother Goose program was approved. The group's use of the Hall will not be in conflict with any other scheduled uses.

•Acting Mayor Greensword reported on the UBCM Small Talk Forum, where two communities shared their experiences getting full-time pay for their ambulance drivers. Other community health care issues were discussed, and it came to light that Interior Health seems to be the least responsive to communities.

•Municipalities have been identified as stakeholders regarding highways and ferry maintenance contracts, and will be included in future discussions regarding these.

•Administrator Carol Gordon recently attended a workshop on Tangible Capital Assets reporting, as new provincial regulations will require a change in the way these are included in municipal financial statements over the next couple of years. New reporting requirements include itemization of water systems, roads, and building infrastructure; depreciation; and inventory and policy statements, all of which will require a lot of work on the part of administrative staff.

•Council authorized Carol Gordon to attend the upcoming West Kootenay-Boundary Local Government Management Association fall meeting (Gordon is Vice President of this organization), and approved Mike Simpson to attend a course through BC Water Works Association pursuant to maintaining his Water System Operators License.

•Councillor Brookfield delivered a plaque to council from Municipal Insurance Association, which he had accepted at the recent MIA general meeting, honouring the Village of New Denver as a founding member of that organization.

•Bylaw No. 618 (to regulate the operation and maintenance of the Village of New Denver Cemetery) and Bylaw No. 619 (to exempt certain land and improvements within the Village of New Denver from taxation [churches]) were both given three readings. They are both 'housekeeping' measures that are revisited annually.

The two newest recruits to the ambulance service in New Denver are Chris Schick from Slocan and Sara Rainford, co-owner of Glacier View Cabins in New Denver. They join our two long-standing local heroes, Joe Matthews and Karen Forsyth. Both completed the Emergency Medical Responder training course that took place in Nakusp in the spring.

NOTICE – VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER ARBOUR DAY

The Village of New Denver is holding an Arbour Day on Monday, October 29, 2007.

We will pick up all yard and pruning waste that is placed at the curb by 8 a.m. Please ensure that all branches are bundled and tied and all garden refuse (leaves, 'etc.') is bagged. Absolutely no household garbage or construction material will be picked up.

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New Denver holds final public meeting on OCP review

by Art Joyce

New Denver village council held its final public hearing for its revised Official Community Plan (OCP) October 16, a formal meeting designed to discuss changes to the plan and offer the public its last chance to make comments and submissions. Only about a half dozen people showed up. RDCK planner Bruce Gunn was present to recap the Village's OCP review process and findings to date for the audience.

"Given that attendance has gone down from about 45 at the first meetings," said Mayor Gary Wright after the meeting, "it suggests to me we've got this thing pretty well nailed down."

There were a few objections. During the comment period, Ron Husberg said he believes restrictions on building height and size would encourage a situation like Christina Lake, "full of double-wides and ... shacks," with negative impacts on local businesses. Valdis Vilks felt council had erred in its definition of 'grade' as it refers to the base from which building heights are measured, stating that in his experience it should be from the height of the adjacent crown of the road, not the ground level of the building lot. Francie Oldham asked council if they would consider putting in a sign directing tourists to the lakefront trail, as the Oldhams have found visitors wandering their property looking for the trailhead.

The revised OCP consists of two documents, bylaw 611, which contains the broad vision statements and general policies of the Village, and bylaw 612, which contains the enforceable zoning bylaws to maintain that community vision. Gunn explained that this vision is determined from public input at OCP review meetings held since September 2006 as well as a Land Use Planning survey made available to residents. The majority of residents surveyed said New Denver's "small town character" was the main reason they chose to live here. Top priority issues identified were maintaining that character and bolstering the local economy. Other recommendations received were that the Village work to achieve its Bear Smart designation.

Village CAO Carol Gordon explained changes to the zoning bylaw. The definition of 'secondary suite' was amended to mean "a self-contained, accessory dwelling unit located within a single detached dwelling that is utilized for long-term residential rentals," with separate cooking, sleeping and bathing facilities and its own entrance. Gordon said this was done to protect tenants from landlords who might temporarily evict them in order to capitalize on the more lucrative weekly summer rental market. Weekly rentals are limited to four weeks in each year. During comment period Barb Yeomans pointed out that this could negatively affect the Valhalla School of Fine Arts (formerly Valhalla Summer School of Music), which hopes to expand to include spring and fall sessions and is already faced with a severe accommodations shortage.

Another change in bylaw 612 relates to mobile homes, a change in the definition of 'width', now to mean "the distance from a main wall to the opposite main wall of a building or structure….the width of the building is its width when it is placed on the parcel, before vestibules, garages, decks or other additions are added…" A roofed structure extending a minimum of 75% of the length of the mobile home meets the minimum width requirement, "provided the distance from the outside main wall of the mobile home to the outside main wall or post of the affixed structure measures 5.5 metres (18 feet) in width."

The definition of a public utility within the Village includes "sewer, water main, power line easements, and traffic controls but does not include buildings or structures including towers and antennae," or the installation of equipment designed to provide wireless communications unless approved by a site-specific amendment to the bylaw. This was in response to citizens expressing concern over cell phone installation near residential areas.

The zoning bylaw also does not allow for the permanent placement of a tent, travel trailer or RV on a lot in any zone within the Village. This was done, Gordon explained, to prevent people buying lots and then camping on them.

Council took note of the comments offered and will consider them in drafting any final changes to the bylaws, which will go to third and final reading at the next council meeting before being submitted to the provincial government.

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Halloween dance a first for the Friends of Silverton Memorial Hall

submitted

Yes, we're at it again folks – the Friends of Silverton Memorial Hall invite everyone to our First Annual Halloween Dance Saturday, October 27. Doors open at 8:30 and tickets are only $10, but must be purchased in advance. No minors, please.

This is what a ticket gets you: a chance to win the fantastic cash prize for best costume, chances to win many, many great door prizes, dancing to Lisa Stomp – the best DJ around, and a light lunch. What a deal. Remember, no tickets will be available at the door. Only 200 tickets are available and they're going fast. Pick yours up at Ann's Natural Foods, Mountainberry, Gaze 'n Chat, or Silverton Building Supplies. Get a group together, designate a driver and come out for a howling good time. Help us keep our community halls open!

The Friends are a small group of community members who got together to help our local community hall stay open by raising funds for necessary renovations. Our community halls are a vital part of what keeps communities together. All proceeds go towards the restoration fund.

CBC sponsors readings of A Christmas Carol in New Denver

submitted

Ebenezer Scrooge, Bob Cratchit and Tiny Tim, and all those memorable characters created by Charles Dickens, are coming to New Denver in a dramatic reading of a condensed version of his novel *A Christmas Carol* on Saturday, December 1 at the Bosun Hall, New Denver at 7 pm.

Admission is $10 at the door. For more information call 358-2162.

Halloween dance at Vallican Whole School a popular fundraiser

submitted

Due to popular demand, the parents and students of the Vallican Whole School are pleased to announce that our annual Halloween party is back on Saturday, October 27. Doors open at 7:30 and music begins at 8:00.

After making the decision to not do a dance last year, we were approached by many people in the community who missed this annual tradition. So get your dancing shoes ready, because it's our great pleasure to announce that Adham Shaikh with guest Pure Blend will be performing to FUN-raise for the school. There will be a kids costume parade just before the band starts and an adult costume contest later in the night.

Recently back from a tour of the UK, Adham is set to rock the dance floor at The Whole with an energized fusion of tribal world rhythms. Blending styles and traditions from funk, electro, breaks, global psy-trans, down-tempo and dub to bhangra, afro beat and Arabic, Latin and Brazilian grooves, he brings the new world into acoustic perspective. Adham's show is bound to leave everyone breathless and shouting for more.

Pure Blend wowed crowds this summer playing at Market Fest, Koots Roots and the Sinixt Barter Faire to name a few venues where you might have caught their Funky Reggae vibes.

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Slocan council, October 10: Councillor Ellis resigns

by Don Currie

•A letter from Joanne Ellis notifying council of her resignation effective October 4 was read by Mayor Van Bynen. Ellis said that she sincerely apologized to the taxpayers for the expense of a byelection and "I wish council nothing but the best in their future deliberations." Mayor Van Bynen said he preferred that no one from staff or council speak to Ellis about the matter.

•During question period Rudy Markovic expressed his regrets about the resignation and insisted on his right as a taxpayer to see a report containing advice from lawyers that has for some months determined the conduct of regular meetings and question period. Mayor Van Bynen assured Markovic that "the public will get the report." Councillor Perriere questioned whether the report could be made public because there were sections that were privileged and might be a breach of confidentiality. Markovic replied that taxpayers had paid for the report and he wants to see it all, with no sections blacked out. The Mayor said that once it is dealt with in camera it will be made public.

•Linda Taylor called upon council to schedule a public meeting where residents can pose questions and get answers. A date was set for Tuesday November 20 at 7 pm.

•The Mayor was asked about a story in the *Weekender* that suggested that towns other than Slocan were vying for the abattoir that has been designated for Slocan and made necessary by provincial regulations. The Mayor said a meeting on the matter was to be held the next day in MLA Corky Evans' constituency office to strike a steering committee. He said he had spoken with Agriculture and Lands Minister Pat Bell at UBCM and was assured that Slocan would get the facility. Van Bynen said that everyone associated with the project including the RDCK was "supporting it 100%." He said the Village had received $10,000 to develop a business plan and that he would be stepping away from the project as Mayor but would attend meetings as a potential producer.

•The proposal for council to send a letter of support for a local abattoir was opposed by Councillor Perriere, who wanted the matter tabled because there was no public input. Mayor Van Bynen left the meeting citing conflict of interest and Councillors Septav and Gates supported drafting a letter of support for the abattoir proposal.

•Reporting on the Community Forest, Councillor Septav said a meeting of district managers determined that a net 20,000 cubic metres for a community forest was a requirement and less would overtax the resource. He said the information has been sent to the Ministry and he expected the project will move ahead. He said the Springer Creek fire had no effect on the proposed community forest area.

•Works foreman Jerry Simmons reported that a handrail had been installed at the ramp leading to the breakwater and a 'use at own risk' sign posted. A portable stage had been built for use at Sunday Markets and Oktoberfest. The ball field, used by firefighting crews and facilities during the Springer Creek fire, had been aerated and holes filled. The sprinkler system was retested and there was no damage. New cedar benches had been built and crosswalks painted. The Village-owned fire truck had been returned from Riondel and passed motor vehicle branch inspection and would be placed in storage. Water lines were flushed and tested for leaks. Administrator Ludlow reported that the hours for two Village employees were being tracked to ensure they were eligible to take the required examinations to operate the water plant. Councillor Perriere asked for information on looping of water lines. Administrator Ludlow said the estimated cost was approximately $20,000 per block and federal government gas transfer revenues should permit the Village to do ten blocks.

•Administrator Ludlow reported that she had consulted with MAIS computer consultants and the system is unable to provide the detailed information for payable and disbursements lists as requested by Councilor Perriere. She invited councillors interested in checking invoices to come into the office and inspect invoices at their leisure. She said there was a double check between her and the works foreman on all invoices and no cheques are issued without two signatures. Ludlow reported that the Government Financial Officers Association course on reporting Tangible Capital Assets was very good and several more courses are planned to prepare municipalities for changes that will be introduced in 2009, with a lot to do in a very short time. Councillor Septav suggested that a report on timelines and costs of ongoing projects be submitted even if they didn't correspond exactly with up to date bank statements. Septav said he was concerned about "where we were with the budget."

•Approving disbursements continue to be problematic. Councillor Perriere posed a number of questions concerning credit card expenditures, approval of travel funds that she asserted were not authorized or budgeted for and ongoing costs for the services of a commissionaire and staff overtime. She said she was concerned that the Village stays on budget. Administrator Ludlow warned that the Village had incurred huge legal costs and the budget would have to be adjusted. The Mayor commented that he would prefer it if the commissionaire position were eliminated, and have someone locally do the job. Administrator Ludlow said office staff took time off in lieu and that they were not paid for their attendance at regular council meetings held in the evening. Councillor Perriere voted against approving the disbursements.

•Councillor John Gates reporting on RDCK decisions affecting Slocan said that under Trade Investment and Labour Mobility legislation (TILMA) local businesses contracting to local government could be in for stiff competition from out-of-province suppliers. Gates reported that Columbia Basin Trust community initiatives grants were increased by $2 million per year and this would result in Slocan receiving $3,700 up from the previous $1,800. Gates noted that under RDCK Discretionary Grant Allocations of $74,232 Slocan would be receiving $5,000. The Halloween Hoot event receives $1,000 and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #276 Oktoberfest Event receives $500. Gates alerted council to new funding programs in the UBCM circular of September 12, including funds available for Senior's Housing and Support Initiative.

•Council adopted a variety of decisions on the approval process for several bylaws. Administrator Ludlow requested an in camera meeting to discuss issues surrounding a draft of a Village borrowing bylaw. She also recommended that council consider the need for auditors with experience in new capital assets accounting and municipal audits. She said such a discussion was not a reflection on the work of current auditors. Councillor Gates agreed saying that it was normal for council to go to tender every three to five years and council may decide to continue with current auditors. Marc Septav said it was prudent to do that.

•The administrator advised council that a new cemetery bylaw was a requirement of new regulations under the BC Public Services. Council agreed to proceed.

•A proposal by the administrator for council approval to draft a new bylaw on municipal ticketing was adopted.

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NOTICE OF DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY

The public is requested to take notice that pursuant to Section 186 of the Local Government Act, the Corporation of the Village of Slocan is disposing of the following property:

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c) Lots 16-17, Block 45, Plan 496, DL 292
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Lucerne school launches new website designed to attract families

by Art Joyce

"If you build it, they will come." That is, unless they don't know it's there. Lucerne school in New Denver has done just that – built itself an attractive new website to promote its innovative programs to parents shopping for schools.

Shopping for schools? That's right, says teacher Terry Taylor, managing editor for the website. With enrolment declining across the province, schools find themselves having to compete much like businesses for a slice of the shrinking demographic pie. The local Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) felt a website was the best way to do that. The site (www.sd10.bc.ca/less) was launched June 1 and is linked to School District 10's website. Web designer Marilyn Rivers, working with Taylor, made extensive use of the photos and text used for this year's student yearbook. The new website will also feature links to prior websites created by Lucerne students. Taylor said at a recent rural schools conference, Linda Kaser, a professor at UVIC and former superintendent of schools now doing leadership training for the Ministry of Education, singled out Lucerne with high praise for its innovation. Lucerne is one of the few rural schools still to offer a K-12 curriculum.

Among the programs featured are Spring and Fall into Learning, offering learning excursions outside the classroom such as alpine hiking, pottery, hip-hop dance, etc.; extensive fine arts programming; distance education, including a virtual book club; the Roots of Empathy program that brings an infant into the classroom as a means of teaching empathy and reducing bullying and violence in kids' lives; an outdoor education program that gets kids more connected with the outdoors; an arts festival and writing festival; One-to-One Reading for literacy tutoring; and more.

The website entices parents by noting the versatility of the school's secondary teachers, many of whom do not only double, but even triple or quadruple duty teaching multiple subjects. Science teacher Ric Bardati, for instance, teaches biology and chemistry 11 and 12, outdoor ed, and tech education in the shop.

Grade 1 and 2 students note on the site that they had the enviable privilege of day trips whose memories will last a lifetime: snowshoeing into the 'Valley of Crystals', doing 'Salmon Patrol' at the Bonanza Creek spawning ground, and making pottery on a real potter's wheel with local potter Anita, among other excursions. Grade 3 and 4 students used the internet for educational 'virtual tours' to the countries of their ancestors. Grade 5 and 6 got a head start on becoming wildlife biologists by learning about pine beetles, toads, bats, and caribou, as well as doing a poetry retreat with visiting Toronto poet Stuart Ross, to mention only two of many unique learning opportunities they enjoyed.

Introducing Slocan Lake Stewardship Society

submitted

Tucked among the many booths at this year's Hills Garlic Festival, a new organization made its public debut. Fair-goers admired photos of Slocan Lake, looked at maps and heard about the goals of the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society (SLSS).

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Slocan Lake offers world-class kayaking on one of the last great pristine lakes in BC – something members of the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society want to protect.

This effort began last fall when 350 signatures were gathered in favour of establishing a community-driven management plan for Slocan Lake. In April, a dozen volunteers responded to *Valley Voice* ads for a founding meeting of a lake management committee. Over the next six months, members researched, attended conferences, received training, applied for grants, and became incorporated as a BC society.

So why are volunteers, who don't all agree on how best to manage the lake, willing to put in all this time? Without exception, it's because they all love Slocan Lake. Our lake remains one of the last unregulated, relatively pristine lakes in the province.

In May the BC Lake Stewardship Society, coordinators of a BC lake-monitoring program, urged the SLSS to conduct a comprehensive and scientifically credible baseline study of Slocan Lake. Most BC lakes have already conducted such studies. SLSS has prioritized the study as their first project and through concentrated effort has gathered momentum, money, and begun monitoring the lake.

The Society's mission is to research and recommend guidelines toward the care and enjoyment of Slocan Lake, its foreshore and tributaries. SLSS projects and programs focus on community education for sustainable lake use.

Membership in the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society is open, with general meetings held monthly. A fundraiser for the baseline study is planned for November 23, 7 pm, at the Hidden Garden Gallery. For information: slocanlakess@netidea.com.

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BC government proclaims October Small Business Month

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The month of October 2007 has officially been proclaimed Small Business Month in BC

"Small Business Month is in addition to Canada's national small business week held October 14-20," said Rick Thorpe, Minister of Small Business and Revenue. "Proclaiming the entire month is government's way to show the small business community how important they are and recognize the remarkable achievements of small business."

More than 370,000 small businesses were operating in 2006, representing 98 percent of all businesses in the province. Small businesses employ over one million people in BC, accounting for 57 percent of private sector jobs in the province, the second highest in the country. By comparison, just under half (49 per cent) of private sector employment in Canada as a whole was supplied by small business.

Small business growth in British Columbia has increased for the fifth consecutive year, well above the national average. Between 2001 and 2006, small business growth was triple the national average at 11 percent.

"The small business sector in BC has seen unprecedented growth in recent years," said Thorpe. "Our goal is to make British Columbia Canada's most small business friendly jurisdiction."

Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of Western Economic Diversification Rona Ambrose recently released the *Small Business Profile 2007*, a document that provides an overview of small businesses across the province. The government says it is supporting small business in BC by creating a competitive tax system, cutting red tape, and partnering with industry to provide skilled labour.

A few BC small business facts gleaned from the report:

• BC generates more gross domestic product (GDP) from small business than any other province, at 27 percent.

• Small business shipped over $14 billion worth of merchandise to international destinations in 2005, almost 40 percent of the total value of goods exported from the province.

• The northeast region continues to record the highest rate of growth in the province in the number of small businesses, with an average increase of 6.3 percent per year over the 2001 to 2006 period.

Small Business Profile 2007 can be found at www.sbr.gov.bc.ca or www.smallbusinessbc.ca/guides-list online.

Community Futures releases annual report

submitted

Community Futures Central Kootenay's recently released annual report addresses the overall support that Community Futures has provided to local entrepreneurs in the Central Kootenay region. It highlights the growth and creation of 140 businesses, the disbursement of more than $1,300,000 in loans this past year, current community economic development projects, and the ongoing commitment to serving the community.

"We are proud to have been serving this region for 22 years and looking forward to growing with the area through the changes in the years ahead," says Paul Wiest, General Manager of Community Futures Central Kootenay. "Our success can only be achieved by working with our clients who have the dreams and aspirations that result in their business success."

Community Futures Central Kootenay is sporting a new look, thanks to Pan West Community Futures who has sponsored the new common brand. The distinctive leaf and tagline 'Growing Communities One Idea at a Time' evoke the growth and vitality that Community Futures encourages and supports in the 90 community-based offices across rural British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

"Our common brand speaks to the value we place in locally driven solutions, the work we do to support diversified economic growth and the creative spirit of small business entrepreneurship," Wiest says.

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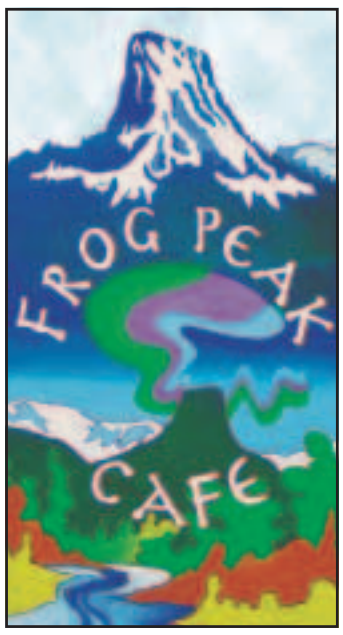

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Alignments physiotherapy clinic welcomes new therapists, expanded hours

by Art Joyce

Slocan Valley residents will be glad to know they now have more physiotherapy options than ever available to them, thanks to a recent expansion at the Alignments Physical Therapy Clinic. Darlene Burrell, registered physiotherapist and owner of Alignments, has hired two new physical therapists to offer more services and longer hours.

Burrell started the clinic in 1999, working in her home. The business has been expanding beyond Burrell's capacity to provide service, partly due to a clinic near Appledale that closed. Burrell decided to build new premises to handle the increased clientele and new staff. The new clinic, located on her property between Slocan Park and Crescent Valley, has been open since September 2006. The facility is wheelchair accessible for Burrell's wheelchair-bound clients.

"We had designed our house to accommodate clinic space," says Burrell, "but in my naivete I didn't think there were enough people in the valley to keep me working more than half-time."

Joining the staff will be registered physical therapists Christine Bialkowski and Alexander Ward, both graduates of the UBC physiotherapy program this June. Bialkowski began work at the clinic on October 9 and Ward starts November 5 working a noon till 8 pm shift so that clients can get treatments after work hours. Burrell says this has been a request from the community, particularly from injured workers who need ongoing treatment after returning to work.

"Usually if there's been an injury at work, there's something wrong with the setup of the work station, so that needs to be adjusted," says Burrell. "Also there needs to be training for workers to strengthen the correct muscle groups required to do the job, so they don't re-injure themselves."

Bialkowski has a degree in biology with a focus on ecology and formerly worked in wildlife biology with Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife and for forestry companies. Her interest in physiotherapy has been lifelong and was re-inspired by becoming a mother. Since graduating she has been working at the Nelson hospital in the physiotherapy department. She and Ward were classmates at UBC and she says he is eagerly anticipating living and working in the Kootenays.

"Working with people, and being around personalities from beginning to the end of the day is what interests me. It's a profession that provides a great diversity," says Bialkowski.

At present the clinic is open from 8 am to 5 pm but with the arrival of Ward will be open from 8 till 8 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, with Burrell and Bialkowski working 8 to 5 Tuesday and Thursday. Treatment services include sports injuries, back injuries, orthopedics, neurological conditions, repetitive stress syndrome, migraines, birth defects, work-related injuries and ICBC claimants recovering from motor vehicle accidents. The clinic offers a range of up-to-date electro-therapy modalities, including TENS (transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation), IFC (interferential current), ultrasound, muscle stimulation, moist heat and ice pack treatment, and traction. Future plans for the clinic are to add a hydro-therapy area. Burrell says she also sees clients suffering neck and shoulder strain from seasonal gardening and yard work, and has training in cranial-sacral and essential oils treatments.

"From a holistic medicine point of view, the whole body needs to be tended to, so it's not always enough to just, say, treat an injured elbow. There may be a nerve pinched in your neck. We also do a lot to educate our clientele and not have them dependent entirely on our treatments."

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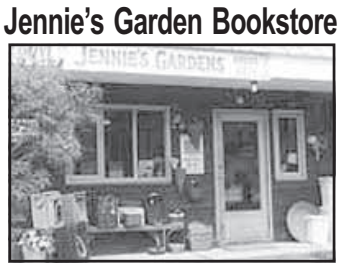
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New owners at the Clothes Hanger in Kaslo

by Jan McMurray

Kate and Spencer Remple, new owners of the Clothes Hanger in Kaslo, followed their instincts and bought the store in what may be the fastest business purchase in history.

Kate says she and Spencer dropped into the store one day, saw the closing out sign, and had a chat with then owners Jim and Babs about how unfortunate it was that they would have to close down the store after building up such a great business.

Kate and Spencer left the store and continued on their way to Nelson. On the way, Spencer and Kate got to talking about the possibility of purchasing the business.

The next morning, they returned to the store to find out that they had until noon to make the decision. "Sometimes being forced to be decisive is the best way," says Kate. "Sometimes you have to just follow your instincts and your first instincts are the best."

Kate says they have no immediate plans for any big changes at the store. "Jim and Babs had a formula for success and we want to stick to that. They found a real niche in the community."

Although Kate and Spencer are partners in this business, the store is "my baby," says Kate, who had always dreamed of owning her own retail store.

"I love clothes! As my daughter says, I have 'a passion for fashion.' I've always had an eye for clothes."

She says she had envisioned owning an accessory store, thinking clothing would be too large an undertaking, "but fortunately this was such a great opportunity with Jim and Babs laying such a great foundation," she said.

Spencer was born and raised in the Kaslo area, and Kate was born and raised in Peace River country, north of Edmonton. She says she's glad she "married into the area."

" I love the Kootenays – it's won me over. It's in my heart and in my blood now," she says.

CBT releases report on economic development

from Executive Summary of report

The Columbia Basin Trust's Economic Advisory Committee (EAC) recently did a study to look at opportunities for CBT to play a role in economic development in the Basin.

The two primary recommendations in the report are strong affirmations of the work the Trust does. These are to expand the leadership role the Trust is taking on issues affecting Basin residents, and to continue to support the communities in identifying and addressing their needs.

More specific recommendations are to reintroduce a loans program through Community Futures; introduce a Power and Energy Loan Fund to encourage energy cost-savings projects; create an Internship Program supporting both the CBT and intermediaries; expand the information portal under construction so that it is a repository for policies and research by local governments, intermediaries, and regional alliances and associations; help develop a process for municipalities and regional districts to keep information such as developable land current and readily available; expand support for collaborative research initiatives on issues such as agriculture, affordable housing and developable Crown land; expand support for comprehensive community planning and the updating of the tools (land use bylaws, etc.) that facilitate the implementation of these plans; expand emphasis on communications infrastructure; expand the scope of the Basin Business Advocates program to include non-profits, social enterprises and other alternative organizational structures, keeping the same program objectives; develop a program similar to the BBA to help organizations with technology and communications needs.

Larry Zaleski and Sue Mistretta, proprietors of the Hand and Soul clinic, accept a Certificate of Appreciation presented by Leah Main on behalf of Destination Silverton for the fine job done on the restoration of the Phoenix block.

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Nakusp council, October 9: Huge turnout to public hearing for proposed rezoning in Glenbank

by Jan McMurray

•Several items were pulled from in camera at the September 11 meeting. A 9.52-acre piece of waterfront property owned by the Village is up for sale. Located just north of P&T and including a small island, the land will be rezoned Resort/Residential. The Village will accept closed bids of a minimum of $1.5 million, which is the appraised value, until November 23. CAO Bob Lafleur says the revenue from the sale has not been specifically earmarked, but that it is intended to be used for required repairs at the arena and/or hot springs.

Council passed a resolution in support of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wild's application to the BC Land Commission to subdivide a 10-acre parcel into two 5-acre parcels on Alexander Road, as both parcels will be used for farming.

Nakusp Lakeside Developments was given approval in principle for its development permit and proposal to construct a commercial/residential development on the lakeshore across the street from the Leland.

•About 50 people attended the public hearing for John Falkiner's proposal to rezone his Glenbank property from Rural to Suburban Residential with minimum lot sizes of half an acre. Council voted against the rezoning later in the meeting.

The majority of people spoke in opposition to the proposal, with the half-acre lot sizes as the most common complaint. Many people reminded council that when Glenbank was brought into the Village boundaries in order to resolve sewage issues, there was an understanding that minimum lot sizes would be kept to one acre. Some people said they were not against the subdivision, but did not want to see half-acre lots.

Other concerns were around access from Cotswold Rd., drainage issues, increased traffic, and lack of parking in Glenbank.

Falkiner spoke, telling the crowd it was "commendable that you came out." He explained that without rezoning the property, he could subdivide it into 19 one-acre lots. With the rezoning, he could subdivide the property into about 26 lots. He said the extra lots would decrease the costs of infrastructure and allow him to do things such as bury the power lines and create buffer zones. For traffic control, he suggested cul-de-sacs at each end of the property or speed bumps.

A straw vote showed two people in favour of half-acre lots, and the overwhelming majority opposed.

•Mayor Hamling asked council to appoint her to the RDCK board as Village director, a position Councillor Dahlen has held for almost four years. Councillor Dahlen said she was "disappointed and hurt" and asked that council leave her on as the Village representative, arguing that consistency is important on the RDCK board. Mayor Hamling said she could best do her job if she was better informed and better connected with other mayors. Council appointed Hamling, with Councillor Mueller as alternate.

•Council received a response from Nakusp Roots Music Society to a letter asking NRMS to discuss camping on Village streets during the festival weekend. The letter jokingly proposes that NRMS become the 'Governor of the Village' for the three days of Music Fest, in light of the mounting responsibilities they are being asked to take on. Councillor Dahlen took exception to the letter, saying she did not appreciate receiving it at this time of high tension at council meetings. When Dahlen suggested a public meeting be called to ask the community if it was in favour of taking NRMS up on the offer, Mayor Hamling advised that council members step back from the situation rather than take another "aggressive step." Councillor Heppner spoke in favour of working with NRMS, in particular to resolve the parking issue, as people's driveways have been blocked during Music Fest. Finally, Dahlen agreed to sending NRMS a letter asking them to discuss their contract with the Village for that weekend. Hamling said the Village and NRMS had signed contracts each time, but a more comprehensive contract was in order.

•CAO Lafleur proposed a process for preparing a comprehensive rental agreement with Nakusp Roots Music Society for future Music Fest events. Council agreed that he draft the agreement in consultation with all staff, present it to council, review it in a meeting with NRMS and the Village, and then bring it to council for ratification.

•Councillor Switzer reported that a corporation could be created for the hot springs as well as the community forest. Staff will ask the Village lawyer to report on the details of this business model, where the Village owns the business and gives a board of directors the authority to manage it.

•Councillor Switzer notified council that the community forest would be requesting $12,400 in order to pay incorporation and licence fees, and develop a fire plan. He indicated that more information would come forward along with the request at the next council meeting.

•Cliff Head has proposed closing the road right-of-way at Stevie's Hill and creating three lots. Council had already decided that Head could take down seven trees on the right-of-way, subject to a site visit and council discussion of the disposition of the road. Councillors committed to visit the property individually before the next meeting.

•Council received two letters from Wilf Hewat in response to a "derogatory letter stating that we were stealing and selling water illegally" sent to him by the Village. He clarifies that Village staff had given him permission to get water from the forestry camp during the wildfire season this past summer. He also points out that his business has several trucks equipped for firefighting and provides back-up support to the fire department. CAO Lafleur said he would like to write Hewat a letter of apology and meet with him to discuss the issue. Council agreed.

•Council agreed to an increase in the Village Visa limit from $7,000 to $10,000. Recently, three councillors and the fire chief were away at the same time, and they went over the limit.

•Councillor Dahlen gave an update on the RDCK recycle bins issue. The cardboard bins in particular are often overflowing, and council had previously discussed the possibility of businesses dealing with their cardboard in some other way. Dahlen said that because businesses pay taxes for the service, they are just as entitled to use the bins as anyone else. She mentioned that the RDCK was planning to place ads asking people to crush their cardboard for recycling.

•Following up on Bill Cowan's request to thin the forest behind 10th Ave, council received a report from Fire Chief Terry Warren. Warren believes the fire hazard in this area is very low compared to other areas in the community. He says brushing and removal of ground fuels are needed there, but the deciduous trees are beneficial in a fire. Council acknowledged that Cowan was also concerned about esthetics, so they decided to walk the area and bring it back to the next meeting.

•Mayor Hamling initiated discussion on the Climate Charter she signed at the recent Union of BC Municipalities convention. She asked council to think about what it could do to take the lead on reducing greenhouse gases in the Village. Council decided to refer the issue to the OCP process, as greenhouse gas emissions reduction strategies and targets will be legally required in all Official Community Plans and regional growth strategies.

•The Village will send a letter to the RDCK asking that the maximum amount of taxation as set out in the bylaw be collected for the arena in 2008.

•Council received a letter from Community Futures with information on a government funding program to help address economic impacts of mountain pine beetle. Council referred this to staff.

•The Village will receive $19,092 in community tourism funding, phase two. Council has already agreed to use the money to continue funding the position of Community Projects Co-ordinator, held by Beth McLeod.

•CBT Vice President of Investments, Johnny Strilaeff, will be invited to meet with council regarding investment opportunities at Nakusp Hot Springs and the arena.

•Council voted to produce a newsletter in house every six months, starting in January 2008, as a way to keep people informed. The estimated cost, excluding staff time, is $324 per newsletter.

•The bylaw introducing permissive tax exemptions for the purpose of downtown revitalization was adopted.

•Accounts payable of $210,483.12 for September were approved.

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Summit Lake Racers set to go with dryland ski training

submitted

The snowline is dropping and the Summit Lake Racers are preparing for the season, offering a chance for anyone between 6 and 18 to get into shape with dryland training. Sessions will begin on Saturday, October 27 from 10 am to 12 pm at the Nakusp Secondary School (NSS) gym, and continue on the next four Saturdays. The last session will be November 24, from 1-3 pm, after the Ski and Board Swap.

Summit Lake Racers are boarders and skiers from 6 to 18 who spend Sundays with their teammates and coaches in the mountains. The next Summit Lake Racers organizational meeting will be at Selkirk College in Nakusp on November 6, 7 pm. Registration will be at the Ski and Board Swap at NSS on November 24.

BC Hydro gets public input on Nakusp wharf

by Jan McMurray

At a meeting in Nakusp on October 10, people were asked to share their ideas of what the ideal wharf would look like with BC Hydro and Village representatives.

Ideas generated included that the facility needed to be able to accommodate more and bigger boats. One man suggested that three boats be able to be launched at the same time. Another said the wharf should be eight times wider than the existing one, with parking and the ramp as one unit. Another suggestion was to put a dock on each side, so people can get in and out of their boats. Other ideas included a turnaround at the end of the ramp, reflectors on the edge of the wharf for night boating, infrastructure allowing for the rise and fall of the reservoir, a breakwater, and that the new structure be made out of concrete.

Comments on problems with the existing facility were tossed into the mix – too many steps, inadequate parking and washrooms. Someone suggested that a new wharf be built below the Japanese gardens, where there is a flatter grade. Another asked if the Village land currently for sale could be held off, as it was in a good location and had a good grade for a new facility. Councillor Switzer indicated he did not think this likely, as council could not delay the sale for as long as this process would likely take.

Harry Brownlow of BC Hydro explained that the ideas people brought forward at the meeting would begin the process of coming up with a long-term solution to access to the Arrow Lakes reservoir. BCH is working towards having a feasibility study done that will look at the different options available for the long-term solution. He said the Village would be involved in choosing which option would be implemented.

In the meantime, as everyone knows, the existing wharf is badly in need of repair. Brownlow said BCH would like to have the repairs completed while the feasibility study for the long-term solution is being done. In fact, he said, BCH tendered the repair job for this fall, but did not receive any bids. "There are no contractors available, so we've re-tendered it and extended it to mid-April," said Brownlow, adding that keeping the wharf in good repair is a requirement under clause m of BCH's water licence.

He said that a study done in 2006 estimated the cost of the repairs to be $392,000. People expressed concern that BCH would spend this money on repairs, and then "cut and run," unwilling to spend any more on a new wharf. Brownlow replied that BCH would not be allowed to abandon the project this way.

When it was pointed out that some repairs could not even wait until spring, Brownlow said, "If you can contract that out now, do it and we will figure out who pays later."

Others asked about the responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of the wharf. Brownlow said BCH was responsible for structural and annual maintenance, and the Village was responsible for the daily operations.

Two people spoke about the ownership or jurisdiction of the wharf, insisting that it was a "federal wharf in federal waters that cannot be turned over to BC Hydro or the Village. It's forever federal." One said he would never pay the Village or anyone else to launch his boat in Nakusp.

Mayor Hamling explained that the federal government divested itself of the wharf in the 1990s and sold it to the Village. Councillor Switzer added that BC Hydro has an access agreement with the Village so it can do the necessary repair work. The objectors would have none of this, so identifying the true ownership of the wharf was recorded as a concern.

Brownlow started the meeting off with an informative presentation on the history of the Nakusp wharf, which he put together with the help of the Arrow Lakes Historical Society.

The Village started out with a CPR wharf, which was shown in a photograph from 1907. In 1911, the board of trade objected to the CPR wanting the rights to the whole waterfront. Later that year, the board of trade asked for a government wharf. There is also documentation showing that the board of trade saw the wharf area as prime waterfront, and that they wanted a summer and health resort in Nakusp.

In 1914, the government wharf was in place, and in a 1947 photograph, both the CPR and federal wharves are seen. After the 1948 flood, the CPR wharf was decommissioned. In 1957, the federal government agreed to replace the one they built in 1914, as it was needing upgrades.

Then, in 1996, the federal wharf was sold to BC Hydro on the condition that BCH would turn it over to the Village of Nakusp. Brownlow says that BCH's responsibility to provide access to the reservoir under clause m of the water licence was unclear to the company from 1996 until January 2007, when the Water Comptroller clarified it in his order.

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Kaslo council, October 9: Council begins heritage protection process for provincial building

by Jan McMurray

•The deadline for negotiation of the purchase of the provincial building was extended to October 15, and a further extension will be requested to October 30. The lease is still not satisfactory to council and its legal representation, Lori Staples. This is what has been delaying the sale.

•Council passed two resolutions which initiated the process for heritage protection of the provincial building. One resolution concerns provincial heritage protection and the other concerns municipal designation as protected heritage property.

The idea to designate the building as heritage protected comes from a meeting with Minister Olga Illich at the recent Union of BC Municipalities convention. Mayor Holland explained in a telephone interview that heritage protection for the building was a way to guarantee that the building would be preserved no matter what the outcome of the negotiations with the Province to purchase it.

•Council received a letter to Anne Malik from the Ministry of Community Services regarding the conduct of the Village in relation to the purchase of the provincial building. The letter states that the issue of whether the Village council has misrepresented the purchase price to the public is a matter of perspective. It also notes that the Local Government Act gives the chief election officer the authority to set the contents of the notice of voting for a referendum. Thus, a council motion on this would not be binding. The letter concludes by saying the voters will have to decide for themselves "whether there remains an issue of public trust in the Village Council" during the November 2008 election.

•The Village of Kaslo will become a signatory to the UBCM Climate Action Charter.

•Council consented to the two Regional District bylaws in regards to the regional parks service. One bylaw removes the requisition limit for the Kaslo and Area D regional parks service, and the other allows for borrowing $58,000 for the remediation of the Ainsworth Wharf. An Alternate Approval Process for elector consent is not required.

•Roger DeNault attended as a delegation regarding the Riding Club lease, citing various incidents with horses. Mayor Holland advised that this was being referred to a committee, and that committee meetings are open to the public.

Later in the meeting, council received a letter from Roger and Mary DeNault, who neighbour the gymkhana grounds. They propose some amendments to the lease between the Village and the Kaslo Riding Club Society. The letter was referred to the Administration & Finance Committee for recommendation to council.

Later still, council voted to advertise a 3-year lease with the Kaslo Riding Club Society for the gymkhana for $191.90 in 2008, $193.82 in 2009 and $195.76 for 2010.

•Council decided to support the Community Consultative Group's request for warning lights at the top of the A Avenue hill, subject to confirmation and prior approval of any costs payable by the municipality for the lighting.

The CCG had originally asked that the speed limit be lowered to 30 km per hour in this area. The Ministry of Transportation turned down this request, as the Ministry minimum speed limit throughout the province is 50 km per hour, except in school zones.

The CCG then requested that the sign posting the 30 km per hour speed limit on school days be re-installed, indicating that it was removed some time ago by teens. She also asked about installing a flashing light. The Ministry's response was that "the real issue" was "a need for better education of student pedestrians." The ministry recommended that the 'Safe Route to School Program' be implemented at JVH.

•Council received a letter from lawyer Tom Humphries regarding the proposed Radford subdivision near the airport. He indicates that Radford would like to upgrade the existing roadway to the east and south of the airstrip in order to create access to the lots. Humphries asks for an indication of the Village's position on this so that Radford can move forward with his proposal. Council referred the letter to the Planning & Development committee for discussion with Ramona Mattix at the RDCK.

•An application for subdivision by Philip Trotter into five parcels was referred to the Chief Administrative Officer for review.

•Two requests for subdivision approval by 509153 BC Ltd were referred to the Chief Administrative Officer for recommendation to council.

•Correspondence from residents of 7th Street North thanking council for the paving of their road was received.

•Three letters from residents of Arena Avenue were referred to the Public Works committee for recommendation to council. They concern high water pressure problems, drainage issues, 'surprise' invoices received for paving work and some problems with the paving work.

•A letter from a resident expressing disappointment that 'C' Ave. was not paved up to her driveway as she had understood it would be was referred to the Public Works committee for recommendation to council.

•A Larch Drive resident wrote to ask why Larch Drive had not been paved. This was referred to the Public Works committee and 2008 budget deliberations.

•Correspondence from several residents requesting paving of the lane bounded by 4th and 3rd Streets, between Front Street and A Avenue, was referred to 2008 budget deliberations and to the Public Works committee.

•Drainage pipes will be installed from the Kaslo Hotel on Water Street to 4th Street, with the cost of material borne by the owners of the hotel and the cost of installation borne by the municipality.

•Kootenay Mountain Holidays was granted permission to use the graveled west end of the Kaslo airstrip for helicopter landing during the 2007-2008 winter season for landing fees of $200.

•The Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer were authorized to sign a statutory right-of-way between Fortis BC and the municipality to allow power undergrounding from an existing power pole to Mike Liska's hangar at the Kaslo airport.

•The Village will negotiate a lease with the Municipal Finance Authority for the acquisition of a 2008 International 7300 dump truck. A quote from IRL Truck Centre Ltd. estimated the price, including the trade-in allowance, at $60,191.

•A door closure will be added to the Fire Department lounge exit and the exterior side city hall stairs will be referred to 2008 budget deliberations as per a recent fire prevention inspection report.

•Council voted to express support for continuing to partner with the North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society in the next stage of UBCM Community Health Promotion grant funding.

•The Beer Garden bylaw will be amended to reflect ten rather than six beer gardens per year, with a maximum of three licences per organization annually.

•The future security needs of the campground will be addressed in any campground contract.

•Mrs. Garrett will be advised the Village of Kaslo charges no users for park facilities, and Kaslo Jazz has otherwise made many contributions to Kaslo Bay Park which do not take the form of rent.

•Front Street boulevard garbage pick-up will be daily during special events.

•The re-roofing of the "A" Avenue fire hall in keeping with heritage restoration was referred to 2008 budget deliberations.

•Inadequate garbage capacity in public areas was referred to 2008 budget deliberations.

•A request for a streetlight in the area of C Avenue and 8th Street North was referred to 2008 budget deliberations.

•The Municipal Insurance Association wrote to inform council that the Village's 2008 bill has been estimated at $14,262, based on a population of 1,087 as published by the Province last December.

•A report from Councillor Jones on the RDCK 2007 wildfire debriefing held September 14 in Nelson identified the biggest problem during the season was the lack of communication between the various emergency groups involved.

•Councillor Jones was authorized to attend the Regional Emergency Preparedness workshop on November 7 in Trail.

•CAO Sawyer was authorized to attend the LGMA Fall Conference October 11-12 in Christina Lake.

•The Village office will be closed from December 25 to January 2 with Public Works to continue as usual, and the second regular council meeting in December was cancelled.

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Local homeowner grant moves ahead

by Jan McMurray

At the recent UBCM convention, Kaslo Mayor Jim Holland met with the Minister of Community Services Ida Chong on the issue of local homeowner grants. Holland has been gaining support for this idea from local politicians over the past several months.

UBCM passed a resolution to initiate discussions with the Province on a Local Government Homeowner Grant and a Resident Rebate program, or the establishment of a new tax classification for non-resident property owners.

The idea behind the resolution is to address the impacts of resort-style development on small rural communities.

Holland also met with Minister of Finance Carole Taylor regarding hydro grants-in-lieu. "Kaslo has an outstanding issue around not being classified as an impacted area by the operations of Kootenay Lake," explained Holland. He said he is especially concerned about some of Kaslo's infrastructure on the waterfront, such as the sewage treatment plant, because lake levels have been generally higher since 1994, with the fish habitat mitigation program underway near Libby Dam.

Holland says that although impacted communities are entitled to hydro grants-in-lieu, he is willing to delay the financial compensation. His more urgent concern is that Kaslo be part of discussions concerning the operations of the lake and other issues of concern to impacted communities.

He reported that Minister Taylor, although sympathetic, clearly indicated that there would be no changes to Kaslo's status in regards to hydro grants-in-lieu.

Langham features bronze and Gyotaku artist Carole Danyluk

submitted

The final exhibition of the 2007 season for the Langham Gallery will be Carole Danyluk's *Upstream and Down*. The gallery will host an opening reception for the exhibit, a sumptuous array of sculptural works in bronze and Gyotaku fish printing, on Friday, November 2, 7-9 pm.

Danyluk, a Kaslo resident, realized her desire to become an art teacher at a young age. After finishing a BA in Art History at the University of Alberta, she acquired a degree in Art Education from the University of Calgary and taught at high school level for five years. It was during her years at U of C that she was first exposed to bronze casting as an art form.

Her philosophy of three-dimensional design encompasses two important tenets. First, that the strength and versatility of bronze should be used to achieve what other media cannot. This puts the demanding material to its best use. And second, that the beauty and lustre of natural bronze should be used in patina wherever possible to serve the material honestly.

The exhibition runs until December 16. Regular gallery hours are Thursday to Sunday, 1-4 pm. For information see www.thelangham.ca

Area D recognized at UBCM

by Jan McMurray

At the recent Union of BC Municipalities AGM, Area D (North Kootenay Lake) was runner up in the first ever Rural Area Green City Awards. Area D was acknowledged for its work with local residents in retrofitting community buildings for geothermal, restoring habitat and building trails, and implementing symbiotic recycling programs in partnership with local business.

Kaslo Food Security Potluck Speaker Series features Merv Sloss

The Kaslo Food Security Project and North Kootenay Lake Community Services (NKLCSS) will host Merv Sloss of Creston at their next dinner November 15 at 5.30 at the United Church. Borsht and potatoes will be provided; participants are asked to bring a potluck dish and donation for local food programs.

Sloss is a certified organic farmer living in Creston. He has been involved with the Small Scale Food Processors Association (SSFPA) for several years as a director. SSFPA was formed on Vancouver Island in 2002 to provide guidelines to assist small scale food processors throughout Canada.

In late 2005 they formed the Local Flavour Products and Services Cooperative (LFPSC), for whom Sloss is the Kootenay communications director and regional coordinator. The cooperative's mandate is to open up marketing and distribution of food throughout the trading area of BC and Southern Alberta. They assist with product development, labelling, and quality assurance protocols. They intend to provide common branding for consumer recognition of food we can trust and a distribution network throughout BC. Phase one will focus on Vancouver Island, Hope, and the Kootenays. LFPSC is entirely owned by cooperative members, including farmers, food processors, distributors, retailers and consumers.

An LFPSC depot has been set up in Creston, attached to a commercial processing kitchen. The current focus is to establish additional depots in areas with a need for weekly distribution, from Vancouver Island to Calgary and points between. Each participating region will focus on feeding their own communities first before selling any excess outside their areas. LFPSC's objective is to open up many of these areas prior to March 30, 2008, to encourage farmers to get their crops planted for processing in the summer of 2008.

Informative literature will be provided to all interested parties at the Kaslo dinner on November 15. Come hear about this exciting initiative and consider if Kaslo might be right for one of these sites. Please RVSP to eemiamay@yahoo.ca or leave a message at NKLCSS 353-7691 to reserve your spot. Seating is limited.

Financial forum

with Tim Affolter

Thinking About a New Car? Consider TCO First

This summer I was thrown into full-blown 'analysis paralysis.' A recent move from the Slocan Valley into Castlegar prompted me to think about replacing my car, a MAJOR decision for an analytical (some would argue I should drop the 'ytical') financial planner like me!

Actually, it's a major decision for anyone. Families spend anywhere from 15% - 30% of take home pay for the convenience of not car pooling or taking public transit. It is usually the second or third-largest item on a family's budget, right under shelter and (sometimes) food. In real dollar terms, the family auto usually consumes a minimum of $250 per month and costs for some fancier rigs rise to levels that rival a mortgage payment!

Long before I hit the showrooms, I had questions to answer: Where will I mostly use it (long trips, off-road, any towing)? New or used? How big? What kind of fuel? What body style?

Buying my current 2001 VW Golf TDI (diesel) was entirely motivated by fuel economy. I was driving a minivan at the time, spending $450 per month for gas at 27 mpg (if I was lucky). Switching to the VW's 65 mpg on fuel costing 10-15% less, I virtually paid for the car with fuel savings!

However, with lousy North American diesel, the VW's motor suffered from carbon buildup. After two expensive decarbonizing sessions, I was not anxious to exacerbate the problem by driving it for short trips around town. Still, I didn't want to start spending twice as much on fuel, negating some of the savings from moving into town. Plus I had just seen Al Gore's film, *An Inconvenient Truth,* so I was motivated to reduce my carbon footprint.

Enter the hybrids. I gobbled up the information about battery types and life. I read the consumer reports praising alternate fuel initiatives. Gliding around in near-silent vehicles provided the coolest test drives ever. And at 50-70 mpg, combined with my new mini-commute, the proportion of my budget consumed by automobile costs would be cut in half… YES!!

But wait! My fuel costs would be halved, but was that all there was to the equation? What about maintenance? What about insurance? How much would I have to add to the residual value of my Golf to buy that shiny new car? I needed more information to make this decision!

Which brings me to Total Cost of Ownership, or TCO, a term that simply means adding up all of the costs of owning something over its useful life, and reducing it to an average cost per month or year. It allows you to decide, for example, whether it is really worth paying more for an item which is 'made to last' for many years longer than a cheaper alternative.

So I set to work identifying the vehicles on my short-list, calculating payment schedules with the different incentive interest rates, gathering maintenance schedules from the various manufacturers, researching resale values, getting insurance quotes and so on. I added up all of the costs to be incurred driving 200,000 kilometres over 7 years, expressing the result both as $/month and ¢/km, then deriving comparative ratios based on the lowest cost option.

NOW I discover – too late to help me – that there is a website that has done all of this work for you. Go to www.edmunds.com and find the link about halfway down the page called 'True Cost to Own' (Edmunds' version of TCO). Select your year, make and model and, *voila!* The total cost of owning your vehicle over the next 5 years. Oh, sure, the numbers are in ¢/mile and use US taxes and so on, but it still gives you a great resource for comparing different models and options.

What you will find is that sticker price is only the tip of the TCO iceberg. By the time you buy a car and sell it again after 5 years, you will have spent *4 to 5 times* that amount in insurance, fuel, taxes, maintenance and repairs and interest (even if you pay cash, you must factor in the interest you could earn). After spending a little time with TCO, you will be MUCH better prepared for the impact of your decision on your monthly budget.

So, what did I do in the end? Well, I'm still driving my VW. Though I will need to spend several thousand dollars more in maintenance over the next number of years, it still came out with a much lower TCO than the lowest cost alternative. And I even read an article recently about a $400 kit to convert it to run on vegetable oil with ZERO CO_2 emissions! Let's see, now I just need to make a deal with McDonalds to pick up their used French fry oil…

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Hello out there all you fabulous food fans. It's been a great Autumn so far. Plenty of sunny days, and I managed to consume two Thanksgiving dinners, one of which was well organized by some local folks and took place at the Silverton Gallery. People gobbling up turkeys everywhere.

Meanwhile, my fearless publisher recently told me he was sending me to Vienna. "In Austria?" I asked. "No, but you're close. It's in Nelson."

And sure enough THE VIENNA CAFÉ… sits pleasantly at 411 Kootenay across from the Co-op and a few steps down from Baker St. I wandered in there last week and was met by cheerful Jennifer Francoeur who, along with partner Ian Christner, have operated the Vienna Cafe for four years. Jennifer is a professional chef. She's been working in restaurants all her working life. She and Ian came from Vancouver to buy the VIENNA. In Vancouver Jennifer had been the head chef at Da Pasta Bar on Robson – a place I've eaten many times!

But now she and Ian are kept very busy running the VIENNA CAFÉ… and taking care of their three-year-old son John.

The first changes they made at the Vienna were to add breakfasts, change the French onion soup to Nelson Onion Soup, make the veggie burgers completely 'vegan' (no animal products whatsoever), add Eggs Benny with home made Hollandaise as a Saturday special, and to use only organic chicken in the chicken dishes.

More about the food in a minute, but I must point out the comfort factor of the VIENNA. It's one great big room that includes a used book store and a music store. It is very family oriented. Seats 44 with open spaces full of kids toys, and a good supply of high chairs. Hanging plants are plentiful, and one long wall is completely dedicated to windows. The chairs are comfortable, and the atmosphere is relaxed and casual. The place is very pleasant and totally unpretentious. There is a monstrous eighty pound pumpkin sitting on a chair in the middle of the room, and the work of local artists adorn the walls.

Food? Thought you'd never ask. A friend in New Denver told me that the VIENNA made excellent 'Spatzle'– a sort of cross between dumpling and pasta. The VIENNA has six varieties of Spatzle including 'The Nelson' – fresh toms, shrooms, garlic, basil, and parm cheese. Then there's the 'Florentine' – white wine cream sauce with spinach. There's one with shrimp and shrooms, and one with ham and shrooms. Next on the menu is crepes. All the crepes come with Jennifer's fantastic 'white wine cream sauce.' These lucky crepes include: Thermidor, Seafood, and Roasted Chicken. There are a dozen sandwiches to be had. Try the Wild Salmon Burger, or the Vegan Veggie Burger or the Neptune Chicken Burger, or the Greek! Fresh Soup of the day can be found above the Hungarian Goulash and Nelson Onion soups. If you just want a Bagel, go for it. Working backwards now to breakfast. The VIENNA has endless combos of omelettes (organic eggs). Small portions available.

There are seventeen types of tea and coffee. Some of the teas come with flowers right in the tea. It's worth a trip just to try some of the exotic hot drinks on offer. Cold drinks too.

I settled, with Jennifer's help, on the Roasted Chicken Crepe with mushrooms and white wine cream sauce teamed up with an order of Spatzle and a salad. The Spatzle pieces were bigger than usual, and I had a wonderful time dragging them through the cream sauce and mushrooms and into my mouth. The salad was big, colourful and tangy. I'll tell you something, that Chicken Crepe was delicious, succulent, toothsome, beautiful and so very satisfying. It put a big smile on my face. I also had some 'Two Hills Art Tea' which one must see and taste to believe.

By the way as of this writing, Jennifer and Ian haven't raised prices at the VIENNA in the four years they've been there, so hurry down right now and have something with the White Wine Cream Sauce on it. THE VIENNA CAFE… definitely worth checking out during your next trip to Nelson. Go there!

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with Peter Roulston

will return next week. Peter delivered his column on time, but somehow we lost it. We regret any inconvenience to his regular readers.

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Sat. Oct. 27th - Slocan City, W.E. Graham School Library; 10:30am to 12:00pm - A Parent Session for parents/guardians of preschoolers and primary children. 12:30pm to 2:00pm - A Teen Session - Media Influences & Decision Making. 2:30pm to 4:00pm - A Teen Session - Healthy Relationships & Contraceptive Methods.

Sun. Oct. 28th - New Denver, the Knox Hall - 10:30am to 12:00pm - A Parent Session for parents/ guardians of preschoolers and primary children. 12:30pm to 2:00pm - A Parent Session for parents/guardians of adolescents. 3:00pm to 4:30pm - A Teen Session - Media Influences & Decision Making.

Sat. Nov. 3rd - Mt. Sentinel School - 10:30am to 12:00pm - A Parent Session for parents/ guardians of adolescents. 12:30pm to 2:00pm - Adults re-entering the Dating Scene.

Tues. Nov.6th - Winlaw School Library - 7:00pm to 8:30pm - A Parent Session based on the Askable Parent Program.

Wed. Nov.7th - Crescent Valley Youth Centre - 7:00pm to 8:30pm - A Teen Session - Media Influences & Decision Making.

Contact Sheryl Mair, Certified Sexual Health Educator at 226-6877. Pre-registration is preferred although drop in is ok. All above sessions are free to participants thanks to the Village of Slocan and a CBT Grant which was granted to Area H.

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Passport clinics help Atamanenko constituents expedite the maze

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While BC Southern Interior MP Alex Atamanenko considers last week's passport clinics a success in bringing services closer to constituents, he stresses that the issue of better regional passport service will not go away. The clinics were held in response to a need expressed by constituents, made obvious by the hundreds who had to be turned away.

"The fact that there was such an overwhelming response clearly indicates a need for this type of service in the southern interior," said Atamanenko.

According to Ann Harvey, Atamanenko's Constituency Assistant, around 2,000 applications were able to get processed. Atamanenko says the need will increase dramatically if plans requiring Canadians to carry a passport when crossing the US border by car come into effect next summer. A passport is currently needed when travelling by air to US destinations.

"Unfortunately for my constituents, many residents outside of my riding took advantage of the service that we arranged for the residents of BC Southern Interior. There's still a need for a long-term, permanent solution."

Atamanenko has therefore contacted MPs in adjacent ridings to begin co-ordinating passport clinics in three ridings –Penticton, Castlegar and Cranbrook – each lasting at least three days. The clinics expedite the application process from two to three months by mail to about four to six weeks.

Finance committee extends deadline for budget submissions

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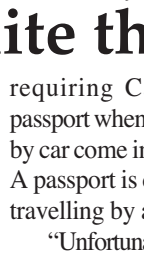
The Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services is extending its deadline for receiving written, online and flyer responses. The new deadline for submissions is now Friday, October 26.

Anyone wishing to view the consultation paper – and provide an online or written response – is encouraged to do so by visiting the committee's website: www.leg.bc.ca/budgetconsultations.



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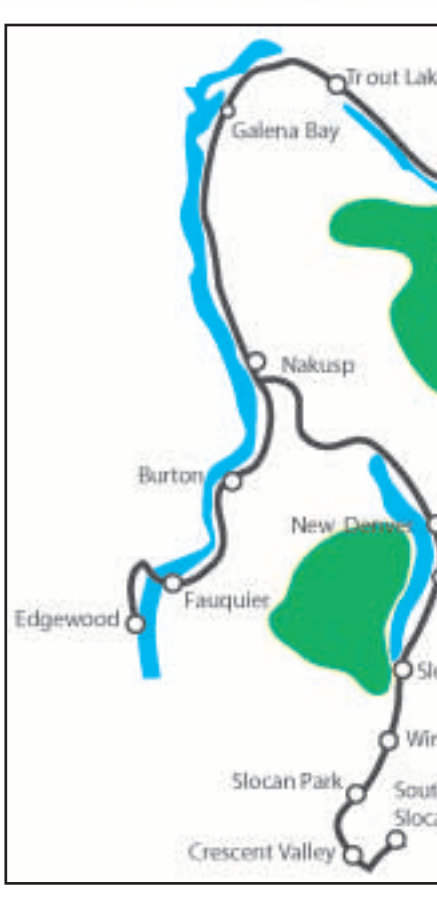

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