

# The Kingfisher

## Our Community's Newsletter



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[www.kingfishercommunity.ca](http://www.kingfishercommunity.ca)



from your **Chair**

Murray MacDonald

We all know about the amazing places of the world. The Taj Mahal, Paris in springtime, Machu Pichu, Venice and Las Vegas (where all of the above come together in one sinful package). Now, I'm not here to put them down or say the experts are wrong. I'd just like to add *Kingfisher in August* to the list. Sweltering heat in combination with the cool clean waters of Mabel Lake and the Shuswap River, surely makes this place the eighth wonder of the world. We all know, but let's just keep that between ourselves.

The Marionette show, *Robin and the Timeless Forest*, was astonishingly good. These young performers wrote and built the show from the ground up. The detailed and time consuming work it took was made possible with government financial assistance. Invest in the arts? Yes!

Meanwhile, the KCS Directors are hunched over the financial ledger, making every dollar count. While our financial picture is good, costs do keep climbing and we've decided there are ways we can be better. For example, we can fundraise for large projects (fundraisers are fun). Also, we can charge a bit more (but not too much more). Most important though, is your support. Keep on coming out.

### Kingfisher Hall

**Farmers' Market** June 29-Sept 7

Wednesdays

11:00-1:00

**Road Bowl**

Sunday, October 2

2:00 p.m.

**Harvest Dinner Potluck** Roast Beef provided by donation Saturday, October 22, 5:00 p.m.

### Request for Bids

Kingfisher Community Society is requesting bids for **snow plowing our Hall parking lot.**

Questions? Contact Greg Clark, 250-838-0292.

Submit bids by October 31, 2016

by mail to KCS, 3337 Mabel Lake Road, Enderby, BC V0E 1V5

or email [shusecd@gmail.com](mailto:shusecd@gmail.com).



## Emergency Planning/Preparedness

*Herb Latchko*

On Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, Brad and Allen Clark, Steve Michell and myself delivered sixteen Fire Barrels throughout the community. Eight of the barrels needed to be filled with water from the tank on Brad's truck. We used the nifty Water Filling Station near the Ballpark to fill the tank on Brad's truck. The Regional District will be covering half the cost of the Fire Barrels and Buckets.

The position of Protective Services Manager for Area F has not yet been filled, but interviews are in the process. It will be nice to have that person lead the way in terms of: revising our evacuation plan; coordinating with the Local Planning Groups (LPG); and start the process of reducing fuel loads. We have been lucky with the weather so far this year, which has taken some of the pressure off these projects.

With the recent hot and dry weather, this is a good time to ready your fire fighting equipment and locate and deal with fire hazards around your home.

Are your hoses ready and in good working order? Debris under decks are an often neglected hazard. Cutting grass in the heat of the day can be dangerous.

For more information on preparedness go to: [bcwildfire.ca](http://bcwildfire.ca)



**Kingfisher Library**

## Kingfisher Bottle Recycling at the Rivermouth

Please remember no garbage, tetra pack juice boxes, or non-refundable glass containers.

*Catalin Faget*



**Grandma's Playground**

## Kingfisher Quilters Old Kingfisher School

*Barbea Flath 838 0324*

## Road Hockey

The tennis court.  
Sundays 2.30  
Equipment supplied.

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## MACKENZIE CAMP

*on beautiful Mabel Lake*

### 2016 SUMMER CAMPS

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*Camp available for rental prior to July 1 & after August 20*

Quality care & Programming

Specialty Camps, too – Drama & Fly Fishing!

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MacKenzie Camp – A United Church of Canada Camp & Retreat Centre



## Badminton

Kingfisher Hall

*Catalin Faget*  
1 250 999 0945  
or the Hall  
838 6200

## Annual General Meeting

The Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society will be hosting its Annual General Meeting at 7:00 on Wednesday September 14 at the Kingfisher Community Hall.

All members are encouraged to attend.

*Barb DuTot, President*

## Community Ads (free to KCS members)

### MASSAGE PRACTITIONER

Available for booking in home or studio sessions.  
Call Catalin 1 250 999-0945

Need a private getaway for a few days? Beautiful fully equipped **FOUR SEASONS FIFTH WHEEL** at Horsetail Hollow, 3173 Mabel Lake Rd. Less than a 5 minute walk to the river, and a 5 minute drive to the lake. call Brad and Lin 250-838-6326

### MABEL LAKE RENTALS

[www.mabellakerentals.ca](http://www.mabellakerentals.ca)  
Listings of accommodations for rent by owner.

to paraphrase Edmund Burke

## Bad things happen when good people fail to speak out and take action.

*submitted by Bradley Clark*

As the founding President of the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre, I am compelled to point out that this is the first time in 10 or more years that the Annual General Meeting of the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre is being held in accordance with the Constitution and bylaws/ B.C. law - as in the right month and all members being notified.

Just before we all cheer that the board is recognizing B.C. law, let's review some facts.

The present board is in noncompliance of no less than seven different areas of their Constitution and Bylaws. They are in noncompliance with both the old and new 'conflict of interest' policies. They are in noncompliance with the majority of the policies they have written this year.

No matter how professional or pretty a constitution, bylaws and policies are, they are pointless unless all directors and members uphold them.

So why compliance with B.C. law/ AGM bylaws now? - they need to do things legally to register the changes they are proposing to the constitution and bylaws.

The proposed changes will greatly reduce members' rights and privileges, giving directors extraordinary powers and authority over the society and its members.

This is the exact opposite of what BC's new society act is trying to achieve, which is "Make directors more accountable to their members".

Kingfisher Interpretive Centre was created and built by the Kingfisher Community and other people throughout the Fraser River basin. Myself and other members beseech YOU to come to this AGM Sept. 14, whether you are a member in good standing, a past member, or a member of the general public - as allowed under BC law.

It behooves all of us who care and love this organization, to assist the next generations in achieving their dreams and reaching the potential that they see for this organization in the years to come.

Supporting documentation will be supplied at the AGM, or contact me [bradleyclarkq@gmail.com](mailto:bradleyclarkq@gmail.com)



### Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Murray MacDonald -----	250 838 6379
Secretary	Ted Vroon	250 838 7856
Treasurer -----	Brigitte Koch-----	250 838 7350
Memberships	Art Herbert	250 838 9759
Hall Bookings/Entertainment --	Jan Lacko -----	250 838 6882
Maintenance	Greg Clark	250 838 0292
Liquor and Supplies -----	Jade Lawrence -----	250 838 7356

### Receipts and Invoices

If you have a bill or invoice related to the KCS, contact Brigitte Koch, our treasurer, 838-7350, or 2215 Mabel Lake Road.

Directors meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month; **members are welcome to attend!**



### KCS Newsletter

Direct your advertising and distribution questions to *George Jameson* [g67george@gmail.com](mailto:g67george@gmail.com)  
 Email photos and news items to *Brenda Heywood* [editorkingfisher@gmail.com](mailto:editorkingfisher@gmail.com)

Deadline is 25th of each month. I will acknowledge receipt of your email, so if you do not receive a reply, I did not receive your email. Please send text as an attachment, not in the body of the email. **If you have 2 items, use 2 separate emails.**

### KCS Membership

\$30/family and \$20/single. An important means of our yearly fund raising. Money is used to keep up/improve Hall, school, and grounds for community use and enjoyment. Also, fees help fund the many activities taking place and the excellent monthly newsletter that keeps us all so well informed about what's happening in Kingfisher. Further, as a KCS member you are entitled to reduced Hall rental rates for private or public functions.

Questions? Phone me at 838-9759 or email me at [candaherbert@gmail.com](mailto:candaherbert@gmail.com). You can pay fees to me at various Hall functions or by snail mail. Cheques through the mail work the best and you will receive a receipt in return.

Thanks, Art Herbert, 3080 Mabel Lake Road, Enderby, B C, V0E 1V5

### From OUR ARCHIVES Kingfisher Community Society Mandate

#### *The purposes of the KCS are:*

- to acquire land and thereon build and operate a Community Hall and Recreation Centre, and
- to foster and promote social, sporting, recreational, charitable and educational activities