

The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter



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3337 Enderby Mabel Lake Road, Enderby BC V0E 1V5

kingfishercommunity.com is live!!



From your Chair:

Jacky Clark

ATTENTION!!

The KCS Directors have cancelled/rescheduled ALL events/activities at the Hall and School until further notice.

So on a happier note, the holes in the road are getting fixed!!! The sun is shining! Yahoo! spring is really coming, I can tell at my house by the amount of mud and the Robins have arrived.

Here is a little something that I thought you might find interesting.

The Mural, as told to me by Colin Brookes

Back in the 1970 & '80's when the two channels on the TV were mostly your imagination, back

when we were younger and could stay up half the night, we got bored and started building a set and taking part in a theatre play called "In the Land of Magic Spell".

The Rainbow River Players was born and with it came this Mural.

Some areas are only one layer of paint, some are almost two dimensional with six or seven layers of paint. It has kept its colour well for forty years of community events. We even had our own UFO "Area 52" that got covered up. I think a "higher power" was involved.

I don't remember who came up with the original design, and it changed over the time we painted it, hence the six or seven layers.

This was our interpretation of this incredible valley, we all, from all over, seemed to migrate to, like equal ends of a magnet, attracting each of us to this End Of The Rainbow.

At this difficult time it is easy to forget that we really do live at the End of The Rainbow but we do, so hang in and things will get better. Enjoy this time of solitude to do those neglected chores, make more phone calls to friends and family or just get some sunshine however you can. Get that Spring cleaning done before the snow is all gone! As my good friend told me "this too shall pass". **And it will.**

Please check out the Kingfisher Facebook page for a message and a song from Marion and Murray. Good job you two.

As always, call me if you need to 250 838 6062

Look after yourself and each other. Stay safe.

Jacky



Kingfisher Youth Citizen Scholarship

The Kingfisher Youth Citizen Scholarship of \$500 is awarded annually by the Kingfisher Community Society and administered by the Kingfisher Scholarship Committee. Cheque will be issued upon proof of enrolment.

Kingfisher Community Society is volunteer run. We are looking for candidates with strong community involvement.

Eligibility: resident of Kingfisher (Halfway Hill 'Welcome to Kingfisher' sign to Mabel Lake) graduating from Grade 12 (any school) in 2018 for any post secondary education (not only university or college)

Deadline: May 15, 2020

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home number: _____

Volunteer involvement in Kingfisher (involvement in other organizations may be considered): (feel free to attach another piece of paper if needed)

Type of involvement: _____ approx. # hours: _____

Reference: _____ Name: _____ ph: _____

Career goals: _____

All applicants may be interviewed
Submit to: a Director of Kingfisher Community Society
or a member of Kingfisher Scholarship Committee

KINGFISHER SCHOOL NEWS

The school has been closed to all gatherings and events until further notice. We will resume when it is safe to do so.

Please be safe out there and practise social distancing, lets beat this sooner than later.

If anyone has any ideas for further classes, please let myself or Laurie know, so we can set up for further dates.

Suzanne @ queenb47@telus.net 250-838-6248
Laurie. lauriebaines96@gmail.com 250-838-7522



MACKENZIE CAMP

on beautiful Mabel Lake

Rent a Camp!

**MacKenzie is available for reunions, retreats,
meetings, & outdoor education programs
May, June, late August, & September 2020**

See our website for details!



Register online: www.mackenziecamp.ca or phone/email 250-838-6293 maccamp@shaw.ca
MacKenzie Camp – A United Church of Canada Camp & Retreat Centre




Regional District Report

Here are some of the things we we're dealing with at the RDNO.

Invasive weeds program reduction. The RDNO has had this program since the mid-1980s. As of late a few problems have arisen. In the last 15 years there has been no weed control done on private property. Most of the work had been done for other agencies such as Highways & every year they give less, putting the cost burden on the RDNO taxpayer. The service is managed part time by the bylaw officer who is retiring, and it will be difficult to get someone with the expertise in weed control just for part time.

The Electoral Area Directors (EAD) awarded a grant of **\$45,000 to the North Okanagan Land to Table** - This is the third grant we have given out. Other grants went to the Sovereign Lake Nordic Club and the Okanagan Film Commission. If you have a good idea that will help spur economic development in the area go to: <http://www.rdno.ca/index.php/news/media-releases/new-service-supports-economic-development-in-the-rural-areas> . For the **Composter Rebate program**, which is available to residents who purchase home composting systems, go to: <http://www.rdno.ca/index.php/services/community/solid-waste/composting>

RCMP updates. There were 2,314 calls for police service in our area in the last quarter of 2019. A recent change is that they have arranged shifts so that there is always going to be an officer on call in the Enderby Area. To contact the Enderby RCMP for General Services (Monday to Friday, 8 am-4 pm) call 250-838-6818.

Okanagan Regional Library. Circulation is up 1.7%, material use is up 1.3% and visits are up 4.9%. Technology has changed the library usage; ebooks and audio books use were up by 47% in 2019. One of the challenges with ebooks is the cost, \$60- \$80 and you only get 12 to 20 uses. Taxes for the Library will go up 6% in 2020.

A long-range **climate change study** was done for the Okanagan. The study says our changing climate with hotter temperatures, stronger storms, and less summer rain will be a growing reality across the region. The report offers climate projections for the next 30-50 years. The impacts will be floods, drought, and more intense wildfires, and are expected to become more severe over time. While projections indicate an increase in precipitation year-round for all seasons except summer, the range in models and natural year-to-year variation could result in some years experiencing extended periods without (or with low) precipitation.

Contact: Denis - email: denis.delisle@rdno Phone 253-0976

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In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, changes have been made at the RDNO office and how they do business. Should you have to visit the RDNO main office, you'll see a notice on the door asking you to pause, consider whether you are sick and if you are, to not enter the building. And all visitors are being asked to practice social distancing. That is, remaining 1.5 metres away from other people. You can call the front desk at [250-550-3700](tel:250-550-3700) to explore options for service without in-person contact. Information on many of services is available at our website, www.rdno.ca. Essential services, like fire protection, diversion and disposal facilities, and clean, safe water, will be maintained throughout this pandemic with the goal of having all services operating.

How to Book an Appointment -Call [250-550-3700](tel:250-550-3700) to book an appointment with RDNO staff. However, people are strongly encouraged to consider options that don't include in-person meetings. A list is provided below.

Deliveries and Mail-The RDNO will continue to receive deliveries of parcels and mail, but each item received will be quarantined for 48 hours before being opened by staff. Deliveries must be dropped in the lobby in designated areas.

Couriers picking up packages need to call RDNO reception upon arrival at [250-550-3700](tel:250-550-3700).

Planning and Building -Building inspections are still occurring at this time. Inspections are to be booked through the regular channels and there will be extra safety measures and precautions taken, including asking pre-screening questions to customers and maintaining 2 metres of social distancing once on-site. Planning applications and inquiries are still being accepted. Please call or email.

Utilities - Utilities staff will be available by phone or in-person by appointment where necessary. All forms dealing with water are available online and completed forms can be emailed to utilities@rdno.ca. Forms and cheques may also be dropped off at the office, but will be quarantined for 48 hours before opening.

Payment Options- Mail us a cheque for any payment, including Municipal Ticket Information **Online Banking** – you can pay your utility bill through your financial institution. The Regional District is looking at expanding online banking to other types of payments. Call in to our office to discuss other payment options with finance staff.

Services Available without In-Person Contact

- Get your **Building Permit** application
[\[Get%20your%20Building%20Permit%20application%20online%20\(link\)\]online](#)
- Apply for an **open burning permit** online [Class B Burn Permit Application](#)
- Call into our office to discuss options with RDNO staff. Our main phone number is [250-550-3700](tel:250-550-3700)
- **Email** us at info@rdno.ca

Board and Committee Meetings- We are doing our meetings by phone with the ability of some Board members to show up at the office but many of the Committee meetings have been cancelled.

Much of Area "F" is directly serviced for residential packaging and paper recycling by Recycle BC. We're sharing this update with you on their behalf. Please note that due to the evolving COVID-19 situation some depots are experiencing closures. However, curbside recycling provided by Recycle BC is still running at this time. Today March the 26th is a pickup day for Recycle BC in Area "F".

Any concerns you have you can contact me Denis Delisle – Phone [250 253 0976](tel:250-253-0976) and email- denis.delisle@rdno.ca

Remember, we're all in this together



It's Official
FireSmart
Canada

The Kingfisher FireSmart Steering Committee is pleased to announce that Kingfisher has been approved by FireSmart Canada and is now recognized as a FireSmart Community. This is due to our committee organizing 2 public FireSmart information meetings at the Hall which were attended by close to 100 community members and organizing and publicizing a Yard Waste Cleanup Day. As well, 45 Fire Barrels were put out by Brad, Herb, and members of the community. These barrels serve as a striking visual reminder of the danger of wildfire in Kingfisher to anyone driving Mabel Lake Road. The FireSmart Community sign is a further reminder. We are looking to organize another event in the summer. Keep safe and clean those yards (once the snow goes)!



MACKENZIE CAMP AGM & THANK-YOU DINNER

On **February 8, 2020** at 7 pm the Annual General Meeting of the MacKenzie Camp Society takes place in the basement of St. Andrew's United Church, 1110 Belvedere Street, Enderby, BC V0E 1V0. Preceding it at 5:30 pm by an invitational **Thank-You Dinner** for all our donors, volunteers, members, past members, & life members.

Community Ads (free to KCS members)

<p>Mini excavator for hire 0 turn, 5'wide 52 hp</p> <p>Dirt work Driveway parking areas ditching....etc,etc,etc</p> <p>Bush work Tree removal stump removal Brush removal....etc,etc,etc</p>	<p>Allen 250-838-6062</p> <p>Brad 250-838-6326</p>	Consultants
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Clark Boyz

3173 Mabel Lake Rd Enderby, BC V0E1V5

Allen 250-838-6062
Brad 250-838-6326

Consultants

License tree **faller 15 + years** production falling.
Heavy Equipment **Operators since 1969**
Logging development, Road construction and maintenance, erosion control....etc

BOTTLE RECYCLABLES NEEDED....
If you are not wanting to sort out your pop/beer/wine bottles, we will gladly pick them up for you or you can drop them off at The Schalin Farm located 2843 Mabel Lake Road. Aspen, Navi and Boden are fundraising for fastball and 4-H and are looking for ways to help out with costs.

LOOKING FOR LEADS
Please give me a call if you spot interesting wildlife out Kingfisher way. I love coming out to the valley to catch these images. Thanks!
Janet Brown, 250-833-8181
www.janetbrownphotography.com
e:janetbrownphotography@yahoo.com

KINGFISHER COUNTRY QUILTERS
For information please contact Lisa Miner at (250) 838-7128 or email her at lisamarie313ca@gmail.com

Road Hockey

The tennis Court.
Sundays 2.30 pm
Equipment Supplied

Pickle Ball: Kingfisher Hall

Tuesdays/ Fridays/ Sundays: 2pm

Pickleball paddles provided - just bring your enthusiasm!

MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE
January 1st for the year
Megan Martin
megan92@gmail.com
250-838-0455 Cell 250-540-2916
Call or email now!

Contacts for Mabel Lake Road Enquiries
AIM Roads Inc
Contractor
1 866 222-4204
Website: aim-roads.ca
Twitter: [@AimRoads](https://twitter.com/AimRoads)
Facebook: [@AIMRoads](https://www.facebook.com/AIMRoads)
Instagram: [@aimroads.ca](https://www.instagram.com/aimroads.ca)
Email: aimroads@acciona.ca
Ministry contact:
Vernon Area Office - [250 503-3664](tel:2505033664)

Mabel Lake Farms

Kent & Suzanne Clark
250-838-6248
Kentclark@telus.net

Products available all year
Please call to order
Blueberries, Jams, Syrups, Pies, Xmas Baking

Services available
Mini Excavator
Bed and Breakfast
Venue Hosting (May-September)
Coffee Shop (July & August)

Snow plowing



Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Chair -----	Jacky Clark -----	250 838 6062
Secretary -----	Marion Fernandez -----	250 838 9567
Treasurer -----	Michele Huntington ---	250 838 7477
Memberships -----	Megan Clark-Martin ---	250-838-0455
Hall Bookings/Entertainment --	Sydney Graham -----	250 574 5725
Maintenance & Supplies -----	Greg Clark -----	250 838 0292
	Kowyn Hibbert -----	250 938 6925

Receipts and Invoices

If you have a bill or invoice related to the KCS, contact Michele Huntington, our treasurer, 250 838-7477.

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

MEMBERSHIPS NOW DUE
January 1st for the year
Megan Martin 250-838-0455
(megaan92@gmail.com)
\$30/family and \$20/single.
Call or Email Now!

KCS Newsletter

Email photos and news items to :
editorkingfisher@gmail.com

Deadline is 25th of each month.

Deadline is strictly 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.

If you have 2 items, use 2 separate emails. Please send text as an attachment, not in the body of the email

KCS Advertising

Paid Advertisements

Direct all your advertising and distribution questions to
George Jameson.
g67george@gmail.com

Paid ads be limited to 1/8 page
Word Document only
KCS members only

Ads run from May - April for full year (\$100) or 6 months or less for \$50

Submit directly to George - g67george@gmail.com

Payment prior to ad placement to be dropped off or mailed to:

George Jameson
2365 Mabel Lake Road
Enderby
V0E 1V5

Make cheque payable to Kingfisher Community Society

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