
The Kingfisher



The Community's Newsletter

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From your Chair: Jacky Clark

As always I can be reached
at 250 838 6062

See you at the AGM.

COVID RULES ARE CHANGING RAPIDLY SO I THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO HOST SOME INDOOR EVENTS SOON!!

Hopefully you are aware of the upcoming AGM Saturday March 19th 2pm @ the Kingfisher Hall. There is info on this event further on in the newsletter. It will be a good opportunity to catch up with friends, neighbours, and the community, so try and show up.

RDNO has been generous with funding and your directors have applied for and received some money to make some improvements in the Library. BIG thanks to Denis Delisle for keeping us up on these sort of things.



Recently the Runaway Moon group used the Hall as a place to build the BIG Salmon that will be the star of the Winter Lantern Procession in Enderby. When I saw it it was still pretty much at the "bone" stage but it was quite obvious that it will be FABULOUS when done.

March is a popular birthday month and I would like to wish a very Happy 100th Birthday to Noreen Acutt a longtime ago Kingfisher resident who was born in Hupel. It was her parents who started the Mabel Lake tourist camp in the 1930's. Her sister Joyce will be 99 in May.



Denis Delisle presenting a cheque for \$4500 for general repairs at the School.

Left to Right: Keith Gray, Denis Desile, Jacky Clark, Suzanne Clark and Sherry Saunby



Another Birthday girl is longtime ago Kingfisher resident Dorothy Clark who arrived in the valley in 1954 when the Clark brothers bought the shingle mill. Dorothy was an original member of the Kingfisher Kitchen Band. She will be 99 this month. We all wish you ladies a very Happy Birthday!! You know they say...the more birthdays you have the longer you live, well these ladies have proved that.

Kingfisher Community Society Annual General Meeting Saturday March 19th, 2 pm : Kingfisher Hall

COVID-19 Policies will be in place.

Note: 2022 Memberships are now due. If you need to renew your membership, you can do so at the hall prior to the beginning of the AGM meeting.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)?

- Each year the Kingfisher Community Society (KCS) holds an Annual General Meeting to report the activities for 2021 to its members. KCS is a non-profit registered society and as such is required by the BC and Canadian governments to hold an annual meeting. The annual meeting follows the format outlined in the Society's Bylaws.
- The Directors will provide reports on the year's activities. Because we have had another year of the pandemic, there has been only a few activities.
- The financial report for 2021 will be presented.
 - A report on the Kingfisher School will be presented.
 - Finally, there is an election/appointment of Directors for the current year.

Currently there are 8 Directors. If you are interested in becoming a Director, please contact Chairperson Jacky Clark. We encourage community involvement in our Society and also welcome volunteers for events and would welcome any ideas for new events.

Emergency Preparedness/Evacuation Planning | March 2022

submitted by Herb Latchko

As the days get longer and the snow slowly melts, it is a great time to think about reducing the fuel load around our homes. Last summer was actually frightening; the sky turning dark orange with burnt debris and ash in the air. It's worth repeating that some 60-90 % of all homes destroyed by wildfire result from drifting embers. Go to: [FireSmart.BC](https://www.fire-smart.bc.ca/) for information on how to better safeguard your home and property. A little bit of effort can make a big difference. Remember to check the venting conditions before you burn debris. The easy-to-use map can be found many ways but searching for: Ventilation Index Interactive Map will get you one click way from the actual map.

I have heard many stories about neighbours planning with each other in terms of preparedness and evacuation planning. Being aware of your neighbour's water sources, fire fighting equipment and any special requirements for an evacuation are some things to keep in mind. There was a shortage of fire pumps & hoses and even very common fittings and garden hoses last summer. Fire pumps vary in price. A cheap but effective "trash" pump can run from \$250-400. I purchased a small high-quality pump (weighting only 13 pounds) for \$650 including the intake hose. It is surprisingly effective; emptying a 45 gallon drum in less than four minutes at full throttle and lasting up to 15 minutes at low speed. Higher quality pumps (high volume or high pressure with varying lift capacities) run about \$1200-1500. Water back-packs, formally called "piss cans" run around \$200, if you can find one. The more hose the better !!! Feel free to call me if you would like more information on this type of equipment. (250-838-6525)

I have requested an update from the Regional District (RDNO) on the September 2020 Draft Evacuation Plan for the Kingfisher/Mabel Lake area. As at the time of this submission, I or the Editor have not heard back from the Protective Services Manager.

As of March 2021, the Forest Enhancement Society of BC has supported 269 projects valued at \$237.6 million, generating \$357 million dollars in economic activity in partnership with the Province of BC and the Government of Canada.

February Update

Denis Delisle
Regional Director of Area "F" Electoral Area Advisory Committee
Contact: Cell: 250 253 0976 Home: 250 838 2314

For the Areas of: Ashton Creek, Grandview Bench, Grindrod, Kingfisher/Mabel Lake, Mara and Glenmary/ Twin lakes.
in the Regional District of the North Okanagan (RDNO)

There is an application to the ALC for extended family mobile home to be put on a farm property in the Grindrod area. The farmers need help in running their farm and wish to have their son and family to help on the farm.

The Mara Musical & Athletic Association will be receiving \$4,000 from RDNOs; COVID-19 Restart Fund grant.

Dairy farmers and many others are interested in having a milk processing plant in the North Okanagan. After the floods in B.C. I think it became painfully obvious there is a need for more food security. Dairy products were difficult to obtain and local dairy farms were dumping their milk because they could not get them to a processor. Local milk producers helped feed the community by ramping up production. Blackwell Dairy went from 20,000 liters to 100,000 liters. However, once the roads were open again the demand dropped to 20,000 again. The local grocery stores often do not offer enough space for local dairy producers on their shelves. Some of our local commercial producers are Blackwell Dairy and D Dutchman Dairy. The initiative will be taken to hire a consultant for identifying how to deal with the issues of, and roadblocks to, creating an interior milk producer.

Spallumcheen is offering to supply land for agricultural industrial use. They are asking not only people involved with farming, but the general public as well for their ideas and support for processing of agricultural goods. One of the main hurdles to farming is being able to have products enhanced and marketed. Locating a place to do that is difficult to establish, so Spallumcheen is offering an Agricultural Industrial Area to be created in the Township. A milk processing plant could be one of the needs.

How can agriculturalists be better prepared during wildfire emergencies was a discussion. The difficulty of who to allow in a Fire restricted area for example; trucks bringing in feed or taking out animals were not allowed sometimes. We were made aware that some commodities like dairy cows & poultry are difficult to move. Having different districts to travel through (the TNRD, CSRD & RDNO), this can create difficulties for all agencies and farmers.

The Province has brought out a Watershed Strategy and Fund discussion paper. In it they have 10 outcomes they want: Support and enable watershed governance, Enhance our understanding of watersheds and the risks they face, Progress reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, Healthy water for everyone, Integrate water more efficiently and effectively into Land Use Planning, Reset the water supply and demand relationship, Improve habitats for aquatic ecosystems, Respect the integrity of Indigenous Knowledge systems, Strengthen education and outreach about managing water in B.C. & finally Create a Watershed Security Fund. To be engaged or get more information go to: <https://feedback.engage.gov.bc.ca/188318?lang=en>

I have been getting complaints about the air quality. The RDNO does not have any bylaws dealing with burning. The Ministry of Environment will respond to illegal burning. The venting has been very poor so no large burning has been allowed in Area "F". If you see illegal burning going on you can phone: 1-877-952-7277. You will need an address and to fill out a report to get action taken.

FireSmart Tip: If you have a combustible fence that attaches to your home: Clear vegetation and debris along both sides of combustible fence lines. If a Fire is imminent, secure gate in an open position so there is a gap in the fence.

GOOD NEWS

Changes to COVID gathering restrictions will allow us to once again hold indoor activities. We can eat together, we can mingle and we can dance together. The Directors will discuss these changes and begin planning for possible indoor events. Stay tuned.

The vaccine passport and masks indoors are still required at the moment. Let's hope that we can get back to 'normal' soon.

KINGFISHER PIONEER TURNS 100 ON ST PATRICK'S DAY



NOREEN at LOGGING CAMP



NOREEN, 2018



JOYCE (NOREEN'S SISTER) & NOREEN,
NOV 11, 2021



**Happy
Birthday!**
FROM ALL TO US

Noreen Acutt (nee Kass) was born at Hupel and it was her parents (Joe and Alice Kass) who started the Mabel Lake Tourist Camp in the 1930's before they sold it to relatives – Russell and Alice Large. When Noreen and her husband Harold lived at Mabel Lake they operated Kingfisher Sawmills and Acutt Tipton Lumber (Ashton Creek) until they moved to Burnaby in 1959.

Presently my brother Gary has a cabin in the Mabel Lake Holdings community at Cottonwoods. My last visit to Mabel Lake was in 2017 to attend a 4 day Large Family Cousins Reunion at the MacKenzie Camp.

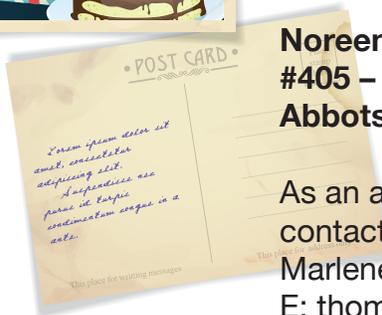
My mom often talks about her childhood days and when she was a young mother with two children living at Mabel Lake. For many years she kept in touch with friends such as Isobel Simard. Overall she is in very good health – she walks with the aid of a walker and participates in as many activities as she can in the Abbotsford assisted living residence where she lives. Her sister Joyce lives in the same residence and will celebrate her 99th birthday in May.

Submitted by Marlene Acutt

Send Birthday Wishes!!



With current COVID 19 restrictions Noreen's family will not be celebrating her 100th birthday with a large gathering on March 17th but we will ensure she has a special day. One thing that she enjoys is receiving mail. With her short term memory loss she gets a lot of enjoyment from reading and rereading her mail.



Noreen Acutt
#405 – 31954 Sunrise Crescent
Abbotsford, BC V2T 1N6

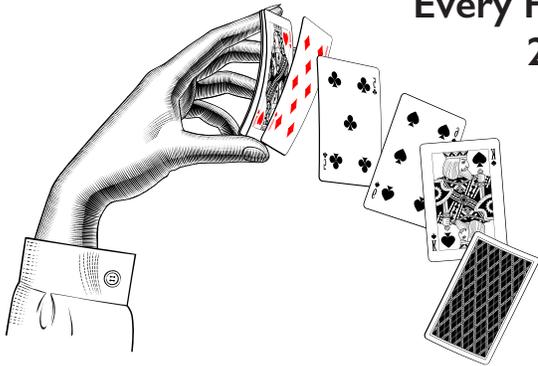
As an alternative she can be contacted through her daughter, Marlene via email
E: thomcutt@shaw.ca



**NOREEN LAKE WAS
NAMED AFTER
NOREEN ACUTT**

Games Afternoon

Every Friday, starting
2 - 4 pm



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Safety Protocols include: must be fully vaccinated, masks and distancing while not playing and maximum 10 players



LIBRARY NEWS

OPEN WEDNESDAY 11:00 am to 1:30 pm

The library has had very little traffic over the winter. Remember, as well as a great selection of books, we also have jigsaw puzzles, VHS and DVD tapes, and board games.

Your 2022 Kingfisher Community memberships are also available. We hope to see you soon at the library.

HAPPY READING.

Respectfully submitted- Sherry Saunby



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2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE



SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY

As of February 22nd we have 19 - 2022 renewed memberships. Your membership is valued and important to the whole Kingfisher Community, so please feel free to contact us with suggestions or ideas for improvement.

KCS Memberships - Help Support Your Community

FAMILY RATES: \$30.00 SINGLE: \$20.00

Contact Suzanne Clark
T: 250-838-6248 Email: queenb47@telus.net

STOP BY: at Mabel Lake Farms Store
July and August daily: 8-2

Kingfisher Library every Wednesday from 11am - 1:30pm
OR

MAIL: Suzanne Clark
#33 Kingfisher Road, Enderby V0E 1V5
(Make Cheques out to Kingfisher Community Society)
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