
The Kingfisher



The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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Hello everyone,

We hope you all were able to find some creative ways to keep cool over the heat spell we had through August! No rain makes it a bit worrisome for new fires sparking up – luckily the ones we had in the Valley were handled efficiently and put out on time. Still, close to home and a reminder to keep your yards clean of combustibles and your fire suppression plans in place and water barrels ready.

Our Farmer's Market season was great, with some awesome new vendors and the return of some our favorites. It's truly such a blessing to be able to head a few minutes up the road each week to get almost everything you need for the weekend – veggies, meats, treats, wine, ciders and breads and jams and fruits, and even something cute & comfy to wear too!

RDNO hosted an open house on the 21st of August to discuss some important topics with the community. The pickle ballers have been busy, and Sensei Terry's karate classes have been awesome! There's lots more going on at the hall, with yoga at the school, and the annual Corn Roast/So Long, Summer party is coming up September 10th.

That's it for now, take care all and enjoy the welcome quieter days of September...

Rhea Davidson
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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
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Community Potluck

hosted by Rhea & Luke

**Sunday, September 10th
5pm**

**Corn,
coffee, tea and
punch
will be provided.**

**We ask that you bring
a food item
to compliment
the Corn on the Cob.**

Questions ...

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OR

Rhea kingfisherpromos@gmail.com

REPORTING PROBLEMS ON MABEL LAKE RD.

STEP 1 Call AIM 1-866-222-4204* or fill out a service request on aim-roads.ca

*Staff takes calls during business hours, 7-3:30pm. If they're on another call or if it's after business hours your call is forwarded to a Call Centre and gets dealt with in order received.

AIM is under contract to follow up and reply.

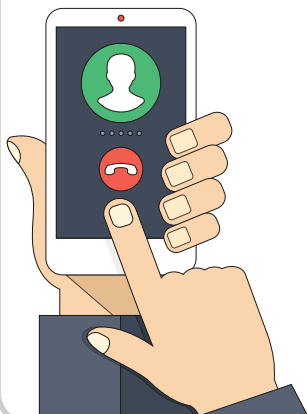
If there is no resolution, only THEN go to STEP 2.

STEP 2 If no resolution:

Call Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Reception 1-250-712-3660

(Reception for both Okanagan/Shuswap and South Okanagan)

**** It's important that you've first tried with AIM and had no resolution.*** The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Road Area Manager (RAM) oversees AIM and deals with specific, unresolved complaints. If you call the Road Area Manager first you will be bounced back to AIM to start there. Reception will give you our Road Area Manager's contact phone number. Best to go through the reception at 1-250-712-3660 to avoid problems like a change in RAM phone number or possibility our RAM is away from the office.



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF THE NORTH OKANAGAN (RDNO)

For the Areas of: Ashton Creek, Grandview Bench, Grindrod, Kingfisher/Mabel Lake, Mara and Glenmary/ Twin lakes.



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**REGIONAL DISTRICT
NORTH OKANAGAN**



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Stay Aware & Plan Ahead

It's easy to get alerts! The Alertable app is free and can be downloaded from your mobile phone, tablet, computer, or smart speaker. Notifications are fast, reliable and easy to see and hear. Personalize notifications by type and severity. Choose notifications for many locations including home, work, school, cottage, family and friends locations and more. Change your locations and other personalized options in Settings, after the fact.

In addition to using Alertable, the RDNO will continue to post all emergency notifications on their website and Facebook page, and through news releases and local media outlets, keeping the public informed during emergency events.

MABEL RIDGE ESTATES FIRE WAGON

This unit is available for use by the community for a rapid response if a fire occurs with the conditions:

1. Anyone using it does so at their own risk
2. The unit must be returned in ready to go condition.

The fire trailer was built thanks to Brian Saunby, Chris Kassara, Doug Clayton, Jerry Leavitt, Russ Murray, Tod Dettling and Bob Petryk.



Fire trailer equipped with a 1200 litre tank, 7.5 hp pump, fire hoses and a fire extinguisher.

Stored at 73 Walker Rd.

Be Aware of your Muster Stations

- Kingfisher Community Hall
- Mabel Lake Marina, boat launch
- Bottom of Lusk Lake Rd, east
- Golf Course, below the pro-shop
- Mabel Lake Place, Condos
 - Airpark Firehall
 - Club Kingfisher

COMMUNITY SAFETY EQUIPMENT

Mabel Ridge Estates: 3 fire trailers, 1 Defibrillator

Marina/Campground: 1 water truck, 1 fire trailer, 1 Defibrillator

Airpark: 3 fire trailers, 2 water carts, 1 defibrillator

Golf Course: 2 fire trailers, 1 equipment trailer, 1 defibrillator

Condos: 1 defibrillator

Club Kingfisher: 1 defibrillator

Submitted by Sandra Scott

FUEL LOAD REDUCTION/EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

September 2023

Submitted by Herb Latchko

Fortunately, we did not receive the dry lightning which was predicted to accompany the approaching cold front. That could have been catastrophic. Then it rained. How much, where, and with or without lightning are the questions. According to the National Severe Storms Laboratory, most lightning occurs from cloud to cloud. Other sites claim that it is just over 50 percent cloud to cloud. The temperature of lightning can be two to five times that of the surface of the sun. If you have seen a strike hit the ground, make a mental note of the precise location. A bit of rain can put out an initial fire, only to have this “sleeper” reignite many days later.

The Regional District has been sending out a great deal of updates and valuable information. Cut and pasted from one of the ones I received: “The public is encouraged to visit the RDNO website at www.rdno.ca, Facebook page, and sign up for the e-newsletter (Emergency Management list) to receive updates.” Also, you can easily download the “Alertable” app. on your cell phone, which can be useful and timely.

Ashton Creek has created a Facebook Group called: “Ashton Creek and Area Fire and Flood”. By clicking on the link below or copy and pasting it into the browser, you will get to the homepage for this new group. Simply click on the “Join” button and the Administrators will add you to the group. The organizers do ask: “Let’s keep this page for all fire, flood, or emergency situations in our area: Enderby to Mabel Lake and Trinity to Lumby”.
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Many people and groups of people have purchased pumps, hoses, and trailers as to be better prepared to deal with spot fires, either natural or human caused. The water filling station, near the Ball Park is up and running. Locals are often the first on scene and can be very effective. Safety must be the highest priority. Locals fighting fire in an Evacuation Order Area is a different matter. Much discussion on this topic has been the news. It would be a huge but doable pre-organizational effort to coordinate local resources (identify, equip, train, and strategize). The huge fires we have seen this summer are more than anomalies. It’s not a matter of if, but when.

About six years ago, I attended a lecture at the College in Vernon by Dr. Lori Daniels, Director of the “UBC Tree Lab”. She talked about how reducing the fuel load around communities is vital to reduce the impact of fire. Their group has done extensive research on the impact of reducing fuel loads. She stated that they have estimated it would cost about 4 billion dollars to reduce fuel loads around every community in British Columbia. (Insurance paid out 4.4 billion in 2016 because of the Fort MacMurry fire.) These are not clear-cutting operations. There has been some effort in applying for funding through the Forest Enhancement Society of BC to reduce the fuel load in our area, but this has fizzled out. “The Westside” is in the running for a project approval on their side of the River.

WildFire BC did a great job on the Cooke Creek fire. We were fortunate resources were not busy in other areas. I can’t help but wonder what the response would have been if the Kelowna and the Shuswap fires had been happening at that same time.



THE RUSTYBUS

Open Fridays, Saturdays
& Sundays
11am to 4pm

"The RustyBus" is a Unique giftshop (Bus) located approximately at 2862 Mabel Lake Rd.

The RustyBus is nestled in the cedar trees along the Shuswap River.

You will find many unique handmade crafts and creations for sale.

Something for everyone!

DROP IN PICKLEBALL



PICKLEBALL
CLUB

Monday, Wednesday, Friday
9 - 11am!

LIBRARY NEWS

Library hours are 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM every Wednesday.

Due to the generosity of our community the library is overflowing with books so we have come to the painful decision that we can no longer accept any book donations.

KCS Memberships available for purchase



Daily, Weekly or Seasonal slip rentals.
We have space for any vessel, including:

- Pontoon Boats
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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF THE NORTH OKANAGAN - RECENT OPEN HOUSE - AUGUST 21ST

Representatives from Parks, Water and Emergency Management were in attendance. Information shared at the meeting can be found on the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) website at the Mabel Lake Sewer Utility (MLS) page www.rdno.ca/mls

Mabel Lake Water Utility & Sewer

Posted on the website are:

- maps of the Mabel Lake Water Utility (MLW) and Mabel Lake Sewer Utility (MLS)
- WSP: February 28, 2020. Technical Memo Re: Mabel Lake Water System Master Water Plan. Prepared for RDNO
- Monthly and Annual Reports
- Mabel Lake Water and Sewer Utilities Rates and Financials

MLW and MLS are functions of the RDNO. All functions of RDNO are managed on a user pay principle and each function has a separate budget. The RDNO cannot make a profit on services and any surplus revenue for a particular year is transferred to reserves for that particular function. If a deficit is experienced, it is transferred from reserves to cover any short falls. If there are no reserves, the RDNO must raise rates the following year to cover the short-fall and/or borrow to offset the costs and add to property taxes at an amortized rate. The goal of reserves is to avoid large expenditures in the budget that can cause unacceptable increases in rates within one year. Reserves can be used for unexpected “emergency” expenditures or for planned works.

Capacity Concerns:

MLW has struggled to keep up with high water use during peak summer use, especially on summer long weekends. To mitigate the long weekend high water use, no outdoor watering notices have been issued for the summer long weekends. This has helped the water utility be able to supply enough water to users. If water usage increases (current customers use more water or more customers are added to the water system) the current water system might not be able to supply water to meet that new demand.

A capacity study for both the water and sewer system is in progress. The study will look at the capacity of the water and sewer utilities and will provide what capacity is remaining, triggers for upgrades, future treatment, and associated costs of the upgrades and treatment. Once the capacity study is complete, the RDNO will update the utility capital and infrastructure plans, budgets, and Bylaw No. 2867.

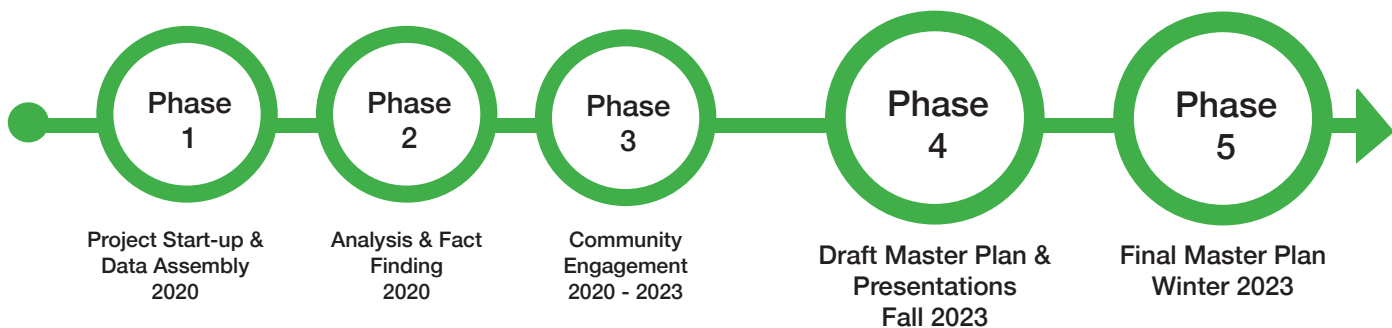
Area ‘F’ Parks and Trails Master Plan

Process & Timelines

The RDNO is working collaboratively with residents, partners, and other governments to develop a Parks and Trails Master Plan for Electoral Area F. The plan will generate a clear understanding of:

- What parks and trails opportunities we have now,
- How well they are meeting our needs,
- What parks and trails opportunities we want in the future, and
- How we will make it happen.

The plan will guide the RDNO’s decisions about the acquisition, development, enhancement, and management of parks and trails, and the operations of the services in our area for the next 10 years.



Questions: Tannis Nelson

Parks, Recreation and Culture

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COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Free to members. Limit of 50 words - no graphics.
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BABY WELCOME FUND

The Kingfisher Community Society is pleased to announce the establishment of a Baby Welcome Fund.



This fund is made possible through a generous donation by local residents (who wish to remain anonymous).

The fund provides one-time financial support to parents of infants from Kingfisher.

Application forms are available from a Director. The family must reside in Kingfisher at the time of the birth.

MABEL LAKE

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See you in 2024!

Very Berry Cafe • Farm Fresh Goods
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• Venue Hosting
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Deadline is the 20th of each month.

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