
The Kingfisher



The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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www.kingfishercommunity.com is live!!



The holiday season is here and Kingfisher is gearing up for its Annual Kingfisher Christmas! This event started many years ago as a partnership with Kingfisher School, and it's one that has carried on for many years. It's a simple night filled with delight in an old fashioned, rural community way. We have so many young families in the area so we are expecting a great turnout!

In other news, weekends at the hall have been happening - we've got Friday night badminton back in full swing, which is always a great time and a fun way to get some exercise! Sundays are Family Ball Hockey afternoons with all ages welcome to get out on the court or visit with friends around the fire.

This time of year might not always be the easiest for some of us in the community. Some may be feeling heartbroken missing their special person around the holiday table, some may be struggling financially and unable to eat a holiday meal or buy their loved one that special gift, and some may be navigating health issues that make them feel isolated and alone.

So this year Kingfisher, let this be your reminder - perhaps it's not in the presents you buy, but in the PRESENCE you GIVE to your family, your friends and your community that makes the biggest difference. Quality time spent doing a kind deed or sending a thoughtful note, or making a handmade gift is irreplaceable and something that holds more value than any "thing" money could buy. Let's try to give more of ourselves than stuff for Christmas this year...and be the reason someone smiles!

Happy Holidays to all, and to all, a good night!
Cheers, Rhea



Hall Decorating Party Friday, December 15 • 7pm

Everyone is welcome to join the annual tradition of getting together to decorate the hall, the tree (once again, thanks Greg Clark) and wrap the gifts for the Christmas Concert.

This event was formerly the "Ladies Decorating Party" but as numbers dwindled, the men have joined the event. **Bring a snack, a small gift for a gift exchange (under \$15). Beverages will be provided.**

**For more information, contact Laura Jameson 250-838-6379
kingfishersecretary1@gmail.com**

CHRISTMAS JOY

KINGFISHER COMMUNITY CONCERT & DINNER

Everyone Welcomed!

December 16 • 4:30 pm

Potluck Dinner • 5 pm | Performances 5:30 pm | Santa 6 pm

Please contact Ursula ulussin@gmail.com if the kids are coming (names and ages) and if anyone wants to perform.
Everyone is welcomed to bring their own beer or wine to the potluck/concert as there will not be a bar this year.



If you've ever been to a Kingfisher Christmas Concert, you will have noticed the program always ends with the singing of Kingfisher Christmas. The children know it as the song that beckons Santa into the room. Maybe you have even wondered, "How is it that Kingfisher has its' own Christmas Carol"?

To answer that Question, we have to go back to the year 1989. At that time the community was going through a baby boom. The Kingfisher school was bursting at the seams with kids and the adults were inventing all kinds of activities to keep those kids busy.

Meanwhile, along the foreshore of Mabel Lake there lived a retired, insurance broker and ex-mayor of Enderby, named Wayne McLeod. Wayne was into electronics and an early adopter of technology. Wayne decided to go out and take video at every public event and activity in Kingfisher for one year. Suddenly Wayne was everywhere with his camera. When the year ended, Wayne created a video which he called 1989, A Year in Kingfisher. It was an astonishing document and historical record of the time.

Wayne wasn't done yet though. Before the year was up, he pulled out his keyboard and wrote the song Kingfisher Christmas. The children quickly learned it and sang it at the end of their Christmas Concert. Just like that we had our own Christmas Carol. The words reference the previous year, 1989, when Mabel Lake froze.

Wayne was videotaping the kids while they sang it at that first concert. When the song ended, the children beckoned Wayne to come up on stage so he could be acknowledged. In true form, he stayed right where he was, his eye on the view finder.

To view the 1990 Christmas Concert youtube video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gM39fAwCAfc&t=21s>

Murray MacDonald





Bird News

Someone sighted a **Blue Jay** late this fall near **Beatty Road**. This was probably a migrating bird, according to Cannings, Aversa and Opperman in *Birds of British Columbia and the Pacific Northwest* (2020). The Kootenays have documented a rare resident Blue Jay. We'd like to know if you've seen one residing here outside of migration (Oct. – May).

Also spotted, this time by several people, was a white crow. It was seen alone, but also in a large flock of typical crows. We've heard some photos were taken that could show us if this is a 'leucistic' and not an albino crow. Leucistic crows don't have pink eyes and their legs are white. They are a much rarer sight. One was photographed in the Kootenays in 2022. Some say there's a 1 in 10,000 chance of seeing the leucistic one. **We would like to share information about this crow, and news of any other sightings you may have. Send photos and news to shusedc@gmail.com.**

January Bird Count

Take some time to enjoy our winter wonderland while helping to count winter birds. Details coming in January on the Kingfisher Facebook page about this informal Kingfisher January bird count. Participants are welcome at any interest level, beginner to expert. There'll be a potluck at the Hall afterwards where we'll combine our lists. Watch for dates and potluck time info. Contact: Jan or George, 250-838-6882.



Submitted by: Jan Lacho

PLEASE NOTE

We don't publish a January Newsletter. Watch the Community Facebook page for information.



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Merry Christmas from MacKenzie Camp!

Thanks for all your support in 2023! Here's to a busy camping program in 2024!



MacKenzie Camp – A United Church of Canada Camp & Retreat Centre
URL www.mackenziecamp.ca email maccamp@shaw.ca



PROPOSED MOSQUITO SPRAYING FROM KINGFISHER TO MARA. THE PROPOSED BYLAW INVOLVES MOSQUITO SPRAYING FROM APRIL 2024 TO MARCH 2029. IT ALSO WILL BE A COST INVOLVING PAYMENT THROUGH OUR TAXES.

Comment / Information submitted by: Denis Delisle

A Mosquito Control Tax is being planned for the residents of Area “F”. The cost for a residential home assessed at \$591,000 would have you paying \$99.95 per year for this service. In my mind, the service does not benefit the majority of residents and businesses in Area “F”. However, it would benefit some. A majority of the people in Area “F” does not need another \$100 tax that has no value to many of the people there. There are those as, who are not bothered by mosquitoes or who feel the biological treatment would be ecologically damaging. Those who want the service should pay for the service; not everyone in our community.

This is an unnecessary tax and needs to be blocked before it is passed.

This can be done by filling out the “Alternative Approval Process Elector Response Form”.

Access the form on line by going to: https://www.rdno.ca/sites/default/files/2023-11/ERF_BL_2973.pdf

Non-resident property owners in Area “F” can use the same form.

These need to be in by December the 18th!

You can have the forms mailed to you by phoning the at RDNO 1-855-650-3700 and have them mail the form to you. As well you can have them email the form to you by contacting by email at: corp@rdno.ca

proposed Mosquito Plan explained:

<https://www.rdno.ca/our-communities/mosquito-control>

Update on the Conservation Office’s Boat Safety Program

Information submitted by: Denis Delisle

At the Electoral Area Directors November 2nd meeting, the Conservation Officers (COs) gave a wrap up of their patrols on the Shuswap River, Mara and Mabel Lake (2023). The lakes and rivers that were checked by the COs were: Kalamalka Lake, Shuswap River, Mabel Lake, Sugar Lake and Mara Lake. Unsafe watercrafts ordered to shore totaled to 78. Many of these were human-powered with no safety equipment.

For more information go to:

<https://www.rdno.ca/regional-government/board-directors/board-committee-meetings/electoral-area-advisory-committee-02>

tap on the bolded “ Agenda URL ”

Scroll down to Pages 35 to 59 for the full report from the COs. It covers quite a bit more that may be of interest to people as to the role / duties of a Conservation Officer.





Best wishes during the holiday season and Happy New Year.

Laura Jameson, Secretary,
Kingfisher Community Society

Hopes for 2024

A one of the Kingfisher Directors, I have been thinking about how we can strengthen our organization and this wonderful community.

My hopes for 2024 revolve around more involvement in hall activities from community members of all ages.

We need more participation, ideas and energy to put on the events at the hall. We have discussed an 'Entertainment Committee' to support the work of our very busy Entertainment Director who also handles the hall bookings.

Is there an event you really enjoy? To keep that event succeeding, you can get involved in the planning, at the event and/or the clean up at the end.

The newsletter could benefit from more articles and input from the community. Robin, our volunteer editor is doing a great job but she needs content every month to create the newsletter.

New ideas- what else could we do together here?

The AGM will be held in March 2024. In the meantime, if you are interested in getting more involved you can contact me or any of the other Directors (names and phone numbers on back page).

DROP IN PICKLEBALL



Play will continue on the outdoor courts until the weather no longer cooperates.

Late fall and winter games will be played in the Hall.

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 9-11AM



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KINGFISHER COMMUNITY HALL

TRAINING TIMES:

WEDNESDAY	SATURDAY
7 - 8:30 pm	8:30 - 10 am

Class suitable for ages 12+

Mabel Lake-Kingfisher Community Resource Centre

ANNOUNCEMENT



Friday Afternoon's COFFEE HOUR 1pm

Starting in January we will be meeting for Pegs & Jokers board game, and other games fun!! Everyone Welcomed!! Or, just join us for a Coffee Visit!
RSVP: Suzanne 250-838-6248

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CHRISTMAS SWAG & CENTREPIECE WORKSHOP

Kingfisher Resource
Centre
(Kingfisher School)
1:00 pm

\$30 Swag, \$40 Centrepiece (payment in cash at the workshop. Bring pruners/cutters)

To register please email Kathy at:
kathposp@telusplanet.net

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



Kingfisher
Country
Quilters

Would like to welcome all quilters and crafters to join us to work on either a charity project or your own project.

Wednesday: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Coffee/Tea provided, bring your own lunch



We make a variety of quilting/sewing items that we donate to local charities like:
SAFE House * Park View Place * Kingfisher Hall

We also make baby quilts for all the new Kingfisher babies!

For more information contact:
Lisa Miner
250-838-7128
lissamarie313ca@gmail.com

Left to Right: Suzanne Clark (not quite finished baby blanket), Kathy Pospisil (fidget lap quilt), Lisa Miner (fidget lap quilt), Betty Gubler (workshop classes - crochet bag & cow!), Debbie Massie (not quite finished donation quilt).

COMMUNITY CLASSIFIEDS

Free to members. Limit of 50 words - no graphics. Please confirm information every six months.

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AA Meetings: Mondays - 8pm
Kingfisher School

Lee Email: lwdallman28@gmail.com

Brian Tel: 250.838.2135



BABY WELCOME FUND

A fund operated by the
Kingfisher Community Society.

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.



Closed for the Season.
See you in 2024!

Very Berry Cafe • Farm Fresh Goods
Bed & Breakfast

• Venue Hosting
Snow Plowing • Excavation



General Inquiries: kingfisherpres@gmail.com
To get on the Directors' Meeting Agenda: kingfishersecretary1@gmail.com
To submit a post to the Facebook page: kingfisherpromos@gmail.com
Hall booking and entertainment: KCSentertainmentcontact@gmail.com

Kingfisher Community Society Directors

Secretary: Laura Jameson 250-838-6379
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Maintenance & Supplies: Kowyn Hibbert..... 250-938-6025

Kingfisher School Contact Information

School: Suzanne Clark 250-838-6248
Librarian & Memberships: Sherry Saunby 250-838-5660
Kingfisher Country Quilters: Lisa Miner..... 250-838-7128
lisamarie313ca@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

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

Paid ads be limited to 1/4 page.
Word Document only
KCS members only
Ads run from May - April for full year (\$100)
or 6 months or less for \$50
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.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS - SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY!

FAMILY RATES: \$30.00 SINGLE: \$20.00

Contact Sherry Saunby

T: 250-838-5660 | Email: sjsaunby@telus.net

MAIL: Sherry Saunby

90 Lusk Lake Road E, Enderby, V0E 1V5
(Make Cheques out to Kingfisher Community Society)

OR

E-TRANSFER: kingfisher3337@gmail.com

IMPORTANT Please include your name if not in your email address

OR

Kingfisher Library: Wednesday

11am - 1pm



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Email photos and news items to Robin:
editorkingfisher@gmail.com
Or call, 250-574-3572 | 250-838-5615

Deadline is the 20th of each month.

I will acknowledge receipt of your email, so if you do not receive a reply, I did not receive your email.



ALTERNATIVE APPROVAL PROCESS ELECTOR RESPONSE FORM

ELECTORAL AREA "F"

Electoral Area "F" Mosquito Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2973, 2023

Pursuant to Section 269(b) of the *Local Government Act*, the Board of Directors of the Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) is proposing to seek approval of the electors by alternative approval process in accordance with Section 86 of the *Community Charter*.

By completing this elector response form, I certify that I am **OPPOSED** to the Board of Directors of the Regional District of North Okanagan adopting *Electoral Area "F" Mosquito Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2973, 2023* which authorizes the Board of Directors to establish a service to control mosquito larval habitats within specific areas of the Shuswap River floodplain to prevent the spread of mosquitos. The maximum requisition for this service is \$289,000 or \$0.17 per \$1,000 of net taxable land and improvements in the service area. Based on an average residential assessment of approximately \$591,000 in 2023 and the maximum tax requisition, the average residential tax impact will be approximately \$99.95 per year, starting in 2024.

The participants to this Service shall be Electoral Area "F".

The deadline for submitting this Elector Response Form is **4:00 p.m., Monday, December 18, 2023**. The address for submission is: **RDNO, 9848 Aberdeen Road, Coldstream, BC V1B 2K9 / Email: corp@rdno.ca / Fax: 250.550.3701**

The Regional District of North Okanagan may proceed with the adoption of *Electoral Area "F" Mosquito Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2973, 2023* unless at least 10% (388) of eligible electors within the participating service area sign and submit a completed Elector Response Form by the deadline.

A person must not sign more than one Elector Response Form in relation to this Alternative Approval Process.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS ELECTOR RESPONSE FORM

PRINT FULL NAME OF ELECTOR*:

(ex. Jane Doe, not J. Doe)

(NAME - PLEASE PRINT)

ELECTOR'S FULL ADDRESS*:

(FULL RESIDENTIAL (STREET) ADDRESS INCLUDING TOWN/CITY)

SIGNATURE OF ELECTOR:

(SIGNATURE)

DATE:

This section to be completed (in addition to the above) if you are a Non-Resident Property Elector*

(see reverse for eligibility requirements):

I am a **non-resident property elector** who lives in another community and owns property in the jurisdiction located at:

(insert address of property below)

(*MUST include full Residential (Street) address of property in relation to which the person is entitled to vote. Note - Only one (1) owner can sign the elector response form when a property is owned by more than one person – the person signing must have written consent of a majority of the other property owner(s) to sign. Where a property is owned in whole or in part by a corporation, no one is eligible to sign the form)

*Section 86(7) of the *Community Charter* requires the elector's full name and residential address and if applicable, the civic (street) address of the property in relation to which the person is entitled to register as a non-resident property elector for this response form to be counted.

INFORMATION REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTORS

In order to sign an elector response form in relation to the alternative approval process (AAP), a person must either be a **resident elector** or a **non-resident property elector** (not both) within the proposed service area. For the purposes of this AAP, the following jurisdictions apply: Electoral Area "F".

A **resident elector** is an individual who is qualified to vote in a jurisdiction by virtue of **living (residing)** in the jurisdiction. To sign an elector response form as a resident elector a person must:

- be 18 years of age or older; and
- be a Canadian citizen; and
- have lived in British Columbia for at least six months immediately prior to signing this Elector Response Form; and
- live in the jurisdiction (Electoral Area "F"); and
- not be disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

A **non-resident property elector** is an individual who **does not live (does not reside)** in the participating service area but is entitled to vote by virtue of owning real property in that jurisdiction. To sign an elector response form as a non-resident property elector a person must:

- not be entitled to register as a resident elector in the participating service area; and
- be 18 years of age or older; and
- be a Canadian citizen; and
- have lived in British Columbia for at least six months immediately prior to signing this Elector Response Form; and
- not be disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law; and
- have owned property in the jurisdiction (Electoral Area "F") for at least 30 days prior to signing this Elector Response Form.
 - If a property is owned by **more than one** individual, only **one** of them may sign an elector response form;
 - A person may register as a non-resident property elector in relation to **one** parcel of real property in the service area.

NOTE: There is no Corporate Vote – No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector and no corporation is entitled to vote.

INSTRUCTIONS

OPPOSED - if you are **OPPOSED** to the adoption of *Electoral Area "F" Mosquito Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 2973, 2023* you can sign and submit an Elector Response Form if you qualify as an elector of the participating service area. All Elector Response Forms **must** be received in the office of the RDNO no later than the deadline of **4:00 p.m., Monday, December 18, 2023**. If you are submitting your form by mail be advised that postmarks **WILL NOT** be accepted as the date of submission.

NOT OPPOSED - If you are **NOT OPPOSED** you need do nothing.

Elector Response Forms are available on our website at www.rdno.ca or at the office [Regional District of North Okanagan [9848 Aberdeen Road, Coldstream, BC] during regular business hours.

1. Submit*:

All Elector Response forms **must** be received by the RDNO **on or before 4:00 p.m., Monday, December 18, 2023** to be considered. Signed submissions will be accepted by: **MAIL, EMAIL, FAX or IN PERSON** to:

Regional District of North Okanagan
9848 Aberdeen Road
Coldstream, BC V1B 2K9
corp@rdno.ca / 250.550.3701 [fax]

*Note: Postmarks **WILL NOT** be accepted as the date of submission.

2. Electors:

The estimated number of electors in the service area is 3,871. If 10% (388) of the estimated number of electors in the service area sign and submit an Elector Response Form **opposing** adoption of the Bylaw prior to the deadline of 4:00 p.m., Monday, December 18, 2023, the RDNO cannot adopt Bylaw No. 2973 without receiving the assent of the electors by way of assent voting (referendum).

3. Info:

For further information contact:

Ashley Bevan
Deputy Corporate Officer
Regional District of North Okanagan
9848 Aberdeen Road, Coldstream, BC
V1B 2K9
250.550.3751
corp@rdno.ca

A copy of Bylaw No. 2973 and a report summarizing this initiative is available on our website at www.rdno.ca and at the RDNO office Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. excluding holidays.