

The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

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Hello Kingfisher,

February arrives with red hearts and price tags, insisting that love must be proven with purchases and performance.

But, let's not forget that this February also opens the gate to the Year of the Horse in the Chinese Zodiac, a symbol that has nothing to do with chocolates and everything to do with vitality, freedom, and forward motion. The Horse is instinctual. It listens to its body, it knows when to run, when to rest, and when to throw its mane to the wind and jump the fence altogether. It does not ask for permission to be itself. This is a year that rewards authenticity over approval, and momentum over perfection. So, instead of romanticizing another person this month, why don't we turn the lantern inwards? Self love is not indulgence, it's stewardship. It's self trust, honoring your energy, and telling the truth about what no longer serves.

This month is an invitation to reclaim Love from the marketplace and return it to the body, the breath, the pulse of your own becoming. Love as nourishment, love as clarity, love as the courage to move in the direction that feels alive!

Use this time to take stock of what seeds you are planting for this next cycle. Check in on your neighbours and loved ones. It's still very much winter out here, but the sensation of stirring and awakening is happening...what will you grow this year?

*Take good care of yourselves & each other,
Rhea*

2026 Annual Memberships are now due.
Please see page 8 for payment information.

Your support will continue to allow the Board of Directors to continue their good works throughout the year!

Happy New Year
2026

We sadly announce the
passing of

Ward Henry Dale



Ward Henry Dale, age 65, passed away on December 28, 2025, in Enderby, BC, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Ward was born on October 6, 1960, in Vernon, BC, and spent his entire childhood growing up in Kingfisher, a place he always considered home. After graduating, he completed his mechanic's ticket and moved to Alberta, where he worked for ICG Propane. After returning to Enderby, Ward worked for the Forestry Service as a fire warden. He then worked for Roger Hatt building log homes, followed by many years at D-Most Tire in Salmon Arm. In his later years, he worked with Roger Sauvé doing carpentry both locally and in commercial spaces, before continuing carpentry work independently throughout Kingfisher and Enderby.

In 1988, Ward met his partner, Barb Bannister, and together they welcomed their daughter, Reanne, in 1994. After purchasing their home below the falls in 1990, Ward and Barb later moved onto the Dale family farm in 2014. They later spent time residing in Grindrod and Enderby.

Ward is lovingly remembered by his partner, Barb Bannister; his daughter, Reanne De Boer (Colton); and his cherished grandchildren, Harper, Walker, and Palmer. He is also survived by his mother, Marion; and his brother, Alec (Angela). Ward was predeceased by his father, Robert, and his brother, Alan.

Ward loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing, and took pride in hard work and time spent with family. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Service

February 7th • 1pm • Kingfisher Hall



Kingfisher COMMUNITY HALL

KINGFISHER COMMUNITY SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1:00 pm March 28, 2026 Kingfisher Hall



All community members are invited to our Annual General Meeting. The AGM follows a format set out in the Community Society Bylaws. It serves as a report of the years activities and a presentation of the financial report for 2025.

Please come early in time to renew your membership for 2026.

AGENDA

Call to Order

Reading of the Minutes of the March 2025 AGM

Business arising from the Minutes

Reports from Directors:

Chairperson

Entertainment

Maintenance

Membership

Treasurer: 2025 financial report presented.

School Report

Election/Appointment of Director:

A maximum of 9 Directors. Roles are not elected at the AGM. The Directors decide on roles at their first meeting after the AGM.

Adjourn and refreshments

HOW DO YOU FIND ABOUT HALL EVENTS?



**YOUR
OPINION
MATTERS**

The Directors are reviewing the ways we communicate to the community. We hope to improve communication and reduce costs.

Please give us your feedback in one of the following ways:

- At the next hall events, give your feedback at the form available at the door
- Complete the survey on the Kingfisher Community Society Facebook page
- Email kingfishersecretary1@gmail.com with your answer to the following question: "I find out about hall events by..."



Answers could be:

- large signs at halfway hill/ hall
- paper newsletter by mail
- newsletter by email
- word of mouth
- Kingfisher Facebook page
- other local Facebook page
- Kingfisher website
- poster

... Comments are also welcome.

Please note that when you purchase a membership to Kingfisher Community Society, you can receive an email copy of the newsletter each month.



MEMBERSHIPS FOR 2026 ARE NOW AVAILABLE. Yearly rate

- Family \$30.00
- Single \$20.00

Contact Sherry Saunby:

Email: sjsaunby@telus.net,

Mail a cheque to:

Sherry Saunby

74 Lusk Lake Road East, Enderby, BC V4Y 4L4
or

Etransfer to: kingfisher3337@gmail.com

(include your name and 'membership' in memo).



**It's that time of
year again to
look for a special
shadow!!**

**Come and join
us for a wiener
roast and fishpond
at Kingfisher
Community Hall**

**Let's see if Mabel
sees her shadow.
Winner of the 50/50
draw can pull Mabel
out of her burrow.**



**More details to follow in the next
newsletter.**

Annual General Meeting
Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 4:30 pm at
Zion United Church, 2315 Pleasant Valley
Blvd, Armstrong V0E 1B1. An Appreciation
Dinner for our volunteers & supporters
follows at 5:30. To attend, RSVP the
"Appreciation Dinner" event posted on the
MacKenzie Camp Facebook page.

MacKenzie Camp extends SINCERE THANKS
to those who made our 2025 camping
season possible with camperships, grants,
and donations:

Bobcat of Vernon • Cobs Bread, Vernon •
Dulux Paints, Vernon • Doug Lammle & the
amazing crew of 36 Golfers • Enderby Lions
Club • IODE Lamby's Landing, Enderby •
Mabel Lake Westside Association • Splatsin
First Nation • Mara Community Church •
Mountainview Electric, Enderby • Royal
Canadian Legion, Enderby • Santa's
Workshop, Enderby • Friends of MacKenzie
Camp, Enderby • Salmon Arm United Men's
Club • Sicamous United Church • Indigenous
Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation
Council (ISPARC) • Trinity United Church,
Vernon • Winfield United Church • Tk'emlups
First Nation • Zion United Church & the Zion
Men's Group

Plus the many, many folks who sponsored
children, supported our Dinner Theatre,
golfers, and MacKenzie Concerto, and so
generously contributed their time, energy,
and skills to camp operations.

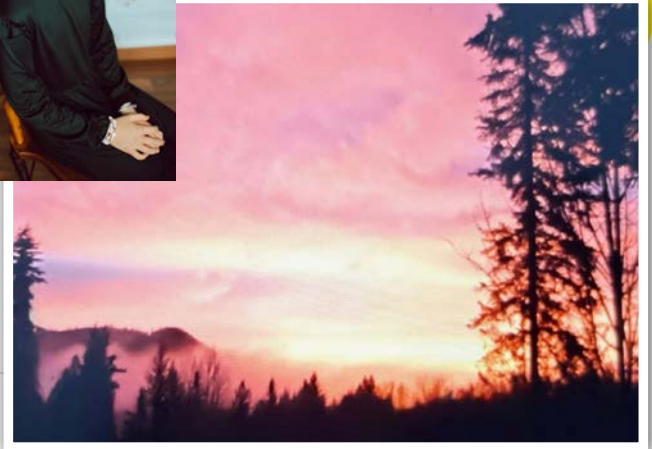
PHOTO CONTEST



We encourage you to send a photo that highlights some aspect of life in Kingfisher: past or present, at the hall, school, outdoors, the lake, river or any other local site.



View from
my backyard,
Emrie Clark



Lake view,
Lynn Rosman



This is an
'ice water
fall' recently
formed on
Lorraine
Creek.
Cheers,
Jan Lacko



Nature's Bounty series,
Brenda Heywood

Submitted by:
Denis Delisle

The Secwepemc language name one of the prominent places in the valley.

The Enderby Cliffs will now be called, Tplaqin (pronounced "t-bla-queen") means "cliffs" specifically referring to the iconic Enderby Cliffs, a significant cultural site for the Splotsin First Nation.

BC Parks is working with the Splotsin to officially rename Enderby Cliffs Park to Tplaqin/Enderby Cliffs Park, recognizing its deep spiritual and historical importance to the local First People, who have long called it by this name.

..and this is from the RDNO:
Regional District of North Okanagan
Electoral Area "F" Parks Development Cost Charges.

The shared Fortune Parks, Recreation and Culture Service was originally established in 2000 between Electoral Area "F" and the City of Enderby. In 2018, the service was re-structured to include a reduced scope of shared services, and control of local parks in Electoral Area "F" was fully transferred to the RDNO, through a new Electoral Area "F" Parks and Culture Service.

Currently, new development in the City of Enderby and Electoral Area "F" is still subject to shared park DCCs through the Fortune Parks, Recreation and Culture Service DCCs. The original project list to be funded by Development Cost Charges (DCCs) is outdated and reflects the old Fortune Parks Service prior to re-structuring. Staff are proposing a new Electoral Area "F" Parks Development Cost. Staff is also proposing that the Fortune Parks shared DCC be amended by reducing shared DCC rates to \$0 (zero). The Province passed new legislation in 2023 which introduced Amenity Cost Charges (ACC) as "a new development finance tool that allows local governments to collect funds for amenities, such as community centres, recreation centres, daycares and libraries from new development that results in increased population.

The proposed ACC would be used to fund additional infrastructure related to growth, that is not already eligible for funding through the Development Cost Charges (DCC) program, including new sport courts and a new ball diamond.

Have a Happy, Healthy 2026

KARATE

KINGFISHER COMMUNITY HALL

CLASSES FOR KIDS: 7-11 yrs | Sat, 10:45 - 11:30 am

ADULT CLASS, ages for 12 and up
Wednesday, 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Saturday, 9 - 10:30 am

FREE CLASS: Monday, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Open dojo for everyone including the curious. Come when you can and leave when you must.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:
Shihan Terry at 250-540-9028
or email at kingfisherdojo@gmail.com

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DROP IN PICKLEBALL

KINGFISHER COMMUNITY HALL



PICKLEBALL

**~ now playing inside the
Community Hall ~**

**MONDAY,
WEDNESDAY
& FRIDAY
9-11AM**

BABY WELCOME FUND UPDATE



The Baby Welcome Fund was established in 2022 through a generous donation from former Kingfisher residents. Funds are managed by the Community Society in a separate account from Society's operating budget.

The fund provides one-time financial support to parents of infants from Kingfisher. The family must reside in Kingfisher and may apply for the funds after the birth or any time during the child's first year.

In addition, the Kingfisher Quilters group have created baby quilts for each of new babies.

Parents can get an application form from a Director.

MABEL LAKE

Farms

33 Kingfisher Rd • (250) 838-6248

Very Berry Cafe • Farm Fresh Goods
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Its that time of the year again ...

**For Snow Plowing call Ryan
T: 250-838-6248**



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

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 (\$100) or 6 months or less (\$50)
 Payment required **prior** to ad
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Payment Options

E-transfer:
kingfisher3337@gmail.com
 Include name and what it is for in
 comment box.

Cheques can be mailed to
 Sherry Saunby
 74 Lusk Lake Rd, Enderby
 V4Y 4L4

Make cheque payable to
 Kingfisher Community Society.
 Include what it is for in the
 memo line.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS - SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY!

FAMILY RATES: \$30.00 SINGLE: \$20.00

Contact Sherry Saunby

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MAIL: Sherry Saunby

74 Lusk Lake Road East, Enderby, V4Y 4L4
 (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 (SUMMER ONLY)
 10am - Noon

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

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.