

The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

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Colin Cogswell

**WE ♥ OUR
VOLUNTEERS**

Hi everyone, I'm Colin Cogswell, and I'm excited to join KCS board's maintenance team. I've lived in the Kingfisher area for the past five years and wanted to contribute. I enjoy solving problems, thinking outside the box, and finding creative ways to make things happen.

A little about me.. I'm originally from New Brunswick. At 22, I headed west with plans to make it to British Columbia... but ran out of gas in Calgary, so I stayed there for ten years. I had recently finished my training as a Red Seal Chef and I picked up a lot of experience in managing restaurants while living there.

I later took an opportunity at an off-grid resort on the Shuswap, where I was chef for guests while also helping build treehouses, structures, power systems, and captaining the retired Phoebe Anne.

After the resort changed hands in 2017, I got into building and working on RVs, which has brought me to my current passion- running OKGN Property & RV Maintenance with my partner Teri.

I've always liked understanding how things work - how they come apart, how they go back together, and how to keep them running. I'm happy to pitch in wherever needed.. and if all else fails, I'll try turning it off and back on again.



sent from space



School NEWS

Contact

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We are pleased to announce the gym will be open for use on Friday May 1, 2026.

You are welcome to use the gym if you have:

- 2026 KCS membership
- completed waiver
- a drop in fee of \$2 for every visit...
- or a monthly fee of \$25.

Each participant is asked to sign in.



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY HALL FUND RAISER AUCTION

May 17 • 10am

June 21

FATHERS DAY EVENT



FARMERS MARKET

June 24 – August 26

Every Wednesday
10 am - noon

Contact Sherry Saunby
sjsaunby@telus.net



JUMBLE DANCE

July 4



STRAWBERRY TEA

Sunday, July 12



DANCE-JULY JIVE

July 25

Volunteers are needed for all of these events.

Please reach out to any one of the Directors
(contact info on back page) and we will find
the perfect role for you!



Thank you

Changes with the KCS Directors

This past month we have had 2 Directors leave our Board and a new Director step forward. Greg Clark, our Maintenance Director for the last many years will be missed at the meetings for his deep understanding of the hall and school buildings, the grounds and the history of our organization. He has done an amazing job of passing on much of his knowledge to Kowyn Hibbert who remains on the Board. We're glad to know that Greg is just up the road and we can call on him if needed.

Rhea Davidson was our Promotions Director for several years, managing the Facebook page, creating posters and promotional materials and working with other Directors to promote hall events. Rhea has also been an integral part of the Mothers Day event for several years and she has also brought new events to the hall including the Sound Bath, Clothes Swap, and Breathwork sessions.

Our thanks to Greg and Rhea for your service to our community.

Colin Cogswell joined the Board at the March AGM. Colin brings new skills and enthusiasm to our team. As an experienced chef, Colin was instrumental in our decisions with the kitchen renovation and procuring the major appliances. He will be working with Kowyn as a Maintenance Director and has already shared positive ideas for moving our organization forward.



THANK YOU KINGFISHER VOLUNTEERS

April is National Volunteer month to honor the volunteer efforts across our country. Our Community Hall has been operated by volunteers for many decades and was originally constructed by volunteer efforts and donated materials.

This tradition continues with a volunteer board of Directors and active members who reliably help and/or lead our events. Dozens of residents help out in other ways including donating items and food for Fundraising Events and events like the Strawberry Tea, setting up the hall for events including regular help from the Karate group, attending hall cleanup, assisting with clean up at events, putting away the chairs, learning to run the dishwasher, washing dishes the old fashion way, sweeping up. We notice the older children now stacking chairs, clearing tables and know that volunteerism is rubbing off on the next generation.

Please consider volunteering with us during our upcoming busy season. It is a great way to meet new people, share your skills and enrich community life.

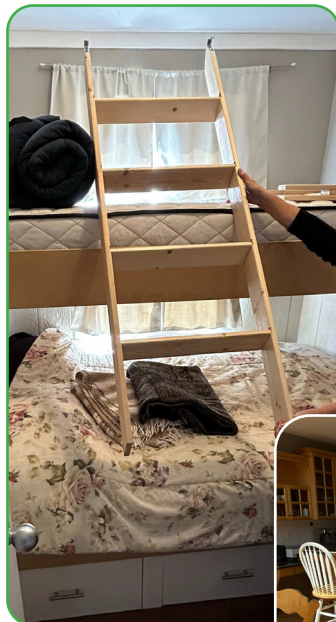
If you're interested or have questions, I, Laura Jameson, am available at chairpersonkingfisher@gmail.com or by phone 250 838 6379.



Gigantic Household Liquidation

May 17, 2026
10am

Kingfisher Hall
3337 Mabel Lake Rd, Enderby



Everything you can imagine is here.
**Come out for a drive and see
all the treasures.**



ELECTORAL AREA RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER FOR RDNO 2026 FIRESMART PROGRAMS

The Regional District of North Okanagan (RDNO) is encouraging residents in Electoral Areas B, C, D, E, and F to register for FireSmart assistance through the RDNO FireSmart Chipping Program and the RDNO FireSmart Home Assessment Program, now open for the 2026 season.

FireSmart is a national program that helps communities and homeowners reduce wildfire risk around their properties. By taking proactive steps—such as managing vegetation, reducing fuel sources, and improving property maintenance—residents can significantly increase their resilience to wildfire. FireSmart practices rely on shared responsibility among homeowners, neighbourhoods, and local governments to create safer, better-prepared communities.

FireSmart Chipping Program

The FireSmart Chipping Program supports residents in creating safer properties by providing free curbside chipping for tree branches, shrubs, and other woody debris. By removing excess vegetation and reducing fuel sources, homeowners can lower wildfire risk around their homes. This program is open to all residents in Electoral Areas B, C, D, E, and F from April 1 to October 31, 2026. Residents can register at www.rdno.ca/firesmart/chippingprogram. Please note: Limited dates are available - early registration is encouraged.

FireSmart Home Assessment Program

The FireSmart Home Assessment Program offers residents a free, personalized wildfire risk assessment of their property. A trained Wildfire Mitigation Specialist will visit the home, identify potential hazards, and provide practical recommendations to strengthen fire resilience. This program is open year-round to residents in Electoral Areas B, C, D, E, and F. Residents can register at www.rdno.ca/firesmart/homeassessment.

For more information about the FireSmart Chipping Program or the FireSmart Home Assessment Program, please visit www.rdno.ca/firesmart or contact the RDNO FireSmart Coordinator at firesmart@rdno.ca



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To Kingfisher Area Residents, (April 15, 2026)

I wanted to reach out and let you know that we will be resuming work on the Holiday Creek FSR in the next few weeks (approximate start date between April 20 to May 1st). We anticipate that the project will take around eight weeks to complete, depending on weather and operational progress. This is a continuation of the previous project done in the area and will be completed by the same logging contractor. There will also be tree planter and development contractors working in this area around the same time. If you have any questions, concerns or would like more information regarding the scope or timeline, you can reach out to either Kyle or myself.

*Beattie Road was recently maintained to remove most of the potholes and washboard areas. Hopefully **dust control** is in place before your workers' trucks and the logging trucks are traveling up and down it. This is an important part of the maintenance of Beattie in order to minimize dust and to reduce gravel loss and washboarding. It would be appreciated if you could help with this concern at this time. As the drier weather approaches, this will be a concern throughout the duration of your project. Sue Saloka - 233 Beattie Rd*

(April 21) We do not have jurisdiction over Beattie Road and therefore cannot do any kind of maintenance. We are following up with AIM however on dust control measures.

Kukwstsámc/Thank you,

Nicole Williams, ASFIT

Forester

Yucwmenlúcwu (Caretakers of the Land) LLP

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Kingfisher Zoning / OCP application change.

An amendment to the Official Community Plan (OCP) land use designation and zoning of the property located at 3315 Enderby Mabel Lake Road, Electoral Area "F". The applicant has applied to amend the OCP land use designation of a portion of the subject property from Non-Urban to Commercial and to amend the zoning from Non-Urban (N.U) and Service Commercial (C.4) to Recreation Commercial (C.5). If approved, the applicant proposes to develop a 127 site campground.

The site plan indicates that the development would include 127 recreational vehicle camping sites, a recreation center, and a storage compound for trailers, boats, and vehicles. The development would be accessed from Enderby Mabel Lake Road and is proposed to be serviced by an on-site septic system and an on-site well.



RDNO CONTACTS

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Planning Department Manager:

Rob Smailes

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Comment Form concerning the proposed development can be found on the RDNO website.

Whether you are against, for, or somewhere in the middle, this is your opportunity to let RDNO know what you think.

The form can be mailed, or scanned and sent by email (publichearing@rdno.ca), or dropped off at the RDNO office. Mailing details on the form.

KARATE KINGFISHER COMMUNITY HALL



Here are the Kingfisher Karate students who all tested successfully for their new belts. The grading was held on April 15.

Classes continue - Monday's, Wednesday's and Saturday's at the Community Hall.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

Shihan Terry at 250-540-9028
or email at kingfisherdojo@gmail.com



KINGFISHER

Interpretive Centre

2550 Mabel Lake Rd, Enderby, BC
T: 250-838-0004

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PLEASE NOTE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING POSTPONED

The Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society's Annual General Meeting has been postponed due to circumstances beyond our control.

We appreciate your understanding as the Board of Directors works to confirm a new date. Updated information will be shared as soon as it is available. Please check our website and social media channels for updates.

START YOUR SEASON WITH SALMON

Let's kick things off with a salmon story that goes way back—millions of years back, in fact!

Fossil discoveries of ancient “spike-toothed” salmon show that these incredible fish have been around for up to 12 million years. Imagine salmon as big as a small boat—up to 9 feet long and over 400 pounds! According to the University of Oregon, these ancient giants were actually filter feeders, gently sifting plankton and tiny prey from the water through their gills.

Fast forward to today, and things look a little different at the Kingfisher Centre. Our young salmon are about 40 mm long (tiny but mighty!) and eat more like little hunters, actively feeding rather than filtering. Watching them grow and change is part of the magic we get to share every season.

Want to be part of that magic? We are welcoming volunteers this year to help feed our community's salmon! If that sounds like something you'd enjoy, give Shona a call at 250-838-0004—and don't worry, we supply the food.

As spring settles in and the days get warmer, it's the perfect time to get outside and reconnect with the forest and river. Our trails are open during daylight hours, and we'd love to see you out enjoying them.

A couple of friendly reminders while you visit: Please keep pets on a leash, especially as we welcome school groups almost every day. Be sure to pick up after your pets and pack everything out with you.

We don't have regular garbage pickup, and those “left-behind” bags can quickly become... less than pleasant.

We're looking forward to a season full of learning, fresh air, and salmon stories—hope to see you at the river!

JOB OPPORTUNITY: SITE OPERATOR

Kingfisher Interpretive Centre Society (KICS)

Outdoor Education • Salmonid Enhancement • Watershed Stewardship

KICS is seeking a hands-on Site Operator to maintain our hatchery, facilities, and grounds. This role supports daily operations, site safety, and salmonid enhancement work in a dynamic outdoor setting.

Role Overview

- Maintain buildings, grounds, and equipment
- Ensure hatchery systems function properly
- Ensure overall site safety
- Complete minor repairs and routine upkeep
- Coordinate contractors and support volunteers
- Assist with program setup and site operations
- Track maintenance needs and basic reporting
- Prepare budget reports and supply requests
- Develop standard operating procedures and manuals

Seasonal Hours (Year-Round):

- Apr–Oct: up to 30 hrs/week
- Nov–Mar: up to 15 hrs/week

Qualifications

- Experience with general maintenance (carpentry, equipment, basic plumbing)
- Organized, self-directed, and a practical problem-solver
- Experience working with contractors, tools, and site operations
- Valid driver's license and access to a suitable vehicle (for hauling supplies/dump runs)
- Basic computer skills
- Ability to obtain a criminal record check

Why Join KICS?

- Work in a unique natural setting
- Support salmon and watershed stewardship
- Be part of a small, mission-driven team

Apply by May 21, 2026

For more information or to apply:

Email: kingfisherinterpretivecentre@gmail.com
or drop off resume at the site

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**OPENING DAY
July 1st**

SAVE THE DATE

Dance • July 4 | Car Show • July 25
Dance • August 1
Baxter Music Festival August 7-8



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

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Maintenance Director: Colin Cogswell.....778-908-1480
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 Sherry Saunby
 74 Lusk Lake Rd, Enderby
 V4Y 4L4

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS - SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY!

FAMILY RATES: \$30.00 SINGLE: \$20.00

Contact Sherry Saunby

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 (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:
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 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.