
The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

... a publication of the Kingfisher Community Society

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KingfisherCommunitySociety



I am looking forward to working on the KCS Board. The volunteers in our community are amazing as we work together for functions. The KCS Board members are a group of individuals with diversified backgrounds and give much to make this community world go around out here! People reach out to each other as locals & visitors alike!

I am newly retired from teaching & enjoy collaborating with others. My husband, Russ is also retired. We have owned land here for over 22 years & feel blessed to be surrounded by such beauty. We enjoy the golf course, pickleball courts, walks in nature, lake, boating & the friendly environment.

Looking forward to serving on the KCS Board. 😊

**WE ♥ OUR
VOLUNTEERS**

We are pleased to announce Donna as
a newly appointed KCS Director.

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**We welcome any
suggestions, public
notice announcements,
community events, ect**

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.



Order: KFC2026-010

File: FOR-14340-30/2026

BC WILDFIRE SERVICE
EQUIPMENT and ACTIVITIES PROHIBITION ORDER

Under section 12(1) of the *Wildfire Act*, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me by the Minister of Forests, I, Jennifer Young, Deputy Fire Centre Manager, hereby **PROHIBIT** within the area described below, the following activities, and the use of the following activities, equipment, materials and substances because I consider that they are likely to cause or contribute to the spread of a fire:

- The operation of any Off-Road Vehicle (ORV), for recreational purposes on Crown land, as defined in the *Off-Road Vehicle Act* and further prescribed in section 2(a) all-terrain vehicles, (b) motorcycles and (c) off-road side-by-side vehicles, of the *Off-Road Vehicle Regulation*, with the exception of (d) snowmobiles and (e) on-highway motor vehicles.
- Air curtain burners
- Carbonizers
- Binary exploding targets
- Fireworks, as defined in the *Fireworks Act* of BC
- Burn barrels or burn cages of any size or description
- Controlled air incinerators
- Sky lanterns
- Wood fired hot tubs, wood fired pizza ovens and other wood fired devices unless vented through a structure that has a flue and is incorporated in a building.

This Order takes effect at 12:00 noon Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on August 10, 2026 and remains in force until the earlier of 12:00 noon Pacific Daylight Time (PDT) on October 9, 2026 or until the Order is rescinded.

The prohibition specific to Off-Road Vehicles does not apply to private land. The ORV prohibition does not apply to agriculture, emergency responders or commercial/industrial users who operate ORVs for farming, emergency response or business purposes. The ORV prohibition also does not apply to individuals who are customers of and remain in the presence of a commercial/industrial user operating an ORV for business purposes.

Corn Roast a big success

The Corn Roast on August 22 featured amazing corn, chili and potluck contributions from the 120 people who attended. In spite of the uncertain weather, the crowd sat outside, enjoying the evening and visiting with old and new friends.

The event was led by Alana Brookes and Carla Fellows with the Beattie road crew and assorted others who shucked the corn, set up tables and chairs and managed the clean up.

Alana told the story of the origin of the Corn Roast where 2 tractors and flat deck trailers collected the participants one driving along Mabel Lake Road and the other collecting folks from the Mabel Lake area. She also talked about the importance of volunteers and encouraged folks to pitch in and help clear plates and learn about the new kitchen set up.

Thanks to the Schalin family for generously donating the corn once again (a new variety that is not to be missed).

Carla Fellows generously donated the beef for the chili.

Next up is the Harvest Dinner in October!



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SAVE THE DATE

KINGFISHER HALL PRESENTS

Potluck
HARVEST
Dinner

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED



Classes beginning September 12

ADULTS-13 PLUS

Wednesday: 7 pm

Saturday: 9 am

KIDS 9-12 YEARS

Saturday: 11 am

For info call 250-540-9028.



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE NOTE

- 1 Someone has failed to return the key to the lockbox ... please return.
- 2 The large induction pot (expensive to replace), and some Kitchen Aprons have been removed from the Hall... please return.



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KINGFISHER Interpretive Centre

KICS Summer Summary

As summer winds down, we would like to thank all of our visitors for stopping by the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre and for their interest in learning about salmon, the Shuswap River watershed, and the natural world around us. We have enjoyed another summer of sharing knowledge, answering questions, and connecting people with this special place.

We are especially excited to see the adult salmon returning to the river. These incredible fish have travelled approximately 650 km from the ocean, without eating, to return to the place of their birth and complete their life cycle.

Our summer programming has been a success, and we are grateful to all of our special presenters, volunteers, and summer staff who helped make it possible. Their time, knowledge, enthusiasm, and hard work helped create a welcoming and engaging experience for our visitors. In September, we will begin welcoming school groups for our salmon-themed field trips. Students will have the opportunity to learn from salmon through hands-on activities and experiences that bring the salmon life cycle and watershed to life.

A friendly reminder that the Centre buildings and surrounding area will be used by the government for salmon research throughout September and October. Beach access will remain available; however, the research camp and equipment will be off limits to visitors while the work is underway. We appreciate your cooperation in giving the research team the space they need to carry out this important work.

Please visit our website for details about our Salmon Open House on Saturday, October 10. We hope you will join us to learn more about the salmon returning to the Shuswap River.



**My family will be hosting
an event on
October 10th from 1-4
at the Kingfisher Community
Hall to celebrate the
80th Birthday of
Beverley Brookes.**

A Kingfisher Style High Tea
open to the community.

Get dressed in your best
(it's Kingfisher style so your
best jeans are appropriate)
and join us in celebrating
Bev.

No gifts please but a birthday
card is always appreciated.

Refreshments and light
snacks will be provided.



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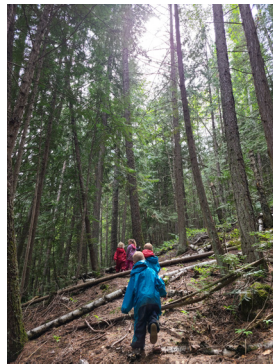
Hello,

I thought the community might like to know that there is a new Child Care centre opening up to Full and Part time, year-long child care this September. The centre had previously been a Nature Preschool, with survival classes for school aged children in the afternoons as well. The same nature-based, forest pre-school curriculum will be taught in the daycare. The centre is located on the owner's (Kate Vigue) home farm and classes take frequent field trips into the farm and forest.

Kate Vigue (me) moved here in 2020 from West Kelowna, where she taught Forest school preschool in a regional park, in partnership with the Regional District. With 16 years of child care experience and a deep love of the wild world, this child care centre is her dream come true.

Perhaps community members in Kingfisher would be interested to know that there is a new centre that not only offers full time child care, but where their values of outdoorsmanship and the love and stewardship of nature is mirrored.

Warmly,
Ms. Kate Vigue, Stem Early Learning Centre
stem.earlylearningcentre@gmail.com
T: 250-868-2971



PLEASE NOTE

Election Day is On October 17 2026 for the Area F Regional District Director position. Area F Includes Kingfisher, Ashton Creek, Grindrod, Mara, North Enderby, Splat sin and Twin Lakes Areas.

For the past 4 years, the Area Director has been Allysa Hopkins who was the only candidate and was therefore acclaimed to the position.

Nominations for the position are available at the RDNO office and also at Enderby City Hall. Nomination packages will be accepted until 4:00 pm Friday September 11, See RDNO.ca for details.

To be eligible to vote, you must be 18 yrs or older and a resident or registered property owner for at least 30 days prior to the election.

Every vote counts and can affect future local decisions including zoning, land use, services, support for our hall and school, recreation facilities.

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Kingfisher Locals & Business Owners:

Help shape what comes next for Kingfisher School!



There are several options to share your input:

Option 1: Visit the Community Futures team at the Kingfisher Farmers Markets and share your input for the future of the Kingfisher School. Here are the dates we will be at the Market:

YOUR
OPINION
MATTERS

July
22

July
29

August
5

Option 2: The Kingfisher School survey will be mailed to Area Residents in July - watch for yours in the mail & fill it out!

You can return your completed survey to the Community Futures team at the Kingfisher Farmers Markets, mail it to the RDNO, complete the survey online using your code (rdno.ca/kingfisher-school-planning-survey), or email it to communityservices@rdno.ca.

PLEASE NOTE

The Kingfisher Hall and Kingfisher School facilities are both available to rent for family birthdays, weddings, parties, workshops, or ongoing sessions. - Subject to availability -

Inquiries: Joan; turnerr1@telus.net or Laurie; lauriebaines96@gmail.com

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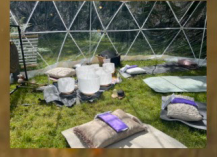
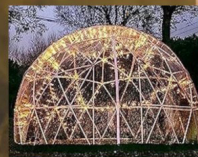
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✦ BreathWork

✦ Guided Meditation

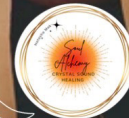
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WATER BOMBING IN THE EARLY DAYS

Submitted by Murray MacDonald

Water bombers are much in the news and our thoughts these days. We marvel at their acrobatic feats and praise the skill of the pilots and crew. Everyone has a story about them by now. Glen Ritchie, whose family cabin dates from the earliest days of Dolly Varden Beach, told us this story.

In 1961, a wildfire was burning on Hunters Range. The fire crew, mostly local loggers, were aided in their suppression efforts by a water bomber operating from the airstrip at Mabel Lake. The bomber was a World War One era bi-plane. It could carry 250 gallons of water. (Modern Canadairs carry 7000 liters).

Despite the nearby wildfire, young folks were still enjoying their summer at Mabel Lake. Lots of swimming, hanging out with friends and sitting around campfires. On this particular night, Glen remembers, there were many campfires on the beach. No one thought much when they heard the buzz of an approaching airplane. Probably just the biplane returning. No one thought much as the sound grew louder and louder, until, they realized this plane wasn't coming in the usual way. Too late, they realized the pilot had banked the plane and was flying low, right above the beach. Frantically, the partiers scattered as the plane opened up and dumped its entire water load, extinguishing all the campfires up and down the beach.

Party's over kids. Off to bed!



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

FAMILY RATES: \$30
SINGLE: \$20

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Open Summer Only: Wednesday 10am - Noon