

The Kingfisher

The Community's Newsletter

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**Two Elections.
Two Ballots. Don't
Miss Your Local
Vote on Oct.17**

Municipal Election Saturday October 17

*Kingfisher and Mabel Lake
residents and property owners
are eligible to vote for the Area F
Director on Saturday October 17.*

This position represents the rural area surrounding Enderby and includes Kingfisher, Mabel Lake, Ashton Creek, Grindrod, Grandview Bench, Mara, and part of Splatsin.

The Area F Director is a member of the Regional District of the North Okanagan which includes 5 Area Directors representing the rural regions and 9 Directors from the elected Councils for Lumby, Coldstream, Vernon, Spallumcheen, Armstrong and Enderby.

The term of office is 4 years. Two candidates are running for Area F: Alyssa Hopkins (current Director) and Lori Heins.

To be eligible to vote, you must be:

- 18 years old or older and a Canadian citizen;
- A resident of B.C. for at least the past 6 months and a resident of Electoral Area F f or at least 30 days; or
- A registered property owner in the area (minimum 30 days immediately before October 17)

Be sure to bring 2 pieces of ID: which together include a signature, your address and proof of your identity.
For more details contact RDNO.

ELECTORAL AREA "F"

(RURAL ENDERBY)

GENERAL VOTING DAY:

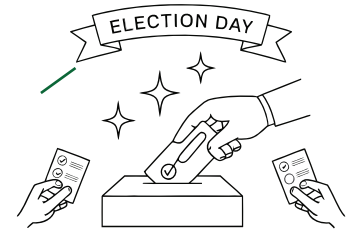
October 17, 2026 | Enderby & District Senior Citizens Complex
8:00 am to 8:00 pm | 1101 George Street, Enderby, BC

ADVANCE VOTING:

October 7, 14 and 15, 2026

8:00 am to 8:00 pm | 9848 Aberdeen Road
Regional District of North Okanagan | Coldstream, BC V1B 2K9

[https://www.rdno.ca/our-communities/rdno-news/
notice-election-voting](https://www.rdno.ca/our-communities/rdno-news/notice-election-voting)



**Provincial
Election
October 24th**

**Provincial Election
voting on October 24th
at Kingfisher School,
polls open from 8 am to 8 pm.**

PLEASE NOTE

<https://elections.bc.ca/2026-provincial-election/ways-to-vote/>



Harvest Dinner - October 24th

Once again, the Harvest Potluck Dinner will be held at the hall. This event is an occasion to share the fall harvest from your garden, make your favorite dish to share and gather with your neighbours.

The event's history is difficult to track down but we know it is at least a 20-year tradition and the early years included donated meat from the Fink trout and deer farm.

We encourage you to bring your whole family and if you know of newcomers to community, please encourage them to attend.

Doors open at 5 pm.

Dinner between 5:30 and 6:00pm.

If you'd like to help with the planning and organizing, contact Laura Jameson at 250-838-6379 or chairpersonkingfisher@gmail.com

SHOUT OUT TO OUR AMAZING VOLUNTEERS!

WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS



Thank you

to Sherry Saunby for making the Market such a success!

Most Farmers' Markets are organized by either one of the vendors or a paid manager. For our Market this summer, Sherry Saunby, our Membership Director and Librarian, took over the Market Manager role!

Sherry cultivated relationships with the vendors & our market grew. This made for busy Wednesdays as the library was also open and it was a big day for selling memberships, which Sherry also managed!

Fortunately, Lynn Stuart and Sue Leavitt were often on hand to help out at the library.

We really are thankful for our volunteers.



Article Supplied by Electoral Area F | Rural Enderby: Allysa Hopkins, Director & Vice Chair, Regional District of North Okanagan

As we approach the end of this four-year term, I want to reflect on some of the work happening across Electoral Area F and, most importantly, to say thank you. Serving our rural communities has reinforced something I have always believed: we accomplish more when we work together. These projects would not have been possible without our community associations, volunteers, residents, RDNO staff and strong partnerships with Splat-sin, the City of Enderby and other levels of government.

Kingfisher & Mabel Lake

Here in Kingfisher and Mabel Lake, several important projects have moved forward.

The Kingfisher Community Hall received \$74,000 in Community Works funding for kitchen, electrical and plumbing improvements and new high-efficiency appliances. An additional \$50,000 has been budgeted for improvements to the Kingfisher School building, helping preserve another important community asset.

At the Mabel Lake boat launch, \$40,000 supported improvements to the pedestrian ramp and an extension that effectively doubled available docking space. The MAKERS Society and local volunteers helped make those dollars go even further. A special thank you to Dave Hennesey, Doug Clark and everyone who contributed their time and expertise. Important investments have also been made in infrastructure we may not always see. The Mabel Lake Water and Sewer Utility Capacity Studies were 90% grant-funded and will help guide responsible long-term infrastructure planning. New backup generation equipment for the Mabel Lake Sewer Utility will help maintain service during power outages while reducing risks to Mabel Lake.

Investing Across Electoral Area F

Across Area F, we have continued investing in recreation, community facilities and essential infrastructure.

At Grindrod Park, improvements have included major upgrades to the ball diamond, parking and park infrastructure, with the current phase adding a paved pump track, multi-use sports court, timber-frame gazebo, picnic area and shade trees.

Our community halls have also benefited. Grandview Bench Community Hall received \$50,000 for a replacement drinking-water well, while Mara Community Hall received \$50,000 for water-system and audiovisual improvements.

At Riverside Community Hall, \$38,000 supported building, water-system and safety improvements, while another \$50,000 helped create a new multi-use pickleball and basketball court. Community members contributed approximately \$14,000 in-kind, turning it into an approximately \$64,000 recreation asset.

At Putula Park, \$360,000 in Community Works funding is supporting a new multi-season outdoor skating rink, along with plans for a community gathering area and warm-weather recreation.

We have also strengthened the Grindrod Water Utility through infrastructure upgrades and backup power to help maintain reliable drinking water during outages.

Leveraging Funding & Building Partnerships

One of our priorities has been leveraging outside funding and building partnerships so we can accomplish more with our local resources.

The new Enderby Outdoor Pool is a great example. Electoral Area F contributed \$587,399 from the Canada Community-Building Fund toward the \$10.575-million project, made possible through collaboration between Area F, the City of Enderby and other funding partners.

The Splat-sin te Secwépemc / Shuswap North Okanagan Rail Trail also reached an exciting milestone this summer, with 40 continuous kilometres completed from Sicamous through Mara and Grindrod to just south of Enderby. Strong partnerships and leveraged funding are helping create a wonderful new way to connect and explore our communities.

Partnerships can also create opportunities for our youth. After Hours Hoops brings young people from Area F, Splat-sin and the City of Enderby together through basketball, with each community contributing \$15,000.

Looking ahead, the Electoral Area F Parks and Culture Master Plan provides a 10-year roadmap for future investment in parks, recreation and community facilities. Hundreds of residents helped shape the plan and the priorities it represents.

Thank You

There are many more projects and initiatives from these past four years, but none happen because of one person. They happen because people care about their communities.

To our community associations, volunteers, residents, RDNO staff and the many organizations and funding partners who have worked alongside us, thank you.

Thank you for bringing forward ideas, volunteering your time, participating in community planning and helping find solutions. I am incredibly grateful for the partnerships we have built and for what we have accomplished together throughout Electoral Area F. There will always be more work to do, but I believe the strongest foundation for our future is the one we continue to build together, through good planning, strong partnerships, responsible investment and strong community involvement. We are stronger when we work together.

Please visit the official Electoral Area F Facebook page to stay up to date on local projects, community investments and Area F news.

<https://www.facebook.com/ElectoralAreaF?mibextid=wwXlfr&mibextid=wwXlfr>



Classes beginning September 12

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MABEL LAKE ROAD ISSUES

Concerns continue about the condition of Mabel Lake Road and the lack of a commitment for repairs and upgrades to the road. **There is a Facebook group titled FIX MABEL LAKE ROAD which provides information, including efforts made by members to get action on the repairs.**

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KINGFISHER Interpretive Centre

The Salmon are Coming Home

Submitted by Shona Bruce

Fall has arrived at Kingfisher. The air is clean, the river continues to flow and once again we are watching for one of nature's most incredibly journeys, the return of the Salmon.

After travelling hundreds of kilometers from the Pacific Ocean, these determined fish are making their way back to the waters where they were born. Their incredible sense of smell helps guide them home, making their return journey all the more remarkable.

The odds of making it home are incredibly small. Of the average 5,000 eggs laid by a Chinook, only two are expected to survive to spawn successfully. Every salmon that returns is something to celebrate.

Even those that don't make it home have an important role to play. Salmon provide food for more than 100 different species, returning nutrients to the ecosystem and connecting the ocean to our river and forests.

Salmon Open House – October 10, 2026

Do you want to learn more about these incredible fish and their amazing salmon super powers? **Join us at the Kingfisher Interpretive Centre on Saturday, October 10th from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon for an informal, public salmon information session. This is a free, family activity!**

Arrive early and share in a traditional Secwépemc experience!

Come ask questions, learn more about salmon, and, if conditions are right, enjoy an opportunity to view salmon in the river.

Hot beverages will be available. Come cheer on the salmon and celebrate their incredible journey home!

 2550 Mabel Lake Rd, Enderby, BC

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Long time Mabel Lake summer resident, Sheila M. Bateman passed away August 8, 2026.

At her request, donations have been made in her name to Kingfisher Community Society and Kingfisher Interpretive Centre.

Full obituary may be viewed at www.Mhfh.com/obituaries

COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK DRIVE

If you have any books, puzzles or board games you would like to donate to the Kingfisher library, please drop them off in the bin located at the library anytime,



OR

Arrange pick up by emailing

sjsaunby@telus.net



Pick up will be

OCT 3rd and 7th
from 12-2 pm





TIME FOR

Bev's 80th

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A KINGFISHER
STYLE HIGH TEA TO CELEBRATE THE 80TH
BIRTHDAY OF BEVERLEY BROOKES.

Saturday, October 10th

1:00 - 4:00 pm
Kingfisher Community Society
3337 Enderby Mabel Lake Road

*Light snacks & refreshments will
be provided.*

CALL OR TEXT TO RVSP

Allana Brookes / 778-212-3235

DRESS IN YOUR BEST (YOUR JEANS ARE
ACCEPTABLE, IT'S KINGFISHER STYLE).

NO GIFTS PLEASE BUT BIRTHDAY CARDS ARE
ALWAYS APPRECIATED.





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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From the Kingfisher Board

Kingfisher Hall is more than a building—it is a shared community resource and a welcoming gathering place for everyone. It provides a space for members, volunteers and the wider community to come together, connect, contribute and enjoy.

To help care for and protect the Hall, the same rental requirements apply to all users, including long-standing residents, members and volunteers. Consistent requirements support fairness, provide clarity for everyone and help ensure that the Hall remains well maintained and available for future use.

The Hall's success depends on all of us. By taking pride in it, supporting it where we can, volunteering when possible and treating it with the same care and respect we would give our own home, we can help ensure that Kingfisher Hall remains a welcoming and valued part of our community for years to come.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

FAMILY RATES: \$30
SINGLE: \$20

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We welcome
any

suggestions, public
notice announcements,
community events, ect

Email photos, ad inquiries & news
to Newsletter Director, Donna
drmurray@telus.net
Deadline is the 18th of each month.