

## INFORMATION REPORT

**DATE:** December 9, 2019  
**SUBJECT:** Mayor's Monthly Report  
**FROM:** Mayor Zeleznik

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### Meetings:

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** -Attended a municipal roundtable meeting in New Denver council chambers with councilor Miller, DeSandoli, Mayor Casley, and New Denver council along with MLA Katrine Conroy and the Honorable George Heyman, but due to plane delay Minister of the Environment could not attend.

Discussed concerns/questions for our community:

- a) Why the **Caribou Core, Matrix and Herd Boundary Linework** – unannounced release by web posting in October 2019. Why the 25% increase in the Core habitat and 57% increase in the Matrix Habitat since the Central Selkirk herd is declining to now 24 Caribou? What does this mean for our communities recreation, and forestry? What happened to the **Provincial Government Consultation that was promised to our community**

Provincial Caribou Recovery Engagement held in 16 community meetings throughout eastern BC in April 2019. Concerns repeatably expressed were:

- (a) need for **transparency to science behind recovery decisions** being made;
- (b) need for **community level socio-economic assessment** of recovery planning; and,
- (c) need for **community involvement in caribou recovery planning and recovery activities**

The increase of the Core and Matrix Habitat has expanded to areas where there have been no Caribou?? Core habitat is defined as the area that encompasses the annual range for a subpopulation. Core habitat provides enough suitable range to support the life history requirements of the subpopulation across all seasons and to allow for movements on the landscape over time in response to anthropogenic and natural habitat disturbance. Seasonal core habitat has the ecological attributes associated with the different seasonal ranges and supports most of the caribou life history requirements during that season. Summer core habitat encompasses areas used in spring, calving, post-calving, summer and rut. Winter core habitat encompasses areas used in winter. Core habitat is generally mapped at a broad scale and may encompass areas of non-habitat such as high elevation rock and ice.

Matrix habitat is defined as the area adjacent to core habitat that has periodic or low use by caribou but supports primary prey and associated predators that have the potential to affect the caribou subpopulation. Matrix habitat may include connectivity between suitable caribou

core habitats. Matrix habitat includes areas up to 30 km from core habitat and is based on winter range of primary prey, local knowledge of predator distribution and barriers to predator movement. Logical boundaries such as landscape features (e.g., large water bodies, glaciers, human settlement) were utilized.

- b) Also discussed the upcoming Columbia River treaty Meeting in Nakusp and Fauquier.
- c) Asked our Honorable Katrine Conroy to reach out to Hugh Eberle, District Manager, Transportation - West Kootenay District to arrange a meeting to discuss the washout on the old rail trail, the property damage to Dr Kelland's, and other properties that was caused by change in water flow direction since the new Highway was upgraded and water flow changed.

**d) The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure announced Thursday, Sept 5, 2019 that the Kicking Horse Canyon highway project is set to begin in the spring of 2020 and is expected to be completed in winter 2023/24.** Ministry is to work with **community stakeholders** to set closure times that could see the Trans-Canada Highway east of Golden rerouted for weeks at a time through Highways 93 and 95.



**Our community has not yet been consulted** by the Ministry of the closure obstacles that will affect our Nakusp and area. Asked our MLA Katrine Conroy during these closure days what happens to the traffic at our ferry terminal especially at Shelter Bay and Needles. Did state we will require during these closure times the ferries especially at Shelter Bay to be open 24 hours a day to handle the much more expected traffic delays through our area during these closures.

**November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Investment Ready Nakusp Committee Meeting** Discussion - OCP Update – Think about the Future Who is Nakusp and Why Does It Matter? Drive forward & lead – vision, policies, land use, industrial lands, ALR lands within the Village not usable. Tie into the Villages new OCP. Broadband Connection invaluable.

**November 27<sup>th</sup> Community Meeting - Attended the very important Columbia River Treaty Community Meeting with the committee panel.**



Since 1964 the Treaty has provided benefits for the Pacific Northwest region in the U.S. and in BC. **However, our Communities were the most impacted and neglected by the treaty over the years and have seen much disruption for the benefits of others since 1964. Although the rising waters flooded over 25,000 acres of**

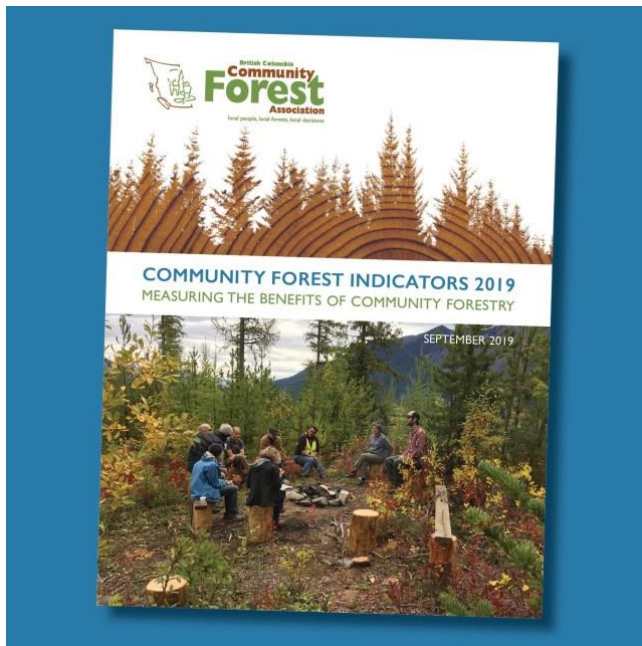
arable land and fourteen lakeshore communities, displacing more than 2000 people, the residents of the Arrow Lakes were not included in the decision making. Substantial sacrifices were made by residents during the creation of the dams and reservoirs, and impacts continue as a result of hydro operations.

Now is your chance to be heard - Please review these DRAFT recommendations - web link <https://akblg.ca/.../CRT%20LGC%20Recommendations%20DRAFT%20fo...> Provide your feedback at the address below or at this upcoming meeting. Comments on these recommendations must be in by the end of December 9th, 2019 to Cindy Pearce, our Executive Director at [cindypearce@telus.net](mailto:cindypearce@telus.net) or by mail to Box 2029, Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0.

Our local community representatives are Cedra Eichenauer, and Janet Spicer. RDCK Aimee Watson, director, will step aside for the Village of Nakusp to have a local government rep. Our local government RDCK rep will be Joseph Hughes, and would like the Mayor to be the alternate rep.

Once these recommendations are finalized, they will be submitted to the provincial and federal governments to contribute to the current negotiations to renew the CRT.

**November 27<sup>th</sup>** – Met with Kathy Smith who as of the end of September 2019 has officially stepped down as the President and director of NACFOR.



Kathy with her vast knowledge in forestry has been on the NACFOR board prior to its inception. Her involvement with the Community Forest movement began in 2002 and she is one of the remaining founding members. Kathy will still be available for the NACFOR board to answer questions and provide support along with working on some committees. The board/directors are all volunteers, and the duties include setting policies, shaping direction, making governance policy, committee appointments,, and that the board has the responsibility to oversee the conduct of the business of NACFOR and to guide and direct management, which is responsible for the

day-to-day conduct of business. The NACFOR board also considers the legitimate interests with others such as the main shareholder (Village of Nakusp), the community, contractors, and business organizations have in NACFOR. The board sets the guiding principals for NACFOR and all aspects of the corporation.

The Village as the main/only shareholder is typically not entitled to participate directly in corporate decision-making **except** for certain fundamental transactions or changes, such as changing the name of the corporation, selling the corporation or its assets, amending the articles of incorporation or changing restrictions on the corporation's activities. The Village Municipal government shareholder must be fully aware when elected officials serve as directors that they take on a particular risk that the arm's length relationship could be fettered, thus raising significant liability concerns. As the Village elected official representatives sitting as NACFOR board directors are appointed by council, and obligated to report to council/staff, the agenda, and minutes of business so that the shareholder and council are informed, thus removing the possible liability concerns.

**Coming to Nakusp in May 27 – 29, 2020 is the BC Community Forest Association BCCFA 17<sup>th</sup> annual Conference and AGM** website: <https://bccfa.ca/bccfa-2019-community-forest-indicators-report/> Measuring the Benefits of Community Forestry.

**Thank you, Kathy, for all you have contributed to make our own Community Forest NACFOR a strong asset for our community and area. Thank you to all the past and present volunteer NACFOR board/directors for their major contribution to our own invaluable community asset.**

**December 6 - Society for Nakusp Community Events SNCE put on again another successful “Celebration of Lites”. This a community volunteer group that also puts on the annual July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations. Please if wish to help with these annual events we would really appreciate your help as volunteers burn out.**

**For possible future events since the Village now owns Broadway street SNCE are looking at a possible “NAKUSP OCTORBER FEST” with local distributors including our new Valley of the Springs Winery and others, along with possibly a “Nakusp Mardi Gras” and “Nakusp Cinco De Mayo”**

**“Now you know why we will need help - and look at the enjoyment you will have volunteering”!!**



Respectfully submitted,

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Village of Nakusp