



## INFORMATION REPORT

**DATE:** August 10, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** Mayor's Monthly Report  
**FROM:** Mayor Zeleznik

**July 14<sup>th</sup>** - Installation of the Village of Nakusp's new 300-foot HDPE pipe floating breakwater. There was only one delay in trucking delivery of the pipes but were still able to finish on time as projected on July 17<sup>th</sup>, and on budget. I would like to thank Graham Marine Construction for the installation and organizing of this new long-time coming Phase 1 of the Village's breakwater, which will last my lifetime, along with Ingrid Strauss Manager, Special Projects Columbia River Treaty, with the helping with the costs of the engineering. Also, a BIG HUGE thanks to our very own non- profit Nakusp Launch Club Society for somehow continuing to keep our Marina/Breakwater together for the past 40 years on a shoestring budget. This volunteer non-profit society needs to be recognized what they do for our community, let alone the economics and tourism that this facility brings in.



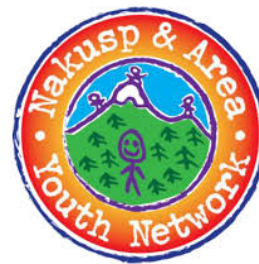
**July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020** - Discussion Guide and an invite to join a virtual conversation with other elected officials across the Basin on what we would like to see in the next 18 to 24 months, about the challenges and opportunities in the Columbia Basin with Trust staff. Given the extraordinary situation in the region, the Trust postponed its process to renew the Columbia Basin Management Plan Strategic Priorities, including public engagement and community meetings. They are now moving to develop a shorter-term plan to guide our activities for the next 18 to 24 months. We, as elected officials, were asked eight specific questions related to our community, the two I wish to share with you is;

**Identify the most significant challenge your community is facing now.**

This is a tough/impossible question to limit to one significant challenge for local government to answer because there are many challenges. For our community during this pandemic is to refocus safely to boost our economy, growth and help businesses and no-profit/volunteer groups. We require much help with infrastructure from Provincial/Federal governments along with an opportunity for CBT to be involved. The old model where basic infrastructure was the role of local government has evolved and increasingly local governments are being asked to be economic engines to drive their economies and create opportunity and incentive for businesses. This requires local governments to enter arenas they are new to, often not knowledgeable about and sadly lacking in the financial resources to achieve meaningful outcomes. CBT's original mandate was in the area of economic development and in supporting affected areas in a manner that would allow Local governments to compete with other areas of the province with more resources and which are not restricted geographically or economically challenged in the same manner we are. Our community challenges are not just one but many of equal proportion for economic viability. If required to pick one only, housing is a significant challenge we are facing.

**Identify the major challenge(s) that you expect will emerge in the coming six to twelve months.**

As elected officials the challenge will be to continue to keep our community safe and to find ways to support our businesses, individuals, and non-profit groups. Our municipal water must immediately expand our capacity, housing issues, doctor shortages, and economy. Other infrastructure that are reaching the end of its useful life, Powell creeks galvanized pipe that flows through our community is about to burst. The Village Breakwater/Marina and our cement surfacing wall along our walkway are deteriorating that our municipality cannot fund without help of BC Hydro, Columbia River Treaty, and the Province since the flooding our valley in 1967.



July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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**Follow Up Meeting on Youth, Art, & Community Forest**

**Invitation from Mayor Zeleznik, Nakusp Council, Nakusp and Area Youth Society, and Nakusp & Area Community Forest**

During our last meeting it was made clear that we have overlapping interests and challenges which we would both would like to begin exploring further.

**Agenda:**

**Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, Nakusp & Area Youth Society.**

Meet and greet with some of our Nakusp and Area Youth Society board members, Youth coordinator and local youth, Councillor Hughes, and Mayor Zeleznik.

Westbank First Nations attending; WFN ten Youth members, Chief Derickson, and Nicole Werstuik, Manager of Youth and Recreation and some council members. <https://nays.ca/contact-us/>  
Dinner - Due to social distancing moved the venue to the Leland Hotel our world-famous outdoor restaurant. Toured after dinner that evening the NAYS Green Door property and shared the similarities and partnerships that can/could be developed going forward.



**Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00am. Nakusp and District Community Complex**

Meet and greet and follow up on the other two items, WFN art and an information sharing session regarding our respective community forest licenses.

**Attending;** Nakusp Village Council, CAO, Mayor, Nakusp and Area Community Forest Manager, Hugh Watt, and Manager Frances Swan, RDCK area K Rep Alternate Teresa Weatherhead, Dave Madden of Madden Timber sent his regrets.

Westbank First Nations; Chief Derickson, Raf DeGuevara, Dave Gill, Manager of Nitityx Resources and Mic Werstuik, Business Development Officer for Ntityx Resources.

Ken Williams, of the Nakusp Arrow lakes Historical Society shared our history of the flooding in 1967 by BC Hydro which flooded over 25,000 acres of arable land and fourteen lakeshore communities, displacing approximately 2500 people. The Arrow Lakes residents were not included in the decision-making process.



**10:00am.** Tour of NACFOR/Village log yard and forecasted up and coming log chipping plant, and possible future location sites of a Sawmill that would Provide Environmental and Economic Benefits for a Community Forest. Nakusp and Area Community Forest Inc. (NACFOR) strives to balance economic, ecological, and social concerns in a manner that optimizes benefits for both the local and global community. Here lies an opportunity for up to seven or eight full-time equivalent jobs, which is about 3.3 jobs per 1,000 cubic metres (42,300 board feet). The industry average in B.C. is about .7 of a job per 1,000 cubic meters, one of the lowest averages in the world from a province that has some of the best quality softwood globally.” <https://nakuspcommunityforest.com/>



Links of Harrop Proctor sawmill , and wood chop Biomass heating

<http://hpcommunityforest.org/our-mill/>

<https://www.canadianbiomassmagazine.ca/forging-ahead-update-on-fink-enderbys-privately-owned-district-energy-system/>

**11:00am** Tour of Box Lake Lumber value added sawmill. Box Lake Lumber Products is one of North America’s largest manufacturers of cedar split rail fencing. Located in southern British Columbia, who ship all over North America and Europe. <http://www.boxlakelumber.com/>  
1325 Wilson Lake Rd. Nakusp BC.





**12:30 pm** Lunch at our Leland Hotel, our world-famous outdoor restaurant. The Historic Leland Hotel is designated to be the Oldest Operating Hotel in British Columbia. This charming boutique hotel has been consecutively run since it opened its doors in 1892. From here onto our most famous waterfront walkway to gather/discuss native art, similarities, opportunities, and upcoming seminars that the WFN wish to host in our community.

**August 7<sup>th</sup>** – Tour of the Phase V Arrowtarian senior citizen rotary villa with Rotary members, council and staff.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mayor Tom Zeleznik