

INFORMATION REPORT

DATE: November 9, 2020
SUBJECT: Mayor's Monthly Report
FROM: Mayor Zeleznik

October 19th – Campground committee meeting to discuss and decide on the nine requests for proposals for the Nakusp Municipal Campground Expansion Feasibility Study. After an exhausting time overlooking all the excellent RFPs, the committee picked LA West Associates, along with council's approval. The campground committee met Tuesday November 3rd on site to with Randy Visser, LA West Associates and did a walk through the site along with a fire mitigation member. Below is just a sketch of ideas only to help LA West with their design, that will continually change going forward.



October 20th – Letter received from the virtual meetings at UBCM with Minister Donaldson, Ministry of Forests.

Dear Mayor Tom Zeleznik and Council:

Thank you to your delegation for meeting with Minister Donaldson and other ministry representatives during this year's virtual Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention process. Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, we have had to develop new approaches and adaptations to many aspects of our everyday life. I thank your delegation for its flexibility with provincial appointments this year and I am pleased that our governments still had the chance to connect.

As Deputy Minister, I am pleased to acknowledge the topics raised during your conference call, which included: Crown land and value-added industries.

I understand that Nakusp would like to obtain the rights to utilize more Crown land. As requested, ministry staff will follow up with the Village of Nakusp to provide you with a better sense of the strategic direction behind Crown land use and availability.

Ministry staff will also follow up with the village regarding value-added manufacturing. The notion of strengthening the local forest sector by establishing a community forest agreement to specifically feed the value-added industry is an interesting and diversification idea.

John Allan, Deputy Minister

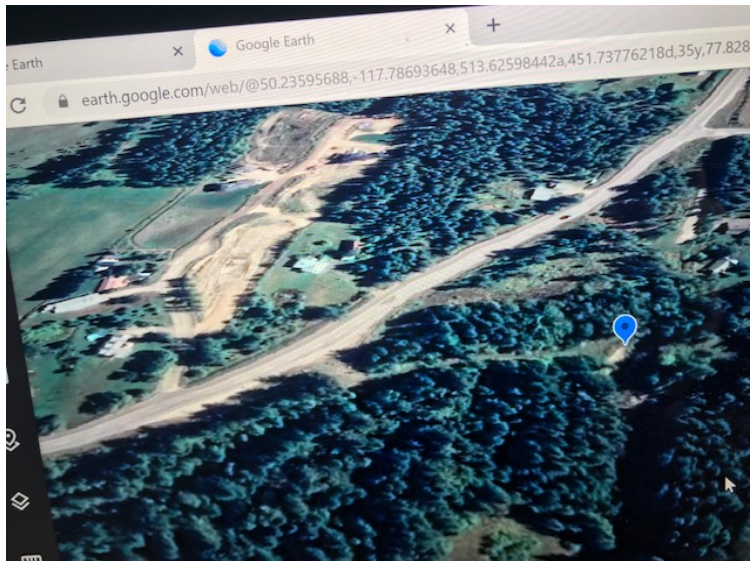
October 21st – Councillor DeSandoli and I met with Diane Shendruk Executive Director, Clinical Operations, Kootenay Boundary for a meet and greet session. Discussed many items related to our community, hospital, and comprehensive living plans for interior health which we needed clarification on. Stated in a follow up about stabilization of the emergency department that recruitment for registered nurses has begun. As Nakusp is a rural location recruitment can take some time. Hopefully this level of staffing will stabilize the emergency department will be rectified early in 2021.

October 22nd –



Council and staff met on site at the Community center with Richard Hunter, Architect AIBC to discuss a proposed addition to the center which could possibly include the moving of the village office to this specific site location. More research/cost analysis still to be done yet.

October 22nd – Rail Trail Wash-Out



Council, staff, members of local societies which included KASA, ATV, and Nakusp Trail society along with an unexpected guest, and Les Thiessen, of SNT ENGINEERING LTD met on site on the rail trail washout.

Les Thiessen went over the specific concerns we had and did respond to all of these. Also reviewed the upstream and lower channel to view the historic stability of it. Les thinks the slide initially occurred due to lack of maintenance (culverts plugging), and in his opinion a key part to mitigate future

liability of the works is to have an inspection and maintenance program in place. The engineering design is virtually no risk if properly maintained.

Council since then adopted a resolution on October 26th at last council meeting, that, in principal, to apply for a License of Occupation for the portion of the rail trail that only encompasses the washout. It is the Village's intent to enter into a legal agreement to assign a maintenance and management plan of this portion to the said societies who would form a stewardship committee. The slide areas are owned both by the Crown and the Ministry of Highways, advised that Council can cancel the License of occupation at any time if the stewardship maintenance agreement is not maintained. Hopefully in early 2021 KASA and other groups will begin the repairs under the guidance of SNT Engineering.

October 26th – Staff, Councillor Miller, and I met with Rocky Point Engineering who will be assessing the arena on a feasibility study for a Bio-mass wood waste heating system.

November 2nd – Virtual meeting with Municipal Resource Coalitions

Objective

The conference call objective was to proceed with convening the South Kootenay/Columbia-Shuswap caribou recovery municipal resource coalition, in preparation for local government meaningful engagement in decision-support for caribou recovery program planning, decision-making and recovery activities.

Mountain Caribou Recovery and Local Planning Units of Columbia-Shuswap and South Kootenays

2007 64.4% of mountain caribou herd area habitat in protected areas or managed for mountain caribou

2019 BC Section 11 & Partnership Agreements Public Engagement Sessions – March 21st to May 31st 2019

- What the public and stakeholders said:
 - Transparency to the science and socio-economic assessments (decision-support) behind decision-making
 - Meaningful community engagement in caribou recovery planning and recovery activities in their communities
- How government responded:
 - Blair Lekstrom report
 - Signed and implemented agreements with no substantial changes

2019
(Oct.) BC Caribou Core and Matrix Habitat Mapping – provincial biologists further expand caribou habitat without consultation and release publicly and to the federal government, later removed from public servers.

- Increase in the total extent of BC (2019) mapping over the federal (2014) ranged from 335% (South Monashee) to -6% (South Selkirks), to more than 4 million ha, included 1.72 million ha of habitat where caribou no longer occur

2020 Herd Plans (BC Caribou Recovery Program)

- Herd Plans are the next priority for caribou recovery planning:
- No clear recovery targets
- Unknown probability of success
- No socio-economic impact analysis

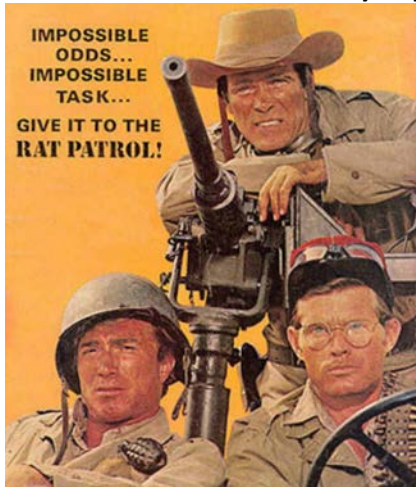
November 4th – Society for Nakusp Community Events SNCE meeting. December/Christmas Lite Up 2020



Decisions discussed on this year 2020 December/Christmas annual lite-up. Decorate Broadway as last year, Parade still in discussion what this may look like, do we do something similar as we did with July 1st but much smaller??? Stay tuned

November 5th – Attended the Arrow Lakes Caribou Society, ALCS AGM. Update to follow. Also, work has begun again on the Caribou pen above the Nakusp Hot Springs as the Ministry granted the go ahead to continue building the pen and would use when needed. (old saying; Build it and they will come)

Was much discussion recently of pesky rats reported in certain areas inside the Village.



The Village of Nakusp have recently posted a link on their web site to help residents who are unsure of how to rid the pesky rodents. Have reached out to New Denver Council to understand how they are succeeding with their rodent population. They started by purchasing brochures from WildSafeBC and direct mailing them to all property owners, which we will be doing also by distributing soon to our residents. They also created a dedicated webpage (in addition to their generic wildlife management web page) with relevant info at <https://newdenver.ca/wildlife-management/rodents/> to help share info with the public, that will also be on our website for linkage. If Council wishes, we could also several times a year run reminders in the local paper and include an insert with our tax notices reminding residents to remove attractants. New Denver also has a local "Rat Patrol" Facebook

group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/521326498683505/> that the Nakusp residents/community may wish to start. Would require community champions to take this on. Would not be affiliated with the Village – you would volunteer to track the eradication and have offer to assist with disposal if residents require.

Respectfully Submitted

Tom Zeleznik, Mayor