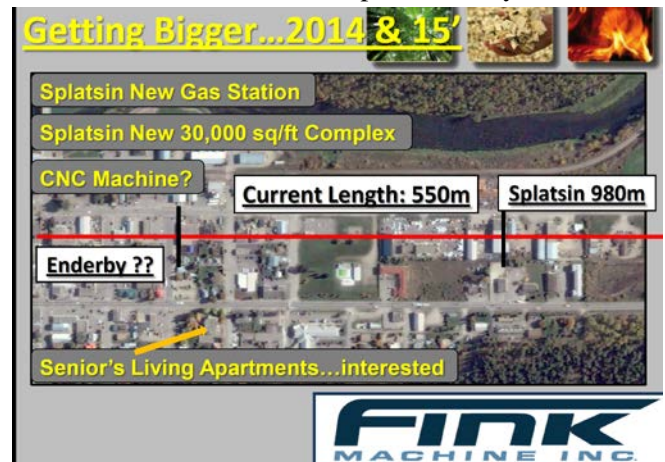


INFORMATION REPORT

DATE: December 14, 2020
SUBJECT: Mayor's Monthly Report
FROM: Mayor Zeleznik

November 13th – Campground committee meeting did a walk through the site along with the fire mitigation team as they began work in the municipal campground and park.

November 15th – Councillor Miller, David Dubois, of Fink Energy, and myself walked through the community center focusing on the arena heating system and looking at places to establish where to install a Bio-Mass wood waste green energy heating system that makes economic sense. Below pictures of a wood waste green energy district heating system in Enderby year 2015 and still expanding. The first system customer was the City of Enderby, who connected their outdoor pool to the system. Generation Source: Biomass –local sawmills, diverted wood waste and local businesses. Provides a practical way for local industrial wood by-products to be used.



November 16th–Attended the AGM of the Nakusp and Area Youth Society as new members have joined the board.

November 16th – Attended the NACFOR board meeting, discussing the budget and committees, one of the committees is to establish a working group to look at the feasibility study of a value-added sawmill for the community. Madden Timber and I will sit on this committee. Price of lumber has doubled in cost recently at the hardware stores, good time to invest in our own local value-added forest industry, along with creating local employment.



November 18th – Virtual RDCK Joint Resource Recovery meeting. Focus on the upcoming budget and discussion on new fees. One being the increase of the one bag charge of \$2.50 increasing to a minimum two bag minimum of \$6.00 at a serviced scale, and \$3.00 per bag at a non-serviced scale. December 8, 9th attended more RRC meetings and because Nakusp has a scale asked for more consultation, discussion, frustration and what was recommend from my understanding is to allow 1 bag at \$3.00, 2nd bag is \$6.00. Over 2 bags now become a scaled weight with a minimum 6.25 scale weight. Tonnage weight to also increase, now is \$110/ton.

November 24th – Attended the Nakusp and Area Development Board AGM, along with councilor McLaren-Caux. At this time, the president or chair will be co-chaired by Margaret Driscoll and Corinne Tessier. The NADB also applied for the CBT grant to help local businesses during these pandemic times and have hired Jo Law. link [#ShopSmallNakusp](#)



December 7th – NADB meeting. The NADB board of Directors proposes to recruit a half time Executive Director who is energetic, skilled, and invested in the success of our area. Will be a one-year project for opportunities for new economic development projects that are abundant in all sectors and will be working in line with many of the existing village/rural projects.

November 25th – FairTrade meeting with three energetic NSS student and two community members including myself. Village Policy F:11 The Village of Nakusp will:

- Serve only FairTrade coffee and tea at any public meeting hosted by the village; and
- Sell only FairTrade coffee and tea at the Nakusp Hot Springs.
- **Fair trade**, defined simply, is when producers in developing countries are paid a fair price for their work, by companies in developed countries. It's when the price we pay for products gives enough to producers for them to afford life's essentials - like food, education and healthcare.

November 25th – Attended Investment Ready Nakusp meeting. The final funding from this Investment Ready funding will be used for the application fee to remove Village land adjacent to our airport from the ALR (\$1200).

Web designer hired to add a new main tab for 'investment' on the Village website, including the following suggested content/menu items:

1. Highlights of investing in the area 'Sell the Village' i.e. affordability, amenities, infrastructure, trend towards growth with young people arriving, school enrollment up, new schools opening, etc.
 2. Links to information documents relating to land development: OCP, zoning maps and permissions, land development by-laws, permissive by-laws, progressive tax development/ any new initiatives, process pathways, etc.
 3. Link to forms i.e. rezoning application, sub-division application, etc.
 4. Development package: CAO is developing this for potential owners/developers and will be graphically designed
 5. Short articles on various development topics (use those by James Kay and others)
 6. Links to other sites with individual investment opportunities i.e. real estate, Imagine Kootenay, Trade and invest BC
 7. Other relevant information related to investment that is determined through research
- Remainder of \$: Will be contributed equally towards

- RDCK planning services, to support the update of subdivision by-law and. (\$10,000)
- Towards our OCP zoning by-law preparation and user-friendly mapping. (\$10,000)

December 3rd – Held our first new Public Art Committee with Councillor DeSandoli chairing the committee.



December 4th – Society for Nakusp Community Events SNCE a volunteer group held the Nakusp's Christmas December Lite-up and was a success as merchants, businesses, homes, and Broadway was lit i up beautifully and could be seen from outer space!!! The village has now a new emergency airplane runway when required to land at night. Landing strip all lit up!

December 6th – Attended a campground committee meeting with the new hired consultant for the design concept update with LA West, Ray Visser. Discussion on action plan - feedback from Nakusp slo-pitch club society, along with a feasibility study, and later public consultation.

December 8th – Council, staff, and BA Planning went over the Village's final Official Community Plan, and hopefully coming to council in early January for a public hearing.

December 8th – Attended the RDCK West Resource Recovery Committee meeting to discuss the recent budget increases.

December 9th- Attended the RDCK Joint Resource Recovery Committee meeting.

Mayor's Message

Supporting our Community! During Christmas! and the upcoming winter months! "Shop Local"

Village Council and staff realize these are challenging times during this pandemic, it is especially important as a community to do all we can together to help our seniors, youth, most vulnerable, and to support and thank our local health workers, emergency responders, other front-line workers and our local businesses who are helping to keep our community/society going amid this crisis.

We also wish to support and listen to our local business owners/groups and encourage others to begin to think outside the box and continue to do so while also following Covid-19 Provincial health guidelines.

“WE need our small businesses right now more than ever” Shop Local!

When it comes to local restaurants, we can support them by ordering take-out, delivery, or buying gift cards for future use. When entering their stores please follow the local businesses safety procedures as per the PHO.

People can also support service-based businesses, by prepaying for future appointments.

“Remember these are the same businesses that gave with open arms, no questions asked to the community (YOU) for charities, fund raisers, non-profit groups, sports groups, and on and on.”

Remember these local businesses now! and once again after this pandemic is over!! or when you go to knock or shop at that local business, it may be Locked 😞

“We as a community working collaboratively together will get through this, and we need to think of creative safe social distancing ways of helping one another to get through this.”

We all must continue to remain focused on keeping everyone healthy hour by hour and day by day.

Please continue to monitor the BC Centre for Disease Control website on COVID-19 for updates, information, and resources on best practices: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/.../covid-19.../restrictions> and www.bccdc.ca/covid19.

On behalf of Village Council, Staff, and Employees, please have a safe and Merry Christmas!!
Mayor, Tom Zeleznik

**To all the Doctors, Nurses,
Healthcare Workers and
Frontliners**

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

**HOW TO SUPPORT OUR
LOCAL BUSINESSES**

1. Buy Gift Cards
2. Order Takeout, Curbside, or Delivery
3. Shop Local Businesses Online
4. Don't Visit If You're Not Feeling Well
5. Be Patient

If you can, help out a small business in our community today. Scores of local businesses have been impacted by the outbreak and so many of our neighbors are suffering.

Thanks for being a good neighbor!

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