

Area C Communicator

Notes from the Director

Greetings to all, hope everyone had a great summer; hard to believe that we are fast approaching the fall season! Unlike other government bodies, the RDCK does not stop or slow down during the summer. In fact, the staff have been kept busy researching and reporting on all types of issues. I will be speaking to some of these at my next **Town Hall Meeting – Monday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the West Creston Community Hall.**

Some of the agenda items will include the status on the acquisition of land for the West Creston Fire Building as well as an up to

date accounting of how Area C grant & discretionary monies have so far been dispersed.

Our guest speaker at the Town Hall Meeting will be Stephen McNeil, YRB Operation Manager, Kootenay East. Stephen took over this position last year and has been working hard to address the many concerns of the local residents.

Please note all the other important meetings and events that are scheduled for the month of September that are highlighted in this newsletter.

There are many upcoming policy changes on the books and your input is invaluable.

Public Hearing – Small Scale Food Processing

A Public Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, September 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Rotacrest Hall** on amendments to the Creston Valley Official Community Plan, the Kootenay-Columbia Rivers Official Community Plan and the RDCK Zoning Bylaws. These amendments address changes to support small scale food processing operations while protecting residents from the negative impacts of large scale feedlots or abattoir operations or other large volume, industrial food processing. Written submissions for or against the proposed amendments

can be submitted either at the Public Hearing or prior to 4:00 p.m. on the day before the Hearing to the RDCK Nelson Office by mail, hand delivered or by email. Written & oral submissions may be presented at the Public Hearing. This is your final opportunity to have input on these amendments, so please ensure that your views are submitted so they can be included and considered during the decision making process. These amendments can be viewed on-line on the RDCK website www.rdck.bc.ca or at the RDCK Office in Creston 531B-16th Avenue (next to the Library).

AREA C DIRECTOR

Larry Binks

Phone: 250-428-9577

Fax: 250-428-4977

Email:

ljbinks@yahoo.ca

Alternate Director

Cathy Robinson

Phone: 250-402-6576

Email: robinsonbc@uniserve.com

Bylaw Information Meeting

As mentioned during the last Town Hall meeting, bylaws to deal with Noise, Nuisance & Unsanitary Premises were being drafted. These bylaws are in response to numerous complaints and issues that have been reported but could not be dealt with due to lack of regulations.

The wording for these three Bylaws has now been prepared and an **Information Meeting for Monday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. @ the West Creston Community Hall** has been scheduled. Area C residents are encouraged to attend in order to have a full understanding of these Bylaws and to offer input to the RDCK.

News from CASM (Creston Air Shed Management)

Get rid of your "**old belcher**"! No, not your husband, your wood stove! CASM has wood stove trade-in/rebates of \$250 from the Province and another \$100 from RDCK so you can get rid of the old stove that is damaging our air and replace it with a newer stove from any valley retailer. Do your family's and your neighbours' health a favour! RDCK is even subsidizing the cost of dumping the old stove at our local landfill. Combined with the Fed's Home Renovation Tax Credit which gives 15% of renovations between \$1,000 and \$10,000 for up to \$1350 until February 2010, total potential savings are \$500 on a \$2,000 stove! This deal is only on the first 60 stoves sold.

Beyond that, the RDCK is hoping to move another 40 stoves, so there will still be some savings after the first 60. Clear as soot? You can contact Pat Martin at 250 428 2686 or talk to Jim Reid at Bahamas Hardware.

CASM has booths planned for the Fall Fair so be sure to drop by. We are seeking to make Creston a "idle-free zone" and we want your signature on our petition, so watch for us.

Idaho Field Smoke? Call 1-800-345-1007 in August and September if you suspect Idaho is smoking us out! New rulings require that once the smoke hits a "Sensitive Receptor" which is a school, seniors care home or hospital, the burn must be extinguished! Yeah, CASM!!

Other Area Meetings

Regional Police Force
Review options for the possible establishment of a Regional Police Force.
Thursday, Sept 10th at Creston Town Hall
7 – 9 p.m.

Area C APC Meeting
Monday, Sept 28th at 7:00 p.m. at the West Creston Hall
Contact person is
Allen McLaren
250-402-6624

Annual Corn Crickers Picnic

Sunday, September 13 at the West Creston Hall.

A West Creston tradition loaded with family fun! There will be the hilarious pie eating contest and loads of games & contests for all ages. Barbecued hamburgers & hot dogs with all the fixings will be on sale (for a nominal cost). The Picnic will end with the fast-paced "pie auction"

with Joe Snopek at the mike. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit with friends & neighbours and to meet new folks as well.

All proceeds go to the West Creston Hall Society to assist with the upkeep and maintenance of the Millenium Hall. If you would like to volunteer to help out during the event, please contact Jackie Ryckman at 250-428-7078.