

# Poker Float promises another fun-filled day on the Slocan River

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Looking for something that mixes bagpipes, roller derby queens and mellow rock and roll? If you are, why not consider joining folks of a similar mind and go for a float down the mighty meandering Slocan River? On Sunday, August 7 the Slocan Valley Recreation

Commission will be hosting the 18th annual Poker Float.

This popular event brings out inflatable craft of all sizes, shapes and decorations to bob along the Slocan River on the seven-kilometre float route from Perry Siding to the Winlaw Regional and Nature Park. Participants stop at five stations along the way, collecting a playing card at each. The last card is picked up at the park and the best hand wins the day. It's a day where the people and their crafts are all part of the show.

The float begins with registration at Perry Siding by the Threads Guild starting at 11 am. At the finish, prizes are awarded for best poker hand, best decorated float and best homemade hat as well as a variety of draw prizes.

A shuttle service runs from the finish to start area between 11 and 11:45 am, so folks will have their vehicles waiting

for them. It's strongly recommended that floaters take advantage of this service as after-float shuttles may not be available.

The float takes place along a relatively slow-moving portion of the river, but floaters should be aware there are always risks and to keep an eye open for submerged obstacles and fluctuating currents. Because of the higher than normal water along the river, the float may be quicker and the water cooler, so crafts that keep floaters out of the water might be preferable. Due to the unsettled weather, floaters may wish to phone 250-226-0008 to confirm the event is happening.

This year the fee for the event has been set at \$5 per person. That figure is reduced to the regular \$3 per person if a Slocan food bank donation item is brought along. This is a no-booze event and this policy as always will be strictly enforced.

The launch gets underway to the stirring melody of David Hogg's bagpipes. At the end of the ride, floaters will be greeted to the music of Holly and Jon Burden. Please arrange to have some money with you because members of the Valley Vendettas Roller Derby team will be hosting a concession at the park – and they mean business. There'll be free hot chocolate for the floaters should they need a shot of warmth and we'll set up the volleyball net for those wanting a friendly game.

A few float hints: There is a legal requirement that floaters must wear PFDs (personal flotation devices). Children 12 and under require adult accompaniment. Sunscreen and a hat are recommended. Please leave no garbage in the river.

For more information call Slocan Valley Recreation at 226-0008 or stay in touch by joining us on Facebook.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (KOOTENAY LAKE) SECRETARY-TREASURER

School District 8 (Kootenay Lake) is seeking a Secretary Treasurer to join our team in the service of our students and public education.

School District #8 (Kootenay Lake) encompasses a vast geographical area and serves numerous communities within the East and West Kootenay region of British Columbia. The District Organizational Model includes six Families of Schools with a K-12 trajectory, an Independent Learning Services Portfolio, Human Capital Development, Governance and Business/Operations.

Each Family of Schools exists within a unique community but generally serves many communities:

- Crawford Bay, a small community on the east shore of Kootenay Lake
- Kaslo, comprised of Ainsworth, Kaslo and areas north
- Salmo, a small town south of Nelson
- Slocan Valley, comprised of the communities of South Slocan, Slocan and Winlaw
- Creston Valley up to Yahk
- Nelson

The School District serves over 5000 students and has an operating budget of about \$52,000,000. The Secretary Treasurer reports to the Superintendent, and supervises the Director of Operations and the Assistant Secretary Treasurer.

There are 24 schools in the district, organized in a variety of configurations, including:

- 14 elementary schools
- 1 middle school
- 1 K-10 school
- 4 secondary schools
- 2 K-12 schools
- Homelinks, a supported Home Learning Program currently serving three sites (Creston, Nelson and Kaslo)
- Distance Education School of the Kootenays (DESK)

### The Position

The Secretary Treasurer is the Chief Financial Officer and member of the senior executive team. The Secretary Treasurer is responsible for the financial, legal, facilities and business activities of the District. The Secretary Treasurer oversees a team of highly qualified leaders in the business and operations functions of the District. We expect the selected candidate to present exceptional financial planning and management skills, along with communication, analytical, problem-solving and dynamic leadership abilities to ensure success in this role. A demonstrated commitment to aligning business and operations functions to support the success of each student we serve is required.

### Required Qualifications

- Demonstrated leadership in the public sector at a senior management level
- Proven ability to work effectively in a senior management team environment
- A professional accounting designation – CA, CGA or CMA
- Experience with provincial legislation compliance requirements
- Experience with support of Board Governance

### Desired Qualifications

- Management level experience in facilities and human resources, preferably in the K-12 education system
- At least five years management level experience in finance and business operations including transportation and facilities
- Familiarity with school district accounting requirements and provincial ministry expectations
- Demonstrated skills in the administration of collective agreements and labour relations matters within a unionized environment
- Superior organizational, management, leadership, and problem solving skills
- Demonstrated success in establishing and maintaining effective relationships within and beyond a complex organization
- Demonstrated superior communication skills – both written and oral presentation skills
- Demonstrated successful experience in managing change
- Proficiency with computer applications and relevant technology
- Ability to balance a number of tasks while completing a variety of diverse projects and assignments in a timely manner

### Applications

Applications with a complete resume and a list of professional references should be forwarded to arrive on or before August 5, 2011 to:

Mr. Jeff Jones  
Superintendent of Schools  
School District 8 (Kootenay Lake)  
570 Johnstone Road  
Nelson, BC V1L 6J2  
Email: jjones@sd8.bc.ca  
Ph: 250-505-7037

Only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted

## Edgewood community working to establish interpretive centre

by Art Joyce

The Edgewood Community Internet Society is hoping to establish an interpretive centre in Edgewood that will provide a showcase for local arts, heritage and business.

According to Ella Michiels of the society, the Inonoklin Valley Interpretive Centre would act as the gateway to the Arrow Lakes, being the first information booth on Highway 6 for the Kootenays coming from the Okanagan Shuswap region. The

tourist information booth would focus on local hot springs, campgrounds, ecotourism, trail development, historical and adventure tourism. A museum component would focus on local heritage, such as the history of the Ukrainian detention camps that were built in the community during the First World War. A plaque has been placed in Edgewood to honour these citizens, with the assistance of the UCCLA (Ukrainian Canadian Civil Liberties Association).

A showcase of green technology will feature alternative energy and building techniques, with seminars and workshops on solar energy, rainwater harvesting, low water gardening, and permaculture. Educational programs will focus on the preservation of native species and their importance

to community gardens.

The art gallery would offer a showcase for wood products, paintings, sculpture, pottery, fibre arts and stained glass. The planned centre would include a performance facility for theatre arts, plus studios for recording, photography, and animation. A youth activity centre will include children's programs to explore the ecosystem of the Arrow Lakes and Monashee Mountains.

At present Michiels says applications are going out to both federal and provincial funders. The goal is to have funding for some staff but there will definitely be a need for volunteers. An application for tenure on Crown land on Highway 6 has been made and is a key first step for the proposed project.

## New Denver Mayor's message

by Gary Wright

One of the fine things about being mayor of this village is the good people I get to meet as part of the job.

Sara Rainford, Doug Fischer, Alvie Bouillet and Wilf Wilson talked to me about their difficult rescue of a hiker who broke her ankle several kilometres east of town on Galena Trail. They wanted to recognize Rob Farrell, our public works crew (Mike Simpson, Steve Deakoff and Mike Dubreuil) and Nakusp ambulance for giving much-needed assistance. The incident reinforced the fact that our Search and Rescue volunteers could use some special gear to make it easier to get stretcher cases out of the bush. Visitors should remember that the Galena is a beautiful and 'official' trail – but it's no city park. Be prepared for trouble. If something happens, help cannot be instantaneous or effortless, but a lot of people will stop what they're doing and

come to your aid as soon as they can. Sara, Doug, Alvie, Wilf, Rob, Steve and the Mikes are just some of them. Thanks, everyone.

Daniel Hellyer, Helen Davis, Richard Allin and I had a worthwhile meeting with District Highways Manager Glenn Olleck and Program Engineer Ryan Oakley. We asked Glenn and Ryan to widen Highway 6's bike/pedestrian shoulders as much as possible during the \$4 million resurfacing project they have underway between New Denver and Hills. They agreed to do everything they could, although money for paved shoulder improvements is pretty limited. Glenn and Ryan are keeping us up to date on the work. Paving is scheduled to start in mid-August, after 'Weisbrich's blind spot' is fixed. They hope to finish everything by September 15, and give walkers and cyclists a little more room along the way.

Congratulations to Councillor Kevin Murphy for spearheading the school greenhouse project. Construction has now begun thanks to his efforts and the support of the school district staff. What are you thinking of doing next, Kevin?

With the recent/upcoming openings of a half dozen new businesses on Main Street, New Denver has more retail outlets and visitors' accommodations than any time since our 1897 heydays. Check them out. They're great. Support your neighbours – buy local.

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