



neighbourhood notes Spring 2016

President's Message

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 3

**WYNNDEL COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

Monthly meeting
7:00 PM

Wynndel Community Centre
Public welcome to attend



MARCH 23, 2016

WYNNDEL IRRIGATION

Annual General Meeting
7:00 PM

Wynndel Community Centre
Public welcome to attend



APRIL 7

**WYNNDEL COMMUNITY
CENTRE**

Monthly meeting
7:00 PM

Wynndel Community Centre
Public welcome to attend



MAY 7

**COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE
AND BARBECUE**

Wynndel Community Centre
10:00 AM–2:00 PM



APRIL 10

**KOOTENAY FIBRE ARTS
FESTIVAL**

Wynndel Community Centre
10:00 AM–4:00 PM

Welcome to our “new and improved” newsletter. The Board of Directors is endeavouring to effect better communication with the community. It is planned to produce at least two editions per year. As well, updates and electronic editions will be posted on the new website www.wynndelcommunity.ca.

2015 was an interesting and challenging year for the Board. First, I am really pleased to announce that the Christmas Fair this year was a great success thanks to the help of

all the volunteers and vendors. Special thanks go to Corrine Helliker and her “Kitchen Crew” for preparing and serving an excellent lunch. Thanks also to the folks at Wynndel Foods for their donation of a fabulous door prize.

Second, in addition to a host of minor repairs and general maintenance some major items were completed:

1. Replaced the old chairs with new burgundy plastic chairs,
2. Had built and installed two attractive awnings on

the upstairs south windows,

3. Provided Columbia Basin Trust with space for their internet service centre in exchange for emergency standby power,

4. Replaced all fluorescent tubes in the light fixtures on both floors,

5. Purchased a 16 foot podium step ladder to allow safe access to ceiling fixtures,

6. Replaced the roof on the building,

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One Person's Junk is Another's Treasure

Would you like to reclaim your long lost garage parking area or maybe regain your missing basement space? Join us and reduce your “collection” or find something you “didn't even know you needed”. We are planning a spring community garage sale for May 7, 10 am-2 pm

This is a fund raiser for our Community Hall to help offset the cost of some much needed Hall improvements such as

new basement flooring, repainting the upstairs interior, and a roof for the entrance ramp walkway.

We will be accepting donated articles the day before the sale (proceeds to the Hall) or you can rent a table/space and sell your own items (you keep the profit). We will also have

room in the parking lot if you choose to sell from the back of your car or truck. If you have any dirty, oily

or ‘odiferous’ items, or for those with really big items or copious quantities, bring your utility trailer and sell from there! We will also have an eclectic assortment of miscellaneous memorabilia from the Wynndel School such as experienced desks, chairs, books, collector wall maps etc. We will also have the BBQ going if you get the munchies!

Please reserve your tables/parking lot space early by phoning either Jim Schaefer 866-6843 or John Bogner 866-6876.



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WYNNDel SCHOOL AD HOC COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to form a subcommittee to decide on the use and or disposition of the Wynndel Elementary school property.

Anyone interested in these vacant positions can contact any board member listed above.

Update from Wynndel Irrigation

Wynndel Irrigation District, established in 1932 is owned and maintained by the community of Wynndel to provide drinking water for the community and irrigation for agriculture.

At that time the system, located on Duck Creek, consisted of a dam and a 15,000 gallon holding tank. An 18 inch wood stave water main ran from the dam to the junction of Bossio and Wynndel Roads. From this point several lateral lines were dug in by hand to various properties.

This system served the community until early 1970 when failing wood stave pipes had to be replaced. Funding was received from the Agricultural and Rural Development Act to replace the failing pipe.

Whenever a property was taken out of agricultural production for development, a refund had to be repaid to the Federal Government until WID's portion of the debt was retired.

During the same time period, approximately 1700 acres in the watershed of

Duck Creek was purchased for the protection and enhancement of water for the community.

In the mid/late 1980's some of the steel lateral lines started to fatigue beyond repair and had to be replaced.

Following is a brief description of improvements since the 1990's

- Highway 3A from Lachat Road almost the southern boundary of the district.
- Wynndel Road line from the Hall to the old potato shed.
- Cory Road line from the Mill to the supply line from Duck Creek and two pressure reducing stations.
- Several sections from 20 feet to a couple of hundred feet throughout the district. All new lines have been replaced with a minimum 6 inch schedule 90 plastic to meet fire flow requirements and to ensure a long-term water supply for current and future development .

Kootenay Fibre Arts Festival



Do you? Knit, Crochet, Dye, Spin, Felt, Weave, Quilt, Needlefelt, Print, Stitch? Want to try? Become

part of a fabulous fibre community!

\$20/person. Includes: vendors, demos, mini-workshops, giant knitting, epic show and tell, gallery, stash exchange/sale.

Join us at the Wynndel Hall April 10 10am-4pm. More information at www.kootenayfibrefest.com .

Limited Edition Wynndel Aprons

No household is complete without this sturdy chef-worthy garment. Featuring the new Wynndel Community Centre logo, dual refreshment holders and adjustable ties this apron is designed to keep you looking good while cooking or stationed at the BBQ. Can't cook? No worries. You can still be style'n while you're try'n! Only \$20 each. Warning: May or may not produce better cooking results. For more information call 250-866-6843.



Update from Wynndel Irrigation (continued)

Other additions to the district over the last several years have been

- an in-stream infiltration gallery that removes 60% of the turbidity, such as ants, sticks and debris.
- a hydro generation plant on Huggard Creek with a propane back-up generator. This is connected to the hydro grid and we are currently generating more power than we use and are enjoying a credit from Fortis.
- an on site disinfection generator that utilizes chlorine pucks to disinfect water.
- A supervisory control and data acquisition system (SCADA) that remotely monitors water flow, turbidity, electrical energy source, disinfection levels and adjusts injection according to water flow. It immediately notifies the operator of a failure in the system. This was financed by a grant from the Regional District in 2015.

In 2016, WID will be undertaking a major project to

- replace the deteriorating 15000 gallon holding tank with a 100,000 gallon tank. The new tank will provide better control of water quality, provide a larger source for fire protection, and provide the foundation for future improvements.

- Replace water mains as funds permit,
- Construct a filtration system using UV disinfection, and in-stream works to accommodate these upgrades.

The estimate to bring our water system up to provincial standards is in excess of 3 million dollars. Without the support of the Regional District, we are not eligible to receive federal or provincial grants. This may change with the promise of the federal government to invest in infrastructure. We are keeping our ear to the ground for available grants.

A couple of things we do to generate additional funds:

- We treat and convey bulk water for the Creston Diking District.
- We lease a portion of lot 51 for gravel extraction.

These funds are placed in GIC's and used for smaller projects within the district.

Wynndel Irrigation is managed by a five member elected board that meets the first Tuesday of each month. The meetings are open to the general public. We have one Level II water operator and two Level I operators as backup. This meets the requirement of the Provincial Health Board.

In spite of all the challenges we face on an almost daily basis, I am very proud of the current employees and board for their efforts to provide the community of Wynndel with safe and potable water.

*Gordon Rodney, Chairman
Wynndel Irrigation District*

Message from Your Fire Chief



The Wynndel Lakeview Fire Department is part of the RDCK Fire Service. It was established in 1981 at which time the current fire hall was built. The department has a 2004 engine, a 1995 tender (water tanker) and a 1997 support van. You'll see the apparatus lined up in front of the fire hall almost every Monday morning while they receive their weekly check. These checks are completed by the Work Experience Program members of Creston Fire and Rescue. These individuals do the same weekly checks for the Canyon Lister Fire Department.

2015 was possibly the busiest the department has ever been with a total of 33 calls. Fortunately the calls tapered off once summer arrived. Calls included structure fires, wildland fires and accidents, (which are called Motor Vehicle Incidents or MVI's).

The department currently has 13 volunteers. Two members, Captain Johanna MacRae and FF Tom Kaczmarec will be presented with their 10 year fire service pins this April. Fire Chief Dayle MacRae has been on the department the longest. He has now been on the department for 15.5 years. Volunteers receive ongoing training. Practice is held every Wednesday evening. New members go through a Fire Basics course. Other

courses come up on a regular basis. In 2013 a fire training center was built in Creston. All the departments in the valley contributed to the construction of this center and enjoy its usage. Whenever possible the different departments train together as we often work together on calls.

The Wynndel Lakeview Fire Department is always looking for new & dedicated members. Come down to the hall on a Wednesday night just before 7:00 PM or give Fire Chief Dayle MacRae a call at 250-254-0604.

*Dayle MacRae, Fire Chief,
Wynndel Lakeview Fire Department*

Presidents Message (continued)

7. YES! Completed the purchase of the Wynndel Elementary School Property (more on this to follow).

The Hall has been extensively used this year. Activities such as floor hockey, pickle ball, archery, coffee house, etc are ongoing, supplemented by a number of weddings, parties, club activities and meetings.

Some of the major undertakings the Board is investigating for the 2016 year are:

1. Covering the outside ramp and walkway to the upper level,
2. Replacing the flooring in the lower level,
3. Painting the interior of the building,
4. Adding a "Welcome to Wynndel" sign at the north end of the community on Highway 3A,
5. Installation of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) in the Hall by the Heart and Stroke foundation.

All of these activities (except the AED) are dependent on the availability of grants for which the Board is currently submitting applications.

THE SCHOOL

With regard to the acquisition of the Wynndel School property I am pleased to thank, on behalf of the Board, all of you who donated so generously to the purchase fund. Special thanks go to Wynndel Wood and the RDCK for their financial assistance and to Lorne Mann, Notary Public for the extensive time and expertise he gratuitously donated.

In our offer to purchase the School Property the Board made the commitment to raze the building in whole or in part and to guarantee that the property would remain a green space in perpetuity.

Achieving this goal will require considerable time and effort and in particular the involvement of members of the commu-

nity. Over the next few months the Board will be seeking volunteers to form an adhoc committee to advise the Board on matters related to the demolition of the building, proposals for development of the green space, and means of financing the process.

Individuals who would like to have their names considered for this committee are welcome to contact any Board member. Every effort will be made to keep the community informed of our progress via the website.

Two final notes. Board meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. at the Hall on the first Thursday of every month except July and August. Members of the community are welcome to attend and observe.

Finally, a good-bye and heart-felt thanks to Ruby Bone who after many years of service to the community has retired from the Board. You are missed!

*Dave Jeary, President
Wynndel Community Centre*

Plan and Book an Event

Wynndel Community Centre can be rented for many special events including weddings, birthday parties, sporting events, training classes and private recreation activities, family fun nights. For all information and contact go to wynndelcommunity.ca. Click on *Hall Rentals*. Wooden tables and chairs can also be rented for off site group or family functions within the Creston Valley area.

We're on the Web!

Want to find out about upcoming community events? Interested in what was discussed at the last Hall Board meeting? Check out the recently relaunched Wynndel Community website at www.wynndelcommunity.ca

Message from Your RDCK Representative

The Regional District of Columbia Kootenay works to support a wide range of community initiatives. Two recent initiatives being considered are the consolidation of fire services around Creston and a new model for coordinated growth in the agricultural sector.

On January 8th the Creston Valley Services Committee, comprised of the regional district representatives from Areas A, B and C plus the Town of Creston, will receive a presentation from the town fire chief on amalgamation of services, following which we will resume discussions on possible improvements to the fire and rescue services and how to better support volunteers.

Also in January a wide reaching two day working session will engage food producers, distributors and consumers on how to move forward with a well-coordinated model to expand and support local food production. Look for updates in our local newspapers.

*Garry Jackman
RDCK Director Area A
Wynndel/East Short Kootenay Lake*

