

ROSSLAND COUNCIL CONNECTS

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Note from Mayor Kathy

June is the time of community celebrations in our region. Councillor Greene and I had a lovely time at the Beaver Valley parade. There were lots of entries and lots of spectators. We gave out lots of candy too!

Members of Council took part in some emergency preparedness training at the Regional District. The RDKB has some excellent check lists and information available on their website for homeowners.

I met our new WildsafeBC coordinator, Desiree Profili. She will be working with the City and the community to share information about keeping our community safe. She can be reached at rossland@wildsafebc.com

There have been concerns expressed to me about the hotel up at Red. In conversation with the owners, I am pleased to report the plans are still on track for opening in the Spring of 2017. The facility will be worth the wait!

"Downtown Rossland 1895-1900" Presented by Jackie Drysdale was very well attended. She had fabulous stories about our downtown in the boomtown era of gold mining; Great information for local business people to share with their out of town customers.

Council News:

Council heard an excellent presentation by Seven Summits learners, Sylvie and Natasha outlining the devastation caused by the use of **plastic bags**. They are gathering community support for banning them in town.

Community Energy Association and Fortis representatives provided a review of the Strategic Community Energy and Emissions Plan and Fortis' rebate programs. Fortis is offering the Energy Conservation Assistance Program. If you are eligible, you could get a free kit and up to \$8k worth of energy retrofits. Reduce your household energy costs! <https://www.fortisbc.com/Rebates/Pages/default.aspx>

Council approved a letter of support for the induction of the Ladies Hockey Team from 1900-1918 into the BC Sports Hall of Fame. Several members of Council met one of the direct descendants of the original team.

Council approved a contract to **MYRA Systems** to review our extremely flawed and antiquated computer system. The focus will be on improving efficiencies and productivity in City Hall and for our customers.

Washington Street update: The project is progressing on schedule and on budget. Check our website for regular updates and traffic conditions. Please **DO NOT** drive the wrong way up Spokane. Don't forget to support our local businesses on the street: Idgies, The Shovel and Salon Kula are all eagerly waiting to serve you.

Did you know?

Using **Bear Bangers** in urban areas is dangerous. Council is considering banning them. **Dumping garbage** also creates issues and will result in dead bears. Please be Bear Smart. Many thanks to Matilda, age 11 for presenting to Council and creating the poster on the back of this newsletter.

Canada's 150th birthday is coming up! All community groups interested in planning celebrations please contact mayor@rossland.ca. Let's do something fun to celebrate! Check out <https://150alliance.ca/home>

The Rossland News has started a "Volunteer of the Month" feature. Please nominate inspirational folks!

MP Richard Canning, in conjunction with the West Kootenay EcoSociety, will be holding a town hall meeting at the Prestige July 4th 6:30-8:30. He will be gathering input on climate action issues to present in Ottawa.

Kootenay Carol's Children's Festival June 29, 2016 2:00 to 10:00 pm at the museum. A day of family fun, silent auction, music, beer garden & games. This is a fundraiser for one community organization or charity and four individuals or families in need, nominated by you. Nominations can be made at City Hall until the 28th and at the festival. Info or volunteer: kiddim09@yahoo.com.

Rossland Carshare now has two vehicles: an automatic Ford Ranger 4x4 truck and a manual Toyota Matrix hatchback. New business or individual members welcome! More info? www.carsharecoop.ca

The Rossland Public Library invites kids to join the fun and games at the 2016 BC Summer Reading Club. Registration is free. Call 250-362-7611 or info@rossland.bclibrary.ca

The Rossland Mountain Market Thursdays on Queen Street beside the credit union, from 3pm to 6pm. Enjoy local fresh produce, treats, music, all kinds of wonderful local creations and fun!

Be in touch! City Hall 362-7396. Reach Council through www.rossland.ca
Next Council meetings: Mon June 27th at 6pm.
Wed. June 30th at 3 pm - Annual Report presentation.
Come join us! All are welcome!



Help SAVE the Bears

OVER 109 complaints of Black Bears in conflict with Rossland residents in 2015
9 Bears killed due to human interference and attractants

Here are ten ways YOU can stop, think, and save the bears!

- Pick fruit off fruit trees/ bushes
- Put garbage out 7:00 am on garbage day. **NOT EARLIER**
- Compost bear proof container
- Clean BBQ after every use
- Don't use birdfeeders
- Fence in livestock
- Feed pet/pets indoors
- Install motion lights
- Storing refrigerators and freezers indoors
- Only call the conservation officer in an emergency