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Message from Mayor Kathy

The Canada Day celebrations were a huge success. Credit goes to the hard working staff and many volunteers at the museum for creating such a lively celebration. I just recently learned that a group of Teck employees visiting from outside the local Trail operations site generously volunteered their time to do some heavy work at the museum to help get it ready for the big opening day celebrations. What a wonderful contribution!

Many thanks to Joanne Drystek from the Heritage Commission for her work on the application to obtain Federal Historic Site designation for our iconic Miners Hall. If the application is successful, it will further solidify the reputation of this wonderful, and newly renovated building as significant to the history of Canada. It will help in future grant applications. Stay tuned!

The Gold Fever Follies new show "The Red Mountain" is a roaring success. The Annual Gala on July 5th was an opportunity to show off the hall as well as the exceptional talent of this year's show. Many of the generous donors and contributors to the renovation were in attendance. The show runs regularly all summer. Don't miss it. The script has recently been reworked to acknowledge the presence of aboriginal people in the region long before European miners and settlers arrived.

Recently, Councillor Marten Kruysee and I were privileged to participate in a Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) trip to Vietnam with representatives from Edmonton. The goal of the project is to help several Vietnamese municipalities work collaboratively with their neighbours in the Mekong Delta region. This initial trip explored project ideas. The Vietnamese will present a project proposal based on the work that was done at the meetings. It's a very interesting and rewarding experience. The project is fully funded by Global Affairs and all the Canadian participants volunteered their time. The trip was short but the jetlag was not!

Council News:

We were very excited to receive word that we have received a **Built Heritage Grant** through the Columbia Basin Trust and Heritage BC grant process for the Seniors' Center. The \$84k grant will be used for some interior improvements and the restoration of the façade to its original brick construction. The building is owned by the City and managed by the Seniors Association.

Council only had one meeting this month but it was a busy one! Among other things, we approved **several development permits** for improvements and expansions to the **Red Mountain Day Lodge and**

Paradise Lodge. Just imagine: flush toilets and running water at Paradise! A development permit for a **duplex on St Paul** was also approved.

Council reviewed a report from CTQ consultants that looked at ideas for development on the **Mid-Town Transition lands**. The report provided information on the best use of the property and how we could move the project forward to potentially include both residential and office space. No decisions have been made.

Council reviewed the **Corporate Management Work Plan** for the 2nd quarter of 2017 and was pleased to see that projects are progressing on schedule. We greatly appreciate these timely reports from staff. The work plan is available to view in the July meeting agenda package.

Council reviewed and confirmed a number of policies as a part of a systematic review of all policies to insure that we are modernizing our corporation and staying current with what's in the best interest of the community. Each month we review a handful of policies and either confirm them or amend them. This month we reviewed policies for **3 party call outs and charges** as well as the **policy addressing snow removal for roads, stairs and sidewalks**. These policies were not changed.

One policy that sets a new standard for good governance is our **Asset Management & Investment Policy**. This policy will give some certainty to staff, Council and the community that proper oversight, management and investment will be established for all of our municipal assets.

Selkirk Security will provide **professional bylaw enforcement** for our community. Priorities will be garbage, parking, noise and nuisance complaints. Say hello to Neil when you see him around town.

The Spokane Street infrastructure improvement project is well underway and will be completed in the fall. The project started on Leroi Avenue in lower Rossland. Detours are in effect. Please drive carefully, respect the 30km speed limit, watch for children and be considerate of neighborhoods that are unaccustomed to a lot of traffic.

Earlier this year the City of Rossland received grant funding from the **Clean Water and Wastewater Fund**. A portion of this funding was allocated into an **Inflow and Infiltration investigation program**. As part of this program, ISL Engineering is visiting all of the homes in Rossland for a short inspection and drainage questionnaire. This will determine which homes are affected by surface water, ground water, flooding or ponding. If you have received a notice on your door from ISL, and have not scheduled a visit from the inspector, please do.

The inspector's contact information is Charity Biermann 250-921-4624. For questions or concerns, please contact Darrin Albo (250) 362-7396 x1237 or Sean Annan, P.Eng (250) 509-0347. Thanks so much.

Streetlight Improvement Project. We are phasing in LED lights, and removing redundant or unnecessary lighting around town. Look carefully at the lights around you. If you see bagged lights, those are slated for removal. Get in touch with City Hall with your comments about lights that impact you. Read the notice here: <http://www.rossland.ca/streetlight-improvement-project>

Did you know?

Rossland's FireSmart Communities Program is underway in three neighbourhoods. Wildfires are on everyone's mind as the fire danger climbs in the hot days of summer. Three Rossland neighbourhoods are tackling wildfire hazards on their properties. Residents in Black Bear, Iron Colt and McLeod Ave East have formed FireSmart Boards and developed FireSmart Plans under the provincially funded FireSmart Canada Community Recognition Program. These FireSmart Plans focus resident efforts to reduce fire hazards that exist on individual properties. Progress has been impressive; the FireSmart Boards have distributed FireSmart materials, cleaned up forest fuels and debris in yards and organized FireSmart Awareness workshops to teach homeowners how to assess and reduce the wildfire hazards on their properties.

The program is currently working with priority neighbourhoods on the city perimeter but will add other neighbourhoods where residents express an interest and a wildfire risk is present. Anyone with questions or an interest in the Rossland FireSmart Communities Program can contact Don Mortimer, City of Rossland FireSmart Program at dmortimer@telus.net.

Construction of the **Rossland Skatepark**, located on the corner of 3rd and Washington, started on June 12th. The project received a jump-start with the initial excavation and drainage installation work donated by Copcan Ltd. Currently the bowl/transition area of the park is under construction and is really starting to take shape. The majority of the park is expected to be complete in the fall of 2017 with a final work and landscaping taking place in 2018. During this construction period, please respect the boundaries of the construction fencing around the park and refrain from walking or riding the features. The Rossland Skatepark Association (RSA) and the City are thrilled that this project, and the Youth Action Network centre are coming together at the same time and at the same location. These projects demonstrate the Rossland community's commitment to our youth. Donations welcome for both projects at yodel.org.

This year the **Gold Fever Follies** is celebrating Rossland's 120th birthday by telling the story of the first big gold strike discovered by Joe Moris and Joe Bourgeois. "The Red Mountain" is Brian Turner's 9th Follies script. Drew Chale is once again collaborating with Turner to write the music and lyrics for the show.

Three Rossland youth are part of this summer's cast: Jordan Bell, Marco Santano and Robbie Turnbull (grandson of Babs Bouchier, president of the Follies for many years and author of a number of the early scripts). Several Selkirk College music students from the area are also in the cast. The remaining cast members are from Victoria's Canadian College for Performing Arts and from Edmonton's Grant McEwan University. New to the Follies team this summer is director, Bessie Wapp of Nelson. The musical director is Rebecca Peterson.

Alternate Day Watering Restrictions are now in effect. June 15 to September 30. Use of lawn or garden sprinklers or other lawn or garden watering devices, or underground automatically timed sprinklers must follow this schedule: **Properties with even numbered addresses:** 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on even numbered calendar days only. **Properties with odd numbered addresses** 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on odd numbered days only. **Properties zoned P-1 – Public & Institutional:** 12:00 midnight to 3:00 a.m. on even numbered days only. **Properties zoned P-2 – Park and Open Space** 12:00am to 3:00 a.m. odd numbered days only. Thanks for your cooperation.

The 2017 Learning for a Sustainable Future Jack Layton Award for Youth Action in Sustainability is a special celebration of what makes Canada marvelous: Future generations of young people working together to make our country a better, more sustainable place. This year for Canada 150 1 winner, 2 runners-up, and 3 Honourable Mentions out of 30 eligible schools were chosen: **Winner - \$500!! Rossland Summit School for their Bio Blitz project.** Congratulations to Laura Jackman and her entire class. Runners-Up - \$250 each won by 2 schools in Ontario, Honourable Mentions went to schools in Alberta, Ontario and Manitoba.

Join the BC Summer Reading Club 2017 for a Walk on the Wild Side! It's FREE and FUN for ages 0-12. Registration continues all summer at the library & Farmers' Market.

Be in touch! City Hall 362-7396. Contact Council through www.rossland.ca

Next Council meeting: August 14, at 6pm

Come join us! All are welcome! Public input starts at 6pm. to briefly share your thoughts and concerns. For longer topics, get on the agenda as a delegation. Contact City Hall to learn how.