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Eagle Bay Community Association

2060 Members!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1671529733082218>

Eagle Bay Community Association - Mark Your Calendars!

submitted by Cathy Wolf on behalf of the Eagle Bay Community Association

The line up for Music Cafés this year looks great. Margaret McCormick has done a fine job of lining up a mix of country, jazz, and pop musicians who will have you engaged for great evenings out. There will be new items on the dinner menu's as well, Greek Ribs and all the fixings kicks off the May event. Check out our website, www.eaglebaybc.ca for more information. Tickets are available online or at the Mercantile. Hope to see you there.

We also have Mothers' Day Breakfast in the works for May 10th. From 8:30 – 10:30. You can treat your favorite Mother to croissants (with preserves), ham, sausage, fruit bowls, coffee and fruit juice. What a treat for only \$9.00 or \$25.00 for a family of up to 4 children, 12 years or under. Tickets will be sold at the door.

You can pick up your 2026 membership at either of these events. Memberships support the work of the Association and connect us with requirements to be a registered charity as well as a granting us approval from the British Columbia Government's Societies Act. For only \$20.00/family or \$10.00/individual a year, you can play an important part in sustaining our work throughout the community.

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EXECUTIVE

President: Cathy Wolf
Vice President: Margaret McCormick
Treasurer: Linda Lemon
Secretary: Don Loerke

DIRECTORS

Wanda Parker, Wendy Crawford, Paul Wolf, Brian Howley
Robert Kunka, Geneva Whynot, Connie Hudseth

Mark your calendars as well for our July 4th Annual General Meeting. As always, our AGM is an important time for members to meet with our Director, Marty Gibbons, review and vote on financial information, vote on issues that impact the organization and its management. Our AGM runs from 10:30 – 11:30 at the hall and plays a critical role in keeping the Association functioning.

I close on a sad note regarding the passing Chuck Layton, a long-time, dedicated member of our community. Others will tell of Chuck's involvement in our fire department, Shannon Beach; his curiosity of all things growing, his love of the mountains, the countryside, his creativity and skill in gardening. I know Chuck as a kind, compassionate advocate for our community, showing up to lead neighbourhood safety networks, hosting tours of his beautiful gardens, sharing with his family and friends the bounty of his work. He will be missed. He leaves us a legacy of generosity and kindness, exploration and adventure, commitment and humility, a model of citizenship that is to be honoured. A celebration of his life will be held on May 13 at 2:.00 pm at the hall.



EAGLE BAY ACTIVITIES

HALL ACTIVITIES

Quilting

Mon 10-2ish
Inez 250 675-4531

Crafts

Combined with Quilting until further notice

Eagle Bay Explorers

Tuesdays starting at 10:30
Kat 778-549-8111

Fitness

9:00 am
Tuesdays & Thursdays
Wanda 250 675-5098

Eagle Bay Music Café

4th Saturday (except July)
May, June
July Aug, Sept
5:30-9pm



Did you know that black marker ink is actually made up of multiple colours mixed together?

The Eagle Bay Explorers have been diving into all kinds of exciting science topics this year. This month alone, we explored colour theory (using markers, coffee filters, and water), learned about the water cycle, and investigated chemical and physical changes.

We also enjoyed a nature walk to Margaret Falls, where the water was rushing fast with the spring runoff—such a beautiful reminder of the season in action!

With only one more month before our summer break, we're looking forward to finishing the year with more learning and adventure together.



EAGLE BAY MUSIC CAFE 2026



EAGLE BAY — MUSIC CAFE —

— 2026 SEASON —

Great live music. Delicious dinner. Good people.



MAY 23

**CHRIS
STEVENS
AND FRIENDS**

— GREEK NIGHT —

JUNE 27

**MIKE
GOUCHIE**

— COUNTRY BBQ —

JULY 18

**MARINA
FUNKY
TIME**

— ITALIAN NIGHT —

AUGUST 22

**DIXIE FRIED
HEP KATZ**



COUNTRY ROAST NIGHT
ROAST CHICKEN WITH THE FIXINS

SEPTEMBER 26

**DOWN
YONDER**



UKRAINIAN NIGHT



DINNER AND
LIVE MUSIC



TICKETS AT EAGLE BAY
MERCANTILE AND EVENTBRITE



SEATING IS
LIMITED

— *A night out you won't forget!* —

— EAGLEBAYBC.CA —

EAGLE BAY MUSIC CAFÉ 2026 LINEUP!

The Eagle Bay Music Café is back for 2026, and this year's line up truly has something for everyone. Each season we aim to raise the bar, and this one brings together an exceptional mix of talent, energy and unforgettable nights at the Hall.

From the very first show in May through to our closing night in September, the series reflects the variety that has made the Music Cafe such a success. You'll find everything from roots and folk to country, funk and high energy rockabilly, all delivered by artists who know how to connect with a room and create a night people talk about long after the last song.

We open the season with **Chris Stevens and Friends**, bringing their warm blend of roots, folk and acoustic favourites to Greek Night. It is always a relaxed and welcoming way to kick things off.

In June, we are especially excited to welcome **Mike Gouchie** to the stage. A ten time award winning artist, Mike is known for his powerful songwriting and commanding stage presence. Backed by a seasoned band, his Country BBQ Night promises to be one of the standout performances of the summer.

July shifts gears with **Marina Funky Time**, delivering big energy, great covers and a dance floor that fills quickly. Italian Night adds to the atmosphere and makes this one of the most fun nights of the season.

In August, **Dixie Fried Hep Katz** bring their signature rockabilly sound, full of vintage style and modern edge. It is a lively, high energy show that adds a completely different flavour to the series alongside Country Roast Night.

We close the season in September with **Down Yonder**, returning by popular demand. This young bluegrass band from Enderby quickly became a crowd favourite, and their infectious energy makes them the perfect way to wrap up another great year at the Music Cafe.

Each evening pairs live music with a themed night that adds to the experience, creating something a little different every time you walk through the doors. From ribs to barbecue to roast chicken and perogies, the menus are as varied as the music, and a big part of what makes these evenings so memorable. A special thank you to our incredible team of cooks who put so much care into every meal. It is not just dinner, it is a big part of the experience, and something you simply will not find at any other music event in the region.

In July and August, we are also taking advantage of the summer season by bringing the park into the experience, serving dinner from the picnic shelter to create more space, more energy and even more opportunity for people to join in the fun.

Speaking of raising the bar, the bar itself is getting a bit of a refresh this year. **Robert and Shannon Kunka** will be creating a feature cocktail for each evening, adding something special to every show. We will still have our selection of beer, wine, cider, and ready to drink cocktails, but we are especially excited to see what Robert and Shannon are mixing up for the season.

Tickets are \$30 for each show and dinner and are available at the Eagle Bay Mercantile or online through Eventbrite. Based on past years, we expect another sold out season, so we encourage you to get your tickets early to avoid missing out.

We look forward to welcoming you back to the Eagle Bay Community Hall for another season of great music, good food and even better company.

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS
AND
GET OUT YOUR
DANCING
SHOES!

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Eagle Bay Mercantile
or online at
Eventbrite

**EAGLE BAY
— MUSIC CAFE —**
— 2026 SEASON —
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**MARINA
FUNKY TIME**
— FUNKY COVERS. • BIG ENERGY.
DANCE FLOOR GUARANTEED

— SATURDAY —
JULY 18TH
— ITALIAN NIGHT —

Cash Bar
EAGLE BAY COMMUNITY HALL




Marina Funky Time is a high energy pop and funk cover band bringing retro favourites and modern hits to life. With a repertoire spanning decades, they deliver a fun, polished show that keeps the dance floor full all night.

 

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AUGUST 22ND
— COUNTRY ROAST NIGHT —
Roast Chicken with the fixins

High energy rockabilly trio from the Okanagan blending vintage roots with a modern edge.
Loud, fast and full of swagger.

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**DOWN
YONDER**
— BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND
AND CLOSING OUT THE 2026 SEASON —

— SATURDAY —
SEPTEMBER 26TH
— BLUEGRASS NIGHT —

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Charles “Chuck” Layton

December 1933 – April 2026

Chuck passed away suddenly on April 14th, 2026 following an ATV accident on the family property in Eagle Bay, BC. While his passing was unexpected, there is a small comfort in knowing he spent his final moments exactly where he wanted to be: outdoors, active on his quad, and “puttering” on the land he loved so dearly.

Born in Vancouver and raised in the Abbotsford/Sumas area, Chuck was a man of immense skill and community spirit. In 1953, he married his wife, Helen, beginning a 73-year journey of partnership and family. Chuck was a journeyman gas fitter and business owner before serving as a Gas Inspector for the BC Government. After years in Pritchard, he and Helen moved in 1993 to their Eagle Bay property—a family anchor they had owned since 1960.



Chuck’s life was defined by service. He was a dedicated volunteer firefighter in every community he called home: Abbotsford, Pritchard, and Eagle Bay. His legacy in the fire service is permanent; from helping develop the training center in Salmon Arm to having a training room dedicated in his name in Pritchard and he remained a proud volunteer in Eagle Bay until the age of 80.

An athlete and an outdoorsman, Chuck played baseball in his youth, loved waterskiing and curling, doing both into his 70s. He was a master of “the chores”—happiest when splitting wood, tending his garden, or riding his quad to check on the neighbors. He was the neighborhood’s unofficial greeter, always ready with a smile and a delivery of fresh vegetables for a friend.

Though he often joked he was a “jack of all trades, master of none,” those who knew him knew he was truly a master of all.

Chuck is survived by his beloved wife, Helen; his children, Bryan, Marlene (Michael), and Carmen (Gerry); 11 grandchildren (Lanny, Randy, Gordon, Theresa, Jenny, Madeleine, Jane, Jackie, Kyle, Tyler, and Jesse) and their spouses; and 25 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, his son Glenn, and his daughter Sharon.

A man of the land and a friend to all, Chuck’s presence on the quad and in the community will be deeply missed.

Chuck’s Celebration of Life will be held May 13th at 2 PM at the Eagle Bay Community Hall. Inurnment will be at a later date..

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Eagle Bay Fire Department would be appreciated.

EAGLE BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Ban Information

Thank you for continuing to burn responsibly by ensuring your burn registration number is up to date and the venting index is favourable.

At present there are no open fire restrictions, but as the weather continues to warm, it may not be long before bans are introduced. The Eagle Bay Fire Department will post any upcoming Fire Ban information on the signboards at the Fire Hall and at the entrance to Eagle Bay, and on our Facebook page. We also offer email notification. If you would like to be notified by email on fire ban changes, email eaglebayVFD@csrd.bc.ca a one liner (Subject "Fire Bans") and you will be added to the email list that notifies you when fire bans change.

Meet Tracy Lemieux

Since her pre-teens, Eagle Bay has felt like home to Tracy. During the summers from age of 10 until her late 20s, her youth was filled with sunshine and cherished memories. In 2019, her dream of returning to the picturesque community became a reality.

Previous to her return to Eagle Bay, Tracy had an impressive 35-year career with Safeway; where she began her career as a cashier and ultimately became the floral merchandiser, overseeing training and financial operations for 20 departments across the company.

Since settling in Eagle Bay, Tracy has involved herself in the community. Her decision to join the fire department allowed her to give back to this wonderful community that she feels so passionately about.

When she's not fighting fires, Tracy is almost always enjoying the outdoors; swimming, kayaking, boating, or hiking the idyllic trails surrounding Eagle Bay. When she is not outdoors being active, she fills her time with the people she loves. Her grandchildren, husband, friends, and family can be found joining Tracy while she hosts memorable gatherings for large and small life events, or holidays.

Tracy has embraced her second career of firefighting with a heart dedicated to serving her community. As she settles into the role, Tracy looks to continue to embrace every opportunity and make a positive impact on Eagle Bay.

Fire Dept. Stats & Call Outs Total Call Outs 2026 = 1 Fire Department Personnel = 22

Recruitment

EBFD is actively seeking new members to join the Fire Department. We currently have space for five new members before we go back to a waitlist scenario. If you would like more information, give us a call and we will explain what's involved in joining. Call Stephen at: 250-209-2450.



John Edry - Fire Chief

EAGLE BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

In Memory

We share this message with heavy hearts. Over the past few months, we have lost three former members of the Eagle Bay Fire Department—individuals whose service, character, and presence helped shape our department and our community.

Larry Flatla served with the EBFD from 1996 to 2002, following a distinguished 26-year career with the RCMP. On December 19th, 2025, Larry passed away at his home in Salmon Arm, surrounded by his immediate family. A celebration of his life will be held on May 1st, 2026, at 2:00 PM at Bowers Funeral Chapel.



Jean Storey joined the EBFD in 1991, the very year the department was established, and dedicated 28 years of service before retiring in 2019. Even after her retirement, Jean remained a familiar and welcome presence, often stopping by the Fire Hall during open house days. She passed away on March 28th, 2026, in Salmon Arm.



Chuck Layton passed away suddenly on April 14th, 2026. He served with EBFD for 19 years, beginning as a volunteer in 1994 and later retiring as Deputy Chief in 2013 at the age of 80. A celebration of life will be held at the Eagle Bay Community Hall on May 13th, 2026, at 2:00 PM.

They were more than firefighters. They were teammates, mentors, friends, and family. They showed up in moments most of us hope never to face—bringing courage, steadiness, and compassion into chaos. Whether answering a late-night call, offering reassurance in times of uncertainty, or sharing quiet moments at the Fire Hall, they carried a sense of duty that cannot be taught, only lived.

Each of them had their own story, their own reasons for choosing this path, but they were united by a shared commitment: to serve something greater than themselves. That commitment leaves a lasting mark—one that continues in the people they served alongside and the community they helped protect.

We honour them not only in mourning, but in memory—by carrying forward the values they embodied: bravery, selflessness, and unwavering dedication. Their legacy lives on in every life they touched and in every call answered by those who continue in their footsteps. Though they are gone, they will not be forgotten. Their watch has ended, but their impact endures—steady, enduring, and deeply woven into the fabric of this community.

Rest easy. You have earned it.

John Edry - Fire Chief

FIRESMART

The province is in a drought position and it's been an early start to the wildfire season. Our upcoming community day on May 17th will be a great start to moving Eagle Bay Estates to a position of being Firesmart.



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FireSmart™

On May 3rd, from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm at the Eagle Bay Community Hall there will be a community FireSmart presentation.

There have been a few changes with the FireSmart program. Important information regarding insurance of your property, the community program which is now branded "Local FireSmart - Collective Program" and new information regarding property assessment will be shared. There are changes!

Jeremy Denny, Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Robert Kunka, Wildfire Mitigation Specialist will be presenting and will be available to answer any questions you might have.

As well the SPU (structure protect unit) trailer with 2 specialists will be joining at the hall for this presentation. The trailer is a self-contained unit deployed during emergencies. They contain specialized equipment - pumps, hoses, and high-volume sprinklers - designed to protect homes and infrastructure from wildfires by increasing humidity and wetting surfaces.

This will be a great opportunity to speak to the SPU specialists, as they can provide information to what you - the home owner - can do to your home in event of a wildfire, that will help give your home the best chance to survive. You will have an up close look at the equipment they use. I positive you will be impressed.

I highly recommend you join us as this presentation. The information being provided will be new and different from prior presentations.

Looking forward to seeing you May 3 at 1:00 pm

Regards,
Tracy



Local FireSmart™
Collective Program

EAGLE BAY THIS & THAT

For over 40 years Eagle Bay Camp has been hosting wonderful summer camp experiences and retreats on the beautiful shores of the Shuswap!

We love being part of the community in Eagle Bay and are excited to invite friends and neighbours from the area to join us for an open house!

May 29th (Fri) from 4-8pm

Featuring:

- Camp Tours
- Climbing and Kayaking (ages 7 and up)
- Dinner (6:30) and short presentation (by donation)
- Classic Campfire



To register your attendance:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/s/eagle-bay-community-open-house/2429888240773069/>

Henry's 80th Birthday Surprise!



Eagle Bay Spring Market!



SHUSWAP WATERSHED COUNCIL



c/o Fraser Basin Council
109-970 McMaster Way
Kamloops, BC V2C 6K2
250.314.9660
www.shuswapwater.ca



EDITORIAL

15 April 2026

Submitted to the Eagle Eye community newspaper for the May edition

May is Invasive Species Action Month – Don't Move a Mussel!

Spring is here, and many of us are thinking about boating, paddling, and fishing.

The month of May is designated as Invasive Species Action Month, a national campaign to raise awareness about the risks and prevention measures for invasive species. Locally, the Shuswap Watershed Council (SWC) is focused on preventing aquatic invasive species that could be accidentally introduced by the movement of boats and watercraft into and around the Shuswap.

"One of our greatest concerns as a watershed council is the potential movement of invasive Zebra, Quagga, or Golden mussels to the Shuswap," explains Erin Vieira, the SWC's Program Manager. "BC is still invasive mussel-free. However, Zebra and Quagga mussels are present in some provinces and many states, and Golden mussels are now present in California."

Invasive mussels reproduce prolifically and cannot be fully eradicated from a lake once they are established. They cause several negative impacts, ranging from clogging water infrastructure, dead shells piling up on beaches, polluting water with their waste, and out-competing native species for food. Invasive mussels would cost BC residents up to \$129 million per year through increased rates, fees, and taxes.

Another high-priority invasive species for the SWC is whirling disease, which is present in Yoho National Park and Kootenay Lake in BC within the Columbia River watershed. The disease impacts salmon, trout and whitefish. It is caused by a parasite that causes damage to the spinal cord in infected fish, causing them to swim in an erratic whirling pattern. Whirling disease can cause high mortality, especially in juvenile fish. Containment of whirling disease to its present locations, and preventing its spread to other watersheds, are critical to protect fish populations.

Keep aquatic invasive species out! Clean-drain-dry your watercraft and gear, pull your watercraft drainplug to travel, and stop for watercraft inspection

Aquatic invasive species spread from one waterbody to another on watercraft and equipment used for boating, fishing, and water pumping. Travellers with watercraft and equipment need to be especially diligent to avoid spreading aquatic invasive species.

Clean, drain and dry your watercraft every time you move it out of the water. This involves three steps:

SHUSWAP WATERSHED COUNCIL



- After removing it from the water, clean your boat or watercraft to remove mud, plant material, small aquatic life, and other debris
- Drain all compartments onto dry land
- Ensure your watercraft is thoroughly dry before re-launching.

Pulling your watercraft drainplug is one element of Clean-Drain-Dry. Travellers must pull out watercraft drain-plugs before travelling on BC roads. This is a new regulation enacted by the Province of BC in 2024.

Travellers with watercraft must **stop at watercraft inspection stations** along their travel route into or around BC. The stations are staffed by the Conservation Officer Service. Watercraft will be inspected and decontaminated, if needed, free of charge.

Vieira encourages Eagle Bay residents to raise awareness for invasive species prevention. “Talk to your family and friends that plan to travel to the Shuswap with their watercraft this summer, especially anyone coming from the Columbia River watershed or out-of-province. Prevention is our best tool. If everyone follows prevention measures, the Shuswap will be protected from new invasive species.”

Any suspected transport or sightings of invasive mussels should be reported to the Provincial RAPP line at 1-877-952-7277. For more information about bringing a boat or other watercraft into BC, visit the Provincial website <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/invasive-mussels>. For more information about whirling disease including special decontamination protocol within the Columbia River watershed, visit the Provincial website at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/fish/aquatic-species/aquatic-invasives/whirling-disease>.

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Photo: Zebra Mussels Lake Winnipeg.jpg.

Description: Zebra mussel shells are piled up along a beach on Lake Winnipeg.

Photo credit: Manitoba Hydro (Facebook)

About: The [Shuswap Watershed Council](#) is a watershed-based partnership that works on water in the Shuswap.

Contact: For more information, please contact Erin Vieira at the Shuswap Watershed Council c/o the Fraser Basin Council in Kamloops at 250 314-9660.

EAGLE BAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

Submitted by Michelle DeFrene

“Some glad morning when this life is over I’ll fly away to a home on God’s celestial shore...”

This week we celebrate the life of a man that has been a giant in this community. Chuck Layton was very loved by his Eagle Bay church family. His care for the church and cemetery grounds over the years was a testament to his commitment and dedication to God and this community. He will be missed, but while we mourn the loss to all who knew and loved him, at the same time we know that our mourning is for us who are left behind. We rejoice in the knowledge that Chuck knew Jesus, and now is in a place where suffering and pain are behind him.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14, “Brothers and sisters, we want you to know about those Christians who have died so you will not be sad, as others who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and that he rose again. So, because of him, God will raise with Jesus those who have died.



AREA C DIRECTOR REPORT

MAY 2026

CSRD AREA C NEWS

FROM THE DESK OF MARTY GIBBONS AREA C DIRECTOR



SHUSWAP EMERGENCY PROGRAM EMERGENCY PROGRAM 2026 SEASONAL OUTLOOK

(From the SEP Report)

As of April 14, 2026, the snowpack in our area (South Thompson Basin) was reported as 83% of normal at the high elevation monitoring station. Shuswap Lake is slightly higher than average for this time of year due to warmer conditions over the winter that led to early snow melt at mid to lower elevations. Significant lake flooding is not anticipated this season because of the lower snow levels at mid to lower elevations, as mentioned above. It is important to note that flood hazard associated with extreme rainfall and rain-on-snow during the freshet period remains a hazard regardless of current snowpack levels.

The warmer winter and lower snow at mid to lower elevations has raised concern over possible drought and increased wildfire risk later this summer if we do not receive adequate rainfall throughout the spring and early summer. SEP has reviewed and updated flood management plans and has stockpiles of empty sandbags just in case the unexpected occurs.

All four of our Structure Protection Unit (SPU) trailers have been inspected and are ready for the 2026 season. SPU deployment team spring proficiency training is planned for April 18-19, 2026.

NEXT STEPS: SEP staff will continue to monitor conditions including future ECCC, BC River Forecast Centre and BC Wildfire Service (BCWS) updates and reports. Staff will encourage residents to stay informed of weather conditions and be prepared for the various emergencies that may impact our area.



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MAY 2026

CSRD AREA C NEWS

CSRD BOARD ENDORSES SOLID WASTE PLAN UPDATE

After a comprehensive public consultation process, CSRD staff presented the final solid Waste management plan update for approval and submission to the Ministry of Environment. The objective of the plan is zero waste; although we are far from achieving our objective, it is important that we continue to reduce the amount of waste buried in our landfills.

The CSRD Solid Waste Program operates on a cost-recovery model through user tipping fees. In addition, general taxation is used to subsidize recycling initiatives and to fund the massive projected \$47,646,530 unfunded liability for CSRD landfill closures. In 2026, Area C taxpayers will pay \$45,468 for the landfill closure liability and \$76,129 to subsidize the CSRD recycling program.

As I have communicated in previous newsletters, I prefer user fees to general taxation. Unlike general taxation, users can directly reduce their tipping fees by reducing, reusing, and recycling. In addition, recovering costs based on the volume of waste individuals produce is far more equitable than a general property tax increase.

CSRD SOLID WASTE PLAN PRINCIPLES

1: Rethink waste, promote zero waste approaches and support a circular economy

2: Focus on the first 3Rs with a priority for reducing waste (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)

3: Maximize the beneficial use of waste materials and manage residuals appropriately

4: Support polluter & user-pay approaches and manage incentives to maximize behavior outcomes

5: Prevent organics and recyclables from going into garbage wherever practical

6: Develop collaborative partnerships with interested parties to achieve regional targets set in plans

7: Level the playing field within regions for private and public solid waste management

8: Develop a climate resilient solid waste management system

9: Improve operational efficiency of the current solid waste system

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CSRD AREA C NEWS

ENFORCEMENT OF PRIVATE MOORING BUOYS

Staff continued to attempt to find an effective way to enforce Lake Zoning By-Law No. 900 (Buoys). The jurisdiction to regulate and enforce the removal of non-permitted Buoys remains with the Provincial and Federal levels of government. As I have noted in previous newsletters, the CSRD's ability to remove non-permitted Buoys is extremely limited and, despite the CSRD's repeated requests for assistance from both branches of government, no provincial or federal assistance is forthcoming.

The Board did not support repealing the By-law, as that could signal that placing non-permitted buoys was acceptable. The Board instead chose to impose a Moratorium on active enforcement, except in cases of safety concerns or risk to infrastructure. It is important to note that By-law 900 remains in effect, and the CSRD will continue to pursue the Federal and Provincial governments to remove unpermitted buoys.

ELECTORAL AREA C OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 725-34

A property owner in the Sunnybrae area is requesting amendments to the Electoral Area C Official Community Plan to change the land use designation for a portion of their property from AG Agriculture to RR Rural Residential and add special regulations to facilitate a 3-lot subdivision, which would create one 5.8 ha agricultural parcel in the ALR and two waterfront 0.81 ha residential parcels that are not in the ALR.

Although staff did not recommend first reading, I moved to pass first reading, thereby mandating the complex public consultation process. Although the lots were 0.19 ha smaller than required by the OCP, they were still of significant size, and the area is located in an OCP-identified secondary settlement area supporting higher density. The Public will be provided an opportunity for input as three additional readings are required prior to an amendment being approved.

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AREA C DIRECTOR REPORT (ON'T

MAY 2026

CSRD AREA C NEWS

MATTRESS AND CAR SEAT RECYCLING CONTRACT RENEWED

The CSRD Board empowered staff to execute a contract with Shuswap Enviro Solutions to provide mattress and car seat recycling services for three years, with an option to extend for an additional two years for an estimated five-year cost of \$1,300,000.

The recycling facility is in Lumby, reducing transportation costs and providing regional employment. Not all regional districts recycle mattresses and car seats due to the processing cost.



In 2025 alone, 10,460 mattresses and 905 car seats were recycled, diverting them from CSRD landfills. This generated \$123,439, but cost \$330,835, requiring CSRD taxpayers to subsidize the program \$207,396 for 2025 through general taxation.

The CSRD has lobbied the Provincial Government to require a recycling fee similar to those collected for tires or batteries; however, our repeated requests have fallen on deaf ears, leaving CSRD taxpayers to bear the cost.

STAY INFORMED DOWNLOAD THE ALERTABLE APP!

In times of crisis, it is important residents have access to trusted, timely and accurate information to ensure their own safety and that of their family and loved ones. In response to this need, the Columbia Shuswap Regional District, which operates the Shuswap Emergency Program, has chosen Alertable as an emergency notification program



COMMUNITY
NOTIFICATIONS

Stay Aware & Plan Ahead

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