



# THE eAGLE eye

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**Eagle Bay Community Association**

**2175 Members!**

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

## Full On August! - Eagle Bay Community Association

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

Eagle Bay Day saw over 400 children, parents, grandparents and visitors attend. Breakfast was a hit and vendors at the market told me that they will be back. The cake walk even had some seniors joining, along with the children. It has led us to think about an adult cake walk – stay tuned for our plans next year. There were dozens and dozens of painted faces, the children's activity centre was hopping, and the book/game/puzzle sale was busy. Thank you to all our volunteers. There were many hands who worked hard to bring it all together.



The bottle depot has been busy too. Paul Wolf, Director of the Depot, is impressed with the donations people are making. He now believes that we might break the old record set by Al Houston ... so keep them comin' with our appreciation and thanks. (We are keeping Al current on bottle depot intake.)

### EXECUTIVE

President: Cathy Wolf  
Vice President: Brian Howley  
Treasurer: Linda Lemon  
Secretary: Don Loerke

### DIRECTORS

Wanda Parker, Wendy Crawford, Paul Wolf, Kelly Geraghty  
Robert Kunka, Geneva Whynot, Connie Hundseth

Full On August con't

Our August Music Café was again sold out. A tribute to Margaret McCormick who led the Cafes this summer showed the appreciation we have for community members who lead these summer celebrations. Directors look forward to new ideas and community leaders. You can call or connect with any Director to talk about what you would like to see at the hall. With one last Music Café for the year, we hope to see you out to enjoy the upbeat rhythms of “Down Yonder”, a favorite band in our community. Great food and great music for September!

Don't forget about BINGO on Sept. 12. Doors and bar open at 6:00 pm. You could be the jackpot winner – but only if you attend.

It seems that in these last months I have ended my report on a sad note, and this month is no exception. Our condolences go out to Jane Dale and family on the passing of Rod on August 19. Rod was a strong and dedicated leader of our community. He served as Association president for 19 years and was the “tour de force” behind the Hamsters, our local theatrical group. He was renown for bringing together local talent, not only for our theatre, but for Hall “Coffee Houses”, dinners, and events. He and Jane were ever present and committed to engaging and involving our community. You will find his obituary in this edition as well as Part 2 of the Hamsters with a large contribution from Rod and Jane.



**EAGLE BAY**  
MUSIC CAFE  
— 2026 SEASON —  
*Great live music. Delicious dinner. Good people.*



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| <p>MAY 23</p> <p><b>CHRIS STEVENSON</b></p> <p><b>SOLD OUT</b></p> <p>→ GREEK NIGHT ←</p>                  | <p>JUNE 27</p> <p><b>MIKE GONZALES</b></p> <p><b>SOLD OUT</b></p> <p>COUNTRY BBQ</p> | <p>JULY 18</p> <p><b>MARINA FLY</b></p> <p><b>SOLD OUT</b></p> <p>ITALIAN NIGHT</p> |
| <p>AUGUST 22</p> <p><b>DIXIE FRIED</b></p> <p><b>SOLD OUT</b></p> <p>COD &amp; CHICKEN WITH THE FIXINS</p> | <p>SEPTEMBER 26</p> <p><b>DOWN YONDER</b></p> <p>UKRAINIAN NIGHT</p>                 |                                                                                     |

Can we make it 5 for 5 sell outs?

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# EAGLE BAY ACTIVITIES

## HALL ACTIVITIES

### Quilting

Mon 10-2ish  
Inez 250 675-4531

### Crafts

Combined with Quilting until further notice

### Eagle Bay Explorers

Back September 8th  
Kat 778 549-8111

### Fitness

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
9-10:15 am  
Wanda 250 675-5098

### Eagle Bay Music Café

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

Russ is back with his low impact fitness class.  
All ages and skills welcome. Reach out to  
Wanda for more details.



## Fitness with Russ

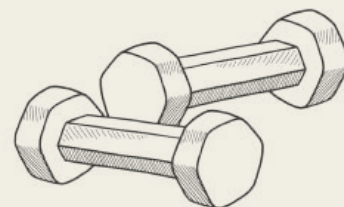


**STARTING  
SEPT 15TH**

**TUESDAY &  
THURSDAY**

**9-10:15 AM**

**\$5 DROP IN**



# Volunteer Recognition

Our 'Thank You' postcard series celebrates the volunteers who quietly make Eagle Bay such a special place.

This month we salute our Eagle Bay Day volunteers. Easily our most complex and active annual event, it takes a village to ensure that all ages have a wonderful time and the 2026 Eagle Bay was no exception.



Communities aren't built by buildings. They're built by people. Thank you to our Eagle Bay Day volunteers for helping make Eagle Bay the community we all enjoy.

# Volunteer Recognition

To all our incredible volunteers—whether you are a first-timer, young, or one of our cherished veterans—thank you for making this year unforgettable! Eagle Bay Hall truly comes alive because of your passion and dedication. Volunteers are the heart and soul of our community, giving their time, energy, and unique talents to make every event and project possible.

If you've ever thought about joining, now is the perfect time! Volunteering not only helps your community but also lets you make friends, learn new skills, and discover hidden talents.

Connect with a member of our executive board to learn how you can get involved. Eagle Bay is full of creative thinkers, enthusiastic helpers, and welcoming friends. There's a place for everyone—come have fun, make memories, and help Eagle Bay thrive!



**1st Time  
Volunteer!**



**Youngest  
Volunteer!**



**Just one group of our  
cherished long term  
volunteers**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**EAGLE BAY  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
Open House**  
Saturday Sept 5, 2026  
11 AM to 2 PM

- \* Free Hot Dogs, pop, coffee, ice cream
- \* Door Prizes for kids and adults
- \* Fire Blanket Demo
- \* Gear donning demo
- \* Meet "Ember" FireSmart mascot
- \* Complete fire refresher obstacle course
- \* See the fire trucks and have your picture taken
- \* Meet our many Firefighters

BRITISH COLUMBIA  
**FireSmart**

**JUNIOR FIREFIGHTER**

*New Date*

**BINGO!**  
**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12**  
DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM  
FIRST GAME 6:30 ON THE DOT!  
**BINGO CARD BOOKS  
\$20**  
10 GAMES  
6 GAMES PER CARD  
60 Chances to Win!  
**LICENSED BAR PLUS  
SOFT DRINKS & WATER**  
HOME BAKED GOODS AVAILABLE FOR DONATION

19+ ONLY  
Know your Limit - Play Withi BC Gaming License #170036

**EAGLE BAY  
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**TICKETS \$30**  
available at the  
Eagle Bay Music Cafe  
or online at  
Eventbrite

**EAGLE BAY  
— MUSIC CAFE —  
— 2026 SEASON —**  
Great live music. Delicious dinner. Good people.

**DOWN  
YONDER**

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND  
AND CLOSING OUT THE 2026 SEASON

— SATURDAY —  
**SEPTEMBER 26TH**  
— BLUEGRASS NIGHT —

Back by popular demand, this energetic young bluegrass band from Enderby returns to close out the 2026 Music Cafe season. With infectious energy and down-home charm, they have become a crowd favourite on the Eagle Bay stage.

Get Your  
**EAGLE BAY  
COMMUNITY HALL**

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**DRINKS AND  
LIVE MUSIC**

A night out you won't forget!  
**EAGLEBAYBC.CA**

SEATING IS  
LIMITED

Tracey Hardman will have her amazing perogies available for sale at the September 26th Eagle Bay Music Café



# EMERGENCY PLANNING

## The Role of the Eagle Bay Community Hall During an Emergency

August 22nd provided a real example of the role of the Eagle Bay Community Hall during a potential emergency situation.

Approximately 100 people were gathered at the Hall for the Eagle Bay Music Café, enjoying an evening of music and community, while first responders were dealing with downed power lines nearby.

The event team were aware of the situation but as per protocol, waited to receive official communication or direction from the Fire Department indicating that action was required at the Hall. With no direction to activate an emergency response, the Music Café continued and the team remained ready to respond if needed.

This is an important part of the Hall's emergency preparedness role. The Hall does not independently initiate an emergency response or provide information based on unofficial or incomplete information. When required, Hall personnel will respond to direction from the appropriate emergency authorities and support the community within the Hall's established role.

The poster on the next page provides a simple overview of what the Eagle Bay Community Hall may provide during an emergency and, equally importantly, what it does not provide.

This past weekend was a good example of that approach in practice. First responders were able to manage the incident, the hall team remained prepared to respond if called upon, and the Eagle Bay Music Café continued without unnecessary disruption.

Please take a moment to review the poster and become familiar with the role of the Eagle Bay Community Hall during an emergency.

It is also a timely reminder that people should rely solely on official sources for accurate information. In addition to the official sources, it is suggested to follow their FB page for information. <https://www.facebook.com/EBFireDepartment>



# EMERGENCY PLANNING

## HOW THE EAGLE BAY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION supports the community during emergencies



The Eagle Bay Community Hall is part of our community emergency preparedness plan. This plan helps ensure the Hall can be used safely and effectively when our community needs it most.



The Community Hall is designed to support our community during an emergency, BUT EVERY HOUSEHOLD REMAINS RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS OWN PREPAREDNESS.

### WHAT IS THE HALL'S ROLE?

If needed, the Hall may provide:

-  A temporary place to rest and receive information.
-  Relief during power outages, wildfire smoke or other emergencies.
-  A staging area for emergency responders when requested.
-  A location for community emergency preparedness workshops.

### WHAT THE HALL IS NOT

The Community Hall is not:

-  An evacuation reception centre.
-  An overnight shelter.
-  A replacement for personal emergency preparedness.

Residents should have their own emergency plan and supplies.

### HOW DECISIONS ARE MADE



The Hall is only activated when needed and operates under the direction of emergency officials.



The Hall's role is secondary to individual and community self-sufficiency.

We all play a part in keeping Eagle Bay safe and resilient.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

-  Have your own household emergency plan.
-  Keep a 72-hour emergency kit with essentials.
-  Follow official emergency information and instructions.
-  Learn how the Hall supports our community.



### LEARN MORE & DOWNLOAD THE PLAN

Scan the QR code to download the Eagle Bay Community Hall Emergency Plan.

Scan here! 



# EAGLE BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Eagle Bay Fire Department Deployments

Eagle Bay had three firefighters out helping other communities around B.C. this year and they have all returned to Eagle Bay after a two-week deployment.

Many thanks to Leon Kozak, Taryn Black, and Jeremy Wozniak for their dedication and willingness to leave everything behind at a moment's notice to help communities in need. Welcome home!



## Eagle Bay Fire Department Open House New Date September 5th, 2026

The decision to postpone our original date for our annual Open House was made due to the hazardous smoke conditions. We're looking forward to seeing you on our new date of September 5th from 11am – 2pm.

While it may not be as warm, it will hopefully be smoke free! See you there.

## Eagle Bay Fire Department STSS Accreditation

Last year marked the first time Eagle Bay attempted the Superior Tanker Shuttle Service (STSS) accreditation. The STSS accreditation is an official program that recognizes a rural fire department's ability to supply a continuous, high-volume water flow to a fire scene. We were successful in receiving our accreditation last year!

How does this benefit the community? As an accredited fire department, homeowners within these fire protection service areas are eligible to receive a cost reduction on their fire insurance rates from most insurers in Canada.

To find out more information, go to [fireunderwriters.ca](http://fireunderwriters.ca) and in the top menu bar, select Grading>Superior Tanker Shuttle Service.

To keep our skills current, we will be reviewing the STSS during our Tuesday night practices in September with help from our mutual aid partners on September 15th. Our emergency lights will be on so if you see us on the road, please pull over and let us pass, as you would for any fire emergency.

# EAGLE BAY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Eagle Bay Fire Skid

You may have seen a new addition to the Command Truck. Global Medic has very generously donated a fire skid which consists of a 1000L water tank and a pump. This unit allows us more flexibility when trying to get into some of our more challenging locations and provides another water source when we need it.

We are very grateful to Global Medic for this incredible asset to our community.



## Recruitment

Join Us! EBFD is actively seeking new members to be part of the Fire Department. We'd be happy to discuss with you what's involved in joining. For more information, call Stephen at: 250-209-2450

## Fire Dept. Stats & Call Outs

Total Call Outs 2026 = 16

Two Call Outs since last reported. One burn complaint and one vehicle that went off the road.

Fire Department Personnel: 20 Firefighters, 3 Junior Firefighters, 5 First Responders Total: 28

John Edry - Fire Chief

Email: [eaglebayVFD@csrd.bc.ca](mailto:eaglebayVFD@csrd.bc.ca) Cell: 250-515-4790

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/EBFireDepartment](https://www.facebook.com/EBFireDepartment)



# EAGLE BAY COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Everyone who hears my words and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. It rained hard, the floods came, and the winds blew and hit that house. But it did not fall, because it was built on rock. Everyone who hears my words and does not obey them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. It rained hard, the floods came, and the winds blew and hit that house, and it fell with a big crash."*

*Matthew 7:24-27*

This summer our church finally got the new stairs that we've been needing. But removing the stairs exposed that we had an even bigger problem hiding below the surface. Our foundation was rotting. It is so tempting to ignore the foundation and spend money on the things that will make the building look nicer, but in reality that foundational rot had to be dealt with, because what is more important to a building than the foundation being solid?



Jesus was a great teacher, and he often used simple stories to get across profound truths. When He's teaching about the house being built on solid foundations what He's saying is that His teachings aren't just nice concepts, they're foundational, and that if you live your life based on what He's saying that your life won't shift or collapse in the storms of life. You will stand strong because your foundation is solid. Much like our church building, we could pour all of our money into new paint jobs, replacing trim, maybe even fancy new bells, but all of that will be meaningless if a storm comes along and the foundation isn't solid. All that beautification could end up as a pile of rubble.

What is our foundation? What are our ideas of being "good" based on? Is it based upon our own moral code? What is the basis of claiming what is right and what is wrong? Jesus said that obeying his teaching is a solid foundation for life. This was the concluding story for the most famous of all sermons called the sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-7)

When a storm is raging around you it sure is a comfort to know that you are safe in a house that can withstand the storm. I encourage you to take some time today to meditate on these verses. When the storms of life inevitably hit, are you able to stand firm and not fear the storm, or it time to assess the state of your life's foundation?

We were treated this month to a group of youth from Eagle Bay Bible Camp coming to lead worship. Many of the staff came to watch. Our little church was bursting at the seams! What an absolute joy. We hope that this will become a yearly tradition!



## Rodney "Rod" Francis Dale

October 17, 1944 ~ August 19, 2026 (age 81)



Rod died peacefully during the night of the 19th August at Salmon Arm Community Hospital. He leaves beloved wife Jane of 62 years children Alison (Mark), James (Carol), and Jeremy plus grandchildren Jacob, Ryan (Alexa), and Thomas (Arin). Rod had no siblings but Cousins Jill, Peter, Leslie, David, Simon and Brother-in-law David (Susan) and their families in the UK will all miss him deeply.

Rod was born and grew up in Hartlepool in the North of England where he met Jane as a schoolboy. He joined the Royal Navy straight from School and completed Officer Training. He then attended the Royal Naval Engineering College at Manadon in Plymouth and gained a Marine Engineering degree. He and Jane married during this period whilst she was also at college training to be a teacher and over the following 8

years, they had 3 children Alison James and Jeremy.

During their life together they moved from the North to the South of England first Devon and then Cornwall Ontario Quebec and BC. Rod also travelled the world in the early 70's on Aircraft Carrier HMS Eagle and Jane was able to fly out and join him for breaks in Malta and Hong Kong.

Whilst living in Cornwall, in his spare time he undertook, with help from Janes brothers, Naval cadets and the children, the first of many building projects adding a large extension to the Family home.

In 1981 Rod took the opportunity of a 2-year engineering exchange program between the Royal and Canadian Navy to move the family to Canada they were based in Esquimalt on Vancouver Island. They took to Canadian life with gusto learning to ski and waterski going on many camping trips into Canada's National Parks. The posting passed in a flash and upon returning to England Rod applied to the Canadian Navy and the family moved back to Canada. Rod worked in Ottawa with the family living in Gloucester and then Quebec where they built a cottage overlooking Lac St Marie for outdoor year-round activities and a home in Chelsea Quebec.

By this time, he and Jane were proficient skiers, and they trained with and joined the Canadian Ski Patrol and spent most winter weekends on the slopes.

Rod and Jane took a cross-country RV trip in 1998 from Quebec to BC looking for a place to buy some land and retire, that's when they found the community of Eagle Bay. They built a house there in 2000 with a beautiful aspect overlooking Shuswap Lake.

Rod was an active member of the community in Eagle Bay joining the fire department, the Parks Commission the Sorrento Lions and the Eagle Bay Hall Committee. He performed with the Sorrento Players and took on the direction of and acted in many plays with the Hamsters in Eagle Bay. He loved to cook when not woodworking or building and he also wrote and compiled the Eagle Eye paper for many years.

**There will be a celebration of Life at 2pm in Eagle Bay Hall followed by refreshments on the  
6th of September 2026.**

## KAREN'S CORNER



Stories of the people, places, and history of Eagle Bay written by Karen Loerke and published in the Eagle Eye and saved on the Eagle Bay Website at <https://www.eaglebaybc.ca/history>.

### Reflections of Hamsters Part 2

As promised in the August edition of Karen's Corner, Part 2 of the Hamsters' story continues with the productions and people who kept community theatre thriving in Eagle Bay from 2000 onward.

During these years, Rod Dale played an important role as both a director and actor. When selecting a production, Rod would pore over catalogues, considering different possibilities before settling on a story to bring to life. He did not see himself as a traditional director or micromanager. Instead, he described himself as an organizer who allowed the actors' creativity to develop.

The Hamsters remained an inclusive group. People could come to rehearsals, choose a role and join the production without hesitation. Rod did not want to turn anyone away. If more people wanted to act than there were available parts, roles could be divided or new characters added. This relaxed approach seemed to work well and reflected the welcoming spirit of the group.

Rehearsals were generally held twice a week. While the actors learned their parts, many other volunteers quietly took responsibility for the stage, sets, lighting, sound, costumes, makeup, prompting, meals, ticket sales and cleanup. The annual productions were truly community efforts.

### Productions From 2000 Onward

The following productions have been identified through surviving programs and the memories of those involved. There are some gaps in the records, and anyone with additional programs, photographs or information is encouraged to share them.

- Girls Must Talk and Father Keeps House, May 11 and 12, 2001
- A Thing of Beauty and A Baby for Brenda, May 3 and 4, 2002
- Happily Never After and Wanted: One Groom, 2003
- The Ratcatcher's Daughter, a Wild West comedy melodrama, date unknown
- Dirty Work on the Trail, set in a Pony Express station in Kamloops, May 13, 14 and 15, 2005
- Shootout at the Roaring Gulch Hotel, a comedy featuring a sheriff, a villain and a villainess, May 12, 13 and 14, 2006
- Woman in White, a Victorian drama in which virtue ultimately triumphs, May 3, 4, 5 and 6, 2007



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- Chateau La Roach, described as a cross between Fawlty Towers and Inspector Clouseau, 2008
- Southern Hospitality, the story of three sisters trying to save their cherished town of Fayro, Texas, May 14, 15, 16 and 17, 2009
- Dearly Beloved, May 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2010
- Dearly Departed, a dark-humour play about one family's funeral arrangements, May 12, 13, 14 and 15, 2011
- Red Velvet Cake War, believed to have been performed May 3, 4, 5 and 6, 2012
- Rex's Exes, May 2, 3 and 4, 2014
- Farce of Nature, May 1, 2 and 3, 2015
- Farce of Habit, set at a fishing lodge in the Ozarks with an axe murderer on the loose, May 25, 26 and 27, 2018
- The Odd Couple, featuring one character who is messy and unconcerned and another who is compulsively tidy, 2019. This production was directed by John Edry.
- Hamlette Reader's Theatre, directed by Anne Harvey, 2021
- Check Please!, a small dinner-theatre production that brought live theatre back following the pandemic, June 10, 11 and 12, 2022. This production was directed by John Edry.





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### Memorable Performers and Moments

Rod considered Adele Bartels one of the stars of the Hamsters' productions. He also remembered Al Houston, joking that no one would have guessed a banker would also be such a good actor.

Bill and Judy Pobuda were also memorable performers. Bill would sing and, if he forgot his lines, sometimes make them up on the spot. This could confuse Al Houston, whose mind was described as being as sharp as a steel trap. The unexpected changes occasionally set the actors off course, but no one seemed to mind. The mistakes often made the performances even more entertaining for the audience.

Rod's mother-in-law, Jos Wynne, also appeared in the productions. Jos had participated in amateur theatre in England, so acting was already in her blood. If she did not have a role, she helped behind the scenes. Jane Dale also joined the fun, including playing a nun in *Farce of Habit*. One of the memories that continued to draw laughter was Al Houston's grand entrance wearing red underwear.



The playful titles of the productions gave audiences a good idea of what to expect: an evening of comedy, community and entertainment.

### The People Behind the Productions

The success of the Hamsters depended upon far more than the people appearing on stage. Lorne Ebenstiner of Hummingbird Bay recognized the need for a larger stage. Together with Al Shirley, he devoted many hours to expanding and improving the stage, lighting and props. Allen Randell operated the soundboard, Pat Payne handled prompting, Bonnie Flatla did makeup, and Rollie Payne helped manage the set, lighting and artistry.

Terilee Schnell made many of the costumes used in the plays over the years, while her husband Henry recorded and photographed the productions. Other community members donated props, created curtains and provided wigs and costume pieces.

Bonnie Flatla started the Friends of the Hamsters, whose members supported ticket sales, kitchen duties and the many other jobs required to run a production. Volunteers regularly stepped in without being asked, often anticipating what needed to be done.



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The surviving programs contain many acknowledgements to kitchen staff, servers, stage crews and other helpers. One program thanked the Eagle Bay Community Association members who supplied the numerous volunteers who enabled audiences to enjoy a good meal while supporting the production. Another thanked the audience, noting that without them, the Hamsters would have no one “to ham it up for.”

In 2004, special thanks were given to Doris and Bruce, owners of the Eagle Bay Store, who sold tickets for community events.

### Dinner and a Show

Food was part of the Hamsters' experience from the beginning. In the early years, the actors helped prepare and serve food to the audience. As the productions grew, more volunteers became involved in organizing the meals.

One 2004 program thanked Gaetane Shirley, the Friends of the Hamsters and the “lady Thespians” who helped in the kitchen and behind the bar. In later years, Lynne Hansen organized volunteers to cook, serve and clean up, allowing the actors to concentrate on their performances.

The meals, kitchen crews and servers were not separate from the productions. They helped turn each performance into a community evening rather than simply a play.



### The Audience Joined the Fun

Hamsters productions were often interactive. Programs invited audience members to groan, catcall or stamp their feet if they found some of the jokes a little weak, with one important instruction: “Just make sure you laugh!”

During *The Ratcatcher's Daughter*, the audience was encouraged to hiss and boo the villain and respond with “ohs” and “ahs” when the lovely heroine appeared. This fit the tradition of pantomime, where the audience was expected to boo the villain, cheer the hero and shout warnings to the performers.

The relationship between the actors and audience was an important part of every production. Forgotten lines, unexpected entrances and improvised responses often became some of the funniest and most memorable moments of the evening.





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### A Community Production

The Hamsters brought together actors, directors, builders, cooks, servers, costume makers, technical crews and audiences. Some people took leading roles, while others worked quietly behind the scenes. Each contribution helped create more than three decades of community theatre in Eagle Bay.

The productions changed over time, and different people stepped forward to direct and organize them. What remained consistent was the willingness to welcome participants, share the work and enjoy the inevitable surprises of amateur theatre.

The names found in the programs tell only part of the story. Many more people helped carry sets, prepare meals, sell tickets, wash dishes, find props, sew costumes and clean the Hall after the audience had gone home. Together, they made the Hamsters a memorable part of Eagle Bay's history.

### Author's Note

*Many of the recollections in this article were shared by Rod Dale during a conversation with Karen shortly before his passing on August 19. We are grateful for his help in preserving this chapter of the Hamsters' history.*



## AREA C DIRECTOR REPORT

SEPTEMBER 2026

# CSRD AREA C NEWS



FROM THE DESK OF MARTY GIBBONS AREA C DIRECTOR

## SUNNYBRAE COMMUNITY PARK PLAYGROUND UPGRADES COMMING IN 2027!

In October 2023, staff recommended allocating funds from the Growing Communities Fund to replace the playground at Sunnybrae Community Park.

At our August meeting, the Board authorized agreements with Parkworks to upgrade the Sunnybrae playground project. CSRD staff worked with Parkworks to review examples, develop concepts for the Sunnybrae Park, and incorporate stakeholder feedback.

**WE ASKED, YOU ANSWERED.  
HERE'S WHAT WE HEARD...**



Sorensen's Bay Park



Cedar Heights Community Park



Sunnybrae Community Park

Thank you to everyone who filled out our surveys about new playground equipment!

For Sunnybrae, the playground work includes removing existing equipment and borders, reusing pea-gravel surfacing, installing new borders and playground equipment, adding engineered wood fibre, fencing the site, and completing remediation. Estimated investment: \$435,461.61 plus tax.

The Sunnybrae splash pad work includes supply and installation, concrete and stair preparation, washroom apron work, landscaping, and remediation. Estimated investment: \$161,938.40 plus tax.

Question or Comments? Please don't hesitate to contact me directly at [mgibbons@csrd.bc.ca](mailto:mgibbons@csrd.bc.ca) or call 250-463-1484

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SEPTEMBER 2026

### CSRD AREA C NEWS

#### AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup> COMMUNITY SAFETY INFORMATION MEETING

On August 13th, I arranged an Emergency Preparedness information session at the Sunnybrae Seniors Hall. More than 100 residents attended, so the open house shifted to a town hall format. A Shuswap Emergency Program representative shared information on evacuations, evacuee assistance, structural protection trailers, household emergency plans, neighbourhood emergency programs, and the Alertable app. Tappen Sunnybrae Firefighters, the CSRD regional fire chief, and CSRD FireSmart representatives also answered questions.

Although we can't eliminate the risk of natural disasters, being prepared can significantly reduce it. My August 2026 Area C News contains several links to resources that will help you keep your family, property, and community safe.



Aug 13th Community Safety Info Session  
at the Sunnybrae Seniors Hall

#### CONTAMINATED SOIL AT CSRD LANDFILLS

The CSRD developed a Soil Acceptance Policy to create a risk-based, consistent process for evaluating and managing soil disposal at regional landfills. Soil accepted at landfills can range from clean development material to contaminated soil from spills or site cleanups. Recent Landfill Operational Certificates also limit how much contaminated soil can be accepted, including a 5,000-tonne annual limit for Industrial Land Use Plus soil at the Salmon Arm Landfill.

The proposed policy places responsibility on applicants to provide testing and Qualified Professional certification where required. It creates clearer soil classifications, an online application process, consistent staff procedures, and updated fees. Small residential loads would remain exempt. The goal is to protect the environment, meet regulatory requirements, improve transparency, and support consistent operations across CSRD landfill facilities.

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### CSRD AREA C NEWS

#### CSRD BOARD PASSES REMUNERATION COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS BY A SLIM MAJORITY

The Board is reviewing CSRD Directors' Remuneration Bylaw No. 5786, adopted in 2018 and effective January 1, 2019. The bylaw was intended to recognize workload and time commitments, support recruitment and retention, and ensure responsible use of taxpayer funds. Because the scheduled 2022 review did not occur, this is the first comprehensive review since the bylaw came into effect. The Directors' Remuneration Review Committee, made up of four elected officials appointed by the Chair and supported by two senior staff, reviewed the bylaw and brought recommendations to the Board.

The Committee met twice and reviewed annual stipends, meeting pay, travel compensation, benefits, and accessibility or financial barriers. It unanimously recommended several amendments, effective January 1, 2027:

1. The annual stipend would include Regular Board Meetings and Electoral Area Director Meetings and would not vary based on attendance. Committee of the Whole meetings, including budget meetings, would be considered paid meetings.
2. The Committee found Electoral Area Directors and the Board Chair had fallen below comparable local governments, largely because no comprehensive review occurred in 2022. It recommended adjusting compensation toward the 60th percentile to address the gap and reduce the risk of falling behind again. It also recommended access to the UBCM Municipal Benefits Program and for caregiver expenses.
3. Travel time remuneration would increase from \$0.20 to \$0.30 per kilometre, recognizing that the current rate was set in 2019.
4. Electoral Area Directors, excluding Alternate Directors, provided access to the UBCM Group Benefits coverage, and Employee and Family Assistance Program benefits.
5. Municipal and Electoral Area Directors, excluding Alternate Directors, would be eligible for caregiver expense reimbursement while attending official CSRD business, up to \$2,000 per year and \$50 per hour.

After lengthy debate, the Board approved the motion by a slim majority. Although I voted against the pay increase, I respect the CSRD Board's democratic decision and appreciate the Committee's work on a difficult issue.

**I encourage you to review the August 20 CSRD Board meeting debate on the attached video link between 1:17:30 and 1:44:00 of the morning recording**

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### CSRD AREA C NEWS

#### **Area C Official Community Plan Amendment No. 725-34 Sunnybrae/Mobley Road**

At the April 16, 2026 meeting, the Board gave first reading to Bylaw No. 725-34 and directed staff to begin referrals. The applicant proposes redesignating part of a Sunnybrae/Mobley property from Agriculture to Rural Residential and adding special regulations to support a three-lot subdivision: one 5.8 ha agricultural parcel in the ALR and two 0.81 ha waterfront residential parcels outside the ALR. Although staff did not recommend the requested amendment, I did support second reading and continuation of the complex public consultation process.

#### **Area C Official Community Plan Amendment No. 725-37 Sunnybrae/Turner Road**

The 15.62 ha property at 3891 Turner Road is designated Large Holdings and is outside the Sunnybrae Secondary Settlement Area. It currently contains four dwelling units. The owner previously applied to change the designation to Rural Residential 2 to allow 10 additional primary and 10 secondary dwelling units for long-term rental units. The property owner re-applied for RR2, which would permit seven single detached dwellings and up to seven secondary dwelling units. The Board supported second reading and continuation of the complex public consultation process.



### **AUGUST 2026 AREA C NEWS IS MY 37TH EDITION OF MY AREA C NEWS!**



**As a newly elected director, I was asked about what I intended to do to improve communication with Area C Constituents. My answer was to create the CSRD Area C News, my monthly newsletter that keeps Area C Taxpayers informed about important issues in our communities. Over time, I refined my newsletters into the version you see today. In addition to social media and the Scoop, I upload every edition to my Google Drive to keep it accessible. Follow this link to view all 37 versions.**

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