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INAUGURAL COUNCIL ELECTION OF DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN FALLS

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Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

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NOTICE OF ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITY

8:00 am to 8:00 pm - October 7, 2026

Okanagan Falls Seniors Centre
1128 Willow Street, Okanagan Falls, BC

NOTICE OF GENERAL VOTING DAY

8:00 am to 8:00 pm - October 17, 2026

Okanagan Falls Community Centre
1141 Cedar Street, Okanagan Falls, BC

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & UPDATES
ON THE ELECTIONS GO TO
<https://rdosregionalconnections.ca/district-okanagan-falls/district-okanagan-falls-inaugural-election-2026>

Questions about the election? Contact us at:

Email: okanaganfallselection@rdos.bc.ca

Phone: 250-492-0237

Tracey Batten, Chief Election Officer

Philippa Harding, Deputy Chief Election Officer

Time to get ready and VOTE for the first Mayor and 4 Councillors during the Inaugural Election for the District of Okanagan Falls.

Skaha Matters is honoured to host ...

MAYORAL All Candidates Forum

Monday, October 5 ~ 5:30-7:30 pm

Okanagan Falls Community Centre - 1141 Cedar Street

Doors open at 5 pm. Forum starts promptly at 5:30 pm.
Introductions, questions asked of candidates, and closing remarks.
One-on-one with candidates before & after the forum at their tables.

COUNCILLOR All Candidates Event

Tuesday, October 6 ~ 5:30-7:30 pm

Okanagan Falls Community Centre - 1141 Cedar Street

Doors open at 5 pm. Introductions start promptly at 5:30 pm.
One-on-one with candidates at their tables from 6-7:15 pm.
Closing remarks from candidates start promptly at 7:15 pm.

Our Volunteer Moderator for both evenings is Michael Magnusson,
Executive Director for the Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce.
He is moderating similar events in Penticton on September 23 & 24.



SKAHA MATTERS

Got a question for the candidates to be asked on either evening?

Please send by email to skahamatters@telus.net and it may be randomly chosen from the submitted questions.



Okanagan Falls First Local Election

Meet The Candidates

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Hosted at Rise & Shine Coffee House

A live debate and open Q&A with the people asking for your vote.
Hear where they stand on the issues that matter to YOU.

ASK ANONYMOUSLY

Submit your question with no name attached. We'll read it for you.

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Wild Goose Vineyards



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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

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HelenaKonanz-MP

Member Of Parliament Update

By Helena Konanz, MP For
Similkameen-South Okanagan-West Kootenay

For the first time outside of Ottawa in years, 138 MPs from Canada's Official Opposition came together in Penticton. After the devastation of the Bald Range Wildfire and its ongoing impact on our economy, I reached out to our Caucus and asked them to visit our community for the Conservative National Caucus planning session. MPs from every corner of Canada, more than a third of parliament, heard directly from our locals, families, seniors, businesses, and first responders. The message was clear: Parliament must act to deliver solutions on affordability, wildfire response, and support for local industries affected by U.S. tariffs and the impacts of wildfires. Canada's Official Opposition is now returning to the House of Commons this week with fresh personal insight about our community after these National Caucus meetings.

In the aftermath of the Bald Range Wildfire, I am committed to finding ways to build resilience and foster inter-governmental cooperation. This includes more support for controlled burns, tougher criminal penalties for those who endanger first responders, and direct federal investment in firefighting equipment and personnel. Our region will be watching to ensure that all Federal promises for our region are delivered.

It's clear that I need to continue to advocate for a secondary route for the South Okanagan to ensure we provide a safe evacuation route. Instead of 90 Billion dollar projects like high-speed rail between Toronto and Montreal that two-thirds of Canadians won't even use, we need local lower cost projects. Did you know a family of four in our region will be paying nearly \$8000 towards this Eastern rail project? National funding needs to go to important small scale projects that deliver value to more Canadians throughout our nation.

Lastly, top of mind for many Canadians is trade. We need to get to work on the long standing promise of removing barriers to inter-provincial trade and pursuing new opportunities. On the international front, Canadians deserve transparency in trade negotiations and confidence that our national sovereignty is protected.

Parliament is back for the fall session. I look forward to working with any MP committed to building a stronger, more prosperous Canada.

Looking Ahead To Fall In Boundary-Similkameen

By Donegal Wilson,
MLA For Boundary-Similkameen

As summer gives way to fall, there is a familiar change of pace across Boundary-Similkameen. The days are getting shorter, harvest season is underway, students are back in their classrooms, and our communities are settling into another busy autumn.

September has certainly been a busy month for me as well, and I have appreciated every opportunity to get out into our communities and hear directly from the people who live and work here.

Over the past several weeks, I have met with local businesses, agricultural producers, community organizations and residents to discuss the opportunities and challenges facing our region. Conversations about agriculture, forestry, tourism, infrastructure and rural services help me take the realities of Boundary-Similkameen with me when I return to Victoria.

September also brought the annual Union of BC Municipalities convention. UBCM gives local governments and First Nations from across British Columbia an opportunity to advance community priorities and engage directly with provincial representatives. For our region, conversations around infrastructure, water, emergency preparedness, housing, health care and economic development are important. This included discussions about the KVR rail trail along Skaha Lake and the importance of this trail to our communities. I value hearing directly from local leaders about the issues they are working to address.

October will bring another transition as the Legislative Assembly begins its fall sitting. I look forward to returning to the Legislature and bringing the concerns, ideas and experiences I hear at home into my work in Victoria.

Whether the Legislature is sitting or I am travelling throughout the riding, my responsibility remains the same: representing the people of Boundary-Similkameen and helping constituents navigate provincial programs and services.

As we head into fall, I look forward to continuing those conversations and working on behalf of the communities I am fortunate to represent. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to my office at 250-498-5122 or Donegal.Wilson.MLA@leg.bc.ca.

DONEGAL WILSON
MLA BOUNDARY SIMILKAMEEN

Let's Talk About
What Matters To You

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Let's Talk About The Future Of Okanagan Falls ... And How WE Actually Get There. We Have A Lot Of Common Goals.

Candidates and residents speak of many similar goals: improving water and other utility services, growing our tax base without losing small-town character, attracting families, adding amenities, supporting local businesses, and keeping property taxes affordable. **These goals aren't new - people have worked toward them for years.** In 2020, we lacked a grocery store, hotel, restaurant, or bank, elementary school enrollment dropped into the 70s, and young families were rare.

Today We Can See Progress.

The old Weyerhaeuser site is close to opening as Avery Business Park, creating long-term jobs. **A 36-unit housing development is nearly complete**, a condo project was started, and local volunteers and entrepreneurs have revived area parks and businesses. **Progress happened, because people stepped up and did something!**

Incorporation Is The Final Piece.

The RDOS has supported us, but isn't designed to hustle specifically for Okanagan Falls. Our new municipal government is different - **we can champion the District of Okanagan Falls ourselves**, setting priorities, pursuing grants, and exploring cost-sharing infrastructure so local taxpayers don't carry the burden alone.

The Right Kind Of Growth.

More businesses create jobs, attracting residents who support local commerce. Development expands our tax base to fund better services and draw investment. Done right, **growth lets our businesses thrive without losing our small-town vibe!**

Where I've Stood From Day One.

I have listened and investigated concerns, supported local solutions, and championed our residents and local businesses. **I've been working to "grow OK Falls" since 2018** through community and business meetings, Parks & Recreation, and past studies. After representing you on the RDOS Board for nearly 4 years, I am convinced that **Okanagan Falls needed incorporation to control its own future. And now we've done that.** Despite difficult discussions and complications, I advocated and delivered what residents voted for: **the name, the boundary, and the parks.**

We've Spent Years Laying The Groundwork. Now It's Time To Build On It. On November 6, the District of Okanagan Falls begins its next chapter. We will welcome four new Councillors, a Mayor, and municipal staff to transition services from the RDOS, set a new budget, and build a new municipality from the ground up. **There's a whole lot that's new there.**

Why I'm Asking To Lead As Mayor.

This election is about leadership and getting a strong start. The Mayor holds one of five council votes, but there's real value in having someone who knows the issues, has proven elected experience in government, and brings strong relationships with the RDOS, Province, neighbouring governments and local partners, businesses and residents. I would be honoured to serve as your Mayor - working to finish what we started and build a strong, sustainable future for the **District of Okanagan Falls.**

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LEADERSHIP YOU CAN TRUST

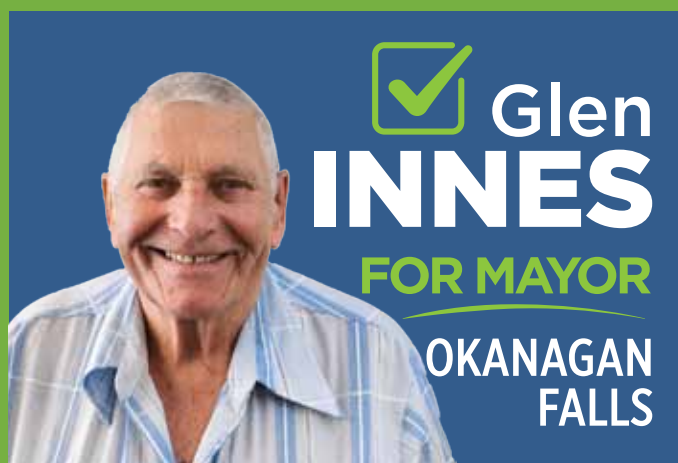
- Over 30yrs Construction Industry Experience
- Local Small Business Owner
- Full Transparency and Community Favoured Outcomes
- Strong Focus on Critical Infrastructure
- Stand up for OK Falls Small Town Identity against Big Government
- Ensure Accountable Governance and Fiscal Responsibility



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TYLER JOHNSEN FOR OK FALLS MAYOR 2026

THINK DIFFERENT EXPECT DIFFERENT



**Glen
INNES**
FOR MAYOR
OKANAGAN
FALLS

- ✓ Lived & worked in Okanagan Falls for 30 years as the owner of a Mechanic & Tow Truck Business.
- ✓ Volunteer Firefighter & First Responder for 20 years.
- ✓ Spent many decades here as a local volunteer with Lions, Kiwanis & Okanagan Falls Parks & Recreation.
- ✓ Time to give back to the community that gave to me!
- ✓ Priorities are water, sewer and fiscal responsibility.
- ✓ Dedicated to listening & problem solving with locals.
- ✓ Ready to lead and adapt in this new municipality!

Authorized by Karen Donison, Financial Agent 250-328-2008

✓ VOTE for MELODY L. WALKER

Hello, Okanagan Falls residents, neighbours and friends. I stand first and foremost for governance with complete and total transparency.

We are standing at a historic crossroads. On November 6th, our community will officially become the District of Okanagan Falls. For the first time in our history, the decisions that shape our streets, our parks, and our economy will be made right here at home - by people who live here, work here, and care deeply about our future.

I am announcing my candidacy to run for your Okanagan Falls first municipal council.

This election is about a simple, yet powerful idea: Local Voice, Local Choice. Moving forward, we have the immense opportunity - and responsibility - to govern ourselves.

A bit about my background. My father was in the RCMP, and my mother was a teacher. We moved around a lot - the longest I lived anywhere growing up was 4 years in the arctic in Baker Lake, which is now part of Nunavut. We also spent 2 years in Carmacks, north of Whitehorse, Yukon. The other towns were Cranbrook, Kimberley, Smithers, Castlegar and Merritt, BC. A mobile childhood allowed me to experience a wide array of cultural environments and geographic regions. This experience is further enhanced by 16 years at the Lower Mainland. Most of my work experience in the Vancouver area involved customer service, administration and finance. After leaving the Lower Mainland, I've also worked at the Princeton Copper Mine and in Northern Alberta (Oil Sands), operating Heavy Haul Trucks.

My grandparents, Laurence and Isabelle Vader, moved to Okanagan Falls in the 1930's. They were actively involved in this region's local growth and development. My mother Eleanor (Vader) Walker was raised in Okanagan Falls, living here until she left for university. My parents retired back to Okanagan Falls in the early 1990's. I've been coming to Okanagan Falls all my life and I moved here permanently in 1996.

My focus in our first 100 days will be built on 3 Core Pillars:

1) Fiscal Responsibility ~ Transitioning away from the RDOS must be done smoothly and transparently. I am committed to passing a balanced, practical five-year financial plan that protects property owners, secures our water and fire services, and ensures we don't face unexpected spending spikes.

2) Protecting Private Property Rights ~ Let me be clear: the bedrock of our community's stability is your fee-simple land title. While our new municipal charter is unique and structures a government-to-government framework with our neighbours at the Osoyoos Indian Band, reconciliation consultations cannot, and will not, supersede your right as a private property owner. Under my watch, council will ensure absolute clarity and total legal certainty that your homes, your land titles, and your private investments remain fully secure and protected. We can build a respectful, collaborative relationship with the OIB, while drawing a hard line that firmly protects your personal property.

3) Accessible Governance ~ As your councillor, I will answer to you. I will maintain an open-door policy, hosting meetings to ensure your daily concerns - from road maintenance to local zoning - are brought directly to the council floor.

I understand the strict legal boundaries of this office. A councillor has no individual power, but together as a collective council driven by your input, and dedicated to protecting your fundamental rights, we can build a strong, resilient and independent Okanagan Falls. Let's shape a new transparent beginning together. I respectfully ask for your vote this October.

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ELECT

Keith MOSIMANN

For Councillor of District of Okanagan Falls

Your working class ally on Council

WHO AM I!

My name is Keith Mosimann. I have lived in Okanagan Falls for the past 24 years, where my wife and I have raised our kids. I am a working class person that has watched this community grow and change. I would like to play a more active role in guiding our future.

My many years of running a business has taught me budgeting, planning, and serving community needs, as well as interacting with all kinds of people. I feel these skills will allow me to be an effective council member, who listens to the residents and works together to make smarter choices.

WHY I AM RUNNING?

I am running for District Council to bring a working class, boots on the ground, voice to be heard. I work hard every day, just like you. I know the struggle of paying bills and making ends meet. I will fight for fair taxes, safe streets, and an all around enjoyable community. Let's keep this community the "best little community" that we have all grown to love and respect.

**IF YOU VOTE FOR ME,
I WILL WORK HARD FOR YOU!**

yourworkingclasscouncilor@gmail.com

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✓ ALLISON SYMONS

FOR OKANAGAN FALLS COUNCIL



COMMITTED TO OUR FUTURE

Helping shape our newly incorporated municipality while protecting what makes Okanagan Falls special.



COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE

- Vice-Chair, OK Falls Parks & Recreation Commission
- Community Partners member
- Friends of Okanagan Falls Parks volunteer
- Cofounder Okanagan Falls Connects



COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP

Listening, asking questions and working together



Focused on Okanagan Falls.

A strong community.

A thoughtful way forward.

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Amy Bydal

Councillor for Okanagan Falls
Your Voice - Our Community

Amy Bydal brings deep roots in Okanagan Falls, a nursing career built on listening under pressure, and years of local volunteering. She's running for a seat on the district's first-ever Council.



vote@amybydal.ca

Roots That Run Deep ~ Raised on the McCall family ranch south of town. Now raising her own children here.

A Career Built On Listening ~ An 18-year Licensed Practical Nurse, Amy has learned to stay calm under pressure and listen before acting. She has also negotiated for the BC Nurses' Union, including talks with BC Corrections.

Giving Back At Home ~ Second term on the Okanagan Falls Business & Community Association board.

Why She's Running ~ Amy believes good government starts with listening. She'll bring accountability, problem-solving, negotiation, and advocacy to Council.

"I care deeply about Okanagan Falls, and I'm ready to listen, learn, and work with my neighbours to build a strong future here."

Listening | Advocacy | Accountability

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RANDY LUDWAR

Candidate for Councillor
District of Okanagan Falls



**LET'S GET IT RIGHT
FROM THE START!**

Okanagan Falls is starting a new chapter.

Our first Council will make important decisions about how our new municipality is organized, how public dollars are managed, and how we build a safe, sustainable and an economically viable community.

I am running to bring **experience, sound judgment and accountability** to those decisions.

STRONG GOVERNANCE

Responsible Budgets • Sensible Bylaws
Accountability • Practical Administration

SAFE & SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

Public Safety • Water • Infrastructure
Responsible Planning • Community Character

PRODUCTIVE & PROSPEROUS COMMUNITY

Support Business & Employment
Encourage Responsible Growth & Investment

**GOOD PLACE TO LIVE.
GOOD PLACE TO DO BUSINESS.**

Resident • Property Owner
40+ Years Business, Construction &
Municipal Experience

RANDY LUDWAR

Candidate for Councillor

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EUGENE DETTLING FOR COUNCILLOR

DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN FALLS

- South Okanagan born and raised
- Participated in the OK Falls Incorporation Study since 2023
- 37 year career BCTel/Telus, Data Technician/Fibre Optics
- Experienced Union Representative, Negotiator and Mediator
- Organizer of the 'OK Falls Cruise In' Wednesday Car Show supporting our Legion
- President South Okanagan Chapter, Vintage Car Club of Canada
- I focus my Leadership Capacity to support Local Charities
- I believe in Collective Community Decision Making
- Committed to Public Safety and Thoughtful Community Growth

YOUR VOICE, OUR COMMUNITY
eugeneforokfalls@gmail.com

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Cheryl SNYDER — FOR COUNCILLOR — DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN FALLS

**BUILDING OUR
FUTURE TOGETHER**

WATER SECURITY & STRONG INFRASTRUCTURE

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH WITH STRATEGIC PLANNING

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY SPIRIT

PRESERVING OUR RURAL CHARACTER WITH AN URBAN TWIST

RESPONSIBLE SPENDING & FISCAL CARE

YOUR VOICE. OUR COMMUNITY. OUR FUTURE.

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COUNCIL for the DISTRICT of OKANAGAN FALLS



- My focus is on our community and what is best for all of us.
- Listening to different perspectives
- Transparency and Honesty
- Approaching decisions with both Integrity and Respect

HEATHER JACKSON

FAIR FRIENDLY FIRM
PROUD TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

Authorized by Heather Jackson, Financial Agent 250-488-6464

Music & Market In The Park

By Bob Shanks, Music Coordinator and
Kandis Lipsett, Market Coordinator

September 6 was a performance enjoyed by all. The Desert Skies with drummer, Tyler Wikjord, from Okanagan Falls had all ages up dancing. This event was sponsored by Okanagan Falls Pharmasave. This was the first time the newly formed group performed on a public stage. It was wonderful to see that the market, with the addition of candidates for the upcoming election, was the largest we have had this season. The September 6 make up performance was well attended and a welcome event after 2 events had to be cancelled due to wildfire smoke.



Music in the Park has completed the 11th season and we are filled with gratitude for the ever-growing support of Music & Market in the Park. It takes a lot of people to make our summer program what it is; any one of which, if missing, would seriously impact the ability to present our community service. Without our corporate sponsors, our vendors, the bands, the Lions, the food service, and especially the public who attend the events, Music in the Park would not have grown to the popular event it has become.

We would like to mention the sponsors who have supported an event this year: Belich's AG Foods, Tickleberry's, FortisBC, Greyback Construction, and Okanagan Falls Pharmasave. These businesses pay for the bands. We are also grateful that the bands are willing to play for the limit of \$600 that we receive from our sponsors. Typically, bands would charge much more.

If you have any questions, want to sponsor an event or be a vendor, please contact musicintheparkokfalls@gmail.com or marketintheparkokfalls@gmail.com.

Observatory Open House October 3rd

By Tom Landecker

What do astronomers do all day? What do engineers do? Why is there an observatory in Kaleden? Can I listen to a radio telescope? How old is the Universe? What does a career in science or technology look like? Come to the **Open House at our Observatory on Saturday, October 3rd** to find out. Gates open at 10 in the morning, and you can stay till 5 in the afternoon answering those questions, through lectures, through demonstrations, and through one-on-one conversations with all of us.

Our first telescope, the 26-metre "dish", was built 66 years ago, and was operating when the Observatory opened in June 1960. Over those years, technology has gone through profound changes. The telescope is still a powerful tool, and has now been refitted with new and sensitive equipment to face new challenges. You will be able to see this new technology and understand how the telescope moves.

That original telescope can be steered in any direction above the horizon, using motors and gear boxes. Our latest telescope, CHIME, has no moving parts. It is a "digital" telescope, using computer electronics to form 1000 beams on the sky. But it does have one moving part, the Earth: as the Earth rotates, CHIME's 1000 beams sweep across the sky. You will see the powerful computer "farm" that makes all this possible.

Those telescopes are made of steel and aluminum. After a decade of development our engineers are now making radio telescopes from composite materials, materials that are strong and stiff, but weigh very little. Our newest telescope, CHORD, is under construction. CHORD will consist of 512 small "dishes" made on site from composite materials. Over 100 are already in place, and more are added every day. You can tour the construction facility for this exciting new technology.

We make an important contribution to science and industry by monitoring the Sun's radio output. The light and warmth from the Sun are unchanging day to day, and this is important for keeping us alive and well! But there are subtle changes inside the Sun and on its surface, and we can monitor this activity with small radio telescopes, work that has been ongoing in Canada since 1946. Data from our Observatory are used around the world, relevant to activities as diverse as space exploration, operation of major electricity transmission systems, mineral exploration, and avoiding oil-pipeline accidents.

For 50 years, engineers at our Observatory have been developing world-leading digital signal-processing equipment for radio telescopes. See the latest developments from the people doing the work!

By the time you've seen all that, you'll be ready to visit the food truck, or enjoy our picnic tables. Don't forget to plan some time in the kids' activity tent. **Remember, Saturday, October 3rd from 10-5.**

Interesting websites:

- nrc.canada.ca/en/research-development/nrc-facilities/dominion-radio-astrophysical-observatory-research-facility
- chime-experiment.ca

The Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory is operated by the National Research Council Canada and is located at 717 White Lake Road in Kaleden. For more information, please call 250-497-2300.

**Provincial General Election Advanced Voting is
October 16-21. Final Voting Day is October 24.**

Visit elections.bc.ca/2026-provincial-election/ for more info.



Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen

Electoral Area "I"

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RDOS - Skaha Lake Road Office
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Kaleden Elementary School
1521 Linden Avenue, Kaleden, BC

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Phone: 250-492-0237

Tracey Batten, Chief Election Officer

Marc Aucoin, Deputy Chief Election Officer

Henry Sielmann for Director of RDOS Area "I"



Protecting our way of life

- ✓ Pragmatic but forward looking
- ✓ Critical but open minded
- ✓ Grounded but flexible
- ✓ Analytical but passionate

Ready for the challenge

- ✓ Comfortable and effective in the boardroom
- ✓ Ability to identify risks and control budgets
- ✓ Many years of project management
- ✓ Leading a variety of volunteer organizations

The Okanagan Valley, and with it our neighbourhood, will be tested for its resiliency and ability to adapt. We need leaders to steer us in the right direction, using science, team work and execution skills.

You can contact me at: sielmann.for.areai@gmail.com

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KALEDENHUB

for knowing and responding to individual and family need in the community

If you live in the Kaleden area and have needs, please call the HUB. Our frozen meals (mostly soup) are available immediately. We can also provide grocery shopping - Please allow a few days advance notice.

HUB NUMBER: **250-460-3387**



VOTE for CHERYL HALLA

RDOS DIRECTOR for AREA "I"

Skaha West, Kaleden & Apex

- Lived and worked 46 years in the area. My family of three generations have made Kaleden their home.
- Over 35 years experience working for three different Improvement Districts focusing on the supply of water to communities, along with other local government duties.
- Certified Public Administrator, Experienced Business Administrator, and a great number of years of Accounting Experience, including Budgeting.



Willing to Listen ...

Will research and reach out to endeavour in resolving community issues that may arise.

Let's work together to keep our community, its resources and parkland, safe and beautiful.

Authorized by Cheryl Halla, Financial Agent 250-809-8548

Kaleden Volunteer Fire Department

By Jean Dube



Open Burning season comes into effect as of Friday, October 16. Open Burning is an opportunity to clean your property of vegetative debris such as tree branches, stubble, or tall grasses, which will have a big impact on reducing wildfire risks, giving fire departments and wildfire agencies a better chance of defending our homes. Open Burning Bylaw No.2898,2020 is a bylaw to regulate open burning within the five RDOS fire protection areas of Anarchist Mountain, Kaleden, Naramata, Okanagan Falls, and Willowbrook. Homeowners are required to complete a Burn Authorization application prior to a burn. There is no fee, and no permits are issued. Your request is directed to your Fire Department. The KVFD is reminding residents to review burning regulations on the RDOS website before completing the Burn Authorization application. Apply on line at www.rdos.bc.ca. Once you have applied there is a 72-hour waiting period.

Burning authority holders must confirm burning is allowed on the day by checking the Air Quality and Venting index by calling 250.490.4125.

It is important for property owners to consider their neighbours and the environment before burning. Other than open burning, please consider options such as taking material to the landfill or by taking advantage of the FireSmart chipping event being held **May 2027**. More information to be provided in the spring.

The Fire Chief may extend or reduce the burning season should conditions allow or require it. Please forward any inquiries to the KVFD at kaledenfire@rdos.bc.ca.

A Category 2 Fire: 1 to 2 concurrently burning piles **no larger** than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide.

A Category 3 Fire: Any fire **larger** than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide. 3 or more concurrently burning piles no larger than 2 metres high by 3 metres wide. **All Category 3 fires must be approved in advance by your local Fire Chief.**



New To Kaleden?

We would like to welcome you & provide you with a package of community information. Please call 250-460-3387.

Kaleden Irrigation District News

By Bruce Shepherd, KID Trustee

You're Invited! To keep you informed on the upcoming referendum on funding the treatment plant upgrade, we are unveiling two communications vehicles, overviewed below. Take them for a 'test drive' and feedback suggested improvements.

KID Website (www.kaledenirrigation.org) has a new look, and easier to navigate. Some new or improved sections:

- **Get in Touch** under Planned Infrastructure Improvements & Objectives includes new background info and FAQs on the proposed Water Treatment Upgrade Project. Can't find the A to your Q? Contact KID (kaledenirrigation.com)
- **About Us** has a reorganized and updated history of KID, plus new ratepayer info and comparison of KID's basic water rates with other local water utilities (spoiler alert - we're lowest!)
- **Water** provides current and new info on watering restrictions, conservation tips, water quality and our Intake Protection Zone
- **How Do I?** is your go-to spot for info on paying bills, becoming a KID Trustee, applying for various watering exemptions and more
- **Kaleden Cemetery** profiles recent improvements and provides info on finding graves, reserving plots, arranging and paying for interments and markers

KID Facebook Page (www.facebook.com > Kaleden Irrigation District). KID goes social! We've entered the social media arena to provide another way to boost understanding about the upcoming referendum and the proposed water treatment upgrade project. As the project unfolds, it is intended to use this page to provide real-time updates on progress, milestones, and developments. Use it to stay current as we navigate through this important process.

Welcome Frits! The KID Board welcomes Frits Dijk as our newest Trustee. Frits moved to Kaleden in 2018, and wants to contribute more to the community.

Water Scarcity HIGH! Okanagan Lake is at record low levels; the plug has been pulled on this big bathtub that supplies Skaha Lake and our intake. Wells throughout the Okanagan also are at record lows. Recent rains did little to offset the Valley's multi-year moisture deficit. Similar to July, we used 5% less water in August than in 2025. Going in the right direction, but if drought persists, we will need to significantly reduce consumption in 2027.

Doubly-Important Date!

- On **October 15**, Irrigation Season ends, no more sprinkling! Agricultural customers needing to irrigate past this date must submit an Irrigation Extension Request Form first.
- Tax payments also due at the KID Office by **October 15** (Bills were mailed August 31).



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Kaleden FireSmart Tip

By Linda Dahl

Mitigation and FireSmart practices were instrumental in saving homes during the recent Bald Range wildfire in Summerland. Some of these practices included limbing trees from 2-3 meters up to stop fires from reaching the tree canopy, as well as properties with less debris 1.5m from the home and with green grass, experienced fewer dangerous ember showers.

During this Fall, please do what you can to reduce your fire risk. It is your job to protect your own home, but put pressure on local government to mitigate the surrounding forests. Sign up for a FREE home assessment at firesmart.rdos.bc.ca to get started.



Kaleden Community Association

By Randy Cranston

October, the month when we consciously think about THANKS. Thanks to all the volunteers and local businesses that so willingly give of their time, energy, product, and space to support the various initiatives and events and make Kaleden the place it is.

One of those groups is the Kaleden Seniors Committee, who are sponsoring a **Harvest Bingo on Friday, October 2nd** with proceeds going to support the accessible walkway in Pioneer Park (see the KSC article for more information). We are closing in on raising the funds to have the accessible walkway project move forward. \$7600 has been secured in grants from the Kaleden Community Fund through the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen and \$1175 from the Greenwood Forestry Legacy Fund. Other grant applications have been submitted. Additional monies have been raised through the sale of a poster, the original being painted by Nel Witteman, of Skaha Lake from Pioneer Park. The poster sells for \$25 and will be available through the library and at Kaleden Seniors events. Great Christmas idea!

One of the businesses is Frog City Café, who has raised over \$800 for the accessible walkway through three initiatives: a percentage of ticket sales from a spring concert; a counter container for patrons to offer their loose change; and ticket sales from the Tragically Hip 10-year concert video streaming event. As well, individuals have made donations. At the time of writing this article, about \$1000 more is needed. If you would like to donate to support this project, contact bruce.keays@gmail.com. Donations are tax deductible. Thanks to all the organizations, Frog City Café and individual donors who have supported this project.

Thanks to everyone who drops their RETURNABLE bottles/cans/jugs/cartons off at the Kaleden Bottle Depot and to those volunteers who designate their volunteer hours to KCA. To date, funds flowing to KCA for 2026 total \$7400 and over \$20,000 has been distributed to the four local charities who volunteer at the bottle depot. Amazing that this little bottle depot generates that kind of funding! It's a great way to support the four local charities.

Congratulations to Lucas Nickle who was the recipient of KCA's post-secondary bursary that focuses on volunteering, administered by the Kaleden Bursary Committee.

There are items in the lost and found box at Pioneer Park. If you are missing something, please check the box before October 30 when the items will be donated to local agencies.

Lastly, mark your calendars NOW for the **Light Up Event on Saturday, November 28 in Pioneer Park**. Also, plan to turn on your Christmas Lights that evening for the trolley bus tours.

Enjoy Thanksgiving with whomever you might spend it with, thinking about everything you have to be thankful for.



Matt Taylor
Director for
RDOS Area "D"



From The Director For RDOS Area "D"

Advocacy at Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) ~ UBCM represents ALL local governments - 161 municipalities and 27 regional districts - as their lever for change with BC's provincial government.

At September's UBCM Convention, I was fortunate to participate in RDOS meetings with the Premier and Cabinet Ministers to push key regional priorities with several ministries: Finance; Environment & Parks; Water, Land, & Resource Stewardship; Education & Child Care; and Agriculture & Food.

Highlights for Okanagan Falls and Area "D", from these and other discussions include:

- The Premier's acknowledgement that the Incorporation process was more challenging than anticipated - we agree!
- Informative background on DRIPA from a 'by invitation only' (Public Land Use Society, PLUS)
- Funding for licensed Child Care
- Potential refinements to Short Term Rentals
- Shift authority for property tax collection to RDOS at a cost of \$350k instead of the province's actual cost of \$1,075k, saving home owners \$725k annually
- KVR Trail repairs from Summerland to Kaleden / Okanagan Falls, through an evolving partnership with PIB, in support of tourism, community identity and basic transportation
- Investment in utility acquisitions like Skaha Estates or Lakeshore water systems, and dams
- Identifying a clear process, lead agency and financial assistance for forestry encampments
- Temporary foreign Workers and Crop Insurance improvements



I presented our incorporation experience including the frustrating 15 month delay between referendum and eventual release of Letters Patent for the "District of Okanagan Falls", with Electoral Directors from Areas across the province. Recommendations for future incorporations, included:

- Transparent Process - Ensuring all costs / benefits are factored into the 'incorporation study' and referendum process, so residents make informed choices.
- Legal Framework - clarifying the role of "Duty to Consult" (Constitution) and "Free, Prior and Informed Consent" (DRIPA).
- Reconciliation - a worthy and necessary activity that needs the full involvement of those directly affected, in our case the people of Okanagan Falls.

UBCM adopted policy recommending that in other future incorporations the province should establish Letters Patent on content from incorporation studies and referendums - ensuring that those residents make informed choices. I spoke to it at the meeting, after getting it passed this spring by RDOS who in turn got it supported by our regional association. UBCM will now lobby the province for this change.

Grants Declined ~ RDOS large grant applications for sewer

and water infrastructure projects in Skaha Estates and Heritage Hills were declined in early August. RDOS staff met with funding program representatives to improve applications for the next intake. Work continues on these infrastructure projects and, as noted above, RDOS is advocating for the province's financial support on utilities converting to their regional district.

Upper Carmi Road Gets A Centre-Line! ~ It took time and numerous requests to Ministry of Transport and Transit (MoTT) from residents, myself and others, but we now have a centre-line up to and beyond Penticton Speedway. People driving at night, or during a fire or other conditions with restricted visibility, now have better tools for safe driving.

A Heart-Felt Thanks ~ Thank you for the opportunity to represent you to the RDOS and Hospital Boards of Directors! It's been a 'pretty busy' term - understatement - and the last few months was no exception. We've come through 4 referendums in 1 term in 1 Area - more than the RDOS as a whole has done in any term - unanticipated legislation, flood and fire emergencies, and the province's unscripted and ultimately successful incorporation process, all detailed in 48 articles like this. Many of the decisions have been difficult with a lot of different perspectives to consider; some had no good outcome on the table; and some were actually ground-breaking firsts. I mostly feel we all tried to be respectful of other people's views. And if the discussions got a bit passionate - or in some cases darned 'heated' - that's okay! It helped to know where you stood, made it easier for me to share your views with others, and in the end it helped us all get to where we wanted to go. It's been a real pleasure getting to know and working for people from the length of Area "D" ... Upper Carmi, through Heritage Hills and Skaha Estates to Okanagan Falls and Vaseux Lake - and all points in between! Thank you!

Director Information ~ Office hours on the first Tuesday each month are 3-4:30 pm at the RDOS Okanagan Falls Office.

Matt Taylor, Director for RDOS Area "D"

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Okanagan Falls Connects - A Gathering & Celebration Of Community Volunteers

Submitted by the Okanagan Falls Connects Committee

An enjoyable gathering of 22 Okanagan Falls Community Groups, Volunteers and Service Organizations and Okanagan Falls Public took place at Okanagan Falls Community Centre on September 13 for a celebration of community volunteers. Okanagan Falls has a long history of volunteers whose efforts have helped make Okanagan Falls the vibrant community it has become. Present-day volunteers continue this long-standing tradition.

Funded by the Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen, an organization dedicated to strengthening communities, the event celebrated the good works of community volunteers, reaffirmed their importance to the community, strengthened the relationships among the groups and introduced the public to the many people who volunteer their time and resources on behalf of the community.

This initiative was carried out by a group of community-minded people forming the "Okanagan Falls Connects Committee", comprised of Allison Symons, Connie White, Barb Shanks, Judy Garner, Kelvin Hall and Bob Daly.

The Committee is indebted to Belich's AG Foods for the wonderful food and community support, and to all those organizations that turned out to make it such a successful event. A special thanks goes out to the following supporters and donors of draw prizes: Okanagan Falls Pharmasave; Bullies Pizza; The Falls Barber; KJ's Coffee Bar; Tickleberry's; Paws Market; Rise & Shine Coffee House; Penticton Optical; Okanagan Falls Heritage & Museum Society; Okanagan Falls Senior's Centre; RDOS Recreation; Okanagan Falls Library; Okanagan Falls Legion; Community Foundation of the South Okanagan Similkameen; and individual donors Barb Shanks, Connie White and Allison Symons.



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Okanagan Falls Volunteer Fire Department

By Colin Pickell



Fall is a great time to make your property more FireSmart. Take some time to clean leaves, needles and dead vegetation from around your home. Clean your gutters, trim trees and bushes, and keep firewood and other flammable materials away from your house.

These simple steps can help protect your home and make your property safer for you, your family and your neighbours. Check out firesmartbc.ca for more great tips on how to prepare your property!

Ongoing Recruitment ~ As a busy fire season winds down, we turn to our training and recruitment. Our fire department is always looking for people interested in joining our team, so if you have ever thought about becoming a volunteer firefighter, now is a great time to find out more. You can learn new skills, meet great people and make a real difference in your community. We are always looking to expand our membership, so that we can continue to provide an important service to our community. Reach out through our Facebook page or send an email to okfallsfire@rdos.bc.ca for more info. To be a member, you must live in the Okanagan Falls fire protection district (approx. Vaseaux Lake to Heritage Hills).

Our thoughts continue to be with Summerland, Faulder and all the communities impacted by wildfires this summer that are now rebuilding their homes, businesses and lives.

Vitamin D: Winter Blues, Winter Flus, Auto-Immunity, and Chronic Disease Benefits

By Dr. Tamara Browne, ND Naturopathic Physician,
Licensed and Registered by the BC Ministry of Health



In northern climates, Vitamin D deficiency in the winter is common due to the fact that the sun's rays are angled to such an extent that the UVB portion is filtered out. The UVB rays stimulate the biological production of active Vitamin D, D3, in the skin. Although, in the summer a person with most of their skin exposed produces about 20,000 IU of Vitamin D in just 20 minutes, in the

Canadian fall, winter, and spring we produce virtually none, even if we do expose our skin to the sun (not likely!).

So how does this affect us? Seemingly, the effect is significant according to current science and research. Vitamin D deficiency has been linked to a myriad of health problems which occur more routinely in the winter than any other season, or which occur more readily in Northern climates in general. For instance, viral and bacterial infections including the Flu occur more in the winter. It has been discovered that Vitamin D turns on genes that boost production of antimicrobial peptides called cathelicidins which destroy viruses, bacteria, and other germs. It has also been found that the immune systems' killer cells, known as T-cells, rely on Vitamin D to become active. T-cells are vital for the immune system to identify and destroy foreign pathogenic microbes. Low Vitamin D levels are also associated with an increased risk of cancer, seasonal affective disorder (SAD), osteoporosis, rickets, multiple sclerosis, high blood pressure, metabolic syndrome, diabetes, and obesity. In elderly people, this deficiency is linked with weakness, Alzheimer's disease, macular degeneration, and an increased risk of death overall.

Testing is available to determine your Vitamin D status. Recommended supplemental intake during fall and winter for most adults is 4000-5000 IU per day of Vitamin D3, or to reach a serum level of 125-175 nmol/L. Dietary sources of active Vitamin D are scarce and include some fatty fish (herring, salmon, sardines), fish liver oils, eggs from hens that have been fed Vitamin D, and fortified milk and infant formulas. Other dairy products such as cheese and yogurt are not usually fortified with Vitamin D.

Once again, science had caught up to the wisdom inherent in Mother Nature. Please seek the guidance of a qualified and regulated health care professional for advice and monitoring of protocols related to chronic disease. This article is for informational purposes only and should not be considered medical advice. All treatments must be individualized based on the holistic principles.



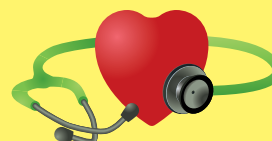
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Creative Wellness Solutions

By Dee-anne Stone, Seniors Wellness Practitioner



As we approach World Mental Health Day on October 10th, it is time to look at simple, accessible tools for emotional well-being. For adults navigating anxiety, depression, or chronic stress, a regular 30-minute chair massage can be a game-changer.

Unlike traditional full-body treatments, chair massages are fully clothed and highly accessible. This makes them less intimidating for individuals who experience physical discomfort or touch-aversion due to trauma. During a session, a practitioner targets common tension zones like the neck, shoulders, and back. This targeted pressure triggers the body's parasympathetic nervous system, effectively shifting it out of a heightened "fight-or-flight" state.

Biochemically, regular massage is shown to significantly lower cortisol - the primary stress hormone - while naturally boosting dopamine and serotonin. This chemical reset stabilizes mood, promotes mental clarity, and combats the severe sleep disturbances often tied to mental health conditions. By carving out just 30 minutes on a regular basis, adults can quiet mind chatter, ease physical tension, and cultivate long-term emotional resilience.

This October 10th, let's destigmatize mental health care. Consider introducing regular chair massages into your routine as a practical, drug-free way to protect and nurture your mind.

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Ask Cheryl

By Cheryl L. Snyder, RTC, MRT, CBT

Loving Someone With Addiction - Part 1

Dear Cheryl,

I love someone who struggles with addiction. I have spent so much time hoping, worrying, helping, waiting and wondering when things will finally change. I understand that healing doesn't happen overnight, but sometimes I struggle with how long I am supposed to wait. How do I continue to love someone who is battling addiction without losing myself in the process?

Dear Anonymous,

One of the hardest truths about addiction and healing is that there is no reliable timeline. We often want healing to happen in a straight line: crisis, treatment, recovery - and then everything gets better. In reality, recovery can be much more complicated. There can be progress, setbacks, hope, disappointment, and periods when it feels as though nothing is changing.

While we cannot control another person's recovery, we can make choices about how we participate in it.

Loving someone with an addiction does not mean rescuing them from every consequence. It does not mean repeatedly putting your own wellbeing aside, paying their bills, covering for them, accepting harmful behaviour, or living in constant fear of what might happen next.

Sometimes, the most loving thing we can do is stop doing for someone what they need to learn to do for themselves.

There is an important distinction between supporting someone's recovery and supporting their addiction.

You can love someone and still have boundaries. You can hope for their recovery without putting your own life on hold.

And this is where your own healing becomes important too.

Due to limited space this month, please watch for the 2nd part to this very important question from Cheryl's inbox. Thank you always for the support in ASK CHERYL.



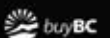
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Don't Let Old Man Winter Catch Your House Off Guard

By Sergej Sinicin of neuHouzz Real Estate Group



The leaves are turning, the vineyards are wrapping up harvest, and if you're anything like me, you've already caught yourself glancing at the mountains, wondering how many weeks we've got before the white stuff hits the ground.

October in the South Okanagan is gorgeous, but it's also the last real window to get your property ready before winter takes the wheel.

Whether you're staying put for years, planning to sell in the spring, or just don't want a surprise repair bill in January, here's what I tell my clients to check before the frost sets in.

1. Gutters and Downspouts First: This is the one homeowners underestimate every single year. A clogged gutter in October becomes an ice dam in December, and an ice dam could become a very unhappy ceiling by February. Clear them now. Personally, we have Ponderosa Pine needles everywhere, especially in the gutters, so I am sure you do too. Also, make sure water is directed at least a few feet away from your foundation at the downspout exit.

2. Check the Roof While You Can Still See It: Once the snow flies, a damaged shingle or a soft spot around a vent stack disappears until it's already leaking. Our home inspections regularly flag damaged boots, i.e. rubber or metal flashings around vent stacks. Also, check for damaged seals around the skylights. A quick visual check or a call to a local roofer, if you're not keen on the ladder, can save you from discovering a problem the hard way, mid-storm. Ask yourself, when was the last time I had inspected my roof? If the answer is 5 years or more, save yourself thousands and call a roofing company for a roof health check this fall.

3. Give Your Crawlspace and Foundation Some Attention: Look for cracks, gaps, or signs of moisture. Pay special attention to gaps around the hose bibs and any air dryer or furnace exhaust lines that may stick out of your foundation or siding. When viewing homes with our buying clients, we often see expansion foam damaged by UV and weather elements at those points. or some birds or rodents have been nibbling on it. Repairing these now keeps out both the cold and the critters looking for a warm place to spend the winter (yes, that's a real and very common Okanagan fall problem). So keep Mickey or Minny out of your house.

4. Drain and Store Outdoor Water Lines: Irrigation lines, hose bibs, and anything not rated for freezing temperatures should be drained and shut off. A burst pipe is one of the most common and most avoidable winter insurance claims I see. And of course, this time of the year we start inserting the "Winterization of Irrigation" clause into our real estate contracts to protect our buyers and their purchases.

5. Test Your Heat Before You Need It: I would say the best money spent by far this fall will be on my furnace's health check. Many local HVAC companies can make sure you will have heat all winter by simply coming out and doing a 90-minute service on your equipment. Have your furnace or heat pump serviced now, not on

the coldest night of the year when every technician in the valley is booked solid. Same goes for your fireplace or wood stove; a chimney sweep in October is easier to schedule than in December.

If you want peace of mind this winter or if a spring listing is anywhere on your radar, fall maintenance is some of the best ROI you'll get. Buyers and their inspectors notice a well-maintained roof, a dry or rodent-free crawlspace, and documented furnace service. It shows a home that's been cared for, and it gives you leverage when negotiations get underway. On the flip side, deferred maintenance has a way of surfacing at the worst possible time, like the coldest day of the year or during a buyer's inspection.

If you're not sure whether something is a quick DIY fix or worth calling in a professional, ask. I'd rather answer a quick question in October than have a client discover a \$12,000 problem in February. That's true whether you're a client of mine or not; a five-minute call doesn't cost anything, and might save you an expensive surprise.

Getting your home winter-ready is just one piece of the puzzle: timing, pricing, the best time to sell and knowing what buyers and inspectors will be looking for matter just as much. If you're planning a move and want guidance through every step of the process, reach out to the neuHouzz Real Estate Group at 778-764-1373.



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Children's Programs:

STEAM Club: Exploring Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math In-Person: Friday, October 23 from 10-11:30 am.

Join us for STEAM club, where science, technology, engineering, art, and math combine into fun experiments for little scientists! We emphasize collaboration, communication, problem solving, critical thinking, and creativity skills, while doing fun hands-on experiments. This program is for school-aged children. Registration is required.

Family Story Time: Reading Through the Rainbow Tuesdays at 10-10:45 am. Enjoy stories, songs, and rhymes as we explore a new letter of the alphabet each week at the library. You may expect roughly 20 minutes of stories and songs, followed by time to play. Perfect for ages 0+ with caregivers. No registration required.

LEGO Master Builders: Fridays from 12-4:00 pm. A drop-in program for school aged children where you can complete a LEGO BINGO challenge to bring you closer to a fun LEGO prize, or just hang out and build. What will you build today?

Teens & Adults:

Crafting 101: A free crafting program where no experience is necessary! Tuesday, October 6 from 5:30-7 pm. In the spirit of Autumn, and the approach of Thanksgiving, we are going to be upcycling some old books by turning them into decorative pumpkins! Whether you are a seasoned crafter looking for a fun night out or a total beginner, this program is for you! Registration is required. For teens and adults.

Food Club: A Monthly Recipe Swap. Thursday, October 15 from 4-6 pm. The first rule of Food Club is: you definitely talk about Food Club! Join us at the library on the 3rd Thursday of the month for a delicious, themed recipe swap. Prepare samples of your go-to dish to share, along with a printed copy of the recipe. Get ready to discover your new favourites! Drop in and say hello!

September's Theme: Cooking with Apples

Submitted by Rachael Dowden, Kaleden Community Librarian

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Tech Talk: One-on-One on Wednesdays from 10 am - 1 pm from October 7 - December 16. Need a hand with your phone, tablet, laptop, or another device? Our **free Tech Tutor program** provides personalized assistance to help you build confidence and learn new skills at your own pace. Contact the library to register.

Book Club ~ Wednesday, October 21 from 1-2 pm. Join us for another engaging book club discussion! Whether you're a longtime member or joining us for the first time, we'd love to have you. Come share your thoughts on great books, discover new reads, and connect with fellow book lovers in the community.

Family Story Time ~ Saturday, October 17 from 9:30-10 am. Join us for Family Story Time, a fun and interactive program for young children and their caregivers. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and playful activities designed to inspire a love of reading and learning. After the program, stay for some extra playtime and an opportunity to connect with other local families in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Help Our Seed Library Grow ~ As the growing season winds down, we're starting to prepare for next year's Seed Library and are looking for seed donations. If you've saved seeds from your garden this year, please consider sharing them with the community. Every donation helps support local gardeners, encourages seed-saving practices, and contributes to a more diverse and resilient collection for everyone to enjoy. Our **Seed Library and Puzzle Exchange** remain available to all community members year-round.

Submitted by Artesa Wiker, Okanagan Falls Community Librarian

Highlights From Kaleden Elementary School

By Principal Jessa Arcuri

Students have settled into their classrooms and school routines, and it has been wonderful to welcome our Kaleden students and families back to KES. We are looking forward to an exciting month ahead, including district cross-country runs for our Grade 4, 5, and 6 students, the PAC Open House Picnic, learning conferences, and our annual Halloween activities. Outdoor learning is also underway, with Division 3 heading to the Vaseux Lake Bird Observatory for their first field trip and participation in the Bird Migration Program. Thank you to our PAC volunteers for cooking hamburgers and hot dogs at the Open House BBQ. Your support helped make the event a wonderful opportunity for families to connect and celebrate our school community.

We are also looking for community volunteers who have a skill, talent, hobby, or area of expertise they would be willing to share with our students. Bringing community learning into our school helps enrich student experiences and strengthens connections between KES and the community members who support us. If you are wanting to take part, please contact the school.



Seniors Needed

By Margaret O'Brien

The Kaleden HUB is happy to announce we are reinstating the Seniors and Kids program in cooperation with Kaleden Elementary School. Focus will be on reading, crafts, celebrating special theme days and interacting with a new little buddy.

We are currently looking for 20 or more seniors who are interested in offering their time on the third Thursday of the month from 1-2 pm from October 2026 to May 2027.

Please contact Shauna at shaunablujay@gmail.com, if you would like to volunteer as a regular or sign up as a substitute.

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School Trustee Report For SD67

By Karen Botsford, School Trustee

I am excited to continue to serve the students and staff of School District 67 as rural trustee for the next four years.

Here are some board accomplishments from the last term:

- Collaborated with partner groups and students to create a 5-year strategic plan.
- Reconfigured to grades K-7 and 8-12, stabilizing resources, reinvesting in programs and services for students
- Provided additional support for literacy and numeracy
- Improved graduation rates
- Constructed 5 new childcare centres on school grounds; now every elementary school has daycare on site
- Adopted a Budget Advisory Committee protocol that annually engages partner groups and community members allowing for a transparent budget process ensuring an opportunity for input from all groups

My work as trustee includes attending committee meetings and representing the board on external and provincial committees. I attend annual conferences where boards from across the province focused on student success, meet to share best practices, engage in professional development, collaborate and advocate for public education.

I have spent the past 4 years attending PAC meetings monthly, listening to parents and being updated on community concerns. Every school has its unique character and strengths, and I witness those throughout the year by attending concerts, special events, assemblies and touring classrooms. Rural schools are the heart of their communities, and the schools definitely are supported by the communities they serve. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to folks and to PACs for their tireless efforts supporting schools.

I am committed to putting students first in every decision and it is an honour to continue the great work of supporting student success.

For more information, please contact Karen Botsford, School Trustee for SD67, by sending an email to kbotsford@sd67.bc.ca.

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School Trustee Report For SD53

By Sholeh Pickell, School Trustee

We have returned to our Fall schedule on Sept 15 with an Education Committee meeting. During this meeting, our board reviewed our latest Framework for Enhancing Student Learning (FESL), which is a yearly report that our district submits to the provincial government. As always, there are areas we can keep improving, but we have made strides in many areas too. The FESL will be available on our website soon. Numeracy and literacy will continue to be an area of top focus for this next school year. We have many plans in motion to bring in more supports for teachers and students to keep building on our momentum for his current school year.

On Sept 2, I had the pleasure of attending the annual Indigenous Professional Development Day that was hosted on OIB lands. The sessions I attended included the OIB council chambers, highlighting governance structure and historic struggles of the Band and a Senpaq'cin School tour. On the school tour, we got to experience a snippet of their Fire Fridays, which are interactive and outdoor learning opportunities to explore OIB culture including drumming, harvesting and cooking. Other groups learned about the health and wellness supports offered through Band services and another group got to learn on the land about local plants and their properties. I was grateful for the opportunity to be on the Band lands and learn more about how the Band operates.

Lastly, I wish to express my gratitude to this community. It has been a privilege and an honour to be your local trustee on the board of education. I have been elected by acclamation and will continue to serve for another four year term.

For more information, please contact Sholeh Pickell, School Trustee for SD53, by emailing to spickell@sd53.bc.ca.



Okanagan Falls

Special Event



Halloween Pumpkin Hunt & Movie Night

Thursday, October 22
5:30 pm
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Come find your pumpkin and enjoy treats and hot chocolate!
Then settle in the gym for a movie.
Popcorn: By donation
Proceeds go towards OK Falls PAC

Registration required to get a pumpkin!
Scan the QR code to register.



Highlights From Okanagan Falls Elementary School

By Principal Katie Poole

School is in full swing and we are enjoying every minute of it!

This month, we are looking forward to photo day, the district soccer tournament, a PAC BBQ at Belich's, family conferences, drill week and our annual Halloween parade.

We have been so thankful for having the Lions Club feeding our students breakfasts in the mornings already and for the Okanagan Falls Firefighters cooking up hot dogs at our Welcome Back BBQ!

We have increased our student enrollment this year to 93 students, and we would like to welcome our families. Our little school is amazing and we know you will enjoy being Falcons with us!



Okanagan Falls PAC Update

By Kari Hill, PAC Chair

We're officially back into the swing of the school year, and PAC has lots happening this fall!

BBQ at Belich's AG Foods ~ Come find us out front of Belich's AG Foods on **Saturday, October 3 from 11 am - 2 pm-ish** for another PAC BBQ fundraiser! A HUGE thank you to Belich's for generously donating the hamburgers for our fundraiser and for continuing to support our school. We're working hard to raise funds for new iPads for Okanagan Falls Elementary, so come grab a burger, say hello, and help us get a little closer to our goal.

Meat Draw at the Legion ~ Our monthly Meat Draw is back again on **Saturday, October 17** at the Okanagan Falls Legion. Come join us, support the school, and maybe get lucky enough to take dinner home with you!

Pumpkin Hunt & Movie Night ~ Join us **Thursday, October 22** for another fun community movie night, happening right after the RDOS Pumpkin Hunt! Once you've finished hunting for pumpkins, stick around and settle in for a movie with the family. Keep an eye out for more details as we get closer to the date!

Thank You, Lions Club! ~ A special thank you to the Okanagan Falls Lions Club for their continued support of our students and for helping provide hot breakfasts at the school. We are incredibly fortunate to have your group continue to show up for our kids.

Winter Market - Vendors Wanted! ~ Our Winter Market is coming up on Saturday, November 21 in the Okanagan Falls Elementary School Gym and we're looking for vendors! If you're a local maker, baker, crafter, small business, or vendor who would like to join us, please email Chelsea at chelsfair@live.ca to reserve your spot. Our Winter Market is always such a fun community event, and we can't wait to fill the gym again this year!

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Twin Lakes Harvest Dance 2026

By Daina Zilans



The 3rd Annual Twin Lakes Harvest Dance, hosted by the Twin Lakes Social Club, was held on August 29 at the Twin Lakes Golf Course clubhouse after a much needed rain. People gathered from our neighborhood and

neighboring communities. What a joyous event!

The Tres Taco Loco food truck was available outside. Their authentic, super-tasty tacos were enjoyed by dance attendees and other Twin Lakes residents. The energetic Kelowna band, Uncle Rico, played a variety of favourite danceable songs from past decades. Everyone was on the dance floor at some point, and some never sat down all evening. A few lucky people won door prizes donated by local residents, artisans, and gardeners and, at the end of the dance, attendees took home the table decorations, beautifully decorated jars (Thank you Heather) of flowers donated by South Okanagan Blue Organics, bags of garlic donated by Yellowbrick Farms, and also a variety of edible squashes.



The Twin Lakes Social Club would like to thank the Twin Lakes Golf Course for donating their clubhouse space in a beautiful mountain setting and for operating the cash bar. Thanks to December, our busy popcorn popper. And thanks, of course, to all of the Twin Lakes Social Club members for yet another successful Harvest Dance. We were pleased to give back to our community by donating \$300 to ALERT, which provided animal emergency response during our recent wildfires.

These days, when technology offers us many options for communication and entertainment, the people who joined us, and ate and drank and danced and visited, felt a real and positive connection with others from their community. It was a great evening, shared by a great group of people. Thanks to all who came out. Tell your friends and neighbours to come again next year!

Kaleden Museum & Archives

By Mike Gane



The Kaleden Service Station circa late 1940's early 1950's. Things have changed a wee bit since then and have Petro-Canada now. If you wish to donate items to the Kaleden Museum, please contact Mike Gane at 250-497-5674.

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Kaleden Quilters & Crafters Invitation

By Vivian King

Ladies of all skill levels are invited to join us for an afternoon with other quilters and crafters every Wednesday from 1-4 pm in the Kaleden Community Hall. Coffee and tea are always available. Falls sessions: September 2 - October 21 for \$20, October 28 - November 25 for \$15, or drop-in is \$4. For more information, call 250-497-1164 or email viv20king@gmail.com. See you there!



Need A Ride?

If you live in the Kaleden Area and need a ride, please call 250-460-3387.

Kaleden Seniors Committee Update

By Karla Avendaño, KSC Event Coordinator

Last month, the Kaleden Seniors Committee had the opportunity to visit the Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory, and what a wonderful morning it was! We had an amazing turnout, the tour was fascinating from beginning to end, and we were lucky to have such an amazing tour guide who made the experience both interesting and easy to follow. We learned about radio astronomy, the work being done at the observatory, and how these incredible telescopes help scientists study our universe. There were lots of questions, interesting conversations, and plenty of new things to discover. It was wonderful to see so many people come out and enjoy the morning together. A big thank you to our fantastic tour guide and to the Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory for welcoming us, and of course, thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the outing such a success!



Save the date for Harvest Bingo on October 2nd at 7pm at Kaleden Community Hall. Lots of prizes! Also, on November 14th, the Annual Kaleden Winter Market will take place from 10am - 2pm. If you'd like to be a vendor, email us at kaledenseniors@gmail.com.



South Okanagan Similkameen Community Connections Volunteer Centre Update

By Laura Turnbull, Board Chairperson

"Change is inevitable. Growth is optional." stated John C Maxwell so profoundly. I've been reflecting on this statement lately and wondering what it has to say about volunteerism. I am acutely aware how much I have learned and grown from my many volunteer experiences, several of which have come about due to change. I think of recently helping at the "Comfort Centre" due to the Bald Range fire in August. I spoke with countless evacuees who taught me much about resilience, thankfulness, ways of coping, and appreciation. I remember assisting with the South Okanagan and Similkameen Community Connections Volunteer Centre's volunteer appreciation breakfast and the tremendous adaptability all the volunteers showed as we changed location from the previous year. It was bigger and better than before! And oh, how we learned! Some of the boards I have sat on have undergone interesting changes and subsequent growth, as they modified their mandate, format, and processes.

If any of these changes and growth experiences spark an interest in you, contact the South Okanagan and Similkameen Community Connections Volunteer Centre at 1-888-576-5661 and our Executive Director Subrina Monteith will be delighted to speak to you. View www.volunteercentre.info or make an appointment to visit us at The Cannery at 110-1475 Fairview Road in Penticton.

Organizations as diverse as The Foundry, AlleyCats Alliance, Crime Stoppers, Rygas Arts Festival, SOWINS, Okanagan Gleaners, Desert Sun, and Agur Lake Camp are all part of the SOSCCVC family! Be part of the change and let's grow together!

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Okanagan Falls Lions Update

By Bob Wilson, Past President

And next up, Thanksgiving! Here we are almost into fall on September 18. The El Niño is building in the Pacific Ocean, so possibly another mild winter coming up if nothing changes.

We had a successful summer with Music in the Park concerts and the Legion Wednesday Car Shows. Thanks to all who supported our sales. It helps us help the community.

The School Breakfast Program is back running 3 times a week as usual, with good reports coming back from our volunteer staff. Thanks everyone for your tireless commitment year after year.

Watch for coming activities in the New Year. We've been making a few decisions at recent meetings, so trying some new activities. Until next time, everyone keep as well as you can. See you around.

Blood, it's in you to give! The next Blood Donor Clinics will be held October 19-21 at the Penticton Senior Drop In Centre from 1:30-5:30 pm. The Canadian Blood Services needs both donors and volunteers, visit www.blood.ca or call 1-888-236-6283.

The Okanagan Falls Lions Club meets the second Monday each month at 7 pm from September to June. Come and join us and see what we are all about. If you have any questions, please call 778-439-2275. Visit www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/okfalls/ or www.facebook.com/okanaganfallsionsclub.



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The Royal Canadian Legion Branch #227

By Bev Van Uden

The purpose of the Royal Canadian Legion is to serve veterans, including military and RCMP members and their families, and promote remembrance and support local communities across Canada. Remembrance ensures Canadians never forget those who served and sacrificed in military conflict, peace operations, and on the homefront, notably through the annual poppy campaign. We are a non-profit organization that is funded independently through membership dues, public fundraising and branch operations.

OPEN Monday-Saturday from 2 pm to closing. Open Sundays at 11 am for pool. Check out the game. Everyone welcome!

Wednesday Car Show ~ The cars start rolling in around 1:30 pm. Serving burgers, fries, onions rings, smokies, plus a 60/40 draw.

Meat Draws - Fridays at 5 pm & Saturdays at 3 pm ~ Thanks to Belich's AG Foods for the meat. All profits donated to charities.

Drop-in Darts ~ Saturdays at 2 pm. Registration at 1:30 pm.

General Meeting ~ Tuesday, October 20 at 7 pm.

Halloween Dinner & Dance ~ October 31. Prizes for best costume.

Veterans Lunch ~ November 2 at 11 am. Please leave your name at the bar if you plan to attend.

Next Breakfast will be in December.

Shuffle Board ~ Starting again in the fall. Anyone interested make up your own 4 person team or we can put you on a team. You can play once per week on either Tuesday or Thursday at 2 pm, with spares if you only want to play casually. You don't need to be a member. Call Rick 250-486-7178 or Sandy 250-809-7078.

Bottle Returns ~ Drop off cans and bottles by the garage door at the back of the Legion parking lot. Thank you!

Volunteers ~ Are always welcome. Come on down to the branch.

For Updates ~ Call the branch at 250-497-8338, check the board outside, or check our Facebook page at "Royal Cdn Legion - Branch 227 Okanagan Falls BC" or our Instagram at "Veterans227".

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Okanagan Falls Seniors Activity Society

By Heather Jackson

We are located at 1128 Willow Street in Okanagan Falls. The local bus stop is right across the street from our front doors. We have a library and puzzles to loan out when the centre is in use.

Check out our website at www.okfallsseniorscenter.ca. Follow us on Facebook at "Okanagan Falls Seniors Center".

Watch this column for announcements of any guest speakers at our general meetings on the first Monday of the month.

Activities in October 2026:

Canasta ~ Mondays at 10 am - Not on Holidays!

Crafts & Coffee ~ Mondays at 1 pm (Wendy 250-486-3141)

Evening Pool ~ Mondays at 6 pm

Tuesday Bingo ~ Tuesdays - October 6, 13 & 20 at 1 pm

Evening Pool ~ Tuesdays at 5:30 pm

Mexican Train Dominos ~ Wednesdays at 1 pm (Not on Oct 7)

Afternoon Pool ~ Thursdays at 1 pm

Bridge ~ Thursdays at 1 pm

Cribbage ~ Thursdays at 7 pm

Line Dancing ~ Fridays at 1 pm

Pancake Breakfast ~ Saturday, October 3 from 8-10 am

General Meeting ~ Monday, October 5 at 1 pm

Drop-in Bingo ~ Saturday, October 17 from 1-4 pm

Potluck Dinner ~ Saturday, October 24 at 5 pm

Country Music Jamboree ~ Sunday, October 25 from 1-4 pm

Scrabble ~ On hold for now - looking for participants

Carpet Bowling ~ On hold for now - looking for participants

Booking Agent ~ Please call Heather at 250-497-1171.



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OK Falls Heritage & Museum Society

By Connie White, Curator/Board Secretary

Our museum may be closed for the season, but our Thrift Shop is open all year. We have just changed inventory over to Fall and Winter clothing. Don't forget we also have a great section of books, so come on in and have a look. If you are looking to volunteer some time in a fun and friendly environment, please join us!

While the museum is closed, we can still make ourselves available for group tours. If you may be interested, please send an email to okfallscurator@gmail.com.

We will be announcing a fun Christmas event soon, so stay tuned!



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Okanagan Quilters

By Barb Shanks

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Elks Lodge Oliver #267

By Dee-anne Stone, Secretary

We are a volunteer organization of men and women serving our community. All welcome!

Open: Tuesday - Sunday, 2 pm to closing. Wednesday open at 1 pm. Come celebrate September with some great **BEER SPECIALS!**

Fall Craft Market ~ Sunday, October 19 from 9 am - 3 pm. For information, contact Sue at sugarplumsue@gmail.com.

A Taste Of Hungary ~ Saturday, October 24 at 5 pm. Enjoy a cultural evening of food, music and tradition. Tickets at the Elks.

HELP WANTED: Support Your Elks Lodge! We are looking for friendly volunteers to help keep our lodge thriving. Ready to help out? Email oliverelkslodge267@gmail.com for information.

TAPS ~ Every Wednesday and Thursday 9 am - 1 pm. A program for seniors offered free of charge, featuring activities such as chair yoga, music bingo, karaoke, arts and crafts, and computer literacy lessons. Lunch for \$7 and free round-trip transportation provided.

Meat Draw ~ Every Sunday at 3 pm. Meat provided by Belich's AG Foods. Email us if you would like to host a draw.

Breakfast ~ Bacon, eggs, sausage, home fries, pancakes, toast, coffee and juice, all for only \$10. 2nd & 4th Sundays 8:30-11 am.

Darts ~ Drop-in darts, toeline Sundays at 2 pm and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Come early to sign up.

Mahjong ~ Wednesdays at 1 pm. Come play the traditional game.

General Meeting ~ Tuesday, October 13 at 7 pm. Held the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

Hall Rental ~ Large hall with kitchen for rent. Email for inquiries.

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South Skaha Housing Society Update

By Michael Livingstone, SSHS Chair

Thank you to everyone who reached out after last month's post regarding the upcoming vacancy. Your attention and support mean a great deal as we continue working to meet local housing needs. The Phase 2 building is coming along well. Progress on the interior is steady, and each week brings us closer to completion. It's encouraging to see the project move forward with such momentum.


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Travel In 2027: What Savvy Travellers Should Be Thinking About Now

By Diane Chatfield

2027 may seem a long way off, but for travellers who like choices, now is the time to start thinking about where they want to go. One of the most common questions I hear as a travel advisor is, "When should I book?" While there isn't one answer for every trip, planning ahead can be especially helpful for popular destinations, cruises, family vacations and travel during peak periods.

Start with the experience ... not the destination ~ Before searching for flights or resorts, think about what you want your vacation to feel like. Are you looking for sunshine and relaxation, adventure, a European getaway, a cruise or a special trip with family? Knowing what you want from your vacation makes it much easier to narrow down the many choices available. And sometimes, the destination you initially have in mind isn't necessarily the best match for what you want. Exploring alternatives can lead to some wonderful surprises.

Think beyond the price ~ A great vacation isn't always the cheapest vacation. When comparing options, look at what's included, the location, room type, transportation, baggage, meals and activities. A slightly higher price can sometimes provide considerably more value or simply a better fit for your needs.

Don't forget the important details ~ Passports, travel insurance and destination requirements aren't the most exciting parts of travel planning, but they are important. Make sure your passport will be valid for your trip and check whether your destination has specific entry requirements. Travel insurance is also worth considering, particularly for medical emergencies, cancellations and interruptions.

Planning early gives you options ~ Whether you're dreaming about a 2027 cruise, an all-inclusive escape or a once-in-a-lifetime adventure, starting the conversation early can give you more time to research and make an informed decision. As a travel advisor, I love helping clients take that first idea and turn it into a trip that fits their interests, budget and travel style.

So, where will 2027 take you? Start dreaming now ... you might be surprised where your next adventure leads.

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Your full name and location area is required on any submission.

(Please Note: Some discretion on content inclusion may be involved.)

Flowers to Paula for organizing the BBQ to thank all the Kaleden Bottle Depot volunteers. ~ *From Randy C. of KCA in Kaleden*

Fish Heads to the pig who was cleaning out old small appliances and books and dumped them on the south end of the Old Kaleden Road. The Okanagan Falls Landfill isn't far.

~ *From David F. of Okanagan Falls*

Flowers to the many neighbours in our community that came forward to help me and my grandson during a difficult time. Thanks to Tony, Sharon and family, the Black family, Harry and Janice, Angie and Kenny, Shari, Donna, Connie, Katie and Annalise. Your generosity and kind support during a challenging time was greatly appreciated. Thank you! ~ *From Henry (Ted) S. of Okanagan Falls*

Flowers to Annalise and everyone else who helped bring the Mobi Mats to Christie Memorial Beach. ~ *From Bob R. of Okanagan Falls*

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By Janet Barnes

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