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Special points of interest:

- 13th Jan:- Pyman Road Gravel Pit meeting
- 20th Jan:- JRRATS AGM

Quick Mention:

- Winter tires every-one? It's the law.
- Handsfree cell phone use whilst driving. It's the law.
- Dog license time.

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Joe Rich Ratepayers and Tenants Society

Happy New Year

Annual General Meeting

Notices have been mailed to all those residents who have attended meetings and signed in with their address, but all are welcome to attend.

Amongst other things, the Society's purpose is to:

'promote the best interests of the community for the people of Joe Rich'

'build up community spirit and to engage in work of a moral, benevolent, charitable, philanthropic and community service nature'

'promote the interests of property owners and occupants of Joe Rich to all forms of government including Provincial, Federal, Municipal and Regional.

Membership conditions are:

- (a) is 19 years of age or more;
- (b) is either a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant;
- (c) has been a resident or property owner in the Joe Rich Fire Protection District for at leaser 3 months;
- (d) has paid any applicable membership dues; (none at this time) 😊
- (e) has registered with the Society by signing a roster.

Besides election of executive members, there will be reviews of the woodlot meeting and Pyman Pit meeting as well as the normal reports.

Joe Rich Community Hall
at 7:30pm on Wednesday
20th January.

Woodlot Meeting of Jan 7th 2010

Guests attending:

Richard Toperczer, Tenures Officer, Ministry of Forests, Vernon

Tim Giles, Research Geomorphologist, Ministry of Forests, Kamloops

Ray Crampton, Operations Manager, Ministry of Forests, Kamloops

Dave Hails, District Manager, Ministry of Forests, Kamloops

Dr. Terrance Day, Professor at OK College in the Geography, Earth and Environmental Science Faculty.

Norm Letnick, MLA, Kelowna-Lake Country

Jason Luciw, Capital News reporter.

Also in attendance were about 50 residents, including:

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Bob Hrasko, Black Mountain Irrigation District

Kelly Hayes, Okanagan East Representative

Members of the Woodlot Committee

Members of the Philpott family.

After the introductions, the meeting started with an explanation of what a woodlot is. It is an area of land where it is determined that trees should be harvested. Trees are a renewable resource with a finite lifetime and they have a 'peak'. If trees are not harvested at their peak, their monetary value starts to decline. Ministry of Forests determines which areas of Crown Land should be made woodlots in order to maximize the value of these natural resources for the good of the Province. Woodlots are of a limited area with a small tenure and an end date, (20 years but renewable every 10 years, therefore could be in perpetuity). Visual impact and slope stability are also taken into account. Once it is determined that the area is a viable woodlot, the tenure goes out to bid and a license is issued to the winner. Woodlot #2020, an area of 1134 Hectares [not the 11,000 hectares reported last month, I apologize for that error] has come to their attention as a candidate. We were assured that there has been no decision made yet as to whether this will proceed further; the studies of slope stability and community input have to be considered.

The floor was then open for questions and I paraphrase here the information offered.

The income from the Woodlot license may be insignificant but that it would produce a trickle down effect of having product for the mills.

There are no tree health concerns in that area at this time.

A physical assessment needs to be done to determine if fire hazard issues can be minimized by logging.

We were given a brief history of the work done after the 1990 slide with quotes from the Golder Report. Initially, Claude Richmond had investigated and concluded the slide was due to unstable terrain and heavy snowfall. Golder Associates were then commissioned and their report came out on 1991. There are 34 homes which border the woodlot area.

Under the general heading Hazard-Prone Areas..sub-headed Susceptibility of Slopes

Page 41 and 42

"There is an absence of historic or geological evidence to indicate that debris failures have occurred in the past within the neighbourhood of the June 1990 avalanche."

This was included to refute the statements from the then Forestry Minister that there was a history of slides on the slope.

Further on (same section) ---

"Physical changes on the hillside relate primarily to the forest harvesting activities, particularly the clearcut operations of 1983- 87. These activities include construction of access roads and the removal of the forest cover."

Further on

:"----both debris flows and debris avalanches were considered possible. The flows are confined to the drainage courses, the avalanches can be randomly distributed across the hillside."

And I should have included the following, from the Summary and Recommendations page 53

"It is concluded that the destructive debris avalanche and other debris flows which occurred between June 11 - 13, 1990, were the result (in part at least) of a rare hydrological events and changed physical conditions on the hillside resulting from logging."

There was then some controversy between the Forestry officials and residents as to what the situation was and how it was being handled. It seemed few of the affected residents had been informed of the woodlot proposal. One letter dated October of 2009 said the parcel would be out for tender by December 2009. Forestry re-iterated that this was still a proposal they were considering and assured us that we would have been a public meeting (without our insistence) before anything was decided.

Tim Giles talked about what had been done and what needed to be done as regards slope stability. He had toured the area in heavy snow on an ATV and read the reports so he hadn't much real data at this time. He said the culverts and logging roads should have been upgraded after the last slide but residents don't believe those have been done. A factor of the slide was 42 days of rain over a heavy base of snow. Dr Day takes students out to the area every September/October and the ground is always very wet (contrary to our popular opinion that everything is dry by late summer). There is evidence that the ground is still unstable because the telegraph poles are moving with the slope.

The concerns for wildlife and the preservation of our 'scenic corridor' status were addressed with the answer that all that would be taken into account in the process.

To emphasize the community involvement in preservation of tourism and wildlife habitat, Ann Morrison read a letter from the Nordic Club and an article she had submitted to Judy Steeves, Capital News about the restoration of the Philpott Trail and the natural treasures that were there. I was unable to get a link to that arti-

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cle but a paper copy may be ordered. (The date of the article is May 25th 2006) Many of the Bed and Breakfast owners in the area have visitors who come just for the hiking on the Philpott and High Rim Trails, both of which pass through this woodlot area.

The initial area is large but may well be reduced as the studies conclude that parts should not be logged. Already there is an area removed because it is 'old growth'.

There is also a tentative plan by RDCO/BMID to log within/around that area to minimize fire hazard and this may have a compound effect on the woodlot operation as regards slope stability.

Impact on water supply and quality was mentioned and the policy enforced by RDCO to have a big berm around any new structure in the slide threatened area would probably have to be upwardly revised in light of a higher risk due to new logging. Dave Hails said those restrictions were based on 20 year old science and maybe the residents should request a new study as to what the situation is.

The conclusion was that Forestry would continue to keep line of communication open with the Woodlot committee by including them in the process as community input spokespeople and that there would be more public meetings arranged as the process proceeds.

Dr Day showed the news item from the 1990 slide to illustrate the devastation to the land and the people.

The threat to life, property and value of homes is very real to the residents of Philpott Road. This is not just another NIMBY (not in my back yard) protest but a proven possibility which the residents need to be assured will not happen again.

RDCO Excerpts

Dog License and Bylaw Violation Fees

The Regional Board has adopted amendments to the bylaws affecting dog license fees and fines for violating the Dog Control Bylaw. Starting January 1st the cost of a license for a dog that's been spayed or neutered will be \$20, up from \$16. Licenses for dogs that haven't been spayed or neutered will cost \$60, a ten dollar increase. Most common fines levied for dog bylaw violations will be \$100, up from the present \$75. This marks the first time in more than 10 years that license fees have been adjusted and 20 years since most of the common fines have been adjusted.

November Building Statistics

During November, the Inspections Section approved 16 building permits for projects worth \$955,400 in the Central Okanagan East and Central Okanagan West Electoral Areas. During the first 11 months of the year, 155 building permits have been issued for construction projects totaling just over \$13.3 million

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President's Report 2009

Firstly I would like to wish everybody all the best in the up and coming year and hope to see more of you at our regular monthly meetings. The last year was once again very busy with the implementation of the new garbage pickup system coming into operation, the controversy surrounding the Heartland application; the 3 Forks pit operation that we managed to get put on hold for a short while but is now scheduled to be up and running in the spring of 2010, and the public meeting date being set for January 13th for the Pyman pit application. We also worked with RDCO parks department to set things in motion in regards to putting the upgrades to the hall heating system out to tender early in the New Year and under the leadership of our hall director we purchased new chairs and changed all lamps in the building as well as numerous small maintenance items thanks Cinda for a Job well done. This community will miss you on the Executive and especially as our hall director. January 20th will be our AGM and I urge as many residents as possible to attend. Remember this is your association and it needs your support and input to succeed. 3 executive positions are available and I ask that if you wish to nominate anybody phone myself at 250-765-8503 or contact any JRRATS executive member for more info.

Chris Terry

President JRRATS.

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Joe Rich Fire Dept.

Big thank-you from the Joe Rich Fire Department to all the contributing residents. We look forward to this years community events! Thanks, JRFD



December 8, 2009

Mr. Curtis Nyuli,
Joe Rich Fire Department
11485 Hwy 33 East
Kelowna BC

Dear Mr. Nyuli,

On behalf of the staff, volunteers and food recipients from the Kelowna Community Food Bank, I'd like to offer my heartfelt appreciation to you for your generous donation of 1,050.1lbs of food and your cash donation of \$1,250.00

On a typical day, we help nearly 100 children, women and men in Kelowna with food hampers valued at more than \$6,000.00. Be assured that your generosity is directly helping provide nutritious food to low-income Kelowna families and children. More than 1/3 of the people we serve are children under the age of 15. Nearly another third are low income wage earners, while the remainder of those we assist are on disability, social assistance and fixed incomes.

We are very excited about a number of programs and events that will be taking place in 2009. Our *Plant a Row Grow a Row* program has been very successful, bringing in more than 58,000 pounds of fresh produce to the Kelowna Community Food Bank since its inception in 2004. We are looking forward to counting the pounds donated from gardeners again this year.

Our Nutrition Improvement Programs continue to assist pregnant women, mothers with toddlers under one year of age, seniors, and people with health issues by providing recipients with extra nutrition such as milk, eggs, formula, fresh fruits and vegetables. Our *Kids Snack Pack* program gives children between the ages of one to six a one-week supply of ready-to-eat, nutritious (age appropriate) snacks, as well as monthly educational newsletters.

There are always a number of other exciting projects and events in the works at the Food Bank, and we encourage you to visit our website, www.kelownafoodbank.com to learn more.

Thank you once again for your support. Your commitment to helping build a healthier community is greatly appreciated.

With many thanks,

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Another Big Thank-you

There is a large vacancy to fill on the Joe Rich Executive as Cinda Ferguson will be leaving us. She will be a hard act to follow. She is a dynamo when it comes to keeping the Community Hall in good standing, as well as having been Treasurer and Secretary at different times. We wish her well and will surely miss her and her enthusiasm for running community events and socials.

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Happy New Year to everyone in Joe Rich from all of us on Heartland! Thank you to all the neighbours in the area who have lent a hand or offered advice throughout the year. We are very grateful to all of you who volunteered at the outdoor summer concert. Special thanks to neighbour Baron Danish for his amazing help on the ranch. We could not do it without him. Thank you to all of the neighbours who have become regulars at the Lodge, and have supported our family business. Special thanks to family for working so hard on the ranch throughout the year, and Chef Ken for cooking all the delicious meals for you.

We look forward to seeing you again in 2010!!

Saturday, January 30

Poppa Dawg with Dog Skin Suit



Saturday, February 13

*Valentine's Party with
Down Home Dave & the Dynamites*



\$35 per couple includes delicious buffet dinner cooked by our own Chef Ken! Enjoy our bonfire on the outdoor patio under the stars!

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Joe Rich Community Hall
 11481 Highway 33, East
 Kelowna
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Directions:

Attached to Fire Hall 51 on the right hand side of Highway 33 as one travels from Kelowna towards Big White. Located between Thelwell on the right and Grey stokes on the left.

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RDCO Area Director	Kelly Hayes

<http://www.joerichnews.com>

<http://www.kellyhayes.ca>

Local Events

Kelowna and District Pony Club

Kelowna and District Pony Club will be having a drive to increase membership on Sunday January the 17, at 2:30 pm at the Kelowna Riding Club clubhouse at 3745 Gordon Drive. Membership is restricted to young people between the ages of 6 and 25 years old. Visit <http://kelownaanddistrictponyclub.ca/> for more details.

RDCO Exhibit at EECO Centre at Mission Park

'Hunters in the Sky' features displays and activities focusing on Raptors: birds that use their exceptionally keen senses to hunt primarily while flying. In the Okanagan, you'll find species such as Falcons, Hawks and Owls that along with their highly tuned vision generally have large and powerful talons and beaks that have been adapted for dealing with food that they've captured.



The exhibit, which runs through mid-April, helps you investigate what makes these Birds of Prey, different from other birds. Teachers and community group leaders may also wish to request the popular 'Owls in the Classroom' program. It's available until April and you can book your space by contacting the EECO at 250-469-6140.

