

Update on our water system

Submitted by Mayor Darcy Repen

Our water comes from two sources: an infiltration well in the river and a production well on the east side of the river. The infiltration well water is treated, but the production well water does not require treatment and is tested regularly. The production well water is pumped directly into the system on the east side.

Turbidity (sediment in water) from run-off (snow melt and heavy rain) affects the operation of the treatment plant substantially, resulting in some variability in water quality. This occurs most frequently in the late spring / early summer. During this time, pumping from the production well increases.

Summer watering restrictions are usually a result of a lack of water storage capacity. This also affects our fire protection rating (insufficient flow rates) for fire fighting in the Village. We are working to construct a second large reservoir on the east side (Trobak Hill). Increasing storage on the west side is less viable due to the need to replace / build a new pipe crossing over the river, as the existing bridge is too old to alter.

The Village has worked to identify and repair several major leaks in recent years. Residents are encouraged to report any suspected leaks to the Village. Repair of leaks has had a large effect in decreasing overall water consumption. Some municipal piping has been replaced in recent years, and more is scheduled to be replaced in the coming years.

Grant funding is required to enable the Village to move forward with the major projects. The Trobak Reservoir Project is expected to cost about \$2.4 million, and the cost for the other major upgrades is also expected to be substantial.

Participation by residents in water use reduction initiatives is crucial to ensuring the Village's fire safety during the summer months. Please comply with the posted Water Use Restrictions, and look for opportunities to be more efficient with your household water use.

THE BEAR FACTS: Survival Comes First

By Debbie Wellwood

Bears are smart, curious, and tenacious when it comes to finding food. They are also incredibly well adapted to gathering and using food energy efficiently. These characteristics are key for their survival, growth, and reproduction.

Did you know bears have a remarkable reproductive strategy called delayed implantation? They breed in late spring to early summer. The fertilized eggs develop to the blastocyst stage (a microscopic ball of cells) and then development stops. When pregnant females go into hibernation, the blastocyst implants onto the uterus wall and development resumes. Tiny cubs are born in January or February. However, a female's reproductive success is contingent upon whether or not she has stored enough fat to develop and give birth to cubs and subsequently produce enough milk to feed them, all of which occur during hibernation when she is not eating. If she's not fat enough then the blastocysts don't resume development. In this way, in years when food is scarce, females are better prepared to survive a long winter denning by avoiding the massive energetic cost of having cubs.

Bears can be incredibly focused on finding the best quality food that is available to them, particularly when they are strapped for the energy that they need to survive, grow, and reproduce. Conflicts between people and bears often occur when bears learn to seek human sources of food.

You can help to prevent conflicts with bears by making your yard less attractive to them:

- Ensure that bears cannot gain access to attractants such as garbage, fruit, compost, pet and bird foods, and chickens and rabbits and their food.
- For information about managing attractants to prevent conflicts you can visit these websites:
 - ◇ WildSafeBC: <https://wildsafebc.com/>
 - ◇ Living with Wildlife Foundation: <http://www.lwwf.org/>
- Also watch for the WildSafeBC booth at local events.



Together, we can make Telkwa a safer community for people and bears.

Conservation Officer Service Contact: To report a serious wildlife conflict, call toll free 1-877-952-7277.

Village of Telkwa Employment Opportunity Administrative Manager / Corporate Officer

The Village of Telkwa is seeking applicants for the senior management position of Administrative Manager. The successful applicant will perform legislative duties as the Village's Corporate Officer, manage the Village's administrative staff, and act as the key liaison between residents and the Village, and between staff and Council. The qualified candidate must be a highly motivated 'self-starter' with administrative and managerial experience and excellent people skills. Municipal legislative experience and strong computer skills are an asset. A detailed job description is available on the Village's website: www.telkwa.com.

Interested applicants can submit a cover letter and resume Attn: Mayor Darcy Repen by e-mail to info@telkwa.com, by fax to (250) 846-9572 or by mail to PO Box 220, Telkwa B.C., V0J 2X0.

Application deadline is Friday August 7th, 2015 at 4:30 PM.



For more information on what's happening in Telkwa, please go to our website:

www.telkwa.com

You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter!



CHURCH WORSHIP

Telkwa Christian Reformed Church

July and August 10:00 am

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

Congregation at St. Stephen's Heritage Church (across from the Museum). Sundays 10:00 am.

Faith Reformed Church of Telkwa

(846-9710) Regular services Sunday 10 am & 2:30 pm.

**Emergency Social Services Training
ESS 171 SITE MANAGEMENT**

Learn about the roles and responsibilities of the Emergency Social Services (ESS) Management team. This course is to provide participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively manage an ESS Reception Centre or Group Lodging, in accordance with BCERMS principles.

September 26, 2015 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Telkwa Fire Hall, 1234 Hwy. 16, Telkwa, BC

(Lunch and refreshments provided)

Registration deadline: August 25, 2015

(The ESS Office requests that 30 days notice be given confirming there are enough people signed up to conduct this course)

For more information and to register, email Kathy Wilkie at microsc2@telus.net

Course prerequisites: ESS100 Introduction to Emergency Social Services and ESS111 Reception Centre or ESS114 Introduction to Reception Centres or ESS200 Reception Centre

It is recommended that students also complete ESS112 Group Lodging.

In order to prepare for class, the participant is expected to review the following resource materials found at www.ess.bc.ca under Reception Centres and Group Lodging:

- Reception Centre Operational Guidelines
- Group Lodging Operational Guidelines

All materials and text books will be provided in class and no special equipment is required.

We are looking for a volunteer to administer the Public Bulletin Board at the Post Office. If anyone is interested, please contact Mayor Reppen at 846-9008. Many thanks to outgoing volunteer Patou Lehoux for all of her efforts. We appreciate your volunteer spirit!



TELKWA READING CENTRE

Contributed by Christine Tessier

846-9286

"Hollow City" by Ransom Riggs- this is the second novel in the series that starts with "Miss Peregrine's Peculiar Children". If you haven't read this, you should. The unusual thing about these books is that they contain the most interesting pictures. Photos that blend in beautifully with a story of children who have particular talents and must make sure they are protected. It is a story of good versus evil but the pictures add an unusual element. This novel is a quick read that you will want to finish because you will be enjoying the story. The pictures, by the way, were collected by the author at various antique shops.

Thanks to the children that showed up for the opening of the Summer Reading Club. If your child is interested in participating, just come down to the library and they will receive a reading record, a bookmark and challenges to do throughout the summer.

See you at the Library!



LOVE TELKWA! www.lovetelkwa.com

Small town diversity serves everyone. Interesting businesses are a vital part of our vibrant and thriving community and give Telkwa character, personality and soul. Visit **LoveTelkwa.com** to learn more about our local businesses. Visit Love Telkwa on Facebook for community updates.

TELKWA & DISTRICT SENIORS' SOCIETY

(Young at Heart Club)

Contributed by Janet McDivitt

Activities for August 2015

August 1, Saturday Pancake Breakfast 8 to 10 am

Note: Open to general public

Adults \$5/Preschoolers \$3

August 5, Wed. Bingo 7 pm

August 19, Wed. Bingo 7 pm

HEADS UP!

We will be serving three (3) Pancake Breakfasts on September Labour Day Weekend - Saturday, Sept. 5, Sunday, Sept. 6 and Monday, Sept. 7.

Time 8 to 11 am Adults \$5/Preschoolers \$3

Weekly

Carpet Bowling — no scheduled bowling for August - resumes in September

Monday Evening Exercises - finished for the summer - see you in September

Wednesdays - Sip & Stitch/Painters 11 am to 4 pm

Darts - regularly scheduled Darts finished for the season, will start up again in September.

Have a safe and restful summer!

New members welcome! Ages 50 and up.

Seniors Centre phone number: 250-846-9570

Village of Telkwa 1415 Hankin Avenue, PO Box 220, Telkwa, BC, V0J 2X0 Phone: 250-846-5212 Fax: 250-846-9572 info@telkwa.com

Municipal Office Hours:
Monday to Friday
8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Closed 12:30-1:30 pm
Closed all Stat Holidays

Maintenance Shop & After Hours
Emergencies : 250-846-9144
Bylaw Enforcement: 250-846-5212
Fire Dept. Emergencies—911

Council Meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month. Statutory Holidays excluded.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. The next regular meeting is August 17 at 7 pm. Agendas may be viewed at the Village Office or on our Website www.telkwa.com

BC Transit: 250-847-4993. Bus schedule can be viewed on our website @ www.telkwa.com or @ www.scsa.ca