

Kettle River Echo

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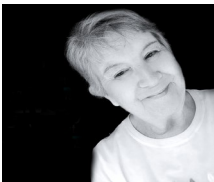
Dear Residence,

We are pleased to announce that Trails To the Boundary Society, has assumed responsibility for the Kettle River Echo.

Trails To The Boundary is a non-profit whose primary purpose is to promote community development in the West Boundary. The board of directors is comprised of representatives from the seven communities of the West Boundary, including Greenwood, Midway, Rock Creek, Bridesville, Westbridge, Beaverdell and Big White.

Recognizing the vital importance of communication, Trails To The Boundary Society has agreed to administer and oversee the publication and financial aspects of The Kettle River Echo.

We are delighted that Adrienne Haynes has stepped forward as editor and, with a core group of volunteers, is working to reinstate the paper and extend its reach and format. At this time, the paper will be produced once a month, and be delivered free of charge to every household and every business who except unaddressed admail. Costs will be covered through advertising that will now serve all seven communities. Patricia Henley, President, Trails To The Boundary.



Adrienne Haynes Editor

It is with great excitement and passion that I have been accepted as an editor and given the honour of working with our local communities. As a new arrival to Rock Creek from Surrey, Noris and I have been warmly welcomed by all. I welcome your help to make all voices heard and look forward to this new adventure. I come from a medical background and enjoy writing and illustrating children's books.

We are indebted to The Kettle River Seniors Association who created and published The Kettle River Echo for decades.



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Director's Corner

I write this message against a backdrop of sadness and apprehension. Sadness because many of us have gone too long without seeing our families and friends. Apprehension because our lives are disrupted, and we can't access our usual support networks. I worry about the effects of the pandemic on our businesses and our personal wellbeing. During these stressful times, there is a lot to be grateful for:

- * I am grateful to Adrienne & Noris who have volunteered to produce the Kettle River Echo. There is an amazing amount of work involved in doing this.
- * I am grateful to the directors of Trail to the Boundary Society for taking on responsibility for the Echo, in addition to all the other community projects they're doing.
- * I am grateful to the many other volunteers in our many non-profit societies who have been able to adapt and who continue to provide much-needed services.
- * I am grateful to our medical centre staff for continuing to care for us in very challenging circumstances.
- * I am grateful to our school staff for keeping our schools open and our children safe.
- * I am grateful to our businesses and retail staff for being on the front lines and keeping products and services available to us. Vickie Gee—Director, Electoral Area 'E' / West Boundary

Merry Christmas to everyone. If the holiday time is particularly stressful for you, please reach out to someone.

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The ABCs of Road Maintenance Classification on Provincial Highways

Why isn't my road plowed yet?? At Yellowhead Road and Bridge, this is a question that we get after every storm and it's a very good question. During storms, all of our equipment and crews are out and working. The ultimate goal is for us to get all provincial roads cleared and traction restored following a snowfall, the difference is the time it takes us to get to each road. As you can imagine, with nearly 1,500km of provincial road network across an area as big the Boundary region we can't get to all of the roads at the same time when a storm blows in, so a provincial road classification system is used to help us prioritize which routes to get to first.

For winter, roads are classified as A through F and are generally maintained in that order, with Class A being the highest priority. During a storm, the focus is to keep main Class A routes open, safe and traffic flowing. On the flip side, it may be a couple of days before you see a truck or grader come by to plow and sand the road on some of the lower-class roads. Here is a brief description of each class:

Class "A" highways are higher volume, higher speed routes and are our top priority and you will see us there first during a storm. These are the main interprovincial highways and commuter routes throughout the province. Highway 3 is our main Class A highway in the Boundary Region.

Class "B" highways are other numbered highways and busier sideroads. These tend to be highways that are regionally important and are not main interprovincial highways. A good local example is Highway 33.

Class "C" highways include school bus routes and busier industrial routes with heavy truck traffic. These tend to be the main collector roads in rural subdivisions and where larger trucks and buses operate. We always aim to have the roads serviced in advance of school buses arriving in both the morning and afternoon to safety get those kids to and from school safety. Examples include the Kettle Valley South and Christian Valley Road.

Class "D" highways are subdivision sideroads with residents. Chances are, if you live rurally in BC and are not on a school bus route, you live on a Class D road. Examples include Rock Creek-Bridesville Road and Deadwood Road.

Class "E" highways are lower volume roads that usually don't have residents but do get plowed a few times a year.

Class "F" highways are not maintained in the winter at all. These could be roads that are maintained for summer traffic but there is no need for winter access, or just roads that aren't maintained at all outside of periodic inspections and exist to provide access if there is future development.

Of course, there is a lot more detail to it and if you prefer the nitty-gritty, search online for "BC Highway Maintenance Specifications" where you will find the maintenance agreement in all its lengthy glory. Rest assured that if it's snowing our crew is on the job and working through the roads on the way to all of our regularly maintained roads. Of course, if you ever see a condition that you would like to let our crews know about; don't hesitate to call our 24-hour phone line at 1-888-630-1420. This is the quickest way to let the our in-field staff know about conditions.

Kettle River Food Share Society: The primary purpose of KRFSS is to provide nutritious food to those in need and to provide a social gathering & networking hub. We are also a distribution outlet for the Boundary Community Food Bank from Grand Forks. When possible, we provide workshops to teach people different cooking skills from 'How to use crock pots' to 'Various ways to use apples.' Sometimes this is in partnership with West Boundary Food and Resource Society (FAR). We are located at 4000 Hwy 3 in Rock Creek and are open between 11am and 12:30pm, every Thursday. Food Share relies on donations and volunteers which are both very much appreciated anytime. For more information, please contact Rick Steingard 449-8264 or Lisa Siewert 449-1670.

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The Co-op consists of four Board members. Greg Sol of the Osoyoos Credit Union, Darren Pratt representing Boundary Family Services, Patricia Henley of Trails to the Boundary and Doug Fossen of the Rock Creek Farmers Institute.



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