



## **Council News, October 26, 2015**

### **Childcare Barriers and Opportunities Survey Results**

A three-person delegation presented findings from the survey during the Committee of the Whole meeting. Phoebe Scotland, Survey Developer, Kim Bauer, and Sharon Strom, both Project Managers, discussed the recommendations to help with the childcare challenges in Elkford. Those recommendations are:

- Develop a licensed group child care facility that accommodates full time spaces; and
- Support child care providers currently operating unlicensed and unregulated care to become registered with the East Kootenay Child Care Resource and Referral Program.

### **Upgrades to Ball Diamonds**

Representatives from Elkford Minor Ball reported on their plans to provide fresh shale for the four ball diamonds, and to host Provincial Championships in 2016. The group has been fundraising extensively but may experience a shortfall of the funds. The next fundraiser is the adult Halloween Dance on October 30<sup>th</sup> and the District will provide free use of the Elkford Community Conference Centre's Teck Hall for this event. Further financial assistance will be discussed during the upcoming budget deliberations.

### **Mountain Meadows Golf Club Loan**

Council approved an interest free line of credit of up to \$135,000 to the Mountain Meadows Golf Club, to be used for the acquisition of major pieces of equipment.

### **Elk Valley Trail Memorandum of Understanding**

The District of Elkford will sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the District of Sparwood and the Fernie Trails Alliance for the development of the Elk Valley Trail. This section of trail is part of the Trans Canada Trail (TCT), and funding for this project will come from CBT's Elk Valley Community Directed Funds initiative, with matching funds from TCT.

### **Upcoming Events**

Council members will attend the Elk Valley Environmental Monitoring Committee Open House, October 27 in Fernie, the Economic Development Regional Forum, October 29 in Cranbrook, and the College of the Rockies Board of Governors luncheon, November 6, 2015 in Fernie.

