



Council News, June 27, 2016

Managed Forest Council Update

Phil O'Connor, Executive Director and Rod Davis, Chair of the Council, provided an update. Managed Forest Council is a regulatory agency with power to enact and enforce regulations on forest practices. The Council conducts inspections, audits, and investigations, to ensure regulations are followed. There are 276 managed forests in BC. Approximately 15% of them are in the Kootenays. The delegates answered questions from Elkford Council in regards to trails, access, safety, and slash piles.

2016 Annual Report

District of Elkford 2016 Annual Report has been approved by Council. The Community Charter requires Council to prepare an Annual Report regarding financial and operational information related to the municipality. The Annual Report incorporates the progress on Council's Strategic Plan and the audited 2015 financial statements. The Report is available at the District Office or District website.

2015 Auditor's Report

Don Simpson, of the District's auditing firm BDO, reported that the 2015 audit did not show any irregularities in the finances of the municipality. There are sufficient controls in place to manage the budget and to monitor and plan the revenues and expenditures.

Community Playground

Council approved the use of land for the purpose of a community playground, requested by the Elkford Community Enhancement Society. The exact location and size of land dedicated for the community playground will be determined in the future through collaboration between the District of Elkford and the Society.

Bylaws

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 787, 2016 received third reading. The bylaw will have the effect of rezoning the property at 218 Alpine Way from Town Center Commercial to Single-Unit Residential. The Public Hearing was also held and there were no objections to the rezoning.

All District of Elkford bylaws and policies are available on our website at www.elkford.ca.

