



## **Council News, May 26, 2014**

### **Literacy in the Elk Valley**

Meghan Morton, Community Literacy Coordinator for the Elk Valley Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL), spoke to Council about literacy in the Elk Valley. She introduced CBAL as a not for profit group working with libraries, schools and governments about healthy learning opportunities.

### **RDEK Elk Valley Official Community Plan**

The Regional District of East Kootenay is in the process of creating the new Official Community Plan (OCP) for the Elk Valley Region, which encompasses the land within Area A, excluding the municipalities, Fernie Alpine Resort and Island Lake Resort. The plan is in its draft form and the RDEK is gathering input from interested parties. More information can be found on RDEK's website at [www.rdek.bc.ca](http://www.rdek.bc.ca).

### **Coal Miner Days Parade**

The District of Elkford will be represented at the Coal Miner Days Parade in Sparwood, June 14, 2014.

### **Curb and Gutter Issues**

The District will address the curb and gutter issues on municipal roads. Over the years, several home owners that live in areas with a steeper curb, have installed cement or asphalt lifts to cut down the rise from the street to cross the curb into their driveways. This practice creates many problems such as storm water management and damage to snow plowing equipment.

The District will be developing a plan to remove previously constructed solid curb ramps at the District's expense, and provide residents with District approved options to address the steep curb issue. Affected home owners will be contacted with more information on this subject.

**Please note that placing a permanent obstruction on the street is not permitted.**

### **Wapiti Ski Club Loan**

Council approved in principle an interest free line of credit or loan for the Wapiti Ski Club of up to \$150,000 for infrastructure upgrades, and the District will be working with the Club on the details of the agreement.

