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Summer Thoughts:

Submitted by Susanne Ashmore

This year I will be 70 years young. I am a great aunt 3 times over. Another arrival is expected before year end for a total of 4. At my age, I am beginning to think more about destiny and the legacy we leave behind.

My thoughts go back to a time in my youth. Summers were spent around water. It was a good life. I grew up with a family in a home on waterfront. We canoed, sailed, waterskied. My brother went to a summer job driving a jet ski. We all went to summer camp. As a teenager I worked as a camp trip leader for canoe trips. As a university student I spent an entire summer canoeing old voyager routes as part of a government program. Magical, lifelong friendships were made that last to this day.

I have a friend who made and continues to make paddles and canoes. I own three of his paddles. One designed for solo canoeing, one for canoe tripping, and a lighter paddle for my old age.

I am planning to commission paddles for these 4 great nephews and nieces now for when they get older. There is a good chance that the paddle maker and I will not be alive to see these babies grow into their twenties. Their parents received canoes for wedding presents. The legacy of life on water continues.

All the best things in our lives provide benefits that compound.

Both my brother and I are water advocates. He is the chair of the Georgian Bay Biosphere. Its mission is to foster relationships and initiatives that build vibrant communities and resilient ecosystems. My life of advocacy involves time as a trustee with the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District, a former director with the BC Lakes Stewardship Society, and through the Wasa Lake Land Improvement District, The East Kootenay Integrated Lake Management Partnership (EKILMP) Its purpose, the protection of lake ecosystems (fish, wildlife, water quality) and management of shoreline development in the East Kootenay region.

It takes time for good choices to add up before exploding exponentially. On the flip side bad choices do the same thing.

At Wasa lake there have been reports that provide the foundation for decision making as it pertains to water. The Rick Baker report connects the porosity of the lake bottom and its sensitivity to human development activities.

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Summer Thoughts:

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The Lake Management Plan (FIM, SHIM) takes a snapshot of the extent of human development on Wasa Lake's foreshore.

Recently a study on Lake Windermere has connected the impact of recreational activities in the summer months to water values and sediment quality. A similar study for Wasa Lake has also been prepared. We should not be surprised that hydrocarbons, likely petroleum based, are showing up in the sediment samples. Both Lake Windermere and Wasa Lake have similar characteristics. They are shallow silty lakes. When you introduce propellers to a shallow lake you get turbidity, fuel for increasing algae and the deterioration of water quality.

Generosity and public service has value. So does reminding ourselves about how much we depend on healthy shorelines and lakes.

This is where we should focus our purposes for now and the future.

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Earth Day is often a moment of reflection - on the landscapes we love, the ecosystems we depend on, and the choices we make that shape their future. For those of us working in invasive species management, it's also a moment to zoom out and remember

something simple but powerful: this work is not just about plants on a list or species in a database. It's about people, places, and everything living in between.

Because when we talk about invasive species, we're really talking about balance. About the health of entire ecosystems. About the resilience of the landscapes that sustain us all.

On Earth Day, we're remembering who we do this work for.

We do it for the **pollinators**. Bees, butterflies, and countless others that keep our food systems and wild spaces functioning. Without them, entire ecosystems begin to unravel in ways that are both subtle and profound.

We do it for **food security**. For the agricultural lands that feed our communities and the farmers and ranchers who steward them through changing conditions, invasive species pressures, and shifting climates.

We do it for **wildlife**! Large and small. From the ungulates moving across valley bottoms and mountain slopes, to the birds, amphibians, and insects that depend on intact habitats. Every invasive plant that spreads unchecked can change the structure of those habitats in ways that ripple outward.

We do it for **fish and clean water**. Aquatic invasive species can alter waterways, reduce oxygen levels, damage spawning habitat, and change the very function of lakes and rivers that communities rely on for drinking water, recreation, and ecological health.

We do it for **healthy forests and grasslands**. These systems are not static. They are living, dynamic, and deeply interconnected. Invasive species can shift fire regimes, outcompete native plants, and reduce biodiversity in ways that take decades to recover from.

We do it for those managing **allergies and health** sensitivities, where invasive plants like certain grasses and weeds can significantly increase pollen loads and seasonal impacts.

We do it for **outdoor recreation** and the places people go to reconnect with nature. Trails, rivers, lakes, and backcountry spaces that rely on intact ecosystems to remain beautiful, accessible, and resilient.

We do it for **future generations**, who deserve landscapes rich in biodiversity and opportunity, not degraded systems struggling to recover from preventable introductions.

And we do it for all the critters in between! The soil organisms, fungi, insects, and small mammals that rarely get named but are essential to the functioning of everything above them.

Invasive species work can sometimes feel like it's about individual plants or isolated sites. But in reality, it is deeply interconnected work. It sits at the intersection of ecology, community, education, and stewardship. Every survey, every removal, every conversation, every prevention effort contributes to a much larger goal: protecting the integrity of the ecosystems that support life in the East Kootenays and beyond.

Regional invasive species organizations exist to support that goal. We work alongside land managers, Indigenous partners, local governments, community groups, industry, and the public to reduce the spread of invasive species and build awareness about prevention. Because while management is important, prevention is where the real long-term success lies. Earth Day is a reminder that conservation is not a single day of action, it is a continuous commitment. It shows up in the way we clean our boots before and after heading into the field. It shows up in how we manage equipment, move through landscapes, report sightings, and talk to one another about what we're seeing on the ground.

It shows up in collective care.

So this Earth Day, we paused to recognize the work already being done, the people behind it, and the reasons it matters so deeply.

Because this work is not just about invasive species. It's about everything they touch. And everything we're working to protect.

Wasa and District Historical Assoc. & Memorial Garden Group

submitted by - Kate Kelly

Early summer seems to be the garden's most generous season. Nothing has yet been scorched by heat or exhausted by time. The days stretch long enough for slow evenings, and every corner of the garden seems busy with growth.



Even the weeds appear determined. It is impossible to stand in the garden without noticing how quickly life answers warmth and light... Summer is here.

Thank you to the kind-hearted volunteers who came out for the Memorial Garden's spring clean-up. A special thanks to Mike Blackburn for his generous pre-clean pack blowing of the garden ...many hands makes light of work!

Thank you to the many people who have generously signed up to volunteer to help with the weekly care in and around the garden. We are always in need of volunteers; if you're interested in volunteering, please contact Sherry Shields via email at: slshields27@gmail.com

We continue to look for new members in our Wasa and District Historical Association & Memorial Garden Group. Did you know that it's only \$5/per person for a lifetime membership? Having a large 'membership' helps us apply for government grant monies which keep our garden looking great. We kindly ask that Wasa residents (both recreational & permanent) to consider a \$5/per person lifetime membership. Please contact Judy Reimer at mjlreimer@shaw.ca or by phone 250-422-3343 to join. Thank you for your consideration.

"We should enjoy this summer, flower by flower, as if it were the last one we see."

- Andrie Gide

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Hints by Vi

I had the privilege of meeting Vi only a few times before she passed away in June 2016. Vi contributed monthly to the Tri Village Buzz and her column was always one of my favourites. I hope I can do this sweet and lively little lady justice.



1. When you know your plant will eventually outgrow its first pot, make sure you place a coffee filter inside before you add the soil. This way, when you go to transplant it into a bigger pot or the garden, your soil will stay in place.
2. Use a Magic Eraser pad for hard-water spots and soap scum.
3. Freeze grapes to chill wine without watering it down
4. If you're learning a language, record yourself speaking once a week
5. When checking into a hotel, ask if there are any complimentary upgrades available.
6. Print a test page on your inkjet every week or so if you don't use your printer that often
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The Lions Den Lions Roar

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submitted by Terry Marvel

Summer is upon us and the Lion's are getting ready for a busy season. There is a nice fresh ceiling on the East side of the Pancake Breakfast eating area and the front of the building is nicely cleaned up with new siding, soffit and fascia. Plans are underway to paint the inside of the building, so if anyone is so inclined, there will be brushes and paint for anyone that wants to help. Look in our Facebook page for dates and times.

We've had the basketball hoops and nets repaired and they're ready to go. Special thanks to the Wasa Ball Team and the Large boys for their help in getting them ready for us.

The Greatest Garage Sale of all time will take place July 4th at the Grounds in conjunction with a Pancake Breakfast the same day. Any and all gently used items are donated and more are welcome. Please, no electronics as they are mostly outdated and we just have to recycle them or throw them away. Also, we ask that no large items of furniture be donated due to the lack of space.

Our Recycle program has been a huge success and we thank everyone for their donations of refundable containers. We make very good use of the funds created by this program to fund our Scholarship Program and the maintenance and upkeep of the grounds.

The Highway Cleanup was cancelled this year due to Mainroads Contracting having done the cleanup for us (and everyone else). Many thanks to them for keeping our roadsides litter free.

Plans are also underway for our 50th Anniversary to be held on August 15th with other Lion's Clubs to be invited. We are very proud to have been a member club of this community for fifty years. We strive to make this community a better place to live.

The Wasa Lion's will host the Pancake Breakfasts on the August long weekend (August 1st) and the September long weekend (September 5th). Don't forget to attend all the breakfasts every Saturday throughout the summer and support all the other organizations that host them. They are a great deal and a delicious way to start your Saturday!

The Lion's are looking for ways to better utilize the Bocce pits and the horse shoe pits. They don't get used the way they used to and perhaps the space could be better used for something else. Ideas anyone? We are open for discussion.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a safe and wildfire free summer. Have fun, be careful and look out for each other!

"RUSTY" Memories

by Rusty Brewer

Old Rail Lines..

As a young explorer I spent many hours hiking around Wasa in the early 60s. I was always intrigued with the small rail spur lines that seemed to wander aimlessly almost everywhere I ventured. That intrigue grew even stronger as I got older and started hunting in the areas west of Ta Ta Creek.

I followed many of these old lines that wove thru the valley like spider webs. It was almost eerie in a way. Other than finding the odd rail spike and a few rotten piles of very old broken rail ties - there was very little to see. Many of these lines were overgrown and hard to follow.

I always looked for signs of old buildings or remnants of logging camps. I found very little. It was many years later that I learned a bit more about it.

Unlike the Canal Flats area that has signs of many old camps - this area is different. It turns out that the whole operation was a very efficient railway network designed for maximum timber removal at the lowest cost. I'm guessing that the crews went out in the bush daily from a main camp, on the rail cars and returned at the end of the day.

This little nugget of information explains a lot - enjoy!

<https://basininstitute.org/2022/06/railway-logging-and-wycliffe/?v=c37aea192cd9>

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How Your Gardening And Lawncare Habits May Be Wreaking Havoc On The Water Supply

It can be difficult to understand how the actions we take with our lawns and gardens can have such a large impact on the quality of water around us. If you live near a stream, lake, or ocean, rain can pick up unabsorbed lawn chemicals and other items. These by-products of lawn care can then flow into your nearest body of water, called a watershed. The quality of the water you drink and use for hygiene and household tasks is directly affected by the pollutants in your local water supply.

Our gardening habits affect watersheds in many ways. The chemicals we use to make our grass greener, the pesticides we apply to control aphids in our gardens, and even the way we deal with fallen leaves all impact the quality of water around us. Thankfully, by making a few small changes to the way we maintain our outdoor spaces, we can help improve the health of our watershed.

Lawn and garden fertilization

Having a perfect lawn makes your home look tidy, but the cost of using excess fertilizer and herbicides is a high price to pay when you understand how it affects your watershed. Applying fertilizer before heavy rain may be a waste of money if those nutrients wash away before the roots can absorb them. In the same way, any fertilizer that cannot be absorbed is deposited into local waterways. The nitrogen contained in fertilizer leads to the growth of toxic algae blooms and can even kill aquatic creatures. Over-fertilizing your garden can also lead to imbalances in the soil and nutrient runoff.

To limit the amount of fertilizer you use on your lawn, invest in a mulching lawnmower instead of bagging and sending grass clippings to the landfill. Those tiny pieces of grass are nutrient-rich and break down quickly. This process can greatly reduce or eliminate the amount of fertilizer you need to add by creating a self-fertilizing lawn. In your flower and vegetable gardens, always apply the products in the amount and frequency that the package states. Enough fertilizer is good, but more fertilizer is not better.

Pesticide use

When the ground becomes saturated by water due to excessive irrigation or an exceptionally rainy season, the soil can not absorb anything else. Rather than being filtered through the ground, pesticides on the surface wash away into the nearest water source. This could be a nearby pond where you fish or swim. It could also be a stream that flows further down the path of the watershed into larger bodies of water.

There are many ways to deal with pests that are less damaging to the watershed. Taking advantage of biological pest controls, like attracting ladybugs by adding the plants they love, can help manage those frustrating aphid infestations. Physical barriers like garden fabric can keep flying pests away from your garden plants while allowing sun and rain to come in. Limiting the amount of pesticides you use in your garden and lawn is one simple step to keep those dangerous synthetic chemicals out of the environment.

General maintenance

How you maintain your lawn and garden is just as important as the products you use. Like fertilizer, the herbicides applied to your lawn and garden can easily wash away into local water sources. Popular herbicides containing glyphosate pose a risk to the environment because they do not break down in water if they are washed away. This means this herbicide remains in the watershed indefinitely, harming all levels of aquatic life and affecting the quality of drinking water. Remove minor weeds by hand or use more natural weed control products, like vinegar. Consider applying these powerful herbicides by hand instead of broadcast spraying. Simply cut the branches off the unwanted brush or invasive plants, then “paint” the herbicide on the freshly exposed areas to kill the roots.

Disposing of grass and leaves properly is another way to keep excess nitrogen from growing in waterways. We discussed the benefits of mulching your grass, but if you leave grass on the street after mowing, it can get washed into storm sewers, which leads to local streams. Mulching your leaves offers the same effects as mulching your grass. Once the leaves have fallen, go over them a few times with your mower and let them feed your soil throughout the winter.

Organic products

We often think switching to organic products will solve the environmental problems caused by synthetic chemicals, but that is not necessarily the case. Spending more money on organic lawn fertilizer may remove some of those undesirable ingredients from the water supply. But, if you use too much, it will still lead to an overgrowth of toxic algae blooms caused by excess nitrogen in the water supply. Likewise, switching to organic pesticides may make your produce safer to consume, but they still have ingredients that are toxic to organisms that rely on the watershed.

Being a responsible homeowner who wants to help the environment may feel like an overwhelming task, but some changes really are easy and may even save you money! Switching to a mulching mower, using non-chemical pest controls, and changing the way you deal with weeds are fairly easy habits to change. And, once you get the hang of doing things a little differently, you’ll be supporting the health of your local watershed without even having to think about it. Maybe your neighbors will notice and make some changes, too.

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Big thanks as well to the kitchen
helpers and everyone who donated
baking and savories for the event.

Let's do it again.

See you in October,
same time, same place!

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Impact of Veterinary Medications on the Environment!

Worldwide, the number of pet dogs increases yearly, and as a result so does the use of veterinary medicines for flea and tick control. We investigated the potential transfer of veterinary flea products from dogs to the environment in a 'proof of principle' experiment. For this purpose, samples of hair, urine, and water after swimming were investigated. Hair and urine samples were tested for afoxalaner, fluralaner, fipronil and imidacloprid. Interestingly, contamination with ectoparasiticides was frequently demonstrated in samples from dogs untreated with these particular substances, suggesting widespread secondary transfer. In addition, hair retrieved from a bird's nest contained fipronil, fluralaner and imidacloprid, indicating a potential pathway for the exposure of juvenile birds. Fluralaner concentrations in the swimming water exceeded Dutch water quality standards, indicating a potential risk to the aquatic environment. These findings all call for improvements in the current risk assessment and management for veterinary medicines, by including companion animals and their exposure pathways into ecosystems.



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WASA VOLUNTEER FIRE SOCIETY



Saturday, May 16, was the date of Wasa's annual FireSmart day held at the Demonstration Site. It was a cold and blustery day, but residents enjoyed cake, dogs, and burgers in spite of the weather. It was a great opportunity for everyone to not only learn about how to reduce the fire hazard on private property, but also to meet the Regional District's new Emergency and Disaster Mitigation Coordinator, Sloane More, and our new Local FireSmart Representative, Tamara Pearson. Ember, provincial FireSmart mascot, was also present and a big hit, (with kids and grown-ups) as always!



Besides members of the current Board of the Fire Society Directors: Bill Walkley, Lyle Zaksauskas, Kathy McCauley, and Mike Gall, RDEK's local Regional Director Jane Walter was on hand along with upcoming director candidates Nowell Berg and Brodie McRae. To top it all off, even our MLA Scott McInness stopped by! Everyone was happy to show their continued support of the community.



To find out more about the RDEK's Emergency program, contact Sloane More at smore@rdek.bc.ca. To find out more about RDEK's FireSmart program, contact our local representative, Tamara Pearson at Firesmart@rdek.bc.ca.



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FireSmart BC Launches the Local FireSmart Collective Program

The East Kootenay FireSmart Program has had an excellent start to the year, and we wanted to update you on some changes that are happening within the FireSmart Program.

FireSmart BC is launching the Local FireSmart Collective Program (LFCP), a community-driven initiative designed to make it easier for neighbours to work together to reduce wildfire risk and strengthen resilience where it matters most: at home.

Building on the success of FireSmart BC's previous neighbourhood recognition efforts, the Local FireSmart Collective Program introduces a more flexible, tiered approach that supports communities at every stage of their FireSmart journey. By creating an accessible entry point and clear pathways for growth, the program aims to increase participation, foster collaboration, and help more communities withstand future wildfire events. The Local FireSmart Collective Program is open to communities across BC, regardless of size or experience with FireSmart activities. It encourages residents to form local collectives that reflect how their neighbourhoods naturally connect, rather than being constrained by administrative or property boundaries. Participants can join at a level that matches their current capacity and progress through tiers as they build knowledge, complete mitigation activities, and strengthen collaboration. As collectives advance, additional recognition and financial incentives are available to support additional FireSmart work.

You can read the full news release about the launch of this program [HERE](#). This means that RDEK groups that have been participating in the FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program will be transitioning into the Local FireSmart Collective Program. If your Local FireSmart Representative has not yet been in touch with you about these changes, please email FireSmart@rdek.bc.ca.

To learn more about the Local FireSmart Collective Program, visit firesmartbc.ca/lfcip.

Local FireSmart Collective Program | FireSmart BC

While the Collective builds on the success of FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition Program, there are some important changes to be aware of.

The LFCP introduces a four-tier system to track and celebrate progress. Each tier reflects increasing levels of community engagement and wildfire resilience, with financial incentives and recognition available along the way.

This flexible program is more inclusive than ever, welcoming not just homes and properties, but parks, campuses, and businesses alike.

The East Kootenay FireSmart Program will continue to support and welcome new residents to the program as we move through this time of transition.

If you have questions about the program, please reach out to your Local FireSmart Representative or email FireSmart@rdek.bc.ca.

We look forward to taking this next step in community wildfire resilience and are thankful for the groups of residents and community organizations who are taking meaningful action to protect their private and shared spaces from wildfire.

Learn more about the East Kootenay FireSmart Program and how you can get involved at engage.rdek.bc.ca/firesmart.



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Types of Open Fire

CATEGORY 2

A "category 2 open fire" means an open fire, other than a category 1 campfire, that burns:

- material in one pile not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width,
- material concurrently in two piles each not exceeding 2 metres in height and 3 metres in width,
- stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed 0.2 hectares.

Ensure someone is always monitoring the fire so it doesn't spread. At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times.

Have an adequate fire suppression system available at the burn site for fire control if the fire escapes.

Establish and maintain a fuel break around each area to be burned. If the fire spreads beyond the fuel break, the person who lit, fueled or used the open fire must:

- carry out fire control immediately,
- extinguish the fire if practicable, and
- report the fire to a ministry official, peace officer or fire emergency response agency as soon as possible.



Always check for open fire prohibitions or restrictions before engaging in any activity that could potentially cause a wildfire.



Ensure you comply with the Environmental Management Act and Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation.



Do not burn when venting conditions are poor or fair.



Do not leave the fire unattended for any amount of time.



The person who lights or maintains the fire must ensure that the fire is fully extinguished and the ashes are cold to the touch before leaving the area for any length of time.



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- stubble or grass over an area exceeding 0.2 hectares.

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If the fire spreads beyond the fuel break, the person who lit, fueled or used the open fire must:

- carry out fire control immediately,
- extinguish the fire if practicable, and
- report the fire to a ministry official, peace officer or fire emergency response agency as soon as possible.



Anyone lighting a category 3 fire must first obtain a burn registration number by calling **1 888 797-1717**.



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Do not burn when venting conditions are poor or fair.



Ensure someone is always monitoring the fire so it doesn't spread beyond the fuel break. At least one person equipped with a fire-fighting hand tool must monitor the fire at all times.



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Anemone – anticipation, protection, fragility

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Daisy – happiness, innocence, simplicity

Daffodil – new beginnings, rebirth, optimism

Forget-me-not – remembrance, true love, loyalty

Gerbera Daisy – cheerfulness, innocence, purity of heart

Honeysuckle – devotion, sweetness, affection

Hydrangea – gratitude, heartfelt emotions, understanding

Iris – wisdom, hope, courage

Jasmine – sensuality, grace, elegance

Lavender – serenity, calmness, devotion

Lily – purity, innocence, virtue

Lily of the Valley – happiness, purity, humility

Magnolia – dignity, perseverance, purity of spirit

Orchid – beauty, luxury, refinement

Peony – prosperity, good fortune, romance

Rose – love, passion, romance

Sunflower – adoration, loyalty, longevity

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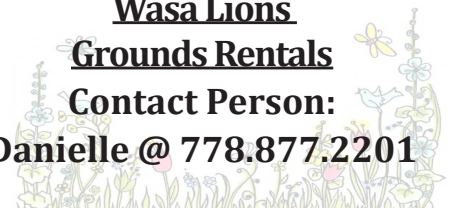


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Larratt Report Access and Presentation

In the spring of 2025, WLLID Board contracted with Larratt Aquatic to conduct a study into water quality and sediment assessment here at Wasa.

The water and sediment sampling took place from May to September, 2025. The WLLID Board assisted with the work needed to collect samples.

Larratt's report is now available on the WLLID website. Here is the link: <https://wasalake.ca/reports/>.

The WLLID Board is preparing plans for a meeting at the Community Hall sometime in June, July or August. WLLID is coordinating schedules with the Board, Larratt researchers and the Community Hall.

A live stream of the meeting will be available for those who are not able to attend in person.

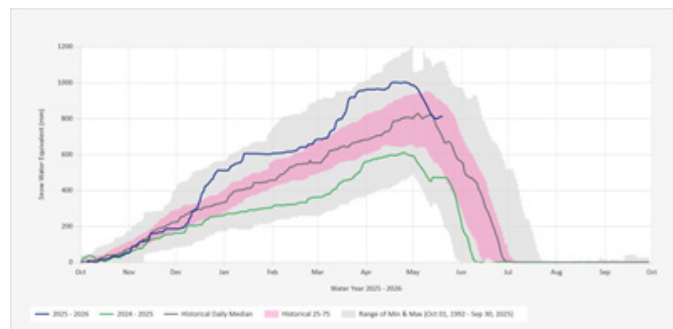
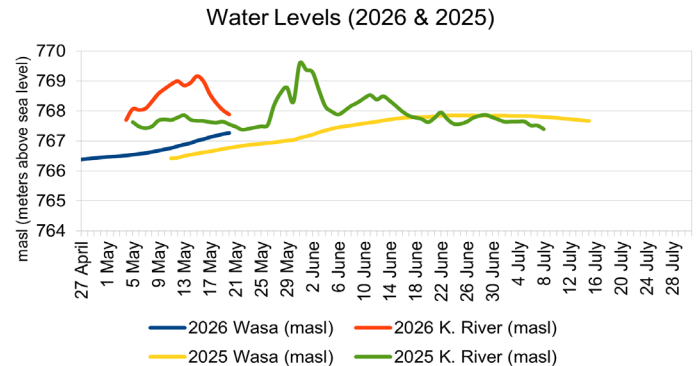
Please check the WLLID website, www.wasalake.ca for up-to-date information on the presentation date and time. All comments and feedback should be directed to admin@wasalake.ca.

Water Level Update

While the water here at Wasa began rising a few days before, on April 27th the level reached the WLLID's lake gauge. This was 15 days earlier than last year when water reached the gauge on May 11th, 2025.

As of 20 May, the water level at Wasa was 767.27 masl (meters above sea level), which was not reached last year (2025) until June 3.

Today's water level is 0.50 meters (1 foot 8 inches) higher than the same date in 2025.



A comparison of current and last years lake and river levels is shown in the graph.

Water level updates can be found on the website: www.wasalake.ca

Also on 20 May, the Floe Lake snow pack was 32.19 inches (snow water equivalent) which is 115% of normal. The snow pack level at Floe Lake has a significant impact on the Wasa peak water level.

WLLID expects the peak water level to be higher than last year.

On June 1, we will publish an estimate of the peak water level. It will be posted on the website, www.wasalake.ca.

E. Coli Volunteers Needed

WLLID is looking for a number of volunteers to share gathering weekly water samples from 6 beach locations around Wasa. Having several volunteers means that no one person has to do all 12 weeks of sampling on their own. With three or more volunteers, each volunteer will only need to sample twice over the summer months.

Water samples from beach locations are taken either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Once samples and paperwork are completed, the sampling bottles need delivery to Cranbrook Public Health Unit before 12noon. The Unit only accepts water samples on the first three days of each week.

Water sampling begins on the week of June 22nd. Weekly sampling runs through to Sept 9th. Training provided. Gas reimbursement available.

If you are interested in helping, please contact admin@wasalake.ca.

Taxpayer Survey

The WLLID Board is looking to prepare a survey to obtain feedback from taxpayer's on a range of topics including the level of taxation, now currently \$50 per year per parcel, and direction, concerns and priorities the Board should deal with over the next several years.

Communication regarding the survey will be sent to taxpayers when details have been finalized.

The 2026 WLLID property tax invoices are now being mailed out. The deadline for payment is July 15th.

When paying, please be sure to reference the invoice number so the payment is attached to the right account.

Pray for Unity

On the last night of his life Jesus prayed a prayer that stands as a citadel for all Christians:

"I pray for these followers, but I am also praying for all those who will believe in me because of their teaching. Father, I pray that they can be one. As you are in me and I am in you, I pray that they can also be one in us. Then the world will believe that you sent me" (John 17:20–21 NCV).

How precious are these words. Jesus, knowing the end is near, prays one final time for his followers. Striking, isn't it, that he prayed not for their success, their safety, or their happiness.

He prayed for their unity. He prayed that they would love each other. As he prayed for them, he also prayed for *"those who will believe because of their teaching."* That means us! In his last prayer Jesus prayed that you and I be one.

Of all the lessons we can draw from this verse, don't miss the most important: unity matters to God. Why? Because *"all people will know that you are my followers if you love each other"* (John 13:35 NCV). Unity creates belief. How will the world believe that Jesus was sent by God? Not if we agree with each other. Not if we solve every controversy. Not if we are unanimous on each vote. Not if we never make a doctrinal error. But if we love one another.

Unity creates belief. Disunity fosters disbelief. Who wants to board a ship of bickering sailors? Paul Billheimer may very well be right when he says: "The continuous and widespread fragmentation of the Church has been the scandal of the ages. It has been Satan's master strategy. The sin of disunity probably has caused more souls to be lost than all other sins combined." [1]

Could it be that **unity** is the key to reaching the world for Christ? The world will be won for Christ when the church is one in Christ. If unity is the key to evangelism, shouldn't it have precedence in our prayers? Shouldn't we, as Paul said, *"make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace"* (Ephesians 4:3 NIV)?

Nowhere, by the way, are we told to **build** unity. We are told simply to **keep** unity. From God's perspective there is but *"one flock and one shepherd"* (John 10:16). Unity does not need to be created; it simply needs to be protected.

Where there is faith, repentance, and a new birth, there is a Christian. When I meet a person whose faith is in the cross and whose eyes are on the Savior, I meet a brother or a sister. Wasn't that Paul's approach? When he wrote the church in Corinth, he addressed a body of Christians guilty of every sin from abusing the Lord's Supper to arguing over the Holy Spirit. But how does he address them? *"I beg you, brothers and sisters"* (1 Corinthians 1:10 NCV).

When the church in Rome was debating whether to eat meat offered to idols, did Paul tell them to start two churches? One for the meat-eaters and one for the non-meat-eaters? No, on the contrary, he urged, *"Christ accepted you, so you should accept each other, which will bring glory to God"* (Romans 15:7 NCV).

Is God asking us to do anything more than what he has already done? Hasn't he gone a long way in accepting us? If God can tolerate my mistakes, can't I tolerate the mistakes of others? If God allows me, with my foibles and failures, to call him Father, shouldn't I extend the same grace to others? If God doesn't demand perfection, should I? *"They are God's servants,"* Paul reminds us, *"not yours. They are responsible to him, not to you. Let him tell them whether they are right or wrong. And God is able to make them do as they should"* (Romans 14:4 TLB).

God's ship is a grand vessel. Just as a ship has many rooms, so God's kingdom has room for many opinions. But just as a ship has one deck, God's kingdom has a common ground: the all-sufficient sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

Will you pray with me for the day when Jesus' prayer is answered?

<https://maxlucado.com/pray-for-unity/>



You've probably heard us talk about Whirling disease and Zebra and quagga mussels (ZQM). And for good reason! They're some of the most well-known (and high-risk) aquatic invasive species out there. But when we talk about Clean, Drain, Dry, it's not just about mussels.

Our lakes, rivers, and wetlands can be impacted by a whole range of lesser-known aquatic hitchhiker species that are just as capable of disrupting ecosystems, spreading quickly, and causing long-term damage.

Here's a snapshot of a few you might not have heard of (yet):

Asian Clam, *Corbicula fluminea*



Asian clams are highly adaptable and can survive in a wide range of fresh-water habitats. They thrive in moving water, where they can clog infrastructure like water intake pipes, irrigation systems, and dams. By feeding on plankton, they disrupt food webs and can contribute to harmful algal blooms. They reproduce quickly, each clam can self-fertilize, meaning a single individual can start a new population. While they currently require water temperatures above 16°C to reproduce, warming conditions may expand their potential range.

Chinese mystery snail, *Cipangopaludina chinensis*

Chinese mystery snails are the largest freshwater snails in BC. They live in slow-moving or still waters like lakes and ponds, where they feed on organic material and plankton. In invaded areas, they can outcompete native snails and reach very high densities.

Females can live up to five years and produce up to 130 young at a time, contributing to rapid population growth. These snails can also survive up to four weeks out of water by sealing their shell, making them easy to spread between waterbodies.



Freshwater jellyfish, *Craspedacusta sowerbii*



Freshwater jellyfish were first introduced to BC in the 1930s from China's Yangtze River valley. They've since spread across parts of Canada and the US, likely moving through the trade of ornamental aquatic plants. In BC, they've been found in areas such as Vancouver Island, the Sunshine Coast, the Thompson Plateau, and the Lower Mainland. They are not a direct threat to people, as their stings are too weak to penetrate skin, but

they can still affect ecosystems by feeding on zooplankton and competing with native species.

New Zealand mudsnail, *Potamopyrgus antipodarum*

The New Zealand mudsnail is a tiny invasive species that can live in many freshwater habitats, including rivers, lakes, and ditches. It thrives in disturbed waters and can reach extremely high densities, outcompeting native snails and insects. Likely introduced via ballast water, it has spread across North America mainly through boating and fishing. Its small size makes it an easy hitchhiker on gear. It reproduces asexually, so a single snail can start a whole population, and it can survive out of water for weeks by sealing itself in its shell.



What does this mean for you?

Whether you're boating, fishing, paddling, or just exploring your favourite shoreline, you play an important role in preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species - all of them, not just mussels.

Before heading to your next waterbody, remember to:

- Clean off plants, mud, and debris
- Drain all water from boats, gear, and equipment
- Dry everything completely before your next adventure

It might seem simple, but these small actions go a long way in protecting the waters we all love. Because when it comes to aquatic hitchhikers... what you can't see can still cause harm.

The Fantastic Four Foxes of Canada

Vast prairies. Freezing tundras. Dense woodlands. Bustling cities. While you don't see them often — they're usually awake when you're asleep — foxes are everywhere in Canada!

We have four native species:

Swift Fox – *Vulpes velox*



Photo: Sherrie Brooks

Blink and you'll miss 'em — the Swift Fox can run over 60 kilometres per hour!

Canada's smallest fox — no bigger than a house cat — is a threatened species. *But before the late 1800s, they were widespread across North American prairies.* That might seem doom and gloom, but it's not.

Because for years, there were none left in Canada.

In the early 1900s, habitat loss and hunting had devastated the Swift Fox. After last being seen in 1938, the Canadian population was classified as

extirpated (wiped out) in 1978. But the American population was still hanging on.

That gave a family of three, the Smeetons, an idea: to start a breeding program with American Swift Foxes in order to reintroduce them into Canada. The Smeetons studied the behaviour of the Swift Fox so that they could ensure that the foxes would thrive once released into the wild.

The Swift Fox reintroduction was the first successful reintroduction of an extirpated carnivore in North America. The project was begun by the Smeeton family in 1970 and the Cochrane Ecological Institute (CEI), the registered charity they established in 1991. The work took place on both sides of the Canada/USA border and was done at the invitation of the Blackfoot Confederacy (the Aamskapi Pikuni in the USA and Kainaiwa in Canada). It was the first re-introduction by an Indigenous People of an extirpated species to its native habitat.

Because of the Smeetons, we have Swift Foxes in Canada again! We still need to help these tiny foxes, since they continue to be threatened by habitat loss and pesticides. But the fact that they're here is living proof that individuals can make a difference.

For the full story of the Swift Fox reintroduction, please see [The Swift Fox Legacy](#) at CEI.

Arctic Fox – *Vulpes lagopus*

Photo: Steven Rowe

Yes, the picture to the right is of an Arctic Fox!

Arctic Foxes usually have fluffy, white fur — the warmest of all mammals! *It even grows thick on their paws, muffling their footsteps.* It's a big plus when you hunt in the snowy tundras and coastlines of the Arctic.

But even the Arctic gets warmer in the summer. It's then that they grow shorter fur — usually coloured brown or a greyish "blue." This blends into the changing landscape and keeps them cool.

Blue isn't just a summer colour; a few foxes turn a darker blue in the winter! These different colours are called morphs or phases.

While not considered threatened, the numbers of these little foxes are dwindling due to climate change.



Gray Fox – *Urocyon cinereoargenteus*

It looks like a fox. It acts like a fox. It's even called a fox. *But it's not a "true" fox, which all have Vulpes at the start of their scientific names.*

(Don't worry, Gray Fox — *Vulpes* or not, we still think you're a fantastic fox!)

That's not the only thing that makes it stand out among Canada's foxes. This forest-loving fox is one of two canines that regularly climb trees! Their secret? Semi-retractable, strong, hooked claws. If you're lucky enough to spot this *threatened* species, you might see it leap from branch to branch.

Scampering off into the treetops makes for a great escape from predators. Supposedly, this really annoyed European settlers who wanted to hunt them.

Red Fox –Vulpes vulpes

Photo: Chris St. Michael

Is this what you think of when you hear the word “fox”? If it is, it’s no wonder. They’re the most numerous and widespread wild carnivore, with 45 known subspecies worldwide! The adaptable Red Fox will live almost anywhere — even cities! The Red Fox is the only fox found in every Canadian province and territory.



People once believed that Red Foxes in Canada had European roots. The reason? Settlers supposedly brought foxes from Europe to hunt when the Gray Fox proved too difficult to catch. These foxes either mixed with or outcompeted native Red Foxes. *But scientists studied Vulpes Vulpes Fulva DNA in the early 2010s and found that they have been here for at least 400,000 years!* Despite the name, they come in many colours — the orangeish, or “red” morph, is just the most common. The three main colours in the wild are silver, red, and cross morphs.

Although they face similar issues, the adaptable Red Fox is holding up just fine for now.

Want to help Canadian species like the Swift Fox and more? Stay tuned with the latest in Canadian nature by subscribing for email updates. You’ll receive regular updates about what we’re doing to protect Canadian nature and how you can help.

https://naturecanada.ca/news/blog/the-fantastic-four-foxes-of-canada/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=engagingnetworks&utm_campaign=eNews&utm_content=eNews+-+April+2026+-+All+Activists

Where do sheep go on vacation?
To the Baa-hamas.

The **Wasa Recreation Society** manages the Wasa Community Hall. The main objective is to have a Community Hall that is viable for events & recreation of the community. Thru fund-raising, volunteering & rentals, we’re able to have an economical community hall for our community. The Recreation Society meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m., in the basement. The meetings are open for anyone wanting to attend with new ideas or becoming part of the Society committee.

- **Hall Rentals & Information:**
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or Rod 250.422.3253
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Volunteer Fire Prevention and Suppression
committee. In the event of fire, they will
arrange to activate the community water
trailer and call others with water trailers to
help.

The aim is to prevent fire from
spreading, NOT to put out house fires.

The community water trailer is only available
mid-April to mid-October. It does not operate
during freeze-up months

Electoral Area E Director's Update:

We will be holding an Area E Information Night on Monday, June 15th in Wasa.

The Meeting is open to all of Area E and there will be presentations and updates on a few RDEK projects, including:

- Accessory Dwelling Unit Planning Process
- Rural Transfer Station Optimization Project
- Wasa / Ta Ta Creek / Skookumchuck Mosquito Control Program
- Five Year Financial Plan and how the 2026 Budget Impacts Area E

I will also provide a Director's Report during the meeting.

Following the presentations, we will break into a more Open House style so you can chat with the people leading or involved with these different services and projects.

This will be a great opportunity to get an update on these items and I hope to see a great turn out. The meeting will start at 7:00pm at the Wasa Community Hall.

Have a great month,

Jane Walter
Electoral Area E Director

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Flashes of Consciousness: When the Essential Is Revealed to Us Instantly

There are strange yet profoundly real moments in human life when we know something without having had to think about it. A piece of information pops into our mind with absolute clarity, as if a larger part of ourselves had already understood what the mind hadn't yet had time to analyze. This phenomenon, often called intuition, a hunch, or an inner flash of insight, remains poorly understood by our society, which values logic, analysis, and intellectual reasoning above all else. Yet everyone has had this kind of experience.

A mother suddenly senses that something is happening to her child hundreds of miles away. A man thinks intensely about someone he hasn't seen in years, and that person calls a few minutes later. Someone walks into a room and immediately senses tension, sadness, or joy, without a single word having been spoken. Still others make an important decision without being able to explain it rationally but later discover that this inner impulse protected them from a mistake or led them to a pivotal experience.

These manifestations show that human Consciousness does not function solely through mental reflection. The mind analyzes, compares, deduces, and constructs a sequence of reasoning over time, while Deep Consciousness seems capable of

perceiving a totality of information all at once, instantaneously, without going through the slow mechanisms of the intellect. It is as if human beings possessed a level of perception broader than the rational brain.

Many researchers, psychologists, and even physicists are now beginning to consider that Consciousness is not confined to the brain, but that it interacts with a vast field of information. Certain discoveries in quantum physics also show that everything in the universe may be connected through invisible interactions that transcend our usual understanding of time and space. Thus, what we call intuition could be a form of direct perception of this subtle field in which all information already exists in potential form. The most fascinating aspect is that this perception does not manifest as detailed reasoning. It often arises as an immediate certainty, a silent flash, or an overall impression. In a fraction of a second, a person "knows." Only then does the mind attempt to interpret or explain what has been perceived. This means that Consciousness sometimes receives information even before analytical intelligence begins its work.

One need only observe certain dangerous situations to understand this phenomenon. People report having suddenly changed lanes for no apparent reason, only to discover later that an accident had just occurred further down the road. Others testify to

having felt an unexplained unease before a dramatic event. Very often, they cannot explain why they acted that way. Something within them already knew.

However, this faculty is often stifled by the incessant noise of the modern mind. Tensions, fears, inner turmoil, constant distractions, and over thinking prevent human beings from hearing this silent intelligence. The more agitated the mind, the harder it is to recognize this subtle perception. Conversely, moments of calm, meditation, contemplation, or deep presence can allow this intuitive awareness to become clearer. This is not a matter of blind belief or superstition. It is a natural human capacity, still largely unexplored. Modern humans are beginning to understand that they possess within themselves a form of holistic perception capable of capturing essential information far beyond mere logical reasoning.

In this sense, it appears that human Consciousness is like a vast mirror connected to a reality broader than the visible world. And when the turmoil of the mind subsides, this mirror becomes capable of instantly reflecting what is essential. Learn to keep your mind peaceful and silent, for it is in inner calm that this deep intuition grows, capable of instantly revealing what is essential to you.

Warmest regards to everyone
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Ven. Gurudev Hamsah Nandatha



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Hello my name is Brodi McRae, and I am excited to announce that I am running for Area E Director in the RDEK.



Having grown up in Kimberley and spending a lot of my childhood time at the McRae family place at Wasa Lake, this community means a great deal to me. In 2009, my family and I built an off-grid home in the St Mary Valley which gave me firsthand experience with rural living and a deeper appreciation for the people and communities throughout this region.

For the past three years, I have also had the privilege of serving as President of the St. Mary Valley Rural Residents Association where I've worked closely with residents to listen to concerns and advocate for our community.

I care deeply about residents feeling heard, respected, and represented.

My goal is simple: to listen to your concerns, understand the issues that matter most to you, and work as hard as I can to help address them.

I look forward to connecting with residents throughout Area E and hearing your thoughts about our community and its future.

Contact: brodimcrae@gmail.com

Safety guidelines and things you need to know:

- Minimum of 2 people in the Gym at all times
- All users must sign in with date and time & must sign a Wasa Recreation Programs User Waiver located at the sign in desk
- All users are required to wear "gym shoes" – no street shoes permitted
- All users must use the safety key on the Walking Machines
- Cost is a twoonie (\$2)
- Have fun and be safe!



**For Gym Schedule
please contact:
Sonia Blackwell at
250.421.3019 or
Rod at 250.422.3253**



Let's get the most out of our gym. If a group of at least 3 people are interested in using the gym other than Mon-Wed-Fri 8-9 am, when a group already goes, or evenings, & willing to commit for at least 3 months, contact Sonia with the time & she will arrange a key & let others know the time for more to be able to go too.

GYM HOURS AND INFO

June 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 Wasa Lion's Mtg 7 pm	3	4	5	6
7 Church 10:30	8 	9	10 WLLID Mtg 7 pm	11	12	13 
14 Church 10:30 am 	15	16	17	18 	19	20
21 Church 10:30 am 	22	23	24 	25	26	27
28 Church 10:30 am	29 	30 	1	2	3	4

HELP STARTS HERE ...



VICTIM SERVICES
250-427-5621
Call Anytime 24/7



Want to learn to Quilt?

Looking to advance your skills or learn a new one? Join the Wasa Country Quilters Group and learn with a talented group of quilters!

We meet every Tuesday from 10-4 in our own space in the basement of the hall. Drop in any Tuesday! We'd be more than happy to show you the endless possibilities in this creative atmosphere! No previous experience required.

Call Gayle Andrews 250-422-3095 for more info

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Pancake Breakfast Schedule

June 27	Wasa Community Hall
July 4	Memorial Garden
July 11	Wasa Gym
July 18	TOPs
July 25	Fire Suppression Group
August 1	Wasa & District Lions
August 8	Tri Village Volunteers/Little Pines Day Care
August 15	Wasa Country Quilters
August 22	Wasa Community Hall
August 29	Wasa Community Church
Sep 5	Wasa & District Lions

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NO BUZZ IN JULY - SEE YOU AGAIN IN AUGUST!			1 	2	3	4
5 Church 10:30	6	7  Wasa Lion's Mtg 7 pm	8 WLLID Mtg 7 pm	9	10 	11
12 Church 10:30 am	13	14 	15 	16 August Tri-Village Buzz submissions DUE	17	18
19 Church 10:30 am	20 	21 	22	23	24	25
26 Church 10:30 am	27	28	29 	30 	31	

LEGEND

Church Service 10:30 a.m. Lions 7 p.m.
Quilters 10 - 4 Tops; Friday 9 a.m.
Lion's meetings 1st Tuesday of every month



SPECIAL EVENTS

and Days Down the Road

- TOPS every Friday morning at the Wasa Hall. Weigh in at 9 - 9:30 AM - mtg 9:30 to 10:30
- Pickleball - every Monday & Wednesday 9 - 12, Community Hall
- Next WLLID Board mtg June 10th



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Ashram Meditation & Yoga.....250.422.9327
BC Wildfire.....*5555.....or1.800.663.5555
Catamount Contracting.....250.422.3694
Conservation - Emergency.....1.877.952.7277
Cranbrook/Kimberley Hospice.....250.417.2026
Econobuilt.....250.421.7813
EMERGENCY.....1.800.663.5555 (*5555)
Hi Heat Insulating.....250.422.3457
HD Railings.....250.422.3457
Kootenay Kwik Print.....250.489.4213
Kootenay Monument Installations.....422.3414
Lantz Farm (Hay).....250.420.1660
Rascal Dock Systems.....250.421.1746
TOPS.....Nicky Popowich..... (250) 422-9248
Wasa Country Pub & Grill250.422.3381
Wasa Hall.....250.422.3514.....422.3795
Wasa Hardware & Building Ctr.....250.422.3123
Wasa Lake Gas & Food.....250.422.9271
Wasa Lions Med Eqp...250.417-7654.....793.9491
Wasa Lions Trail Donations.....250.417-7654
Wasa Memorial Garden (Sherri Shields).....email-
Wasa Post Office.....250.422.3122

