

OFFICE OF THE ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR

Area H Update- April 2022

Congratulation to Area H's own **Reece Howden**. Reece recently won the Canadian Men's Ski Cross Championship and now has one more victory to add to his long list! Great job Reece!

Congratulations also to Columbia Valley Rate Payers' Association trustees and community members for creating such an amazing Easter Event. The turnout was fantastic and young and old alike had a chance to

enjoy races, the petting zoo, rock painting and an Easter Egg Hunt.



Area H Community Fire Awareness Day- Please Join Us!

Please join us at the Columbia Valley Fire Hall, 1202 Kosikar Road, on Saturday, April 30 from 10 am to 2 pm for Area H Community Fire Awareness Day. There will be a BBQ by donation, raffle, information displays, swag, and professionals on-site to answer your questions about what it's like to be a volunteer firefighter and how to prepare your home and property for wildfire season.

Raffle prizes donated by Associated Fire Safety Group and Fortin's Home Hardware. Hope to see you there! For other Fire Smart information please check out the FireSmart website. <https://firesmartbc.ca>

Atmospheric River- FVRD just received news that the provincial government will provide **additional funding** to assist it in meeting the additional cost pressures of ongoing recovery and infrastructure planning. This is great news for our area as we continue to deal with the aftermath of the Atmospheric River event. The staff will determine where the funds are best spent.

The Province of BC is asking for the public's help in locating and reporting flood debris found in rivers and creeks in the Fraser Valley Regional District. Please report any streams/creeks in Area H that have debris, gravel build up etc. Call the 24-hour Spill Reporting Line: 1-800-663-3456 or <https://flood-debris-assessment-explorer-bcgov03.hub.arcgis.com/?fbclid=IwAR0u0n-gZEjcrDbE9tECIGxGL910dlJf2kWiKDy5Cp7kNscalPunL26OMxM>

Alertable- is used by FVRD to push emergency notifications to residents in our area. Keep yourself and others informed and up to date with Alertable. Sign up here <https://alertable.ca/signup/index.html?site=BC5>

Cultus Lake Water Safety Improvements- The Cultus Lake Water Safety Group continues to focus on educating lake users on safety and respect of all who use the lake. Over the winter new buoys, markers and bead lines have been placed all around the lake to clearly designate the slow speed zones and to also mark out safe areas for swimmers, indigenous paddlers, and other non-motorized users. Many thanks to Chief

David Jimmie for securing the funding for this project and BC Parks for help with installation. New signage is

also being worked on. We are looking forward to a safe, fun summer season.



Lakeside Trail- Part of the Lakeside Trail was damaged during the winter storms and is receiving ongoing repairs. A short new section was completed at Sunnyside Campground and is being well used by the local community. Many thanks to CLPB for their work with FVRD to make this happen. Behind the scenes work continues to happen on the next section. (Lakeside condos-Jade Bay)

Goose Management- Area H has a few dedicated volunteers who work hard to manage the goose population



in our area. Please help by not feeding them . Here are two links with more information.

<https://www.fvrd.ca/assets/About~the~FVRD/Documents/Goose%20Management%20Brochure.pdf>

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-bird-conservation/publications/handbook-managing-cackling-geese-southern.html>

Next Generation 911 (NG 911)

The CRTC has directed all phone and cell service companies to update their networks from analog to digital so they are ready to provide NG 9-1-1 voice and text messaging services. This project is in the early stages. At this time local governments are working with the province to find out more and to make recommendations with regard to funding and cost options, standardization and governance. As more information becomes available it will be shared. Here's a link to the CRTC information. <https://crtc.gc.ca/eng/phone/911/gen.htm>

Road Concerns/Hazards- If you are aware of road hazards, please contact Emil Anderson and let them know. 1 800-667-5122 or EAM@EmilAnderson.ca

The results of the recent **Regional Growth Strategy Survey** are now available online –

<https://www.fvrd.ca/EN/meta/news/news-archives/2022/public-provides-feedback-on-the-regional-growth-strategy.html>

It continues to be a privilege to serve the residents of Area H. Please feel free to connect with me if you have questions/concerns or wish to discuss something.

Even though it was snowing a little while we were eating our Easter dinner, I'm sure Spring is coming☺ Enjoy each day the best you can.

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