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ROSEN LAKE RATEPAYER ASSOCIATION (RLRA)

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rosen Lake Friends,

We hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. Thank you to all of our members who participated in the 2021 Annual General Meeting via Zoom on June 24, 2021. The feedback we received was very positive. There were over 50 people in virtual attendance. We all hope next year we can meet in person again. The meeting minutes will be available on the website.

We would like to sincerely thank our outgoing directors, Jennifer Dudgeon, Alicia Charlton and Marlies Romich. They have all played a pivotal role in making Rosen Lake a better place to live and play. And a special thank you to Jennifer for your many many years of service at the RLRA. This year we welcome Adam Biglin (Chair), Scott Cote (Director) as our new board members. The new board has been meeting to discuss how to continue to make Rosen Lake a special place to our members and everyone who comes to visit. We are committed to growing our membership numbers, which sit at a record high, to support our mandate, build a sense of community among our members and protect our wonderful place on earth.

If you haven't heard. We have a new website address. Please visit our website to keep up to date with newsletters, events and announcements.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Rosen Lake Holiday Family Skate

December 27, 2021

1:00 to 3:00pm

The RLRA is happy to announce a winter family skate day and all are invited! While subject to local COVID restrictions, we are hopeful this event will go ahead this year.

Hot chocolate will be provided as well as a fire pit to warm your toes.

Come join us for a cup of hot chocolate and a cozy fire visit while we skate the pm away! Bring your skates, a chair and warm spirit to the south end of the lake to meet up with family, friends and neighbors.

Please use caution when going on to the ice at all times anytime during the winter as ice thickness can change from area to area.

FIRE SMART

Introduction to FireSmart Canada

Winter is fast approaching Rosen Lake, which means the 2022 fire season is right around the corner.

The RLRA has been introduced to FireSmart Canada, who in turn wish to introduce this very important project to its members.

FireSmart Canada is a neighbourhood recognition program which teaches people how to live with wildfires and to increase their home's chance of survival through proactive actions. It encourages neighbours to work together to reduce our shared potential loss or damage in the event of a fire by creating block sized groups of homes who conduct a wildfire hazard assessment which are turned into an FireSmart Neighbourhood Plan applying FireSmart principles.

Rosen Lake is precious to all of us. The RLRA believes if we all work together we can preserve our paradise for generations to come. While more information is to come, the RLRA is seeking volunteers to help initiate the program. Some of our neighbours have already started and are well on their way to be a recognized neighborhood. The more that become involved the safer Rosen Lake will be.

Our first step will be to conduct a Fire Smart information event sometime in April with a work event to follow on the May long weekend.

If interested please email us at rira-secretary@rosenlakera.ca

Please take a minute to read about the initiative, link at <https://www.firesmartcanada.ca> or <https://firesmartbc.ca>



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The RLRA wishes to extend their thanks to members Jay Nelson, Gary Mitchell and Darren Colombo for their leadership.

SIGNAGE

New signs have been developed for both boat launches. They will replace the existing sign and include the updated boating information as adopted in the 2021 AGM.

ATTENTION BOATERS

Rosen Lake Traditions

1. Use of all motorized Watercraft, at anything more than idle speed, should be restricted to the hours between 10 AM and 8 PM.
2. All motorized watercraft must travel counter clockwise. Motorized watercraft includes personal watercraft such as Sea-Doos.
3. Boats should use the wake zone for surfing and large wake activities. Stay as far from shore as possible.
4. As per Transport Canada guidelines, boats exceeding 10km/hr must maintain a distance of 30m (98.5ft) off shore.
5. All users of Rosen Lake are encouraged to use discretion and good judgement to moderate their activities appropriate to the volume of activity on the lake.



Please Use Caution, Courtesy and Good Judgement



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ICE SAFETY

Winter at Rosen Lake is a very important time to be aware of Ice Safety. We are pleased to share some valuable information from the BCLSS newsletter (the RLRA is a member of BC Lake Stewardship Society) which presented information from the Canadian Red Cross.

Frozen lakes offer great opportunities for sports such as ice fishing, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, skating, and snowmobiling. When recreating on lakes this upcoming winter, please keep in mind the many safety precautions to take. See below to view useful information.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We are committed to communicating with our members in ways that we think are most effective and efficient for our volunteer organization. We will continue to communicate primarily through our website and newsletter. Members can contact us anytime at the following email address rlra-secretary@rosenlakera.ca which is also listed on the website.

The RLRA recognizes that Facebook is a popular form of communication for some within the Rosen Lake community, however the RLRA does not have its own Facebook page nor do the directors at RLRA monitor the community page with any frequency or consistency.

We will strive to post important upcoming events on the Rosen Lake community Facebook page but we want to note that the community Facebook pages cannot be used to conduct RLRA business. The best way to get in touch with us is to visit our new website or to email us! We ask that anyone looking for information or that has questions refer to our website rosenlakeratepayers.ca



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VOLUNTEERS

The RLRA wishes to thank Don Charton, and Gary Mitchell, for maintaining the dam for more than a decade. This year the role has transitioned to Adolf. Please thank Adolf for volunteering for this important role.

We are in search of a couple local residents to perform the weekly Secchi disk test. The test only takes 15 minutes and requires a method to access the deepest part of the lake ie boat or kayak. The tests run from May until Early October. The Secchi disk test helps us analyze the water clarity and track changes due to temperature and lake activity. Thank you to Maureen Coulomb for all the time you have committed to testing the water we all cherish.

As part of Fire Canada, we require volunteers to work with other Fire Smart Champions to help organize information and work events, teach others and lead neighbors to make Rosen Lake a fire safe community.

RDEK ACCESS DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The RDEK is seeking your input.

NEWS RELEASE:

RDEK Seeks Public Feedback on Three Area B Parks as Management Plans are Developed

The Regional District of East Kootenay is currently working on Parks Management Plans for three of its parks in Electoral Area B and is looking for community input as part of the planning process.

“Staff are currently working on management plans for the Tie Lake Regional Park, Rosen Lake Accesses and Dawson’s Path,” says RDEK Electoral Area B Director Stan Doehle. “Though all three sites are unique, one thing they have in common is their importance as community assets. We would like to hear from residents about what makes these spaces special and gather feedback on things they would like to see considered as part of the management plans.”



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Parks Management Plans are intended to provide strategic direction and guidance for the RDEK, community associations and stewards of the parks for the next 15-20 years.

To help gather resident feedback, a project page has been set up on and comments are being taken until 4:30pm on December 17. Those without computer access can contact the RDEK directly and ask to speak to a Planner.

“Having the input from park users and area residents will help make these plans stronger, so I encourage people to visit the project page and leave their comments and ideas,” adds Doehle.

Management plans address topics such as site planning, development, recreation, access management, public safety, maintenance, control of invasive plants, threats from wildfire and more.

To view the project page, visit: <https://engage.rdek.bc.ca/areabparks>.

Good afternoon,

The RDEK is currently working on Parks Management Plans for three of its parks in Electoral Area B:

- Tie Lake Regional Park
- Dawson's Path
- Rosen Lake Accesses

We have created a project page here: <https://engage.rdek.bc.ca/areabparks>

We are currently seeking feedback from residents as part of the planning process.

There are a few ways you can provide your input:

- **Comment Form or Surveys** - There is a draft plan posted for Dawson's Path and a comment form in the first tab under the text on the project page. There are also surveys for Tie Lake Regional Park and Rosen Lake Accesses.
- **Show us on the Map** - if there are things you love about the Park, Accesses or Path, you can use this mapping tool and drop a "pin" in a spot you'd like to make a comment on.
- **Tell us what you Love** - While you are on the project page, there is also a tab at the bottom where you can leave a comment or post a photo telling us what you love about the Park, Accesses or Path.



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Deadline to provide your comments is December 17th.

We wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!

ICE SAFETY

Many factors affect ice thickness including:

- Time of year
- Location
- Water depth and size of water body
- Currents, tides, and other moving water
- Chemicals, including salt
- Fluctuations in water levels
- Logs, rocks, and docks absorbing heat from the sun
- Changing air temperature
- Shockwaves from vehicles traveling on the ice
- Ice Colour
- The colour of ice may be an indication of its strength.
- Clear blue ice is strongest.
- White opaque or snow ice is half as strong as blue ice. Opaque ice is formed by wet snow freezing on the ice.
- Grey ice is unsafe. The grayness indicates the presence of water. Did you know ice thickness should be:
 - 15 cm for walking or skating alone
 - 20 cm for skating parties or games
 - 25 cm for snowmobiles

Keep in mind that ice conditions can change quickly! Check with local authorities before heading out. Avoid going out on ice at night.

What to do in an Emergency

If alone:

- Call for help.
- Resist the immediate urge to climb back out where you fell in. The ice is weak in this area.
- Try to relax and catch your breath. Turn yourself toward shore so you are looking at where you entered onto the ice. The ice is more stable close to shore.
- Reach forward onto the broken ice without pushing down. Kick your legs to try to get your body into a horizontal position.
- Continue kicking your legs and crawl onto the ice.
- When you are back on the ice, crawl on your stomach or roll away from the open area with your arms and legs spread out as far as possible to evenly distribute



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your body weight. Do not stand up! Look for shore and make sure you are crawling in the right direction.

With others:

- Rescuing another person from ice can be dangerous. The safest way to perform a rescue is from shore.
- Call for help. Consider whether you can quickly get help from trained professionals or bystanders.
- Check if you can reach the person using a long pole or branch from shore. If so, lie down and extend the pole to the person.
- If you go onto ice, wear a PFD and carry a long pole or branch to test the ice in front of you. Bring something to reach or throw to the person (i.e. pole, rope, tree branch).
- When near the break, lie down to distribute your weight and slowly crawl toward the hole.
- Remaining low, extend or throw your emergency rescue device to the person and have them kick while you pull them out.
- Move to a safe position on shore or where you are sure the ice is thick and call for help.

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