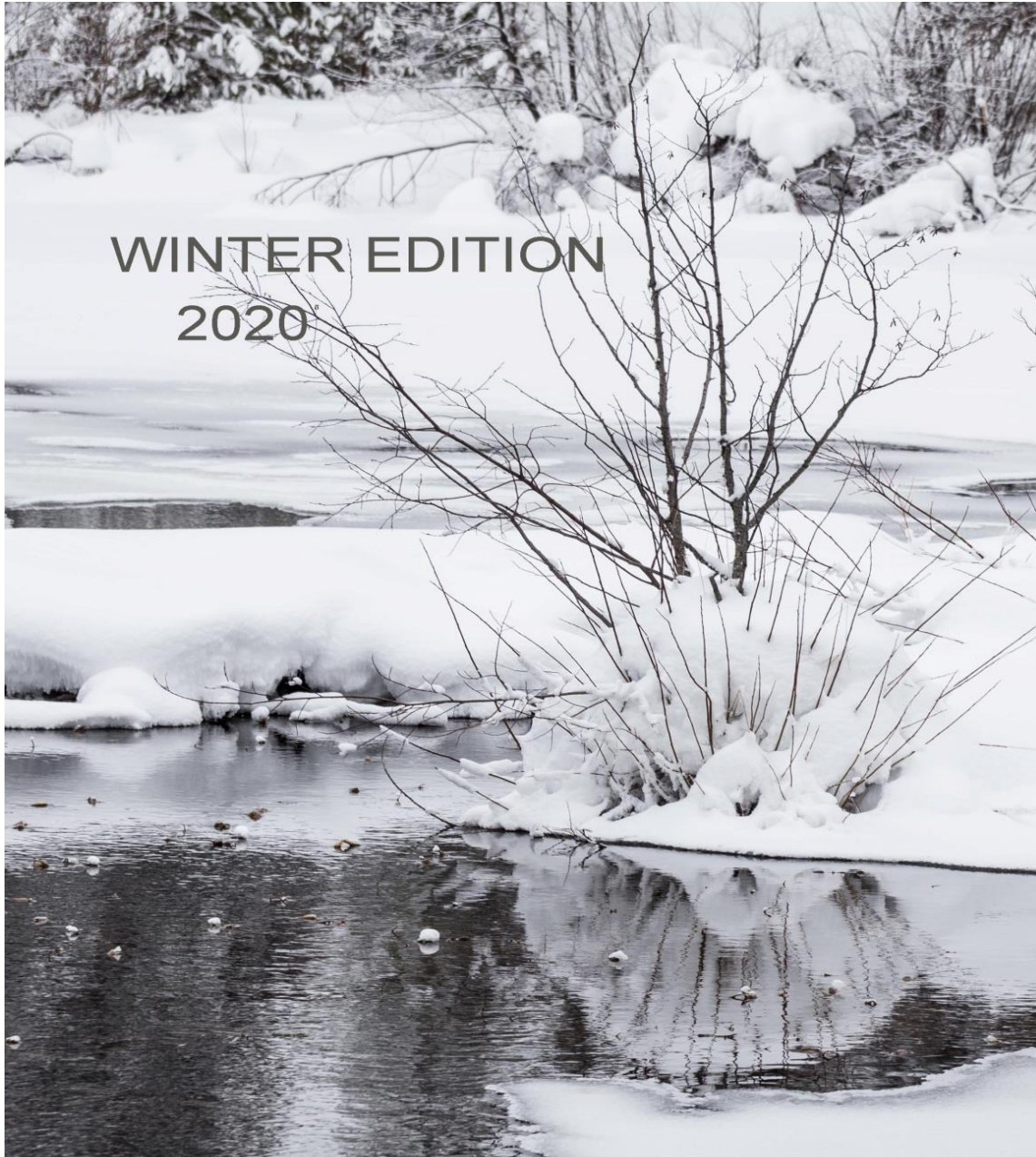




## DEKA LAKE AND DISTRICT RATEPAYERS

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*HAPPY NEW YEAR. Welcome to a new decade.*

**25<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DEKA LAKE & DISTRICT  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT  
2020 ICE FISHING DERBY  
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2020**

**Tickets \$10.00 Each**

**Purchase your tickets at the Weigh-In Station  
or from any Deka Lake Fireman  
OR Phone Bill Murphy: 250-644-6668.**

**Weigh-in will be at Access #12 - Burgess Road.**

**WIN PRIZES GALORE AT 2 PM SHARP  
ON DERBY DAY AT LAKE ACCESS #12.**



**PRIZE WINNERS  
MUST BE PRESENT  
IN PERSON.  
NO EXCEPTIONS!**



The **Deka Lake Volunteer Fire Department** will be holding its 25<sup>th</sup> annual **WINTER ICE FISHING DERBY** on SATURDAY FEBRUARY 15, 2020 The tickets will be \$10.00 each for everyone. There will be three prizes for each category: kokanee, rainbow trout, lake trout.

The first prize for each category will be **Eskimo Ice Fishing Tent**

Second prize will be a **Buddy Heater and folding Rocking Chair**

Third prize will be a **Filleting table and 2 Ice Augers**

The prize donation committee consisting of Rick Cole, Pete Power and Bill Murphy visited about 60 stores and got some excellent donated prizes which will be given away if your ticket is drawn.

We will be selling separate tickets to raffle off a flasher fishfinder and 16" Stihl chainsaw.

You can get tickets from any Deka Lake fireman.

The derby starts at 6:00 am and ends at 2:00pm All entries must be at the weigh-in station at lake access 12 off Burgess Road by 2:00pm sharp The awarding of prizes will begin at that time. All prize winners must be present to claim their prize. No exceptions.

Hot dogs, water, hot chocolate and coffee will be available for sale at the weigh-in station.

There will be a recycling bin for your empties. All the money helps to maintain our facilities.

***GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE***

Many thanks to CANADIAN TIRE in Williams Lake for all the support they have given us once again for our fishing derby.



***WATCH FOR DEKA LAKE ICE OFF TICKETS BEING SOLD BY THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT. AT THE END OF MARCH, 2020***

## THE OUTHOUSE RACES

### Presented by FISHING HIGHWAY 24

Don't miss the 2020 outhouse races at their all new location. This year they're at the baseball diamond behind the Iron Horse pub. Be there Sunday Feb 16 at 10:30. The races start at 11:00

They are always a good time for the whole family. At 10:00 am there will be a buffet breakfast at the pub.

Please don't not use any outhouse without a door. These are highly engineered racing outhouses and extra weight will make a difference. Thanks

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## PARKSIDE ART GALLERY

Art lovers and non-art lovers will enjoy the community show that's happening from Feb 1 to 29 , 2020. Local artists from the south Cariboo are displaying their love for the Winters here.

Gallery hours are

### Presidents Message

2019 has been another very busy year. We have completed all of the access improvements at Deka, Higgins and Sulphurous Lakes. The project has taken several years but as you can all see, the rewards have been worth it.

In addition, we have been part of a team that is working on the Womack Road Emergency Access as

Tuesday to Friday 10 – 4

Saturday from 10 – 3

well as the wildfire fuel break. Will be able to give you a further update later in the spring.

The Hathaway Access project is close to being completed with hopes that all the work will be done by next summer. A parking lot has been put in to keep the vehicles off the road and users safe and a launch will be accessible for your small fishing boats just a few hundred feet down from the parking lot. This project is in partnership with

Fisheries and Recreation and Trails, but it will be the users and community responsibility to keep it cared for, the same as every other access within our area. A special thank you to the Furbbers for their work on this project to date.

We will be concentrating on cleaning up the Advertising and Community board at Mahood and Horse Lake Road. If you know of anyone interested in advertising, please have them contact us directly. The cost is very inexpensive and the benefits are great.

The Deka Lake and District Fire Department donated all of their older picnic tables to our Association when they replaced them with new fold up tables. A special thank you to Chris Schmidt and other volunteers for taking the lead on scraping, repairing and re-staining all of them throughout the summer.

We replaced 2 of our porta potties on Deka Access 7 and 12, adding additional picnic tables at several accesses. To reference all of the picnic areas and

where the port a potties are, please check out our website at [www.dekalake-district.ca](http://www.dekalake-district.ca).

Sulphurous Lake , access 3 located on Pettyjohn just down from Mahood is being dedicated for kayaks and canoes. Signage is now up for the users directing those who have power boats to the launch further up the road.

Solar lights have been added to the Sulphurous Bulletin Board as well as Blain and Burgess at Deka. The solar light over on Beazely 1 has shown to be quite successful during the night.

Some of the floor in the swimming areas are still a bit mucky and need time to settle and harden. Usage of all swimming areas will speed up the process.

Please note that the access roundabouts and driveways must remain clear of parking including your Off Road Vehicles. Please park in the designated parking spots. The accesses and recreation sites are looked after entirely by volunteers so take pride in the area, drive slowly and take a moment to remove your garbage. Let your friends and family who come to visit know the rules of the road and what they can do to help out.

As always I continue to be inspired by those residents who have volunteered in cleaning up our access's and those who have volunteered to adopt an access, cutting the lawn, keeping it clean and letting us know if additional work is needed. As our community grows we will need more community support. Our community depends on working together, taking care of what we have, cleaning up after ourselves and taking an extra minute to pull some branches or move a few rocks on the lakeshore. If interested in helping us out more, being part of our board please don't hesitate to give us a call or send us an email.

I look forward to working with everyone in 2020. It should be another fun and exciting year.

Marty M  
President

## Donna Barnett

Happy New Year to everyone! It feels like we just welcomed 2019.

I know for many constituents 2019 had its ups and downs. Much has been accomplished by the volunteers and residents of Deka Lake and area.

Real Estate is holding its own I understand, with many retiring here or buying their future home now. You will have all received your new property assessments. Should you have any questions about your assessment or want to file an appeal make sure you do so before January 31/2020.

The Assessment Authority has no authority as to taxation. That is set by local and Provincial Governments. Governments decide how much they need for their budgets, how they will spend it and you are taxed accordingly.

Should you have any questions regarding budgets contact your local government representative.

If I can be of assistance in explaining further, please call my office anytime on any concern you may have.

I hope you all enjoy a safe and healthy 2020!

MLA Donna Barnett

## Egress and Fire Mitigation update

In terms of the egress route, the biologist confirmed there was no fish in the creek so we had a large culvert installed in that crossing as well as at least 6 other culverts Womack Rd. We also completed ditching and brushing. We will have to wait until spring to complete the gravelling on the road. As for the fuel breaks, hand crews are currently working on the south and east sides of the community and then will be moving on to the Higgins portion. The harvesting contracts are just being advertised with an expectancy of a March 31 finish. Because of the lateness and snow depth, we will have to issue another contract in the spring, once it's snow free, for an excavator to do the fine clean up, to get the stuff that is buried under the snow that the contractors can't see.

From Rob Martin, land and resource planning specialist.

## Hot July Nights



Yes, it is a long way off, but just a warning that it's going to be hotter than last year!! Plan to be in 100 Mile July 10-12 this summer.

## WATCH OUT FOR THE BEARS

Only this time they may be accompanied by cute fluffy little cubs. Or cute fluffy little cubs will be accompanied by not so nice moms. The moms are hungry, protective of their babies and they've been couped up in tiny dens breast feeding for a couple of months. I remember when our daughter was born. I actually thought she slept through the night. I was wrong. I was the one who slept through the night and it wasn't very long until my wife was no longer the sweet girl I'd married. And that was only one daughter.

The cubs are naturally curious and may want to approach you. Mom can do 30 mph, so if you see cubs, it's probably a good idea to retreat somewhere safe.

The Hundred Mile House Cruisers, South Cariboo Chamber of Commercs, CRD and our own MLA Donna Barnett are working hard to make this happen. The plan is to bring 200 cars into 100 Mile House and show the owners a good time.

This will showcase the area and bring money into the community. They want our out of town visitors to have a good time. As a bonus everyone is going to have a great time. Different clubs will have the opportunity to attract members and put on events, keeping everybody entertained. Bands are lined up as well. On Sunday Birch Avenue will become a Show'n Shine parking lot. Businesses seem receptive to this and plan to be open..

Events are continuously being updated so keep your eye on this website for new things.

## [hotjulynights.ca](http://hotjulynights.ca)

It will be Spring soon and the bears will be waking up and may wander through our yards once again. There may be more bears around than usual because of habitat loss after the fires of 2017.

## NEW FIRETRUCK

This is the year Deka Lake and Distrct volunteer fire fighters get their new truck. Engine 11 has finally expired and needs to be replaced to meet Canadian certification. This is important for our home owner insurance discounts. The fact that our trucks maintain certification and our volunteer firefighters are professionally trained is recognized by insurance under writers.

Even though the trucks don't have a lot of miles on them, they are still subject to wear and tear. Constant weight on the suspension, driving on our

roads and old equipment all contribute. When trucks get called out, they leave before the engines are fully warmed up. This is very hard on diesel engines.

The new truck will cost \$ 450,000 and a decision must be reached on how to pay for it. I'm only a layman, but here's my interpretation from government speak.

We have a choice of paying for it over 5 years or ten years. If it's paid for over 5 years our taxes will go up 20% in the first year and inflationary amounts years 2 – 5. Over 10 years our taxes will only go up by the inflationary amount for years 1 – 5. The CRD considers the 10 year plan a better deal

**We'd like to take the opportunity to profile some of our advertisers. As you know, we have made significant changes around here with the lake accesses and rec sites on Deka, Sulphurous**



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Diana and Montana ran from the rat-race 25 years ago and,

for us, but they need our permission to enter into a 10 year financing agreement. If we do nothing, we are agreeing to the 10 year plan. There is a form that must be filled out by any homeowner that wants the 5 year plan. All the information is available in the following link or on the cariboord.ca website.

<https://www.cariboord.ca/news/835/139/Alternative-approval-processes-begin-for-Barlow-Creek-Deka-Lake-fire-trucks>

**Hathaway and Higgins Lakes. With the changes come increased costs. Their advertising with us pays for a large portion of this up keep**

happily, many of their customers still found them. They volunteer with Citizens on Patrol, Volunteer Fire Dept, Ladies Auxiliary, Bridge Lake Fair & Interlakes Rodeo. Things get done slower when one is aging and on Cariboo time-but still get done well.



My job is to help you with any provincial problems you may have. I can assist you with other problems by supplying information, printing out forms, research, etc. I have an office in Williams Lake and one at 7-530 Horse Lake Rd. In 100 Mile House. I'm also available on my cell : 250-855-9956 Donna





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Darlene and I have lived here since 1980 and we started 3M Enterprises in 2008. We haul pit run from our own gravel pit. We also haul sand, road mulch, landscape rock, etc. We did the lake access at Hathaway and the large rec site there as well. Monty

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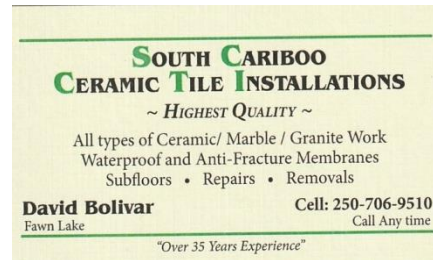
The company officially started in 2017. I am WETT certified to sweep, install and inspect wood burning systems, with my primary focus on sweeping. I am also a SITE Comprehensive inspector. I maintain my certification and knowledge with yearly courses offered at the WETBC AGM's. David



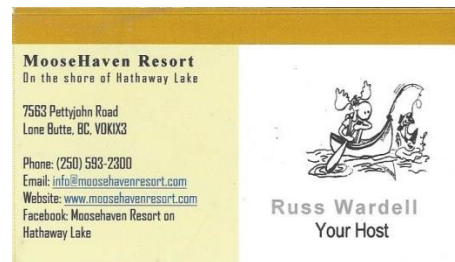
I have lived and worked in this area for over 30 years. As well as being the only realtor in the community with full Commercial Designation, I am a residential Selling and Buying Agent and conduct Property Market Evaluations. Robert



We service diagnose and repair most makes and models of vehicles. We have 2 diesel technicians with over 30 years experience. We do not work on motorhomes, travel trailers, RV's or boats. We would be happy to provide you with a quote for your repairs Frank



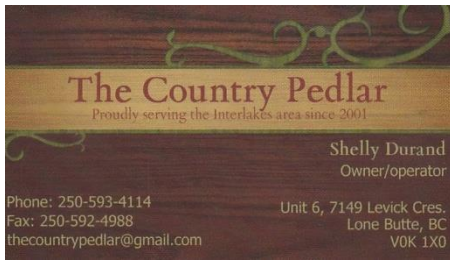
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