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Elkford's Non-Motorized Trail Network is Growing and Growing

2024 was the biggest year yet for the Elkford Trails Alliance. They kept 20 km of trail groomed all winter, logged well over 2400 volunteer hours and held their first Poker Derby – Ride, Run or Hike. The highlight of the year was celebrating the opening of their first blue flow trail (named Shredder), in July followed by opening “Heroes” in October, a black, hand-built trail also in the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle network. Additionally, they secured a maintenance agreement with the District of Elkford helping ensure all of the non-motorized trails in and around Elkford are kept in tip top shape in exchange for keeping the ETA insured, tooled and supported.

All year long the ETA leads group rides and hikes, as well as offering fun, family-friendly activities at Elkford's Winter in the Wild and Wildcat Days. These are some of the initiatives that lead to being awarded the “Community Group of the Year” at the Elkford Chamber of Commerce Business Awards in October.

You can support the ETA by purchasing a membership, coming out to their rides & hikes, volunteering for fundraising events & trail building, and buying their merchandise. They also offer snowshoe rentals for the whole season. You can find out more at www.elkfordtrails.com/eta or by emailing info@elkfordtrailsalliance.ca

What's next for 2025? They've got a new trail well underway, having worked hard last fall to build a bridge across Boivin Creek and clear several kilometers of trail in preparation for building a new four-season trail in the Boivin corridor, pending funding. January will bring participation in the Elk Valley Streak, a group snowshoe & fireworks at Winter in the Wild in February, and group fatbike rides & snowshoes all winter long. They are also fundraising for a 2nd winter grooming machine to keep up with their growing trail network.

The Elkford Trails Alliance wishes to thank the Columbia Basin Trust, the District of Elkford, Teck Resources (now Elk Valley Resources), NWP Coal, StellerVista Credit Union, Elk Valley Thrift Store and the Trans Canada Trail for funding their trail projects. Funds alone don't build trails, they have a dedicated Board of Directors that put in countless hours and many generous volunteers that they are eternally grateful for. As well as Doman, for the use of their land, Ram Mountain Power for equipment use, Esso for fuel donations and all the local businesses who donated prizes for the Poker Derby in September... thank you and Happy New Year!

- submitted by Katherine Russell



Elkford Community Fund

We're excited to announce that our 2025 grant application process opened on January 1st, with applications due by February 15th at 5 pm MT.

We're deeply honoured to live, work, and play in beautiful ʔamakʔis Ktunaxa, the traditional and unceded homelands of the **Ktunaxa Nation**, serving the communities of **ʔaʔam Community - St. Mary's Indian Band, Yaʔit ʔa-knuqʔi 'it - Tobacco Plains Indian Band, District of Elkford, District of Sparwood, BC, City of Fernie, City of Cranbrook**, and the surrounding rural areas.

We take a broad and inclusive view of what a community is, providing grants to the widest possible range of organizations and initiatives, including the following areas of interest:

- Animal Welfare
- Arts, Culture, and Heritage
- Education
- Environment
- Mental Health and Addictions
- Outdoor Recreation, Physical Activity, and Sports
- Programs for Equity-Deserving Populations (e.g., Indigenous, racialized, LGBTQ+, women, diverse abilities, seniors, children/youth)
- Social and Health Services, including Housing

For all the details, including our 2025 Grant Application Guidelines and 2025 Grant Application Form, please visit

<https://www.cfkrockies.ca/grants/>

"Together, making our communities even better places to live, work, and play, now and forever."

- submitted by The Elkford Community Fund. Terry Vandale, Shawna Klein, Toni McIntyre, Ethel Robinson, Vera Rees

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Have a question or concern?

Contact us today.

We will respond as quickly as possible and work to resolve concerns and answer all questions.

Your questions or concerns are likely shared by others, so your feedback helps us respond better to community needs and avoid similar situations across our operations.

Elk Valley Resources (EVR) operates four steelmaking coal mines in the Elk Valley, providing jobs for more than 5,000 people. We are committed to responsible resource development, environmental performance and building strong relationships with communities and Indigenous Peoples.

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DOG PARK. ELKFORD. Interested?

That was the header for a post on Facebook on January 7th. Maybe you saw it? There was immediate response. An amazing game of **FETCH** lasting 6 hours led to 66 likes and 84 comments. Some were very excited, willing to help create this fenced off-leash spot for their dogs, and some were not so pleased with the idea.

Two things were immediately apparent. The first being that there was enough support to look further into a dog park plan for Elkford. Number two is that dogs will always be a contentious topic with a variety of opposing views and opinions. For these two reasons, further commenting on the post was curtailed before there was a cat fight.

Rather than **ROLL-OVER** and give up, some dog lovers are eager to **STAY** focused. A group is being formed, society status is in the works, applications for grants will be registered, and the dogpile is about to begin. It will be important to find common ground. Hopefully all the friendly sniffers are encouraged to play and the feisty ones keep their leash on and **HEEL** during this process. Yes, I'm referring to the humans involved, not just the canines. One comment received on the post had a great guiding principle; 'build it and they will bark'. Hopefully there is lots of positive, quiet barking in the next 9 months or so.

Watch for our information booth at Winter in the Wild February 15th. There will be a dog toy toss to start raising funds, and prizes too. So far, this event is just for humans of all ages.

Any comments, questions, or concerns not already mentioned in the original Facebook feed can be sent to dogparkhwy43@gmail.com or Paige Turner through messenger. Just jot **DOWN** your contact info.



If you wish to **SIT** at the first public meeting,
please **COME** to the meeting room at the Community Centre
Thursday February 6th at 7pm.

- submitted by Jeanette Fairbairn

Introducing the 2025 Elkford New Year Baby:
WESLYN BERNARD FINLAYSON

Born to parents Juliet Bernard & Ian Finlayson on January 12, 2025 at 5lbs 9oz, 18 inches long. He was so excited to meet the world that he arrived over four weeks early!

Congratulations to the new family on their beautiful arrival!

The Elkford Early Years would like to thank the following businesses/persons for their contributions to the baby basket:

Kootendy Market	Mountain Echoes Doula - Steph Walkley
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Figure Skating News



The Elkford Skating Club had a fantastic weekend competing in the 2025 East Kootenay Invitational held in Sparwood January 17-19. We had 18 skaters competing across all levels, from Star 1 to Star 9. All of our skaters did an amazing job demonstrating the skills they have been working on over the season. We had two Star 2 Elements teams who received bronze & silver and our Star 4 Elements team also received silver. We are so thankful for the dedicated coaches that have been working with our skaters all season and who prepared them well for competition. From the regular guidance and preparation with Coach Cora-Lee Campbell, simulation sessions and one-on-one coaching with Coach Diane Stemberger, and Coach Kathy Sutherland providing rink side support in Sparwood to launch our skaters. It was a fabulous weekend cheering each other on and watching our skaters do what they love. We look forward to our next competition February 14-16 at the Regional Championship in Creston.

We will be holding our annual ball drop fundraiser on Sunday, February 16th @ 2 pm in the District Office parking lot. This year, everyone is invited to come watch the balls drop and see who our winners are. Tickets are still on sale! Contact a member of the skating club or email us at elkfordskatingclub@gmail.com if you'd like an opportunity to purchase tickets.

Our annual ice show is also getting closer! Join us on March 14th & 15th at the Elkford arena for our themed show "Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs"! This show will feature an array of weather and food songs that are sure to please! We hope to see you there.

- submitted by Kenzie Karwandy



Skater of the Month

Each month, the Elkford Skating Club selects a skater from each group to be given the title of Skater of the Month. Skater of the Month is chosen from various criteria including dedication on the ice, encouragement of your peers, helpfulness with your coaches and peers, attempting new skills, and more. We congratulate this month's skaters for their hard work on and off the ice!

PreCanSkate - Jordan Langille
 CanSkate - Riley Nagy
 Primary/Intermediate - Emersyn Whipple
 Junior/Senior - Iora-Rae Fairservice



Elkford Skating Club

Presents:

Cloudy With A Chance of Meatballs!

Friday, March 14th & Saturday, March 15th

7:00 PM - Doors open @ 6:30

Elkford Arena



2 & Under - Free

Child (3-5) \$4

Family - \$20

Student (6-17) \$6

Adult - \$8



Elkford
Skating Club

ELKFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY



Board Game Day

Date: February 22

Time: 1–3 PM

All ages welcome.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

LEGO Day



Date: February 14 & 28

Time: 1–3 PM

Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Book Club



Date: March 13

Time: 6:30–8 PM

February's Book: *Atlas of the Heart* by Brene Brown



Tabletop Game Night

Date: February 28

Time: 6:30–8:30 PM

This program is for adults, please be respectful of other attendees and do not attend with children.

For more information on programs visit our website. <https://elkford.bc.libraries.coop/>

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TECH FRIDAYS



Date: February 7 & 21

Time: 2–4 PM

Bring your devices and your questions to the library.
Open to all ages and all devices (phones, tablets, laptops, etc.).

YOGA Fundraiser



Date: Beginner - February 13

All Levels - February 21

Time: 6:30–7:30 PM

Pay what you can to support us!

Blind Date with a Book



Date: February 1–25

Choose from a variety of books wrapped in plain paper with
only a hint of the book inside.

Return the bookmark for entry into our prize draw.

create day

AND BOARD GAMES

WINTER IN THE WILD

Date: February 15

Time: 1:30–4:30 PM

Location: Teck Hall

Crafts, colouring sheets, LEGO and board games.
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KID'S COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2025



PROGRAMS, EVENTS AND INFORMATION FOR KIDS AGES 0-12

All programs, meetings, and events are subject to change. Please contact the individuals on the back for confirmation of times and details.

Elkford Community Resource Numbers

POLICE 911
 AMBULANCE 911
 BC NurseLine 1-866-215-4700
 POISON CONTROL 911 or 1-800-461-9911
 RMES 250-865-4625
 Recreation Centre 250-865-4010
 Aquatic Centre 250-865-4012
 Public Library 250-865-2912

Playgroups

All located in the Alliance Church unless otherwise specified on calendar.
Mondays: Little Wapitis 10-12
Tuesdays: Elkford Strolls 8:15-10
Wednesdays: Parent-Tot Funtimes 9:30-11:30
Fridays: Baby Laplines (2 and under) 10-11:30
Saturdays: Healthy Start 10-12

If you would like the Kid's Calendar emailed to you or you have any

information you would like included or updated in this calendar please contact:

Kenzie Karwandy at

kenzie.bau.21@gmail.com

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Healthy Start 10-11:30 Family Swim 12:30-2:30 Public Swim 2:30-4:30
2 Public Skating 4-6	3 Little Wapitis 10-11:30	4 Family Swim 11-1	5 Parent/Tot Funtimes 9:30-11:30 Parent & Tot Swim 10:15-12:45-3 Family Swim 12:45-3 Public Swim 5:30-7:30	6 Parent & Tot Swim 10:15-12:45-3 Family Swim 12:45-3 Public Swim 3-5	7 Baby Lapline—10-11:30 Parent & Tot Swim 10:15-12:45-3 Family Swim 12:45-3 Public Swim 3-5 Public Swim 5-7:30	8 Healthy Start 10-11:30 Family Swim 12:30-2:30 Public Swim 2:30-4:30
9 Winter in the Wild Public Skating 4-6	10 Play in the K @ RMES 9:30-11:15	11 Family Swim 11-1	12 Parent/Tot Funtimes 9:30-11:30 Parent & Tot Swim 10:15-12:45-3 Family Swim 12:45-3 Public Swim 5:30-7:30	13 Parent & Tot Swim 10:15-12:45-3 Family Swim 12:45-3 Public Swim 3-5	14 RMES No School Baby Lapline—10-11:30 Parent & Tot Swim 10:15-12:45-3 Family Swim 12:45-3 Family Swim 3-5 Public Swim 5-7:30	15 Winter in the Wild Healthy Start 10-11:30 Family Swim 12:30-2:30 Public Swim 2:30-4:30 Public Skating 6:30-8:30 EIV Movie Night @ Trek Hall—Doors Open @ 5:30
16 Winter in the Wild Public Skating 4-6	17 RMES No School Family Day No Playgroup	18 Family Swim 11-1	19 Parent/Tot Funtimes 9:30-11:30 Parent & Tot Swim 10:15-12:45-3 Family Swim 12:45-3 Public Swim 5:30-7:30	20 Parent & Tot Swim 10:15-12:45-3 Family Swim 12:45-3 Public Swim 3-5	21 Baby Lapline—10-11:30 Parent & Tot Swim 10:15-12:45-3 Family Swim 12:45-3 Family Swim 3-5 Public Swim 5-7:30	22 Healthy Start 10-11:30 Family Swim 12:30-2:30 Public Swim 2:30-4:30 Public Skating 6:30-8:30
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Elkford Early Years Committee is an assembly of individuals and interested groups working together to address the importance of the first 6 years of a child's life. Meetings are the 1st Monday of each month starting at noon at the Alliance Church (1803 Alpine Dr). Anyone is welcome to attend.
 Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com or www.elkfordearlyyears.com



RMES PAC is a council open to all parents and/or guardians of students of Rocky Mountain Elementary School.
 Meetings are the second Tuesday of each month from 6-8pm
 Contact: RMES PAC Chair ~ rmespac24@gmail.com



Little Wapitis is a free drop-in program for children 0-6 and their parents / caregivers.
 Located at the Alliance Church (1803 Alpine Dr)
 Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com



Elkford Strolls is a new stroller/walking group. There will be multiple different routes and meet up points so be sure to watch for emails and posts for location updates. Parents can get out, be active, and connect during their walks.
 Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com



Baby Laptimes is A weekly program for caregivers and parents to experience and share rhymes, songs, stories and baby topic discussions. For children 2 and under.
 Located at the Alliance Church (1803 Alpine Dr)
 Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com



Elkford Healthy Start is a free drop-in program for parents and children 0-5yrs. Everyone welcome and parent participation is required!
 Located at the Rec Centre Banquet Hall
 Contact: elkfordecd@gmail.com



Elkford Leisure Service Department

Contact: recreation@elkford.ca
 Phone: 250-865-4010
 Visit www.elkford.ca or call for more program information.

To register for programs, please stop by the Elkford Community Conference Centre, Monday - Saturday from 9:00am - 5:00pm. All programs are on a first come first serve basis. They accept cash, debit, Visa MasterCard and cheque. To avoid disappointment, please register early. Low registrations one week prior to the class start date could result in the class being cancelled.



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- BCNurseline 24hrs 1-866-215-4700
- Mental Health 1-800-661-0329 or 1-250-425-4554
- Addiction Services 1-800-644-6144 or 1-250-423-4423
- Ministry of Human Resources 1-866-866-0800
- Ministry for Children & Family Development 1-800-667-5623
- BCAA Car Seat Information 1-877-247-5551
- CCRR 1-800-661-2445
- East Kootenay Crisis Line 1-800-667-8407
- East Kootenay Friends of Children 1-866-564-2217
- Elk Valley Transition House 250-946-6004
- EIK Valley Victim Assistance 250-425-0499 or 250-423-7500
- Elkford Women's Task Force 250-865-2031
- Infant Development Program 1-877-999-2543
- Elk Valley Preschool Speech-Language Program 250-430-7026
- Family Support Institute 1-800-441-5403
- Fernie Counselling 250-423-2608
- PEACE 250-433-6353
- Sexual Abuse Intervention 250-423-5311
- CB Family Resource Society 250-430-1136
- Women's Resource Centre 250-423-4687
- Child and Youth Mental Health Outreach 250-423-0817

EKKids.ca is a website that was created as a resource for parents and children in the East Kootenays. The links take you to our community pages where you'll find information about the Early Childhood Development (ECD) teams for each community, along with resources, ways to get involved, and a community calendar which tells you what is going on in that community on a given day.



Coming Events

Blind Date With A Book February 1st to 25th at the library.

Tech Fridays February 7th & 21st from 2 to 4 pm at the library.

Beginner Yoga (Fundraiser) February 13th at 6:30 pm in the library. Bring your mat and pay what you can to support the library.

LEGO Day February 14th & 28th from 1 to 3 pm at the library.

Valentines Day February 14th.

Winter in the Wild February 14th to 16th.

Family Day February 17th.

Board Game Day (all ages) at the library February 22nd from 1 to 3 pm.

All-Levels Yoga (Fundraiser) February 21st at 6:30 pm in the library. Bring your own mat.

Elkford Public Library Regular Board Meeting February 25th at 6:30 pm in the library. All are welcome.

Tabletop Game Night 19+ February 28th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the library.

Book Club March 13th at 6:30 pm in the library.

Share your pictures of Elkford events in the Focus

We'd love to see photos and news about sports teams, school events, happenings or celebrations on these pages.

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info@elkfordtrailsalliance.ca

Passport and ID Photos

Call Katherine at 250-665-8005. katherinerussell.ca

Elkford Food Bank

If you need assistance from the Food Bank, or you know somebody who does, please call **250-910-7088** and leave a message along with a return number. Your call will be returned at the earliest opportunity.

Elkford Lions Club

Come join us - everyone welcome. Contact us at elkfordlions@gmail.com for current information.

Any Lengths Group AA meetings

For current information contact Betty-Ann S. 250-433-6510



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Elkford Women's Task Force
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Kids Count Too
Kids Counselling
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Elk Valley Critical Incident Response Team
Critical Incident Emergency Contact
250-423-4226

Deadline for submissions for the next issue of the Elkford Focus is the 20th of each month.
Please email your classified ads to info@elkfordlibrary.org and put classified ads in the subject line. If you are sending us a coming event, please put coming event in the subject line.



APPLY NOW FOR 2025 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS

Registered non-profit organizations in Elkford can now apply for the 2025 Financial Assistance Grants! Applications are due by **February 28, 2025**.

Find the 2025 application form, application guidelines and policy on our website at elkford.ca/2025financialassistancegrants. You may also visit us at 744 Fording Drive to request printed copies.

As authorized under the Community Charter, the District of Elkford supports the enhancement of the community by providing financial assistance to non-profit groups and organizations that enhance the quality of life in Elkford or promote the community when travelling to events away from Elkford.

Prior to applying, please review the District of Elkford's Financial Assistance Grant Application Guidelines and the Financial Assistance Policy.

For more information, contact the Financial Services Department at **250.865.4000** or finance@elkford.ca.

WINTER PARKING BYLAW

Don't forget the winter parking bylaw! From **November 1 to March 31**, on-street parking is prohibited between the hours of **6 a.m. to 4 p.m.** in order to ensure optimal snow removal.

FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETINGS

- **FEBRUARY 10** **6 P.M.**
- **FEBRUARY 24** **6 P.M.**

Unless otherwise noted, meetings take place in Council Chambers at 744 Fording Drive.

For regular council meetings, electronic attendance is welcome. Visit <http://zoom.us/join> and enter the meeting ID: **250 865 4000**, then click join and wait for the host to let you into the meeting.

BLEEDER VALVES: ON

A friendly reminder to all residents to turn **ON** the bleeder valves in your residences from **October 31 to May 1**. This important bylaw is in place to prevent your pipes from freezing and cracking in colder temperatures.

CLOSED FOR FAMILY DAY STATUTORY HOLIDAY

All District of Elkford facilities are closed on **Monday, February 17** for Family Day, a statutory holiday. We will reopen on **Tuesday, February 18**.

KEEP KIDS OFF OF ROADSIDE SNOWBANKS

Every time it snows, Public Works operators work to cut back snow banks and snow piles to widen our roadways. **Please ensure that children do not play in snow berms or on snow piles along roads.**

Operators don't have x-ray vision: they are unable to see tunnels carved in the snow and cannot always see children who are playing on snow banks. Additionally, tunneling in snow piles is very dangerous in itself, often resulting in fatalities when snow forts collapse.

Please play it safe! Kids (and kids at heart) can always safely toboggan and play in the snow at the toboggan hill that is piled high beside the District Office and running into the soccer field. When dark falls, the hill is lit up for some quintessential winter fun!

2025 BUSINESS & PET LICENCE RENEWALS

It's time to renew your business and pet licences for 2025! Renewal notices were mailed out in January.

Annual fees for business licences are:

- **New OR Annual Renewal for Business Licence: \$100**
- **New OR Annual Renewal for Youth Business Licence: \$20**
- **New OR Annual Renewal for Inter-Community Business Licence (ICBL): \$100 (note that the ICBL fee is in addition to your \$100 fee for your municipal business licence)**

The due date for all business licence fees is **January 31, 2025**.

The dog/cat pet licence fee is \$50 annually for an unsterilized licence and \$20 for a spayed/neutered licence.

Are you a new pet owner? You must purchase a licence for your dog or cat. Please bring the certificate of spaying/neutering for first time registration. The due date for all pet licence fees is **February 28, 2025**.



This Family Day weekend, from **February 14 to 16**, Elkford is the place to be to celebrate **Winter in the Wild!**

Stay tuned for the event line-up and official event brochure.

Visit www.elkford.ca/witw2025 to learn more.