



## EKC Supports Anti-Bullying.

Why are over 53 of EKC's team wearing pink shirts today?

Jody, EKC's CEO and the team have their reasons. See more on EKC's Facebook and Instagram page.



## Cranbrook Search & Rescue - Highway Rescue

EKC's Board of Directors initiated the celebration in honour of its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Its purpose is to continue support for strong, local communities and support community groups who have felt the impact of COVID-19.

EKC's staff committee had overwhelming support for Cranbrook Search and Rescue Society. "We recognized the number of people the organization supports and the impact their work has in the East Kootenay," says Pam Pinch, staff representative.

The non-profit society was established in Cranbrook in 1984 and consists of three divisions, Ground Search and Rescue (GSAR), K9 and Highway Rescue.

The Highway Division will receive \$10,000 to obtain equipment that will allow their team to safely extract injured individuals to ensure prompt medical attention is administered.

The Highway Division is a specialized team that responds to motor vehicle accidents and assists Cranbrook Fire and Emergency Services with aircraft incidents. They cover 120 kilometres of provincial highways and support forestry roads. The team responds to on average 80 calls a year.

EKC's contribution will go towards new safety equipment.

- Automatic vehicle stabilizers - high-pressure bags that lift the vehicle in a controlled manner that enables the team to better access the patient.
- Battery-powered combi tool (also known as the jaws of life) - the current system is time-consuming as equipment needs to be removed from the truck and hydraulic hoses connected.
- Airbag containment covers - safety device placed over a steering wheel to secure them from deploying (airbags that deploy can cause serious injury, even death to a person that is near it).

This equipment will increase the speed and safety of stabilizing the vehicle, ensuring prompt medical attention, more accessibility for the combi tool and ensure airbags are contained in the process.



(L-R) Shawna, Elkford Assistant Branch Manager; Stephen Fairbairn, Director at EKC and also Secretary of the Elkford Housing Society; Kim Bauer, Vice President, Elkford Housing Society; Donita Orsten, Staff Representative of the Legacy Celebration Committee

## Elkford Housing Society

Congratulations to Elkford Housing Society (EHS), the second recipient of \$10,000 from the \$50,000 Legacy Campaign as the third and final part of its 70 Year \$115,000 Celebration!

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The lack of safe and accessible housing has led to seniors leaving Elkford as they age.

The Elkford Housing Society (EHS) was incorporated in 2018 with the vision to provide residents of Elkford with housing options that allow residents to remain in Elkford for as long as they desire regardless of socio-economic status or age. They recognize safe, affordable, and accessible housing for seniors would make Elkford a better place to live.

In December 2020, the Elkford Housing Society application was approved by BC Housing with a 60-year operating agreement. This commitment is the first of this length and will ensure that the Elkford Senior Housing will remain an essential part of our community.

The three-story apartment block will start construction this spring and contain units for accessible independent living. The units will combine deep subsidy units, rent geared to income, and rent slightly below market. This mixed unit configuration will allow renters of all income levels the opportunity to become tenants. The building will contain 16 one-bedroom units, six two-bedroom units, Elkford's first elevator, underground parking, shared spaces, in-house laundry, parking for motorized scooters, individual storage spaces, and on-site part-time management. All common areas will be barrier-free, allowing residents easy access and providing an opportunity for socialization. The building will meet or exceed the current environmental step code. Also, it will meet or exceed all provincial, national, and municipal building requirements and standards. Green technology will be applied in the construction and ongoing operation of our building.

Big Shout out to the 70th Anniversary staff team of **Stephen, Steph, Lorna, Drew, Tobi, Karla, Donita, Meghan H. and Pam!**



It may be hard to make plans even a week in advance - but you can start making plans for the **Best...Summer...Ever!**

If you found what you need for **'The Best Summer Ever'** but your savings are not quite there, no worries!

EKC's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Loan Special has rates as low as 2.99%\*!

- no payments for 3 months
- no interest for 3 months
- quick and easy approval process

What is your plan?

- E-bike touring?
- Home reno?
- Hot Tub
- Sleeping under the stars or in your trailer?
- Creating the backyard oasis of your dreams?
- Paddle Boarding on local lakes?

EKC can work with you to align your budget with your dreams to make sure you don't get into debt you can't handle.

\* Loan Details





### MASKS ARE REQUIRED

- ▶ in all indoor public settings
- ▶ thank you for your assistance

We have provided both disposable and non-disposable masks to employees, and we are very proud of that! 🙌

We understand some members cannot wear masks, please let us know and bring your medical exemption.

EKC can provide you with a mask if you have forgotten yours.

For more information about how EKC is protecting our members and our employees, please see the [EKC COVID Safety Plan](#).

**Thank you for your support at this time.**

## EKC Member Survey

Thanks to everyone who filled in the latest survey. The information is being reviewed and recommendations prioritized.

Congratulations to Jess in Sparwood, Joella in Fernie, Richard in Elkford and Cranbrook is still to be notified. They each received a Shop Local basket worth \$150!



Please look at our online tools or book an appointment with our staff to get started!



## EKC's AGM May 12, 2021, via ZOOM

Nominations for EKC's Board of Directors - Feb. 12 to Mar. 14, 2021

Voting for Director Nominations and Special Resolution - April 26-May 1, 2021

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Pam, at [ppinch@ekccu.com](mailto:ppinch@ekccu.com).

# YOU'RE INVITED!

## EKC Updates

Service charges changed on February 1. Please review your accounts. We are available for a service charge review, to ensure you are in the best account! Details for personal accounts [here](#) and for small business [here](#).

EKC has committed to upgrading all of the ATMs in 2021.

EKC COVID -19 and safety plan is up to date and can be [found here](#).

There is no access to Cranbrook Branch ATMs from 10:00 pm to 6:00 am as to protect our members and the premises.

Elkford and Sparwood staff are available to serve you by phone or email for all your banking needs when the doors are locked.

*Thank you for your continued patronage.*

**To stay updated, check [Facebook](#), [Contact Us](#) or [EKCCU.COM](#).**

