

**February 2007 News**  
**RODEO GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT**

We continue to steadily move ahead with discussions and meetings regarding the existing Rodeo Grounds. We have held two public meetings which are open to “anyone” who wishes to be involved or just keep updated on the project. We have had several newspaper notices published advising the public on how to contact us. Susan McIver has written an article on the “Resurgence of the Horse Industry in the Okanagan” which will be published in “The Okanagan Saturday”.

To date we have several organizations and people show an active interest in the grounds and are actively participating in the process.

Penticton Pony Club – Sandra Varchol  
KVR Station – Ron Restrict  
Blue Grass Festival – Roy Potter  
Critter Aid –C.D.A.R.T. – Laura Dean  
Judy McLaughlin – Summerland Fall Fair  
Pat Boyd - Skaha Kennel Club  
Marilyn Hansen – Trans Canada Trail  
Representatives for a Therapeutic Riding Program

We were also unexpectedly surprised to have Mayor Gregory and Summerland Recreation Department – Dale MacDonald attend the February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

At our most recent meeting, stakeholders were all asked to express their vision and needs for their specific purposes. Our goal is to come up with a “common vision” that serves the whole community and their needs.

Organizations are presently submitting their proposals which will be eventually amalgamated into a unified proposal.

If Summerland Council approves a request to have a feasibility study done by a professional consultant this year, all this footwork we are presently doing will serve as a guideline for the communities requests.

**What can we do in 2007?**

In addition to the long term goal, there are many improvements we can proceed with right now. We would like to continue painting, improve footing and address water issues.

**Volunteers**

If you wish to be involved in supporting these improvements, please contact Gwen Shaw at 494-8198.

**Fundraising Ideas:**

One of our next main topics for discussion will be fundraising. Once again, we welcome your input and require volunteers to make this happen.

- Dancing Stallions –Spoke with Susana and she is eager to do 2-3 shows.
- Mini Mane Event

Thank you all for your support and please come out and make this a reality.

Gwen Shaw

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