

2020 a Dramatic Year for Historic Sandon

Sandon has had some unusual years in its history and 2020 will undoubtedly be remembered as one of those. First of all, the Covid 19 pandemic has changed the way that people can interact and while we were busy planning how to accommodate this new reality, Mother Nature struck a severe blow to Sandon itself. Rising creek levels caused by heavy snow packs, heavy rain and warm temperatures created water volumes in the creeks that exceeded the destructive washout of 1955. Fortunately, some Sandon residents were equipped and ready to deal with the onslaught. All of the major historical assets were saved with relatively minor damage to the roads, creek channels and grounds. The rest of 2020 will be spent cleaning up the damage and installing protection against the next major event.

At this point in time, we are not sure what indoor activities may be possible in Sandon this summer. Both Covid and flood issues will need to be further assessed before a plan to open the famous Prospector's Pick store and the Sandon Generating Station to visitors is formalized. We will keep you posted on www.sandonbc.ca or www.facebook.com/sandonbc. In terms of outdoor activities, you can enjoy viewing the world famous National Brill Trolley Collection and the historic CP Steam Train provided by the collective of the Wright & Pellowski families of Sandon. Outdoor historical interpretation has been added courtesy of the Prospector's Pick and Silversmith Power and Light. You will be able to safely walk around Sandon (please stay out of construction areas and away from steep creek embankments) and you can explore the K&S Railway grade (hiking & mountain biking) and you can venture up to the old town of Cody if you have a suitable vehicle. Idaho Peak Road is closed indefinitely due to major washouts and landslides. Resident Vida Turok is hoping to have a mobile catering unit up and running soon so that you can enjoy some delicious "pre-packaged" foods and beverage options including Sandon memorabilia. Camping and picnic sites will be available as always (including electricity). Please call **250.358.2247 or 2141** or email sandoninthekootenays@gmail.com to make reservations or if you have questions.

Sandon will continue to be an intriguing beautiful historic site as always. Sandon will rebound from its challenges. Those of us dedicated to preserving this amazing place will be working hard to achieve our goals. If you are interested in helping you may contact us for ways in which you can contribute or volunteer.

Courtesy of Wright, Pellowski, Turok families and friends, preservers of Sandon for 50 years.

For K&S Railway Trail information please contact the North Slokan Trails Society and to connect with the museum please call 250.358.7920.

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