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Greg Nesteroff photo

Nelson Fire and Rescue Captain Mike Daloise goes over the game plan with firefighters during a mock evacuation at the Nelson and District Community Complex Tuesday. For the full story and photos from the afternoon event check out pages 11 & 13 of today's *Nelson Star*.

Cab driver recounts attack

Early morning fare that takes a nasty turn leaves driver cut, bruised and not sure he wants to even live in Nelson anymore

GREG NESTEROFF
Nelson Star Reporter

A Nelson cabdriver says he's frustrated after being attacked by a drunken passenger and angry the incident was characterized by the *Star* as a "fist fight."

Bob Edwards of Glacier Cabs says he was only defending himself during the incident around 2:30 a.m. one day last month that left him with five stitches and "a raspberry the size of a golf ball" on the back of his head.

He was taking a man and woman to Fairview from a downtown pub when the couple began arguing about whether they had money to pay for the ride.

According to Edwards, "he started to abuse her verbally, because she said she didn't. I see and hear all kinds of things in my taxi and generally try to turn a blind eye. But when it happens multiple times in

"You hear so much about this being a progressive and cultured town, but I don't see that."

Bob Edwards
Nelson Cab Driver

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News

Kokanee Springs starts work on fulfilling dream

After decades of falling short on original resort vision, Crawford Bay golf course begins forging ahead on plan that will elevate status as a destination

GREG NESTEROFF
Nelson Star Reporter

CRAWFORD BAY — More than 40 years after it opened, Kokanee Springs Resort is poised for a major expansion that will fulfill its founder's original dreams.

Bellstar Hotels and Resorts has laid out plans for the Crawford Bay golf course that include a new clubhouse, pool, restaurant, cabins and villas, as well as upgrades to the course itself.

"It's a long established course with a great history," says Bellstar CEO Ed Romanowski. "It's well known as a great destination already. We're trying to build on that."

Romanowski says their involvement began through Dale Hodgson, a mutual shareholder.



Drawings of the phase one cottages that have already started to be constructed at Crawford Bay's Kokanee Springs.

"Three or four years ago he bought out the other shareholders because he had a grander vision for Kokanee. He believed there's a lot more potential for it as a destination resort."

Phase one of the master plan calls for the addition of six cottages and 12 villas, which should be complete by

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Steelworkers File Grievances

Credit Union headed to arbitration

GREG NESTEROFF
Nelson Star Reporter

More than four months after the strike at the Nelson and District Credit Union ended, an arbitration hearing has been scheduled over the proposed elimination of three positions.

"We're extremely disappointed with this employer," says Doug Singer, financial secretary of United Steelworkers Local 1-405. "We hoped after the strike we could work on improving our relationship."

Instead, Singer says following the signing of the new collective agreement, they were notified the positions would be lost.

"They hadn't indicated in any way previously that it was going to happen, so we filed some grievances."

He says the posi-

tions include one in accounting, one in financial services at the East Shore branch, and one in operations dealing with point-of-sale machines.

The latter is "a contracting out issue, contrary to what we felt the employer indicated during bargaining... We asked if any restructuring was taking place, and understood there wasn't. We made a lot of decisions based on that, and then found out after the fact they were looking at doing the exact opposite."

Singer says it "goes to the issues of credibility, relationship, and trust. It's contrary to the best interest of the credit union, employees, members, and community at large."

Credit union general manager Doug Stoddart wasn't willing to talk about the arbitration process or

specifics of the changes, but said staffing is "dictated by member demand for products and services. The more members we have, the more products and services we have, the more staff we need."

Stoddart says the changes haven't yet taken effect, but are expected to soon.

"As per the collective agreement, we had to provide notice to the union, and there's a period of time we have to discuss it with them. We've been going through that process all summer."

He says they're required to introduce chip technology in member cards to process transactions and prevent fraud.

"All our merchant terminals have to be brought up to speed to handle it," he says. "It's not something the credit union can

do. The technology is beyond us."

Meanwhile, they "see an opportunity to expand support to the business community, especially during these difficult economic times... It's disappointing the Steelworkers don't talk about the opportunities we're creating. They just want to talk about changes that impact positions."

The Steelworkers want to meet again with credit union management before the matter heads to arbitration, but Singer doesn't hold out much hope for a resolution.

The hearing has been scheduled for November 8, 9, and 10 in Nelson. Lawyers for both sides will come from Vancouver to argue the case, and then the arbitrator is expected to take a few months to issue a decision.

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Calgary oil man hatched original plan

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late fall, and will be strata or individually titled. "We've already sold three cottages and we're building them right now," Romanowski says. "We'll be starting the first villa of one-and-two bedroom suites this fall. That's adjacent to the existing pro shop and the site of what will eventually be the new clubhouse."

Next spring will see construction begin on a swimming pool, hot tub, and fitness complex. Despite a turbulent economy, he insists "it's a great time to be building, because costs are down. The local trades are more readily available and they're far more competitive."

He also envisions working closely with Crawford Bay's arts and crafts community.

"Once people are there, we can incorporate that into the experience," he says. "Right now they mostly just come and golf, but as more and more families come, we know how much more important those other amenities will be."

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