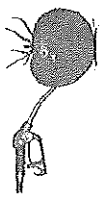


DECONSTRUCTING DINNER



is heard on Nelson and Kootenay Lake airwaves (CJLY) and will soon be airing in areas of the Slokan Valley. With Internet access, archived broadcasts are available on the DD web site or as a Podcast for those without Internet access, Jon Steinman is in the process of launching a syndicated print column within Canadian newspapers, and he is hopeful that BC Southern Interior publications will choose to share this increasingly important subject to a larger population.

"Why Deconstruct Dinner?" www.kootenaycoopradio.com/deconstructingdinner/

On January 18, Alex Atamanenko hosted MP Peter Julian in Nelson at an event to expose the Security and Prosperity Partnership (SPP) being forged behind closed doors and away from the very democracy we all thought we had voted for.

I would submit that the most important question to have left such an event with would have been "How"? How did we manage to allow a handful of multinational corporations to lure our country's leaders into board rooms and hijack the very substance of our sovereignty?

The answer to such a question is encyclopedic, but I believe the most easily accessible tool to aid in arriving at such an understanding, is through our food.

The Canadian relationship to food has become so distant, that we are afforded the luxury of not being required to think twice about it. Now imagine the excitement in the boardroom of a multi-national manufacturer of food upon observing our disinterest in where our food is coming from, how it was produced, or what impacts our food choices have!

As we bask in the passive luxuries of our now emotionless food system, it becomes clear that it has been "we" who have allowed this to unfold. We may have been coaxed into it, but we indeed bought into it, and we can, quite literally, buy our way out. It can begin by examining both the dominant food system and the alternatives.

Jon Steinman

Slokan Valley Abattoir Co-op

Newly dictated meat regulations have had a devastating effect on many local farms. It is no longer possible for a farmer to slaughter animals and sell them at the farm gate. Many people including Corky Evans, B.C NDP Agriculture critic have spoken out against these regulations but the provincial government has not listened.

In the Slokan Valley a number of folks have gotten together to form the **Slokan Valley Abattoir Co-operative**. Their goal is to build a multi-species provincially inspected abattoir in the Slokan Valley. This project will handle livestock slaughter for small producers for this area. The livestock slaughter will be for both certified organic and conventional meat. A 'cut and wrap' facility will be built and certified to Organic standards for the processing of certified organic meat. by August 30, 2008.

The goal now is to find an acceptable location that will meet the needs of the community. Hopefully this question will soon be resolved.

For the first time in a very long time in this region, meat from locally raised animals will be available legally not only at farm gate, but also in restaurants and grocery stores.

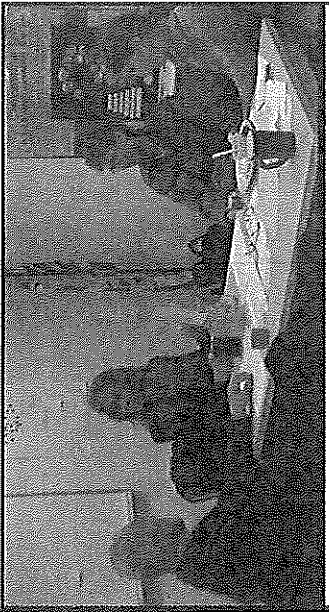
For more details on how to join please send for application. Email ever@shaw.ca or write to **BOB ZIMMERMAN, BC VINC**

Princeton and Food Security

At two recent public forums held in Princeton about 28 community members came together to discuss ways of making fresh local food more accessible and identified three main actions the community would like to pursue:

1. Reactivating the Healthy Harvest Box,
2. Organize a community feast featuring local food
3. Create more opportunities to support families that want to grow a garden.

The working group would be very happy to welcome volunteers to become involved with these three initiatives.



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