

## 2017 Community Recognition Awards

**AKBLG – Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments**

**6TH STREET PEDESTRIAN COVERED BRIDGE**

**Village of Salmo, BC**



It has been a community dream to rebuild a pedestrian bridge destroyed by fire decades ago along 6th Street in Salmo. The location provides a direct connection between the elementary school and child care centre on one side and high school and youth and recreation centre on the other. It also connects one half of Salmo to the other. The greatest obstacle to its construction was the limited tax base.

In 2016, the village received a grant towards its construction from Columbia Basin Trust to add to the contribution from the village. The village then set out to collect donations from over 30 donors and volunteers, including Kalesnikoff Lumber Company and Porcupine Wood Products Ltd. The civic works crew primarily built the wood covered bridge with assistance on the roof from local construction volunteers. The bridge span is 110 feet long over Erie Creek.