



**THE CORPORATION OF THE
VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**
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JANUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Thursday from 9:00am
to 4:00pm
(Closed from 12 noon to 1:00pm
for lunch)
Closed on Fridays.

2012 Council Meeting Schedule:

January 9	May 14	September 10
February 13	June 11	October 9 (Tues)
March 12	July 9	November 13 (Tues)
April 10 (Tues)	August 13	December 10

CALL FOR REPRESENTATIVES:

The Village is requesting applications from those interested in appointment to the following Commissions:

- The Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission
- The Winlaw Regional and Nature Park Commission
- The Slocan and Valley Parks & Recreation Commission

There is one position for each commission; all appointments are for a one year commitment and applicants must reside within the Village boundaries.

The Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission has completed their Slocan Valley Community Directory:
http://slocanvalley.com/browse_directory.php

Bus passes and Fitness Center Passes are available for purchase at Mountain Valley Station!

Council is interested in forming a committee to oversee an Annual Slocan Celebration and is looking for volunteers to sit on the organizing committee. If you are interested, please contact the Village Office.

REMINDER TO ALL DOG OWNERS. . .

January 31, 2012 is the last chance for your companions to get a shiny new dog tag at a discounted price!

Come visit FULLABEANS!
Come enjoy the newly-renovated outdoor heated seating area.
704 Arlington Rd
355-2889



Village Council and Staff would like to welcome Ingrid Cooper, Slocan's new Postmaster!

Ingrid Cooper started working at the Slocan Post Office on January 3rd, and has worked with Canada Post for the past 23 years. Ingrid is originally from Exshaw, Alberta, and is currently residing in

Winlaw. She is married with two daughters, and hopes to retire in the Slocan Valley. Not to worry, Linda will still be working part time at the Post Office to welcome us when we get our mail! We would also like to wish Mable Bone a happy retirement and thank her for her many years as Postmaster.

SNOW REMOVAL REMINDER:

Persons with disabilities and seniors may apply for clearance of driveway furrows at the Village Office. The Public Works crew is not expected to clear driveways. Furrows will be cleared only if an application has been submitted and approved.

**Slocan Community Library
Winter Hours:**

Tuesday	1 pm – 5 pm
Wednesday	10 am – 1 pm
Thursday	1 pm – 5 pm
Friday	7 pm – 9 pm
Sunday	11 am – 3 pm

(MONDAYS AND SATURDAYS, CLOSED)

Storytime for pre-schoolers: Wednesdays from 10:15am – 11:15am.

Browse the Library Catalogue at: <http://slocanlibrary.ca>

REMINDER:

Utility Billing for 2012 is now due and payable at the Village Office.

The **discount** is available until **FEBRUARY 15, 2012** if full payment has been received.

THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN
MEETING NOTES
January 9, 2012

Council considered a December 2nd report on the CBT's Water Smart – Round 2 grant applications.

- *Council authorized staff to submit a letter of intent for Water Smart Round 2 Funding.*

Referred from the October Council Meeting, a staff report on establishing a monthly tax and prepayment plan to provide taxpayers the opportunity to make monthly instalment payments towards the following year's taxes / utilities. The Tax and Utilities Prepayment Plan Bylaw was given 1st, 2nd & 3rd Readings.

- *Council authorized staff to implement a monthly tax and prepayment plan scheme for Slocan.*

In 2009 the Village signed the *Climate Action Charter*, committing the Village to be carbon-neutral in our operations by 2012 and chose to participate in 'Carbon Neutral Kootenays'. Phase 2 of Carbon Neutral Kootenays included the development of a 'Carbon Neutral Action Plan' specifically tailored for each of the participating communities.

- *Council adopted the Village of Slocan Carbon Neutral Action Plan and directed staff to prepare policies.*

One of the recommendations of the Village of Slocan Carbon Neutral Plan is to establish a financial reserve fund for projects that reduce corporate carbon emissions. This 'Carbon Fund' would provide financial incentive and stability to projects that reduce the Village's long term energy costs.

- *Staff to draft a Carbon Fund Policy. A Carbon Fund Reserve Bylaw was deferred.*

Gail Morris of Slocan Gardening Concepts notified the Village that she is leaving the Village and is terminating the RV Park operations agreement.

- *Council referred the RV Park Operating Agreement to a January 23rd Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.*

Fish and Wildlife Compensation Office closure.

- *Council endorsed the letter sent to the Fish and Wildlife Compensation Program (FWCP) Steering Committee regarding BC Hydro's decision to close the Nelson Office; and will advise the FWCP of the Village's support for the retention of the FWCP office in Nelson to achieve the most effective environmental results.*

Councillor Lunn reported on the need for Community Capacity Building and how the Village might better work with community partners to better utilize community facilities.

- *Staff to prepare a draft long term maintenance plan for all Village owned properties.*
- *Staff to draft a policy on the process for dealing with grant applications.*

A report from the CAO in response to a Council request for terms of reference for a Tourism Committee.

- *The draft terms of reference for a Tourism Committee were referred to a January 23rd Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting.*

A lengthy discussion ensued on the applications received from community groups for the Community Recreation Program and the possible need to request an extension for a Village application to the Provincial Government's Community Recreation Program.

- *A motion to submit a request to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development for an extension to the December 28, 2011 application deadline was defeated. Council felt that the Village doesn't have the financial capacity to undertake a large recreation program at this time.*
- *Council agreed to schedule a debriefing meeting with each of the three groups that submitted an application to the Community Recreation program and how to move the application process forward.*

A report on the Village of Slocan building permit activities for 2011 was received.

Council Procedure Amendment Bylaw, No. 621, 2011 was adopted.

Council scheduled a Committee-of-the Whole Meeting for January 23/12 commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Council received correspondence from Arthur Pomrenke raising his concerns about the slippery road conditions this winter.

Rory Lindsay attended the meeting to raise his concerns on the Village's handling of the Community Recreation Program grant applications and the amount of time involved to prepare the application.

Ethan Brockett offered his support for the position taken by Council, that due to the Village's financial situation that Council not support an application to the Provincial Community Recreation Program.

Pat Ashton suggested that the Village consider a joint advertising venture with local businesses in the Spring/Summer Go & Do Magazine.

John Van Bynen raised the idea of the Village implementing a 'boat launch' fee as a means to generate revenues for future dock improvements and repairs.

Looking for Volunteers

Council is looking for interested persons to act as Village of Slocan representative on:

- the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission.*
- the Winlaw Regional and Nature Park Commission.*
- the Slocan Valley Parks & Recreation Commission.*

Council interested in forming a committee to oversee an annual Slocan Celebration and is looking for volunteers to sit on the organizing committee.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these opportunities please call the Village Office at 250-355-2277.

WATER RATES COMPARISON

<u>Municipality</u>	<u>Yearly Residential Rate</u>
The Village of New Denver	\$275.00
The City of Trail	\$307.50
The City of Rossland	\$357.00
The Village of Slocan	\$378.00
The Village of Silverton	\$409.50
The City of Nelson	\$473.00



SLOCAN CURLING CLUB

Always Open to New Members! No experience necessary!

Info & Registration: 250-355-0021 or
slocancurlingclub@hotmail.com

Regular Curling: Wednesdays and Fridays
Bar Open Both Days & Food Every Friday.

Valentine's Sweetheart Bonspiel

Saturday, February 11th & Sunday, February 12th

\$100 per team of Four

Please Register by February 9th

Gift Basket Raffle, 50/50 Draw, and much more!



SLOCAN FITNESS CENTER

January Special: Free Fitness Testing!

Free appointments for the month of January! Open to the public and current fitness center members.

- Muscular Endurance
- Blood Pressure
- Cardiovascular Fitness
- Body Composition
- Flexibility

March Special: Weekly Circuit Consultations

Free consultations for the month of March! Open to current fitness center members only. Learn how to use the machines safely, Thursdays 12pm-1pm.

Instructor Megan Jones

(250) 355-2355 or slocanfitness@gmail.com