

## **A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF SLOCAN:**

I would like to thank the members of the community for their cooperation and understanding during this difficult time. I am relieved the situation is over but greatly saddened by the death of a community member.

The RCMP were in charge of the event, and have their own procedures and protocol for this type of situation.

Michelle, Tim and myself were there at the call of the RCMP to provide local knowledge as required, and help in the office with administrative technology.

The RCMP had closed meetings that did not involve local government or staff. In an emergency, one of the most problematic issue is communication.

The RCMP will meet with me on Friday and they plan to have a meeting with community in the near future. It may be short notice, but we'll post the information on the web site and post at our usual spots around the Village.

I understand the frustration during the event regarding communications. I will try my best to gather input from the community regarding best practices in communicating with the members of the community for future events. After the appropriate debriefing with the RCMP, we will engage with the community on how to do things better next time.

Once again, I thank everyone for their cooperation, the RCMP for their concern for our community's safety, and all who rallied together to help friends, family and neighbours, as we always do in a difficult time.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Perriere  
MAYOR