

Your Council

Mayor:

Madeleine Perriere

Councillors:

Hillary Elliott
Jessica Lunn
Patricia McGreal
Jean Patterson

Council thanks all of you who attended the Selkirk College Students' Open House on March 17th. What a wonderful afternoon of ideas, discussion and community spirit!

Also, thank you to everyone who came out to the Village's March 31st Financial Plan meeting. We value your input and participation.

Let's
go to the
Legion!

Dance night
Every Saturday.
Live music, dance
instruction provided.
\$5 admission

Live music jams
Every Sunday.
FREE admission!

Do you have comments on
or ideas for *The Source*?

Please email volunteer
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OurStory – Tales from the Village Vault

Welcome to our new monthly history column

Mayor Bernie, as he is affectionately known in Slocan, has been a presence in our community since the early 1970's. In 1972, he and his son opened Bernie's Garage, where Mountain Valley Station is today.

Bernie entered Village politics in 1984, when he became an alderman. By that end of that year, he had assumed the Mayor's chair. He would serve as mayor from December 1984—December 1988 and then again from December 1991 to December 1996.

During his first term on Council, Bernie built three footbridges (himself!) and received an Expo

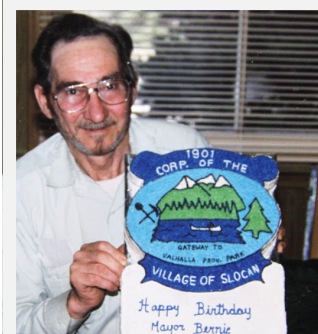
'86 grant which enabled the Village to renovate the ball park. The field was reseeded, a sign was installed, shrubs were planted, and new washrooms were built. The park was officially opened during the Canada Day celebration in 1987. It was also in 1987 that the first annual loggers sports day was held, which went on to become Slocan's most popular event for many years.

Mayor Bernie also designed the Village crest (see pic to right).

Now in his 87th year, Bernie's sense of humour, warm smile and community spirit still shine brightly.

"I'm happier than heck here," said Bernie at his 85th birthday celebration.

Bernie—Slocan is happy that you're here, too.



Community Composting



Spring has sprung and that means sunny skies, blooming bulbs and gardening galore!

It also means yard work. If you have leaves and grass clippings, please take advantage of the Village's public compost bin, located at the south end of the public works yard.

Please dump compostable materials only.

WEGCSS

Learning Centre Public Access

Monday:
9:30 - 11:30
am
Tuesday: 11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Friday: 9:00 am — 11:00 am

Volunteers needed! Call 355-2484



Electronic Recycling Bin to leave Silverton soon

The Village of Silverton will be discontinuing its electronic recycling service once the bin is full (currently, it's about 1/2 full).

Unfortunately, the program was being abused—people were disposing of their garbage and furniture in the bin.

The bin is now locked but people are welcome to leave their electronic items outside the bin; Public Works staff will handle it from there.

Once the bin is removed, it will not return.

If you have electronic materials that can be recycled, you may dispose of them in Nelson at the Leafs Bottle Depot at 120 Silica Street, or in Castlegar at the Return-It Depot at 1507 Columbia Avenue.

For hours and more info, visit <http://www.return-it.ca/electronics/locations/central-kootenay/>



How to Reach Us:

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Email: info@villageofslocan.ca

Web: www.slocancity.com

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Visit: 503 Slocan Street
Monday to Thursday
9 am— 4pm
(CLOSED 12 pm—1 pm)

CLOSED FRIDAYS

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The SLOCAN SOURCE

April 2014 ✨ The newsletter of the Corporation of the Village of Slocan

Council Corner – Highlights from the April 14th Council meeting

Appointment:

- Slocanite Corrie Traenberg was appointed to the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission

Bylaws:

- The **Untidy & Unsightly Properties Bylaw** was read a 2nd and 3rd time as amended.
- Council, after public consultation, will implement a **15% increase to 2014 residential municipal property taxes** in order to lower the transfer from prior year's surplus and staff will schedule a special meeting for 2nd and 3rd readings of the **5-Year Financial Plan Bylaw**.

Correspondence:

- Letter from **New Denver May Days** Committee requesting Mayor attend the 2014 parade with the Slocan fire truck.

- Correspondence was received regarding **Multi-Material BC** and curbside collection of packaging and printed paper. Staff has been directed to write a letter from the Mayor to the Minister of Environment summarizing the letters received from the Village of Valemount and the Town of Golden.

Delegation:

- Patricia Dehnel of the **Carbon Neutral Kootenays (CNK)** Project provided an update on Slocan's data and progress regarding carbon neutrality, cost reduction and emissions. She gave an overview of CARIP reporting, offsets, and an update on neutrality in the region as a whole.

Library:

- After receiving a letter of request from the Library Society, Council confirmed that

full responsibility for management and operations is now turned over to the Slocan Community Library.

Other:

- The Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute (RDI) is preparing to launch the Digital Basin Geospatial Portal prepared by the Selkirk Geospatial Research Center. All local governments in the region have been asked to sign a Sharing Agreement and provide economic, social, cultural, cadastral and environmental data to support the portal. The purpose of this portal is to provide real-time access to information and will be beneficial to local governments, organizations, planners, working groups, and more. Council agreed to accept and sign the Licencing Agreement as presented and that staff forward the requested information to Selkirk College.

Annual Report Meeting



Council invites the public to the Village Office Chambers at **6 pm on Monday, May 12th** to review and discuss its Annual Report. A copy of the report is available for viewing at the Village Office.

Upcoming Council Meetings

Council meeting are held at 7 pm in Council Chambers:

May 12
June 9
July 14
August 11
September 8
October 14 (Tuesday)
November 10
December 8



This year's event is proudly sponsored by Mountain Valley Station. Beverage containers may be returned for refund at the Mountain Valley Station bottle depot.
No deposit = no refund
Open Monday to Saturday 9 am to 5 pm.
Closed Sundays & holidays.

Do the Spring Fling—Monday, April 28—Thursday, May 1

Take part in the Slocan Spring Fling—our 2014 residential cleanup!

Place those items that you wish to dispose of where would normally put your garbage can. The Village will accept a maximum of two piles of refuse equaling one cubic metre each per household.

Please don't wait until the last day to set out your items.

Tags can be purchased
at the Village office

Acceptable Items:

- ✓ Furniture: sofas, beds, etc.
- ✓ Domestic household items
- ✓ Garden trimmings neatly bundled
- ✓ Branches separated to run through the chipper (less than 10 cm. in diameter)
- ✓ Fridges, freezers (anything containing Freon) is subject to a **\$20 charge**
- ✓ White goods (stoves, washers, dryers, etc. are subject to a **\$10 charge**.

Unacceptable Items:

- ✗ Vehicles
- ✗ Hazardous waste such as paint, fuel, used oil, thinners, poisons, pesticides & fertilizers
- ✗ Oil tanks
- ✗ Tires
- ✗ Propane tanks
- ✗ Vehicle batters
- ✗ Electronic recyclables

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*As per tradition,
the men of the
Legion will
serve breakfast*

Pancakes & Piano—treat Mom to breakfast on Mother's Day

Make Mother's Day extra special and take Mom (and yourself) out for a scrumptious homemade breakfast.

Once again, the Slocan Legion is serving up a feast: pancakes with strawberries and whipped cream, scrambled eggs, ham, sausage, hash browns, fruit salad, tea, coffee and juice!

All for just \$9 for adults and \$5 for kids six years and under.

Breakfast will be served from 8:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m. at the Silvery Slocan Hall.

As an added treat, a concert pianist will play as you enjoy your meal.

See you on May 11th for music and a marvelous meal!



And happy Mother's Day to all the Moms out there!

Your Library—check it out!

Our community is lucky to have its library—it boasts a wide range of resources and materials for members' use and enjoyment.

The library is staffed by a group of committed volunteers who keep this special space stocked, clean, organized and open.

If you are willing to help out at the library, please call 355-2355 or email info@slocanlibrary.ca

Did you know that the library has its own website?

Check it out at <http://slocanlibrary.ca/>

You can search the catalogue, discover what other readers' are recommending and find out what's new on the shelves.

Drop in to borrow a book or to sign up to be a volunteer and help keep our library open!

OPEN:
Wednesday 10 am—1 pm
Thursday 1 pm—5 pm
Friday 7 pm—9 pm
Saturday 1 pm—4 pm
Sunday 11 am—3 pm

CLOSED:
Mondays & Tuesdays

**Big Book Sale!
April 26**

RDCK Trash to Treasure—Saturday, April 26th

The RDCK is once again sponsoring the popular Trash to Treasure on Saturday, April 26th.

This one-day event provides participants with an opportunity to give away used items to those who may find value in them. This is also a chance for residents to search their community for their neighbours' unwanted treasures.

On April 26th, residents are encouraged to place any gently-used, unwanted household

goods together at the front of their property in a location that can be safely accessed by treasure hunters. A sign should clearly indicate which items are available to take home. By 4:00 pm the same day all remaining items should be gathered up and taken inside. Please keep your community and road-ways clean by removing unwanted items!

To download a free Trash to Treasure sign, please <http://www.rdck.ca/assets/News-and-Press-Releases/2014/T2T%20Site%20Sign.pdf>



Fun, Free and Fabulous!

W.E. Graham School Community School Accepting Registrations

Wisdom, Excellence, Growth—That's the motto of our community's school, W.E. Graham. W.E. Graham is currently accepting registrations for the 2014—2015 school year. If you have a child going into Kindergarten or any grade up to grade 10, please drop by the school for a registration form.

W.E. Graham offers multi-grade classes and innovative programs. Students entering

grades 7 or 8 have the opportunity to take part in the Outdoor Education Leadership Program. Those students in grades 9 and 10 can apply separately for the Valhalla Wilderness Program.

For more information on either of these two programs or the school in general, please feel free to drop by W.E. Graham at 915 Harold Street, visit <http://weg.sd8.bc.ca/> or phone 355-2212.

By supporting your local school, you will help build and sustain our community.



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Property Taxes

Please be advised that 2014 Property Tax invoices will be mailed out at the end of May.

This year property taxes are due by **4 pm on July 2nd**.

Please do not forget to sign for your Home Owner's Grant if you are eligible.

For more info, please call the Village Office at 250-355-2277.



Campground Opening Soon!

Springer Creek RV Park & Campground will open on Friday, May 16th!

For reservations or information:

From May – October:

250-355-2266 or springr@telus.net

From November —April:

250-355-2277 or info@villageofslocan.ca

<http://www.slocancity.com/attractions/slocan-lake-rv-park-campground/>