### **OFFICE HOURS:**

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

# THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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### 2015 Council Meeting Schedule:

May 11 September 14
June 8 October 13 (Tues)
July 13 November 9
August 10 December 14

Council meetings are held on the second MONDAY of each month (excluding holidays).

#### Visit

www.slocancity.com
or our new facebook
page for all the latest
information!
facebook.com/
villageofslocan

The Fitness Center door code is changed monthly. Please contact the Village Office or Mountain Valley Station for the new code.



## SPRINGER CREEK RV PARK & CAMPGROUND

**OPENING DATE:** Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 **CLOSING DATE:** Monday, October 12, 2015

For reservations or information: May – Oct: 250-355-2266 | springr@telus.net Nov – Apr: 250-355-2277 | info@villageofslocan.ca

## **Notice of Special Meeting**

Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> – 5:00pm Village Office, Council Chambers

#### AGENDA:

Adoption of the 5-Year Financial Plan Bylaw
 Introduction of the 2015 Tax Rate Bylaw

### 2015 Property Tax

Please be advised that the 2015
Property Tax invoices will be
mailed out at the end of May.
This year property taxes
are due by:

4:00pm on July 2nd.

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

For more info, please contact the Village Office (250) 355-2277

## CBT COMMUNITY INITIATIVES PUBLIC INPUT SESSION:

Persons having interest in reviewing the applications for the 2015 Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Grant Program are invited to attend:

COMMUNITY INPUT SESSION
MONDAY, MAY 11th at 5pm at the Slocan Village Office



# Celebrate Earth Day Wed. April 22<sup>nd</sup>!



## SLOCAN LIBRARY SHORT STORY CONTEST

3 CATEGORIES | 9 CASH PRIZES | ONE DEADLINE

Grade 7/8: 500 words max Grade 9/10: 1,000 words max Grade 11/12: 1,500 words max At least one scene must be set in the Slocan Valley. Entrants must live in and/or attend school in the Slocan Valley (Hills to Junction) DEADLINE: May 15, 2015 250-355-2355 for more info Slocan Valley
Community Legacy
Society 2015 AGM:
Thursday, May 21 at
the WE Graham School
Library from 7 – 9pm

Building Permit Reminder: For certain construction and renovation jobs, a building permit is required. Please contact the Village Office for more details or check the R.D.C.K. website for requirements <a href="https://www.rdck.bc.ca">www.rdck.bc.ca</a>.

# VILLAGE OF SLOCAN MEETING NOTES: APRIL 13th, 2015

- CFO, Colin McClure, presented the proposed 5-Year Financial Plan (2015-2019) Bylaw No. 643, 2015 to the public. The Bylaw was given three readings by Council. A Special Council Meeting was scheduled for TUESDAY, MAY 5<sup>TH</sup> at 5pm for adoption of the Bylaw.
- Jason Twells, Superintendent for East Kootenay BC Ambulance, Paul Swaine, Area Director for Interior of BC Ambulance, and Sarah Rainfort, Unit Chief of New Denver, presented on the situation of the Winlaw ambulance station. They are actively recruiting for paramedics. (See www.bcs.ca for info)
- Rhoneil Eurchuk, WEGCSS Youth Coordinator, presented information on the Youth Bus Project.
- A letter was received from Carol Barclay, offering to maintain the sign board on the corner of Slocan Street and Giffin Avenue. Council authorized Carol to update and maintain the board and that she work with the Village to coordinate the placement of signs. A letter will be written to all Slocan business license holders, that they can provide an 8.5" x 11" advertisement for their business to the Village Office for posting.
- Responding to a letter of concern, Public Works will place a garbage can and a dog post at the end of Slocan Street at the entrance to the old highway tunnel trail.
- The Mayor and Tim Hill, Public Works Supervisor, will attend the Emergency Management BC Senior Staff and Elected Officials Workshop in Castlegar on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2015.
- A letter of support will be drafted and sent to the City of Port Moody, concerning a resolution on the proposed closure of the Burrard Thermal Plant.
- The Village accepted an offer from Robert Bjerg for the purchase of the remaining Crew Camp trailer for \$50 and that staff provide details of trailer removal.
- A letter was received from Dick Kelly, Library Chair, requesting approval to refurbish
  original lettering found in the old WI Hall for 'Slocan Elementary School' (now Wellness
  Center) and that they be hung in the Library for display. Council supported the idea and
  approved the request.
- Council approved a request from the Spirit of Slocan/Kick-Ass Committees to print 50 maps for the upcoming Community Yard/Garage Sale on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

# Slocan Community "Trash to Treasures" SALE!

SATURDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2015 from 9am - 2pm

We invite all the local and area residents, businesses, and clubs to participate in this HUGE Sale Day! Registration of your address, which will be put on the map (Fee: \$5), can be made at Mountain Valley Station by Thursday, April 23rd at noon, Maps will be handed out to all the visitors on Sale Day. Anyone outside the perimeters of the town map who wish to participate with a table may set up at the Mountain Valley Station lot (reserve space with Pat or Peggy 250-355-2245). This is prime time to get your homes, garages, and sheds cleaned out and have some fun in the process. Our new town maps now include Slocan West Road and Slocan South Road, south to Hatch Road and Gravel Pit Road, and includes Brandon. Everyone on these routes is invited to join in! Wish for good weather and a day of fun.

.....Sponsors for this event are the "Kick-Ass Committee" and the "Spirit of Slocan Committee" .....



## RDCK Trash to Treasures 2015

This one day RDCK-hosted event is your chance to give away unwanted household items and re-use treasures in your neighbourhood!

#### 4 EASY STEPS:

- **GATHER** unwanted items
- PLACE them in a visible location
- CREATE a sign to let hunters know they can help themselves
- REMOVE all your remaining items by 4:00pm

## SATURDAY, APRIL 25th

ONE DAY ONLY!

#### **WE GRAHAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

WE Graham Community School is currently accepting registrations for the 2015-2016 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 or call 250-355-2212. WE 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, and grades 9 and 10 can apply separately for the Valhalla Wilderness Program.

### **HEALTHY CHILD DAY** Friday, April 24th from 10:00am - 1:00pm WE Graham School

This is a FREE event for families with young children to learn more about child health and development. Parents and children can meet with a trained specialist to use the play-based Ages & Stages approach and parent questionnaire. Spaces are available for these fun, individualized parent/child sessions but please call to pre-book. Learn about health/wellness services for families, infant development, dental health, hearing, speech, language, reflexology, herbal approaches to wellness, physio and occupational therapies. Crafts and activities for the kids, circle time, songs and stories! A nutritious lunch and door prizes will be provided! Call Penny to register: 250-226-7605.

### INTERGENERATIONAL COOKING CLASS

The cooking class at the Youth Center craps up at the end of April.

There is still time to join in the fun! This month we will be cooking up traditional Israeli and Japanese meals. All ages are welcome!

This is a FREE program, call 359-6887 to register

THURSDAYS, APRIL 16, 23 and 30 4:30 - 7:00pm at the WEGCSS Youth Center

#### YOGA IN SLOCAN:

SUNDAY, April 12 - SUNDAY, May 10 (five sessions) 6pm - 7:30pm at WE Graham Community School \$40 for 5 sessions OR \$10 drop-in fee

## STRONGSTART IN SLOCAN!

FRIDAYS FROM 10AM - 1PM AT WE GRAHAM SCHOOL

#### **SONG & RHYME TIME**

Circle time with songs, rhymes and snack Fridays, starting April 10 – May 29, 10-11am WE Graham School

# PROJECT OPEN HOUSE

Please join Slocan Village Council and Micro-Hydro Project coordinators to discuss plans for the Springer Creek Hydro Project. This will be an opportunity to review the project, discuss the benefits, express your opinions, and learn the next steps in project development.

TUESDAY, MAY 19TH, 2015 AT 7:00pm

At the SLOCAN LEGION HALL
502 Harold Street, Slocan

# WINLAW LOOKING FOR AMBULANCE ATTENDANTS:

Since January, Slocan Valley residents have been without a local ambulance as the station has been short of employees. Ambulance service has been available from Nelson or Castlegar, but wait times could be a matter of life or death in some situations. BC Ambulance is hiring and actively looking to recruit members for the Winlaw Station. Applicants must be 19 or older, pass a medical, and have a valid driver's licence. Once hired, BC Ambulance will train employees for an entry level position of Emergency Medical Responder, an intensive 2week certificate course. They will receive ongoing training. Those interested are asked to contact the BCAS (BC Ambulance Service) at 1877-577-2227 or email bcascarreers@phsa.ca.



## **Residential Spring Cleanup 2015**

Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>



## \*MAXIMUM: TWO PILES OF ONE CUBIC METER EACH

Put your items in the same location you would normally put your garbage can.

## **Acceptable Items:**

- ✓ Furniture sofas, beds, chairs, etc.
- ✓ Domestic household items
- ✓ Garden Trimmings (must be bundled neatly)
- ✓ Branches separated to run
  through chipper (Less than 10cm in diameter)
- ✓ There is a \$20.00 charge for picking up items containing Freon (ex: fridges, freezers)
- ✓ There is a \$10.00 charge for picking up White Goods (stoves, hot water tanks, washers, dryers)

\*tags can be purchased at Village Office\*

## **Unacceptable Items:**

- X Vehicles
- X Hazardous waste paint, fuel, used oil, flammables, poisons, thinners, pesticides and fertilizers, etc.
- X Oil tanks
- X Tires
- X Propane tanks
- X Vehicle batteries

Please don't wait until the last day to put your items out!