



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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AUGUST 2015 NEWSLETTER

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



2015 Council Meeting Schedule

June 8
July 13

August 10
September 14

October 13 (Tues)
November 9

December 14

EVENTS:

★ Live Music Every Sunday afternoon at the Legion – Open Music Jam
Come enjoy live music from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm every week. Listen or
join in and have fun!

NOTICE OF 2015 VILLAGE OF SLOCAN TAX SALE

Pursuant to Part 11 of the Local Government Act, all Local Governments must conduct an Annual Municipal Tax Sale - a sale by public auction - of each parcel of real property on which taxes are delinquent. If property owners have outstanding delinquent balances as of **10am on Monday, September 28, 2015**, their property will be listed and sold in the public auction. If applicable, a list of all tax sale properties will be advertised in the Valley Voice and posted in the usual posting places around town.

Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up Events



September 12
10:00am-2:00pm
Castlegar Community Center

September 13
11:00am-2:00pm
Creston Community Center

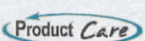
September 19
11:00am-2:00pm
Kaslo—Vimy Park

September 20
10:00am-2:00pm
Nelson Leafs Bottle Depot

September 26
11:00am-2:00pm
Nakusp

September 27
11:00am-2:00pm
Silverton Public Works Yard
(near recycling bins)

Return-It[®]
electronics
ACCEPTED!
Nakusp and
Silverton events only



Residential Household Hazardous Waste Only
No Explosives, Ammunition, Flares, Radioactive Materials, or
Bio-Hazardous Waste. No Commercial or Industrial Wastes will be accepted.

Visit www.rdc.ca or call 1-800-268-7325

SILVERTON: Sept. 27, 11am – 2pm!

The Slocan Lake Stewardship Society presents

WILD DAYS!

Fun and FREE nature walks for everyone



AUG 1

Lakeshore walk

Meet at the bottom of
Main Street in New Denver
at the sculpture.

New Denver, 9 am-12 pm

AUG 12

Wetlands tour

Meet at the Hills Fire
Hall 18 km north of New
Denver on Highway 6.

Hills, 12-3:30 pm

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

AUG 15

Creekside walk

Meet at the gazebo at
Expo Park.

Slocan, 9 am-12 pm

AUG 29

Creekside walk

Meet at the Village
Office and Silverton
Gallery parking area.

Silverton, 9 am-12 pm



Come on out for a fun, outdoor field trip
and learn about the Slocan Lake watershed
from local naturalists and scientists!
Bring the whole family!

Columbia Basin trust

Hills Recreation Society



VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

MEETING NOTES: August 10, 2015

- At a Special Meeting of August 10th, Inspector Tom Roy of the Kootenay Boundary RCMP Detachment, Nelson BC, attended the meeting to provide a question and answer period to the public. The public had questions regarding the Peter DeGroot incident as well as other current policing issues in the area. Those who were unable to attend the meeting can direct their questions to Tom Roy at 250-354-5172.
- **Pursuant to the Slocan Council Procedures Bylaw, under no circumstances shall late items be received and accepted. All correspondence must be received by office staff no later than 12 noon, 7 days in advance of the next scheduled meeting.**
- At the in-camera meeting of July 13th, a proposal was received from former CAO, Patricia Dehnel, to remain employed under contract with the Village as Planning Manager. Supports would include community planning and management of the Micro-Hydro Project. Council resolved to accept the proposal and directed staff to enter into contract for the remainder of 2015 with the option to renew, pending budget allocations, for the 2016 year.
- Correspondence was received from S. Linstead, accompanied by a resolution recently passed by the RDOS, requesting Council consider adopting the same resolution for Slocan: Call for a Moratorium on Smart Meter Installation. Council moved to adopt the resolution.
- A request was received from the Slocan Legion for Council to meet with their Board to discuss the kitchen renovation and potential funding support. Staff coordinated a special meeting for August 12th and Council approved a \$6,000 Village contribution, to be paid from the Community Development Grant Fund, to put towards the kitchen renovation. The Village will also apply on behalf of the Slocan Legion, for additional funding through FortisBC, for fire door upgrades.
- The proposal received by Council for the Wellness Center Sign Project was approved as presented.
- The Village will send a letter of congratulations to Slocan resident, Hillary Elliott, for her new position as Start-Up Coordinator for the Slocan Senior's Housing Project.
- Councillor Patterson will attend the AKBLG Regional Demographic Shifts Workshop in Warfield on October 7th.
- The July 2015 Job Creation Program: Owl Walk & Tourism Enhancement Project progress report was received.
- The Village will send a letter of thanks to Mike Naylor and Sockeye Enterprises for allowing our JCP participants to use their shop and planer.
- Staff will contact Springer Creek Forests Products to request permission to use their land adjacent to the beachfront for additional parking, as a short-term solution to waterfront congestion.
- A Committee-of-the-Whole meeting will be scheduled in October to discuss current and ongoing waterfront issues.
- The Slocan Curling Club submitted a request to Council for use of the Logger Sports area for the purpose of hosting an Oktoberfest Fundraiser to be held in October.

SLOCAN BEACH REMINDERS:

- Dogs are not allowed at family beach area. There is a designated "Dog Beach" area by the gazebo. Please leave aggressive dogs at home.
- Keep the boat launch area cleared of vehicles and park in the designated areas.
- Moorage is not permitted. The Village has authority to tow boats that are non-compliant.
- Please drive slow and watch for children!

OPEN BURNING BANNED!

The open fire and campfire ban is still in effect. Please visit the Wildfire Management Branch at www.bcwildfire.ca for information on wildfire prevention, danger, prohibitions and wildfires of note. To report a wildfire, call 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 from your mobile phone. Thank you to fire crews for their continued efforts.



JCP: OWL WALK & TOURISM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

July was another productive month for the Owl Walk. The layout and rebuilding of trails has been a priority and with a few more loads of wood chips from Public Works, the trail will be complete. To date, approximately 80 yards of mixed waste has been collected and removed from the site. All reclaimed wood was moved from the site to the village laydown area, and will be assigned to projects as needed. The crew was busy around town as well, with splitting and replacing rotten decking on the breakwater and reattaching the loose diving dock at the beach. Throughout the month, the process of building the 30 picnic tables continued with the cutting, planing, staining, and assembling of said tables. Mike Naylor and Sockeye Enterprises donated use of their shop and planer for 16 hours which helped us out immensely with the planing of the 14 foot planks. Three out of four ATCO trailers have now been removed.

The month of July was busy and productive on the communications front as well. Website materials were finalized and the site was launched mid-month. Updates will be ongoing as new materials become available and outreach with our community continues. Participants Melissa Wanamaker and Dawn Burling were able to set up a promotional kiosk at the Unity Festival using the Owl Walk info signs and handed out brochures to the public. Melissa Wanamaker recorded and edited a three minute video showcasing Slocan's riparian habitat and posted it on our facebook page. She also created a brochure to raise awareness about the project and plans on using this template to create another, specifically for schools. An open house at the site will be scheduled for late September or early October.

Do you have a problem bear?
Contact the Ministry of Environment at
1-877-952-7277.

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 www.rdck.bc.ca.

SLOCAN COMMUNITY

LIBRARY

Come out and enjoy a book at the Slocan Community Library, located at 710 Harold Street. See the hours of operation and their selection of books & digital media on their website:
www.slocanlibrary.ca

The Kootenay Hiking club enjoyed several hikes into the Valhalla Provincial Park this summer. They are planning end of the season hikes now. If you are interested visit their Facebook page under Kootenay Hiking Club for times and dates or email kootenayhikingclub@gmail.com. To view pictures of the hikes they have gone on this summer or other Slocan blogs visit: beckymayrhofer.wordpress.com



Swim Lessons @ Beach

Please keep in mind that swim lessons are continuing at the Slocan Beach until the end of August. The Swim Program is part of the WEGCSS Student Summer Camp, in conjunction with Slocan Valley Recreation.

Questions, comments, or concerns can be directed to WEGCSS at 250-355-2484 or Slocan Valley Rec at 250-226-0008.

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NOTICE: WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES STILL IN EFFECT

Sprinkling Permitted Daily Between the Hours of:



7:00am – 9:00am

And

6:00pm – 8:00pm



During the spring and summer seasons, daily residential water use can double over winter consumption primarily because of lawn and garden watering and car washing. Our residential water is gravity fed from a 255,000 gallon reservoir on Gwillam Creek, and the water plant has to pump water through the filters, then up to the reservoir. The Province of British Columbia has issued a Level 3 drought rating for the area. If sprinkling is kept within the permitted hours, this will give the reservoir a chance to recover and will give operators time to do plant maintenance. Please conserve water as much as possible!

DO NOT over water your lawn! To stay healthy, most lawns need 2.5 cm of water (equal to 1 hour of sprinkling) per week. Please ensure that water does not over-spray onto sidewalks, driveways or roads. Please conserve water wherever possible.

The Village of Slocan thanks you for your assistance and will advise if any changes are required.



UPCOMING FLU SHOT CLINIC:

Wednesday, November 18th at the
Slocan Health and Wellness Center

1:00pm – 3:00pm

No appointment necessary.

The Slocan Valley Seniors Housing Society (SVSHS) is pleased to announce that they have hired Hillary Elliott as their Start-Up Coordinator for the Slocan Housing Project. Ms. Elliott, in phase one, is to spearhead community and stakeholder involvement. This will include identification of likely resources and include development of a strategy to engage stakeholders and a fundraising timeline for the project.

The SVSHA would like to acknowledge the Slocan Valley Community Legacy Society for their support in this phase. The Legacy Society has now joined the Columbia Basin Trust, RDCK Area H, Heritage Credit Union, Slocan Legion, and the Village of Slocan in granting funds for the initial stages of the housing project. They are also grateful for the broad-based community support and would like to thank everyone. The Slocan Valley Senior's Housing Associate AGM will be held on September 13, 2105 at Passmore Lodge (Details to follow).

