



## THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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### OFFICE HOURS:

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

## 2013 Council Meeting Schedule

January 14

February 12 (Tues)

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

July 8

August 12

September 9

October 15 (Tues)

November 12 (Tues)

December 9



## HERITAGE WEEK 2013

[WWW.HERITAGEBC.CA](http://WWW.HERITAGEBC.CA)

February 18<sup>th</sup> -  
February 24<sup>th</sup>



HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S DAY!



## 2013 Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) Community Initiatives (CIP) and Affected Areas (AAP) Funding Programs

If you have a project proposal, come to the office and pick up a package or visit:  
[www.rdck.bc.ca/corporate/grants/cbt.html](http://www.rdck.bc.ca/corporate/grants/cbt.html)

**DEADLINE: Monday, March 4, 2013, 4:30pm PST**

Applications may be submitted to the Village Office, online, or to the RDCK:  
Attn: Judy Madelung, RDCK, PO Box 590, 202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson BC, V1L 5R4

## FORTISBC: SMART METERS

Letters of concern regarding  
smart meters may be submitted  
to the British Columbia Utilities  
Commissioner before March 4<sup>th</sup>

[Commission.secretary@bcuc.com](mailto:Commission.secretary@bcuc.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### TEXAS HOLD'EM

At the Slocan Legion

Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30pm

Tickets \$30 at Mountain Valley Station



### SLOCAN CURLING CLUB BAKE SALE

At the Slocan Curling Club

Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

250-355-2624 for more info



# VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

## MEETING NOTES: February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013

- Referred from the meeting of December 10/12 a report from the Building Official on Building Bylaws contraventions on the property owned by Doug Burton, the boat garage has been constructed partly on the Village laneway and not in compliance with the required setbacks. Doug Burton thanked Council for their patience while he dealt with health issues. Mr. Burton stated that he would hire a contractor to pour a concrete slab and move his boathouse off the laneway.

Council deferred action on the Notice on Title to the June 10, 2013, based on Doug Burton assurance to resolve the issue.

- Council considered a draft resolution, prepared by Councillor McGreal, dealing with maintaining public road access to provincial parks. Council approved the draft resolution for submission to the AKBLG Conference.
- A January 21/13 report from the CAO on the Village's application for a Community Operational Fuel Treatment Program for approximately 34.5 ha of land located on the easterly side of Highway 6 across from the Village. The estimated cost of the project is \$300,000.

In an effort to mitigate risk from wildfire in the wildland urban interface, Council agreed to submit an application for funding under the Community Operational Fuel Treatment Program; the Village will be responsible for the overall management of the Program; and the Village contribution to the project will not exceed \$3,000.

- Council considered a request from John Pettigrew to purchase the two old safes currently stored in the Public Works Building. The safes were in use in the Village Office prior to the renovations and are of no use to the Village.  
Council agreed to dispose of the two safes; but rather than accepting the offer from Mr. Pettigrew, the Village will list the items for sale and sell them for the highest bid received.
- A request from the Slocan Legion to meet with Village Council to discuss the future of the Legion Hall and to discuss the building assessment currently being undertaken.  
Staff will schedule a meeting once the building assessment is completed.
- Council approved a \$100 grant for the BC Seniors Games 55 Plus, Zone 6.
- Council agreed to send a letter opposing the Federal Electoral Boundaries Commission electoral boundary proposal.
- Staff to create an annual inspection process for the ball field concession to ensure acceptable standards for users.
- The Village to apply for the Canada Summer Jobs Program for potentially hiring summer students.
- Animal Control Bylaw #625 and Solid Waste and Wildlife Attractant Bylaw #628 were adopted.

### Public Participation:

- Joyce Johnson informed the public of Heritage Week this month. Joyce updated Council on the archives; the collection had arrived from Armstrong. Joyce thanked Tim Hill and Erik St. Pierre for picking up the archive collection from Innes Cooper in Armstrong.
- Kathy Stonehouse asked if staff and Council were pursuing grants to upgrade the Library facility.
- Liz Newman asked what the definition of 'Library Committee' was to the Village. Liz thanked Council for the positive comments regarding the 2012 Library statistics. She also commented that work was being done at the Library by members who were not properly appointed through Council resolution.
- Diane Smith asked if staff and Council had any plans to expand the Library facility as it is lacking storage space and public access. Diane inquired about the proposed Senior's and Assisted Living and if those plans would interfere with a possible expansion.
- Michelle Morelli referenced section 117 of the *Community Charter* and asked what the ramifications were if Council were to breach confidentiality.
- Teresa Thickett asked Council what the expectations of the Library Committee were.

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## QUEEN ELIZABETH II DIAMOND JUBILEE



In celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee,  
you are cordially invited to attend a  
presentation ceremony honouring

***Bernard Czelenski & Madeleine Perriere***

who have both been nominated to receive the 2013  
Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

The ceremony will be held at  
The Slocan Legion Hall,  
Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

### SLOCAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

The Slocan Community Library had its best year ever in 2012.

Patrons visited the library 30% more often and 8,022 items were lent out; double the circulation of 2010. Of those items, 2,550 were movies.

Significantly, all of the movies in the library collection have been donated by our patrons. Overall, material donated to the library in 2012 totalled 6,000 items. Hours logged by the 28 volunteers in 2012 increased to almost 3,000. The library's popular fall author readings attracted 80 persons and story-time for pre-schoolers saw 146 visits from children.

The Library is not just a "happening" social hub in our community, it is constantly improving to better serve our nearly 500 members. If you haven't already renewed your membership in the library for 2013, please think about doing so. Whether it's movies, story-time, WiFi or the latest in fiction, the library has something for you.

Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy (CBAL) in partnership with WEGCSS is recruiting volunteers for a One-to-One Reading at both Winlaw Elementary and WE Graham Community School. In a one day training session, CBAL will train volunteers on a variety of reading strategies. Once trained, children will receive three one half-hour reading support sessions per week. All volunteers working with children must have a criminal record check.

Any interested volunteers  
can call:

Alison Salow (CBAL)  
250-359-6887 or  
Joanne Ellis (WEGCSS)  
250-355-2484.



## **GRANT-WRITING WORKSHOPS**

*"How to Move From Idea to Proposal"*

CBT's community liaisons are hosting grant-writing workshops in eight locations in the region. Topics include how to focus your project idea, how to develop a budget and how to write clearly. You'll also learn how to identify appropriate funders, and receive an overview of CBT's own granting programs.

For workshop dates and locations,  
please call 1-800-505-8998  
or email [cbt@cbt.org](mailto:cbt@cbt.org)

## **PUBLIC MEETING:**

Residents of Slocan and Area H are invited to attend a public meeting to discuss the RDCK 2013 Budget on Wednesday, March 13 at 9:00 a.m. at the Slocan Village Office.

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:**

The EDC's new website is nearing completion and they are looking for pictures of the Slocan Valley! Please contact Sharon Butler at [slocanvalleyedc@gmail.com](mailto:slocanvalleyedc@gmail.com).



## **CHILI COOK-OFF AND ALL-AGES DANCE!**

Do you have an award-winning chili recipe? Or just looking for an evening to warm your taste buds and have some fun? Come on out and have a wonderful night of eating, dancing, and visiting, in celebration and support of kids!

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

**5:00 PM – 10:00 PM**

**SLOCAN LEGION HALL**

**\$2 at the door, Dinner: \$10/adult plate, \$5/kids plate**

To enter your chili into the contest, please call Shannon at 250-355-2212  
All proceeds will go towards the students at W.E. Graham Community School.

## **CAREER OPPORTUNITY:**

**WE GRAHAM COMMUNITY SERVICE SOCIETY**

**Is accepting applications for an**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR**

**Qualifications:** Excellent oral and written skills, ability to assist people and families in distress, demonstrated ability to write grants to funders, knowledge of the community a necessary asset, understanding and comfort with bookkeeping and financial records, computer skills including east with MS Office Suite and Simply Accounting, a degree or equivalent in work experience is preferred, leadership experience and a willingness to engage the public.

Successful applicant will report directly to a Board of Directors and be responsible for all aspects of the daily operations of WEGCSS including supervision of staff and contract workers, hiring, recruitment of volunteers, grant writing, project development, budgeting, reporting, and fundraising.

**CLOSE DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 4pm**

Please send your cover letter & resume to:

Attn: Hiring Committee, WEGCSS, PO Box 10, Slocan BC, V0G 2C0  
[coordinator@wegcss.org](mailto:coordinator@wegcss.org)