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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.

## 2015 Council Meeting Schedule

January 12

February 10 (Tues)

March 9

April 13

May 11

June 8

July 13

August 10

September 14

October 13 (Tues)

November 9

December 14



## HERITAGE WEEK 2015

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

February 16<sup>th</sup> -  
February 22<sup>nd</sup>



HAPPY  
VALENTINE'S DAY!



## 2015 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 2, 2015, 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

## RDCK Public Meeting

The RDCK invites residents of Slocan and Area H South to attend a public meeting held on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00pm at the Winlaw Hall to review the draft 2015-2019 Financial Plan, learn about regional district finance, and ask questions of staff and elected officials.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### ANNUAL TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT

At the Slocan Legion

Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> – 6:30pm

Tickets: \$30 buy-in, available at Mountain Valley Station or call 355-2672 to reserve your spot.

### LEGION MUSIC JAMS

Every Sunday, 2pm – 6pm



# **VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

## **MEETING NOTES: February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

- Council received the 2014 Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program Public Report for information.
- Council will provide a \$1,000 donation to the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce in 2015 subject to approval during the budget process.
- Council will issue a cheque for \$400 to the Zone 6 – BC Seniors Games from the RDCK Discretionary Grant Fund.
- The Village will provide a \$1200 grant to the Library and a \$600 grant to the Fitness Center towards the purchase of the new heaters and that the Village send a letter of thanks to the volunteers for providing the free installation labour.
- The Village of Slocan agreed to be the sponsor for the application from the Kootenay Hiking Club for the 2014 Community Initiatives Application.
- The Springer Creek Restoration & Preservation Alliance group will be invited to make a presentation on the mapping project at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, as requested.
- The Village will write a letter to School District #8 to support maintaining WE Graham Community School as Kindergarten to Grade 8 and in support of our school as a community asset.
- The Village will write a letter to support Canada Post in opposition of the proposed cuts until public consultation is carried out.
- The 2014 Year End Fitness Center Report, Building Inspection Report, and Transit Sales Report was received for information.
- Meeting notes of the Feb. 2, 2015 with the Village, Ministry of Natural Resource Operations and Ministry of Transportation was received.
- The Village of Slocan "Building Amendment Bylaw No. \_\_\_\_\_, 2015" was finally passed and adopted and numbered 642.
- The Social Media Policy was adopted with an amendment to its introduction that explains that this is one more method of communication intended to enhance communications and is not to replace other methods of communication.
- The Village of Slocan commits to the development of the Springer Creek Micro Hydro Power Project as per the environmental, engineering and economic studies developed since 2010 and as an alternative revenue source to replace the loss in industrial tax revenue base and that the Village of Slocan authorizes the required work for successful development of the project.
- The Village of Slocan commits to using a portion of its reserve fund, applying for grants from other funders including CBT, SIBAC and SIDIT, and borrowing a maximum of \$1.3 million dollars that includes the required referendum to secure the 1/3 portion of Village funds in the New Building Canada Fund application, for the purpose of developing the Springer Creek Micro Hydro Power Project.
- The Village of Slocan will plan for a public presentation or open house of the Springer Creek Micro Hydro Power Project in the spring of 2015.
- An invitation from the University of Saskatchewan Co-operative Innovation Project was received, inviting Council, staff and Slocan residents to participate at the Community Meeting in New Denver on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Councillors Patterson and Perriere will attend.
- Flags atop the Logger Sports poles are scheduled to be replaced in the coming weeks. A special thanks to Gary Burns for assisting the Village with this.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

# **SLOCAN VALLEY SENIORS' HOUSING SOCIETY**

## **MEDIA RELEASE:**

An important survey about seniors housing in the Slocan Valley will be inserted in the next issue of the Valley Voice. It's aimed at seniors 50 years or older, takes five minutes to answer, and can be dropped off at handy locations from New Denver to Crescent Valley. (Drop-off locations and local contact people are listed on the survey sheet).

The Slocan Valley Seniors' Housing Society needs to find out what kind of housing seniors want and can afford. The Society plans to build 12 units in the Village of Slocan next to the Wellness Center. The survey, along with input from public meetings, is one step in helping determine if there is both a need and demand for such housing.

Public meetings are slated throughout the Slocan Valley during the first part of March (see dates below). You are invited to bring your questions and comments about seniors' housing needs, draft project designs that will be present, the survey, and the Need and Demand Study. Your participation is important! Bring your input!

"When we built Passmore Lodge, which is 10 units, we could never have succeeded without keen public interest, involvement and support," said housing president Rita Moir. "We had a huge return rate on the surveys and a big show at public meetings, and it helped so much. It's the same this time: we need to know, as do future funders, if the public is behind this non-profit housing project. So fill out the survey, and even if you are just a bit curious, come to a meeting and see what's up; what it may mean for you or a friend or a family member's ability to stay in the Valley, or move back to the Valley, as they age."

**Please bring your family and friends to one of the following meetings:**

**SLOCAN: Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the Legion Hall**

SILVERTON: Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am at the Memorial Hall

NEW DENVER: Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Knox Hall

CRESCENT VALLEY: Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Crescent Valley Hall

WINLAW: Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Winlaw Hall

Ann Harvey and Nora Lilligren have been hired to conduct the study. For more information, please call the Slocan Seniors' Housing Society at 250-226-7136.

### **Gathering and Vigil for our Friend Victoria Aguilar**



**Where: Gazebo by the lake in Slocan City**

**When: Noon on February 21, 2015**



Please join us for drumming, singing and smudging as we remember Vicky. Bring your traditional hand drums.

### **THE COOPERATIVE INNOVATION PROJECT (CIP)**

welcomes you to attend a community input session being held in New Denver on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. This meeting is an opportunity to discuss ways to address the needs and challenges of your community by working together. Such topics could include housing, social services, retail, energy and/or recreation. For questions or more information, please call Darcy Overland, Research Manager at 306-966-8502.

## YOGA IN SLOCAN!

*Gentle Mindful Yoga*  
Tuesdays from 5:30 – 6:30 pm

\$8.00 drop-in, everyone welcome

At the Blue Moon B&B  
603 Slocan Street, Slocan

Please call Malin for more info  
250-355-0053  
Facebook.com/Slocanyoga



**SLOCAN RECREATION  
MASTERPLAN – The RDCK has  
recently sent out surveys to each  
household in Slocan. Please complete  
this survey in order to provide input  
and to shape future recreation  
services for the Slocan Valley.**

## PARENT EVENING IN SLOCAN

Supporting Middle School Readers: Could you use some help supporting your middle school age child with his/her reading skills? Join us to learn more about literacy support at home, how to work with your child to develop confidence and promote strong reading skills. Sample readers and a webpage resource list will be available. This is a FREE parent evening offered by the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy and WE Graham School.

Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015

6:30pm – 8:30pm

At WE Graham School

Call Alison to register: 250-359-6887

Coming soon: The Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations will be looking for community input regarding access to provincial parks/back-country roads, and the possibility of some being decommissioned. The Village will post more information regarding this in the next newsletter. Stay tuned, your opinion is important!

## **WELCOME DONNA GIBBONS, NURSE PRACTITIONER!**

If you don't have a family doctor, Donna Gibbons, NP, will be practicing at the Slocan Community Health Center and has openings for new patients! Donna has been working with the Village to obtain equipment and supplies for the medical room and will be occupying the space in the coming weeks.

A nurse practitioner is an experienced nurse with advanced medical training, who can provide primary medical care, much like a family doctor.

**What can a nurse practitioner do?** Provide regular checkups for adults and children, diagnose and treat illnesses and injuries, manage chronic conditions like diabetes, order and interpret lab tests, x-rays, ultrasounds, prescribe most medications, provide prenatal care and family planning, refer to medical and other specialists, give advice to you and your family on health issues, and help make sure your health needs are met.

Donna Gibbons has been practicing at the New Denver Health Clinic and comes to us from Edmonton, where she was a nurse practitioner in family practice at the high risk Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic at the Lois Hole Hospital for Women. She was a consultant/educator for the Healthy Beginnings program in community health, with a focus on women with addictions and mental health challenges. As a midwife, she welcomed over 2200 babies into the world at both home and hospital births. She has special interest in complementary and alternative medicine.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH DONNA, PLEASE CALL 250-358-7211.**