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JANUARY 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.

Happy New Year

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

BUSINESS LICENCES

Billed: December 15th, 2014

Due: January 31st, 2015
(to receive discount)

DOG LICENSING

Billed: December 15th, 2014

Due: January 31st, 2015

UTILITIES (WATER/GARBAGE)

Billed: January, 2015

Due: February 16th, 2015 for discount



2015 Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) Community Initiatives (CIP) and Affected Areas (AAP) Funding Programs

The CIP and AAP are funding programs designed to help address the needs of Basin communities.

The programs are flexible and able to accommodate individual processes and incorporate community-based funding decisions to better meet local priorities.

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

DEADLINE: Monday, March 2nd, 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

Please direct any questions to jmadelung@rdck.bc.ca

REMINDER TO ALL DOG OWNERS

January 31, 2015 is the last chance for your companions to get a shiny new dog tag at a discounted price!

Since the due date of January 31st is on the weekend, we will accept tag payments until 4pm on Monday, February 2nd for discount.

THANK YOU TO THE PUBLIC WORKS CREW FOR KEEPING OUR ROADS CLEAR OF SNOW! JUST A REMINDER TO OUR RESIDENTS THAT SNOW MUST ONLY BE SHOVELED ONTO BOULEVARDS AND PRIVATE YARDS; PLEASE DO NOT SHOVEL SNOW OUT ONTO THE ROADS. ANOTHER REMINDER, FURROW CLEARING FOR SENIORS IS A COURTESY SERVICE; THE MAIN ROADS ARE PRIORITY AND WE WILL GET TO YOUR FURROW AS SOON AS WE CAN. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND PATIENCE.

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

MEETING NOTES: January 12th, 2015

- The Slocan Valley Senior's Housing Society presented to Council regarding the Society's history and presented the preliminary conceptual drawings of the four-plex units proposed for Slocan. A public "needs and demands" survey will be prepared by the Society before June 2015. For design information or input, please contact 250-226-7136. The preliminary conceptual drawings can also be viewed at the Village Office.
- The Slocan District Chamber of Commerce presented an overview of initiatives of the Chamber. The Chamber represents members from Crescent Valley to Retallack, including the Village of Slocan.
- Council approved a Development Variance Permit application to vary the rear lot line setback requirement as established in the Village of Slocan Zoning Bylaw No. 633, from 4.5 meters to 2.9 meters for the property legally described as Lot A, Block 23, Plan 496, DL 292.
- The Village will provide a \$200 donation from the public relations budget to the RDCK to support a retirement party for John Kettle, retiring RDCK Chair.
- The Village will send a letter of support to the RDCK West Kootenay Regional Transit Committee to encourage more connections, better connections with Castlegar, more frequency, and the possibility of adding an outhouse or other type of washroom facility along the Slocan Valley route.
- Correspondence was received from Environment Canada stating that three species of bats were recently added to the "Species at Risk Act".
- The Village of Slocan Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw, amending the water rates for 2015, was given first, second and third readings. Council will adopt this bylaw at a special meeting on Monday, January 19th, 2015 at 4pm.
- Council moved that the Building Bylaw will not be amended to prohibit the installation of any AC electrical device or component that does not have UL or CSA certification in or on buildings within the Village.
- Council adopted a no-enforcement policy for the Village of Slocan Building Bylaw No. 605, 2011 as recommended by the RDCK, and Council authorized the CAO to sign the MOU for RDCK Building Inspection Service Bylaw No. 2074.
- The Village of Slocan Building Amendment Bylaw, 2015 was given first, second and third readings.
- The Village will pay for the Hazardous Material Report required by Worksafe regulations as part of the Legion kitchen renovation, in the amount of \$435 plus taxes.
- The RDCK is now accepting applications for the Columbia Basin Trust 2015 Community Initiatives Grant Program. Applications are available online or at the Village Office. Deadline for submission is Monday, March 2nd, 2015 by 4:30pm.

NURSE-PRACTITIONER COMING TO SLOCAN!

Coming soon, a nurse-practitioner will be occupying a space in the Slocan Medical Clinic. We welcome Donna Gibbons to our community! Donna currently practices out of the New Denver Health Clinic. Details are currently being discussed and confirmed; we will be sure to keep everyone posted!

Valhalla Children's Center

The Valhalla Children's Centre is a fully licensed day care for preschool children, offering child-subsidy programs, located in the WE Graham Community Center building. Call Natalie Lucas at 250-355-2222 or the WEGCSS office 250-355-2484 to enroll.

2015 UTILITY BILLING

Utility bills for 2015 will be mailed out this week. Payments can be made by visiting the Village Office or by mailing in a cheque. The **discount** is available until **FEBRUARY 16, 2015** if full payment is received. If you are enrolled in the Tax & Utility Prepayment Plan, please disregard your notice; a statement will be mailed to you. Water rates for 2015 have been increased by 2.7%; for a residential connection, you will see an \$11 difference.

Pat and Peggy of Mountain Valley Station would like to send out a warm thank you to everyone who attended their 8th Annual Family Fun Skate on Boxing Day.

Complimentary hot dogs, hot chocolate, and ice skating were enjoyed by all.



Just a reminder that bus passes and Fitness Center passes are available for purchase at Mountain Valley Station.
Thank you to Mountain Valley Station for providing this service!



In December, the Government of Canada Added 3 species of bats to the *Species at Risk Act*. These species are the Northern Myotis, Little Brown Myotis and the Tri-Colored bat. The listing is in response to

emergency assessments of the 3 species by the Endangered Wildlife in Canada Committee. The assessment documents and additional information can be found on their website at:

www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/default_e.cfm.



The Rural Development Institute (RDI) is pleased to Announce the release of the 2014 State of the Basin Snapshot Report! This project is an initiative aimed at improving the Basin-Boundary Region's understanding of important trends related to economic, social, cultural and environmental well-being in our communities. The Snapshot Report provides brief graphic highlights of ongoing research. Highlights from this year's report include property value comparisons, income comparisons, events and festival statistics, wildlife statistics and much more!
www.cbrdi.ca



Slocan Spirit of Christmas
committee

Message from the *Slocan Spirit of Christmas Committee...*

The Slocan "Spirit of Christmas" Committee wishes to thank everyone who made our 1st annual "Light-Up" event such a success. Pat and Peggy at Mountain Valley Station were instrumental in providing the street and business decorations which greatly brightened up the Village. We thank Tim Hill and his crew for having the tree set and ready to decorate. Alan Mills generously provided the equipment needed for us to hang lights on the tree. Barbara and Rory Lindsay gave us that "special" touch to the scene with the use of their antique cutter for Santa to welcome the children. We were happy to see the excitement created

with Santa arriving on the fire truck as well. Many sponsors in the Village and throughout the Valley enabled us to gather enough funding for new lights and decorations. The Valley Voice announced all the updates and exposure required to have our event advertised. Ed and Del Roshinsky were the winners of the Yard/Home decoration and light displays and a special ornament will be added to our tree each year, recognizing the winners of that year. We look forward to 2015 and some new projects to be added to this coming year's light

PARENT EVENING IN SLOCAN!

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 17th, 2015

6:30pm – 8:30pm

At WE Graham School

Call Alison to register: 250-359-6887



SLOCAN CURLING CLUB

Open Wednesdays and Fridays from 6pm on.

Kitchen and bar open!

Bonspiels scheduled for
January, February and March.

Curling lessons available.

To register, please contact Laurie at 355-2624

RDCK Transfer Station

Just a reminder that the Slocan Transfer Station is open every Tuesday and Saturday from 10am to 4pm, excluding holidays. For more information, please call the RDCK at (250) 352-6665.

SLOCAN VALLEY SENIORS HOUSING SOCIETY

On Monday, January 12th, 2015 the Slocan Valley Seniors Housing Society presented the preliminary conceptual drawings of the four-plex units proposed for Slocan. The plan for construction is affordable housing with a focus on seniors, located on the lands owned by the Village directly behind the Wellness Center. The Society intends to prepare a "needs and demands" survey for the public before June and anyone with questions or comments can contact the Society at 250-226-7136. The preliminary conceptual drawings can be viewed at the Village Office during regular business hours.

BC Assessment

BC Assessment has now sent out its annual assessment notices to home-owners across BC. If you do not receive your 2015 notice by January 18th, please call 1-866-825-8322.

If you disagree with your assessment, you can file a Notice of Complaint (appeal) by February 2nd, 2015. The Nelson/Trail Assessment Office is located at Suite 176 – 333 Victoria Street, Nelson. Office hours are 8:30am – 5:00pm, Monday to Friday. You can also visit www.bcassessment.ca to compare other property assessments using the free, newly enhanced *e-ValueBC* service.

Thank you to those who have been supporting the Slocan Fitness Center! In 2014 the Village Office and Mountain Valley Station sold \$6,285 in gym passes and registered an additional 40 new users during the course of the year.

Since the Fitness Center's grand opening in 2008, there have been a total of 316 users. To keep our facility fit for the next user, please be sure to clean the machines with vinegar after each use.

Thank you!