

# THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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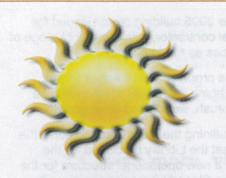
### **OFFICE HOURS:**

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





Visit <u>www.slocancity.com</u> for all the latest information such as Council Meeting minutes, bylaws, and current events.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Friday, July 26th, 2013

Unity Pre-Festival ALL AGES Event Featuring Adham Shaikh, 8pm @ the Legion

### Saturday, July 27th & 28th, 2013

Unity Music Festival @Slocan Beach Visit www.unitymusicfestival.ca for more info



Saturday, August 3rd, 2013

Slocan Trading Co presents Wailin' Al Walker & Guests 7pm @ the Legion 250-355-2299 for tickets and more info

# WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES STILL IN EFFECT:

Sprinkling is permitted daily between the hours of: 7:00am – 9:00am AND 6:00pm – 8:00pm 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 Narrows Archaeological Project Community Heritage Event

Come learn about excavations at the Slocan Narrows Pithouse Village (Ka'ntca'k) from the Hamilton College Archaeology Field School

Enjoy lunch provided by the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society

Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 11:00am – 2:00pm

A donation of \$10 for the tour and lunch is suggested. Proceeds will contribute to rail trail interpretive signs and other educational improvements. To get to the site, park at the Slocan Valley Rail Trail's Kennedy Road (Lemon Creek) trailhead and walk north along the level scenic rail trail. Allow 15 minutes walking time. Or bike 5km south from the Slocan City trailhead. For further information call 250-355-2397.

# VILLAGE OF SLOCAN MEETING NOTES: July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013

- Dr. Nathan Goodale attended the meeting to present to Council information about the archaeological field school at the ancient Slocan Narrows Pithouse Village project 6 km south of Slocan.
- Rory Lindsay spoke to Council about the concept of developing a prehistoric museum centre in Slocan to display
  the artefacts and early history of the region.
- Trish Dehnel, in conjunction with FortisBC, presented information on the Kootenay Energy Diet. Village Council
  offered its support to the FortisBC Energy Diet and encourages Slocan residents to participate.
- The CAO reported on Carol Barclay's request to rezone her Harold Street property from commercial to residential.
   Council denied the request from Ms. Barclay to rezone her property based on the earlier precedent not to permit a similar request to proceed.
- A report was presented, from the RDCK Building Official, on deficiencies to the 2005 building permit issued for renovations to the Wellness Centre. Council authorized the CAO to hire a local contractor, with a current Village of Slocan business license, to begin to undertake the completion of the deficiencies as funds permit.
- A report was received confirming that the Village has completed cleanup of the property at 517 Arthur Street.
   Council had declared the site a nuisance, and directed that the manufactured home and all other structures be removed, the unlicensed vehicle disposed of, and the property cleaned of all brush, weeds and other growth.
- July 2/13 correspondence was received from the Slocan Library Committee outlining the steps taken to solve the
  ongoing operational problems at the Library. The Committee recommended that the Library be closed for the
  summer. Council authorized the new library group to proceed with developing a new operational structure for the
  Library and Council concurred with the recommendation to temporally close the Slocan Library and re-open it on
  September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The Village will request a UBCM Conference meeting with Premier Clark and the new Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.
- Correspondence was received from Nelson Mayor John Dooley, Chair of the Nelson Police Board, to be forwarded
  to the Village Fire Chief for comment and to the Mayor & Council of the City of Nelson.
- Council supported in principle the efforts of the Slocan & District Chamber of Commerce and agreed to confirm funding amounts in 2014.
- Council support a resolution from the City of North Vancouver 'supporting a genetically engineered free zone in the City of North Vancouver.
- Council supported a request from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 276 to Board of Directors RDCK to extend their 2012/13 funding under Columbia Basin Trust's Community Initiatives & Affected Areas Program.
- Council accepted with regret, the resignation of Joanne Ellis as Library Committee Chairperson
- The Village of Slocan Zoning Bylaw No. 633, 2013 was given 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> readings; a public hearing on the bylaw will be held in September.
- The Village of Slocan Wharf Regulation Bylaw No. 627, 2013 was given 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> readings
- The Donation of Gifts Policy be referred back to staff for revisions.
- The CAO reported on the educational courses that Administrative Assistant, Michelle Gordon will be taking in 2013.
- The CAO report that the Public Works Supervisor has located a replacement vehicle for the 1997 F-150 pick-up.
   The was CAO authorized to purchase a 2013 GMC Sierra 4x4 regular cab at a cost of \$31,933.44 (including taxes) subject to short term funding approval from the Municipal Finance Authority.
- Councillor McGreal requested a correction of the June 26<sup>th</sup> Valley Voice article regarding her comments on the Legion renovation project.
- Councillor Elliott spoke on the changes to the regional bussing schedule changes.







# SLOCAN ENER-VENTION

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013 7pm – 9pm WE Graham School

To learn more, visit fortisbc.com/energydiet

Get help slimming down your energy use by participating in the Kootenay Energy Diet!

To sign up, attend an ener-vention (an energy information session) in your community.

### You'll receive:

- a home energy assessment for only \$60 (\$400 value)
- energy saving items installed directly in your home
- help getting financial rebates from LiveSmart/Fortis
- access to a low-interest, no money down loan through your local credit union
- personal assistance to make energy efficiency improvements to your home

Can't attend a session? You can still get all the information you need and <u>register online</u>.

# SLOCAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE:

The Slocan Community Library will be closed from July 17, 2013 to September 3, 2013.

There will be no limitation on library items taken before closure; items may be returned upon reopening.

Sorry for any inconvenience.

**Regional District of Central Kootenay:** 

# **Slocan Transfer Station**

Open every Tuesday and Saturday, from 10am to 4pm, excluding holidays. For more information, please call the RDCK at 250-352-6665.

# Be mindful of your beach neighbours Clean up after yourselves Keep pets away from the public beach area and in the designated dog area (at the mouth of the river by the rail trail) Keep the boat launch area cleared of vehicles and park in the designated areas Please drive slow and watch for children!



# W.E. GRAHAM COMMUNITY SERVICE SOCIETY "FUN IN THE SUN" SUMMER CAMP 2013 PROGRAMS



"ECO ART WEEKS"
July 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>, ages 9 - 12

In the ECO Art weeks the kids will focus on creating art from nature and recycled items. Outdoor adventures collecting art supplies and learning about and enjoying the environment. Local guest artists will provide creative direction in a variety of art and craft activities.

"WATER WEEKS"
July 22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, ages 6 – 8
July 29<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, ages 9 – 12

Each group will spend their week enjoying wild water adventures. On or near the waters of the Slocan Lake & River – the kids will be swimming, kayaking and tubing with Smiling Otter Wilderness Adventures. There will be an emphasis on water safety during these weeks. At the end of the week each group will go on an age-appropriate rafting adventure.

"ADVENTURE WEEKS" Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, ages 6 – 8 Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, ages 9 - 12 Hiking, biking and climbing adventures with local experts are core activities for these weeks. Engage in experiential activities and explore local plants and geology while hiking. While part of the group is climbing, others will bike on the rail trail and around the lake, exploring the environment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER, PLEASE CALL WEGCSS AT 250-355-2484

# RDCK Hazardous Waste Round-Up Event

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>
10:00AM - 2:00PM
Nelson Leafs Bottle Depot <u>AND</u>
Castlegar & District Community
Complex

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>
11:00AM – 2:00PM
Nakusp Arena <u>AND</u>
Creston & District Community
Complex



Bring your poisonous, flammable, or corrosive items for safe disposal and recycling! Unlabeled products are accepted.

For a complete list of items accepted, visit the RDCK website



# UNITY MUSIC FESTIVAL PUBLIC MEETING

The Slocan Valley Cultural Alliance, a local non-profit society is bringing the Unity Music Festival to Slocan City on July 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Organizers are excited to hold this family festival at the Slocan Beach area and are looking forward to working with local service groups and the residents of Slocan in showcasing the Village. A second public information meeting and volunteer sign up session will be held:

Thursday, July 11 at 7:00 pm at the Legion Hall

Everyone welcome