



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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JULY 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.

July

2015 Council Meeting Schedule

June 8
July 13

August 10
September 14

October 13 (Tues)
November 9

December 14

EVENTS:

★ Saturday July 25 & 26 - Unity Festival, Slocan Beach. Tickets available at Mountain Valley Station (Pancake Breakfast @ the Legion, July 26)

★ Live Music Every Sunday afternoon at the Legion – Open Music Jam

Slocan and District Technical Rescue Society
in conjunction with the Unity Music Festival

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY JULY 26TH

8:30 - 11:30 am

COST \$9.00 (6 & under \$5.00)
at the SLOCAN LEGION HALL

EVERYONE WELCOME!!
We look forward to your support!



Winlaw Ambulance Service

As a result of a recruitment blitz, the BCEHS has interviewed a total of nine applicants for the Winlaw Station. A total of four have been hired and are currently enrolled in the EMR program that began on June 26. The course is being delivered on site and the students took their licensing exams on July 18. Others are at varying stages of the hiring process and as they successfully complete the process, BCEHS will work with them so they can obtain their EMR also.



"ECO ART WEEKS"

July 27th – 31st, ages 6 - 8
Aug. 3rd – 7th, ages 9 - 12

"WATER WEEKS"

July 20th – 24th, ages 9 - 12

"ADVENTURE WEEKS"

Aug. 10th – 14th, ages 6 - 8
Aug. 17th – 21st, ages 9 - 12

W.E. GRAHAM COMMUNITY SERVICE SOCIETY "FUN IN THE SUN" SUMMER CAMP - 2015 PROGRAMS



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.

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.

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

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MEETING NOTES: July 13th, 2015

- CFO, Colin McClure, presented the quarterly financial report for the period ending June 30th, 2015.
- Nathan Goodale, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, and Virgil Seymour, Arrow Lakes Facilitator to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, presented to Council on "A Day at the Dig" – a guided tour through the Pit House site on the Slocan River in Lemon Creek.
- A request was received to use wood salvaged from the Screech Owl Lands for the purpose of building a stage platform for Unity Festival. Council approved the request provided that the wood be returned after use.
- The July 2015 JCP Owl Walk and Tourism Enhancement Program progress report from Steven Whitby was received for information.
- The Village of Slocan Fire Inspections to Public Buildings Policy #2015-037 was adopted.
- The Village of Slocan notice on title - Procedures Policy #2015-038 was adopted.
- Councillor Van Bynen provided a verbal report on the Wellness Center Sign Committee. Staff were directed to contact occupants of the Wellness Center to request members to come forward to attend a meeting for input.

ATTENTION BOATERS



Please Remember: Moorage is not permitted at the Slocan Beach and boats are not to be stored at the wharf overnight. Please be courteous of other boats being launched or pulled out of the water. Boats should only be parked at the breakwater while loading or unloading. Pursuant to the *Village of Slocan Wharf Regulation Bylaw No. 627*, the Village has the authority to tow boats that are non-compliant. The Village may also impose penalties for towing and storing watercraft. Please visit the www.slocancity.com bylaws page for more information.

Just a friendly reminder that dogs are welcome on the Slocan dog beach (by the gazebo) but are *pawsitively* not permitted at the family beach area. Please control your pets – all dogs must be kept on a leash and cleaned up after. No one wants to step in poo! Doggy bags are available at hitching posts around town.



A big thank you to Becky Mayrhofer, our recruited newsletter volunteer!

IT'S BEACH SEASON!

- Be mindful of your beach neighbours
- Clean up after yourselves
- Dogs are not allowed at family beach area. There is a designated "Dog Beach" area by the gazebo
- Keep the boat launch area cleared of vehicles and park in the designated areas
- Please drive slow and watch for children!

Its Fire Season!

This hot weather has brought on an Open Fire and campfire ban. 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. Thank you to fire crews for their continued efforts.



SLOCAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Come out and enjoy a book at the Slocan Community Library.

Located at 710 Harold St.

Browse the selection of books, see the hours of operation and more at their website:

www.slocanlibrary.ca

Kootenay Hiking club is planning an overnight trip to Gwillam Basin on Thursday Aug 13 to view the peak of the Perseids meteor shower. They will be meeting at Mountain Valley Station at 8:00 am. Limited space available in trucks, so if you have a vehicle capable of taking a few people or would like more information please email kootenayhikingclub@gmail.com



JCP: OWL WALK & TOURISM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

JUNE REPORT: The month of June has been incredibly productive for the JCP Owl Walk team.

Crew members dismantled 5 cabins and 5 sleeping platforms at the Valhalla Crew Camp site, filling three industrial dumpsters (30 yards each). We did our best to salvage the good wood, removing nails and organizing it to be reclaimed. We have spent several days cutting, planning, and sanding the wood to make picnic tables for the site. Our crew was trained on how to operate the required

tools and equipment prior to starting. Two docks were dismantled and removed from the banks of lot 8801 which had posed safety hazards to the public and also returned the shoreline to its uninterrupted habitat. On June 30th, Doris Hausleitner, Selkirk Ecologist, toured the site with us and discussed the local riparian habitat. Her expertise helped reinforce that the site is not meant to be a park but a nature reserve for the Screech Owl. Our website will be launching as of next week and can be found at www.slocanowlwalk.com and on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/slocanowl. Materials have been submitted to the Web Programmer, Kailey Dowes, and Melissa Wanamaker is in the final stages of editing a video on Slocan's unique habitat. Consultation with Rory Lindsay of the Western Screech Owl Committee has been instrumental to this process. Signage for the site is complete and ready for posting. Crew member Dawn Burling has suggested a booth with pictures, information and video footage be provided for the July 25th Unity Festival so we can begin advertising information about the Owl Walk.

- Steve Whitby, JCP Project Manager
stevenfwhitby@gmail.com

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.

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NOTICE: WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES **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. During freshet the creek NTU's are running high; this will cause water production to decrease and the demand is higher than the plant can produce. 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.

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

Message from the Mayor:

On behalf of the Slocan Village Council I am pleased to announce that we have hired Michelle Gordon as our Chief Administrative Officer! Michelle has been providing administrative and corporate services for the Village for many years. Over the past few years she has received on-the-job mentoring and has excelled at her PADM training through Capilano University. She will be completing her certification in the Spring of 2016. We are extremely excited to welcome Michelle to her role as Village CAO! At this time I would like to express gratitude to Trish Dehnel for the amazing work she has done for the past year working as our interim CAO. I am pleased to announce that Trish will to continue to work with us as our Planning Manager, through the end of 2015. We are also excited to welcome back Nicole Laframboise who will be resuming full-time employment as Administrative Assistant by September 1st.

Jessica Lunn
Mayor of Slocan