

### 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.



#### 2015 Council Meeting Schedule

June 8
July 13

August 10 September 14 October 13 (Tues) November 9

December 14



- ★ Sunday, June 21st, 6:30pm Legion "Thank You" Community BBQ Beer Garden hosted by Firemen & First Responders
- ★ Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm Legion Pig Roast and Dance Dinner 6-8pm, Dance 7pm-1am, Live Music, No minors after 9pm Tickets \$20 at Mountain Valley Station or call 355-2672 to reserve
- ★ Live Music Every Sunday afternoon at the Legion Open Music Jam

### SLOCAN VALLEY ART & GARDEN TOUR 2015



Visit beautiful flower and veggie gardens from Slocan Park to Slocan Village and see what local artists have on display! In addition, enjoy a performance by the Slocan Valley Community Band.

Sunday, June 21st 10am – 4pm

For more information please contact <a href="mailto:solona.mead@gmail.com">solona.mead@gmail.com</a>. Brochures and maps available at Slocan Valley businesses.

### 2015 Property Tax

Please be advised that the 2015 Property Tax invoices are due by

### 4:00pm on July 2nd

Please don't forget to sign for your Home Owner's Grant if you are eligible.

For more info, please contact the Village Office (250) 355-2277

The W.E. Graham Community School will be hosting their year-end assembly to recognize students, programs and volunteers. Everyone Welcome!

Thursday, June 25th, 2015 at 9:15am. Please call 355-2212 for more details.

# VILLAGE OF SLOCAN MEETING NOTES: June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015

- A Special Meeting of Council will be set for June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00pm to consider the 2014 Annual Report and notice of the meeting will be advertised as required.
- The Wellness Center Sign Committee Terms of Reference were approved as presented.
- The Village will provide a letter to FortisBC in support of the proposed revision to the LED lighting tariff Schedule 50 and request that Fortis replace the old street lights in the Village of Slocan with more energy efficient models.
- The Village will send letters of support for community organizations to apply for the Canada 150 Infrastructure Grant Program. Application deadline is June 17, 2015.
- The June 4, 2015 Job Creation Program (JCP), Owl Walk & Tourism Enhancement Program progress report from Project Manager, Steve Whitby, was received for information.
- The report on public input from the Slocan Micro Hydro Project Open House on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 was received and Council requested staff to compile a report that provides answers to the public input questions.
- The report from the Public Works Supervisor was received for information. Report in brief: On May 21<sup>st</sup> a water leak was repaired on the corner of Arlington Road and Hume Street. An aluminium gangway has been ordered for the breakwater and should arrive in a few weeks; the concrete blocks are being prepared in-house for installation. To provide relief for leave of a full-time public works employee, a temporary part-time public works labour has been hired. We welcome Cody Garnier to our team!

A report on the 2015 Spring Clean Up was received for information.

COMPARISON	Tipping Fees	Labour	Tags Purchased	Total
2012 Clean Up	3,745	2,860	- 120	6,485
2013 Clean Up	571	1,185	-0	1,756
2014 Clean Up	750	1,297	- 180	1,867
2015 Clean Up	910	1,012	- 100	1,822

• The Animal Control Bylaw #625 and the Bylaw Enforcement Policy was reviewed by Council.

The 2014 Annual Report
is now available for Public
Inspection. The report can be
viewed at the Village Office or by
visiting our website:
www.slocancity.com

A public meeting to consider the Annual Report will be held at the Village Office on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 5:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Everyone welcome!

The Village is still requesting applications from those interested in appointment to the

# WELLNESS CENTER SIGN COMMITTEE

The purpose of this committee is to work cooperatively in developing a sign for the Slocan Wellness Center. The Committee shall provide Village Council with advice and recommendations regarding design, construction and placement.

If you are interested in sitting on this committee, please contact the Village Office at 250-355-2277 or email info@villageofslocan.ca.

### **IT'S BEACH SEASON!**

- 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!

#### YOUTH CENTER PROMOTION NIGHT @ WEGCSS

Come check out the Slocan Youth Center at the WE Graham Community Center on July 4th between 5:30pm and 11:00pm. All youth are welcome! Free food, a DJ and activities. Transportation down the Valley will be available if needed at the end of the night. Please call 250-355-2484 for more information.

## Its Fire Season!

This hot weather means our forests are more susceptible to wildfire. Please visit the Wildfire Management Branch at <a href="https://www.bcwildfire.ca">www.bcwildfire.ca</a> for information on wildfire prevention, danger, prohibitions and wildfires of note. To report a wildfire, call 1-800-663-5555.



## SLOCAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY FRIDAY NIGHT AUTHORS'

#### READING

Plan to come to the Slocan Library on Friday, June 19th at 7pm for "The Brotherhood of the Screaming Abyss" - an evening with Dennis McKenna. Two brothers, Dennis and Terence McKenna, along with other kindred spirits set out to explore the mysteries of time, mind and the improbable reality of existence, searching for the Holy Grail in the form of a legendary Dennis, hallucinogen. now an pharmacologist, will describe growing up in a small Colorado town during the 1950's and 60's and will explain the ideas and adventures he went on to share with his brother Terence McKenna, famous radical philosopher, futurist and raconteur. He will read from his book, The Brotherhood of the Screaming Abyss, and answer your questions. The Library is located at 710 Harold Street. Come early to get a seat!



#### JCP: OWL WALK & TOURISM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Thanks to the diligent work of the Western Screech Owl Committee, the Village, and KCDS, the *Owl Walk & Tourism Enhancement Project* is now under way! This project involves developing and promoting an Owl Walk at the site of the former Fire Crew Camp, with interpretive signage that will lead visitors, schools groups and residents on an informative and enjoyable walk through the endangered Screech Owl habitat. A communications/design participant has been recruited and has begun research for a website that will direct those seeking information about

the project. The website will include research, photos, video, interactive maps, and a social media directory, showcasing the site and the Village of Slocan.

Three participants have been recruited for the labour positions and have begun cleanup and demolition of the site. They will be reconstructing the trail network, installing interpretive signage, creating an outdoor classroom space, and building an outhouse, benches and picnic tables. Signs have been printed and posted, alerting residents of the potential safety hazards of this work site. This Job Creation Partnership is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia.

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

# ART THERAPY OPEN STUDIO DROP-IN FOR ADULTS

The after school open studio is an art therapy group open to adults. All are welcome to drop in for a relaxed, supportive atmosphere for expression in various artistic mediums, social connection and an opportunity to share creativity, inspiration and conversation. Every Tuesday from 3:30 – 5:00 at the Slocan Youth Center 250-355-2484

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 <a href="https://www.rdck.bc.ca">www.rdck.bc.ca</a>.



#### THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

### 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.



# Chickensi

SLOCAN'S ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW REGULATES THE KEEPING OF HENS:

Maximum of eight hens per property No owner shall allow his or her hens to run at large Every owner shall provide a coop and enclose the hens to prevent them from escaping No person shall keep a rooster (sorry hens!).