



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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MARCH 2013 NEWSLETTER

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	May 13	September 9
February 12 (Tues)	June 10	October 15 (Tues)
March 11	July 8	November 12 (Tues)
April 8	August 12	December 9



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, March 17th, 2013

St. Patty's Day 'VEGAS' Night at the Legion
Doors open at 5pm, Buffet at 7pm - \$15
Fantastic Food and Live Entertainment!



Sunday, March 24th, 2013

Easter Bingo at the Legion!
\$2/Card, Poultry and Meat Prizes, everyone welcome.
1:00pm

EARTH HOUR

The Village of Slocan is encouraging residents to participate in Earth Hour 2013. At 8:30 pm on Saturday, March 23rd, over 152 countries around the world will turn off their lights to mark Earth Hour and take action on climate change. Participation in this Council-endorsed initiative is intended to raise awareness and inspire action on climate change.



**Are you interested in
Slocan Valley TOURISM?
Join us for an open discussion!**

**Wednesday, March 20th
6:30 p.m.**

At the Village Office

All persons interested are invited to attend.

CBT Community Initiatives: Public Input Meeting

Persons having interest in reviewing the applications for the 2013 Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Grant Program are invited to attend:

**Community Input Session
Monday, April 8th, 2013
5:00 p.m. at the Village Office**

SPRING IS COMING!

As Spring nears, many of us will take advantage of the warming weather to tackle our yard work. Please take advantage of Slocan's [Public Compost](#) located at the south end of the Public Works yard. Please dump compostable matter only, such as leaves and grass clippings.

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

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

MEETING NOTES: March 11th, 2013

- The Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs (CIP/AAP) public input meetings on the applications will be held April 8, 2013, at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Office.
- Council agreed to amend Village of Slocan Employment Policy #2008-003, to include three (3) days paid leave provisions for employees to deal with compassion care issues, medical issues, or family issues without loss of pay.
- Council agreed to contribute \$315.00 towards the Silverton electronic recycling program. The program is available to Village residents. Staff is to talk to the Village of Silverton about Slocan including electronic materials in the annual clean-up week and taking them to Silverton.
- In response to correspondence from MP Alex Atamanenko, of a recent Canada Post decision to review every post office across Canada in an effort to move toward a 'new smaller retail model', Village Council adopted a motion to write a letter to Steven Fletcher, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, and ask that he instruct Canada Post to keep the public post office in Slocan open and consult with the public, their elected representatives, postal unions and other major stakeholders to dramatically improve the *Canadian Postal Service Charter*, including developing a better process for making changes to the retail and delivery network.
- In response to a letter from Michelle Morelli concerning the Library, Mayor Perriere is to provide a written response.
- Council agreed to invite representatives from SLSS to attend the April 8th regular meeting. The presentation would cover the results of the Imagine Project.
- Council appointed Councillor Lunn as the Village of Slocan representative to the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce.
- Council considered a March 7th request from the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce updating the Village on their activities and requesting a grant of 80% of business license fees collected. Council referred the grant request from the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce to the April 8th meeting.
- Mayor Perriere reported that Megan Bly is leaving the Fitness Centre. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Megan for her efforts and commitment to the Fitness Centre.
- Councillor Lunn will host a Tourism Committee meeting on March 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Village Office. All interested people are invited to attend.
- Council adopted a motion dissolving the Library Committee and appointed Joanne Ellis to investigate the creation of a new structure by which to manage the Library. A letter of thanks to be forwarded to the Library Committee volunteers.
- Council agreed to send a letter of thanks to Tom Krznaric for his efforts at the Curling Rink this year.
- Staff is to arrange a meeting with Ralph Tomlin, Tim Hill and John Van Bynen to discuss boat access and parking concerns.
- Council approved Concession Stand Inspection Policy 2013-13.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2013.



Mayor Madeleine Perriere and long-time resident Bernie Czelenski were awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal on Feb. 22 at the Legion Hall.

Congratulations Bernie Czelenski and Madeleine Perriere!

On February 22nd, 2013, the Slocan Legion hall filled with the families, friends, and colleagues of Bernard Czelenski and Madeleine Perriere as they were both honoured with Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medals. Councillor Jean Patterson presented Bernie's award, followed by Joanne Ellis and Corky Evans presenting an award to Madeleine. A delicious spread of food and beverages were prepared by Fullabeans, and a cake prepared by Fomi's Bakery. The speeches were touching and had everyone captivated, to say the least.

Thank you to everyone who came to show their support at this special event.

The Slocan Valley Historical Society is looking to track down a book that may have been borrowed from the Village Office and not returned, or misplaced during the renovation.

If you have this hard-cover book, do you mind returning it to us? Thanks!!

"The Valhalla Mountains"
By Innes Cooper



Regional District of Central Kootenay:

FLOODING

In the Kootenays, snowpack and weather-related events are a common occurrence in the Spring. Residents are responsible for having a plan, as well as the tools and equipment necessary to protect their homes and themselves. In the event of a flood emergency, please utilize the following resources:

1. Tune into local radio stations for evacuation alerts and sand bag locations
2. Call 24/7 Emergency Reporting Number 1-800-663-3456
3. Report flooding to your local RDCK Emergency Coordinator Terry Warren (Nakusp & Slocan Areas) 250-265-1920
4. Check for flood updates, info, and levels at www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca
5. Visit www.rdck.bc.ca for local flood/freshet information bulletins

CALLING ALL SHUTTERBUGS!

We all know the Slocan Valley is a photographer's dream, filled with surreal scenery and inspiring images. Many professional and amateur photographers call this valley home and the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission is seeking some great photos.

People are invited to send up to 10 of their favorite photos of the Slocan Valley in return for a photo credit on the website - which could include a link to your professional website if you have one, or a listing in the website directory. Please submit photos to:

www.slocanvalley.com/submit-photos



MEGAN BLY

CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER
FOR THE SLOCAN FITNESS CENTER

On behalf of Mayor, Council and staff, we wish Megan Bly all the best as she moves forward with her career as a certified personal trainer. Megan and her young family joined us in Slocan several years ago, where they quickly set up roots in this small community. Megan soon became a member of the Fitness Center and not long after, joined the committee. Megan's been such an asset to the Village; she's dedicated many volunteer hours and offered programs and personal training to members of all ages. Megan is praised in the community for her dedication and kind demeanor; and for having the ability to tune in with each member on a personal level. Megan, Slocan will miss you and we wish you and your family all the best!



FROM THE
VILLAGE OF SLOCAN!

CALL FOR REPRESENTATIVES:

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

Slocan Tourism Advisory Committee

The purpose of this committee is to work cooperatively in developing Slocan as a vibrant and welcoming tourism community. The Committee is intended to oversee the development of tourism locally and regionally by helping to strengthen the overall "visitor experience".

The Committee shall provide Village Council with advice and recommendations on tourism issues directly affecting Slocan and the Slocan Valley by working with local and regional groups to assist in creating an integrated perspective on tourism issues. If you are interested in sitting on this committee, please contact the Village Office at 250-355-2277 or info@villageofslocan.ca.



The Kootenay Animal Assistance Program (KAAP) is currently exploring the idea of selecting an area to act as a model for a study on the benefits of a spay-neuter program targeting unfixed cats and dogs.

IF AN AFFORDABLE LOW-COST SERVICE TO PROVIDE SPAY-NEUTER SURGERIES AND TRANSPORTATION FOR YOUR CATS AND DOGS WERE PROVIDED, WOULD YOU USE IT?
YES _____ NO _____

I LIVE IN: a) THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN _____ b) AREA H _____

HOW MANY PETS DO YOU HAVE?

OF CATS: FIXED _____ UNFIXED _____

OF DOGS: FIXED _____ UNFIXED _____

Please submit **ANONYMOUS** responses back to the Village Office or drop them off at Mountain Valley Station. Please submit by April 15, 2013.