



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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MARCH 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.

2015 Council Meeting Schedule:

January 12	May 11	September 14
February 10	June 8	October 13 (Tues)
March 9	July 13	November 9
April 13	August 10	December 14



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, March 14th, 2015

St. Patty's Day 'VEGAS' Night at the Legion! Doors open at 5:30pm, Casino 6pm, Buffet at 7pm, 8pm more Casino! Tickets \$15 at Mountain Valley Station or phone 355-2672 to reserve. Fantastic Food and Live Entertainment!



EARTH HOUR

The Village of Slocan is encouraging residents to participate in Earth Hour 2015. At 8:30 pm on Saturday, March 28th, over 162 countries around the world will turn off their lights to mark Earth Hour and take action on climate change. Participation in this initiative is intended to raise awareness and inspire action on climate change.



CBT Community Initiatives: Public Input Meeting

Persons having interest in reviewing the applications for the 2015 Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Grant Program are invited to attend:

Community Input Session
Monday, May 11th, 2015
5:00 p.m. at the Village Office

EASTER EGG HUNT IN SLOCAN

APRIL 5, 2015
AT THE SLOCAN BEACH

TWO AGE CATEGORIES:

AGE 0 - 5
11:00 to 11:30 am

AGE 6 and up
12:00 - 12:30 pm

BRING YOUR OWN BASKET!

Thank you to WEGSCC, Village of Slocan, Slocan Village Market, Mountain Valley Station, and Harold Street Café for your kind donations. Thank you to Karlie Yanke for organizing this event.

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

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

MEETING NOTES: March 9th, 2015

- Mr. Daniel Pizarro, Senior Regional Transit Manager, BC Transit for the Kootenay Transit area presented an overview of "Transit System Orientation Village of Slocan". On March 16, 2015 Route 20 (Slocan Valley) will increase Saturday Service.
- Abram Davis of the Springer Creek Restoration & Preservation Alliance (SCRAPA) provided data and information on Springer Creek and provided an overview of their Recreation Mapping Project.
- The Village agreed to renew the Licence to Occupy with the Slocan Valley Outrider's Association for a further two years. Staff will inquire if a longer lease term is favorable for the Association.
- The CBT Community Initiatives Public Meeting will be held on Monday, May 11th, 2015 at 5:00pm in Council Chambers and applicants will be invited to give a 5 minute presentation and answer any questions on their applications.
- The 2015 Annual Spring Clean-Up will be held Monday, April 27 to Thursday, April 30 and the Village will limit the amount of collected materials per household to a maximum of two piles of one cubic meter each; and further, that \$20 Freon and \$10 Non-Freon tags, for pickup of white goods, will be available for purchase at the Village Office.
- Mayor Lunn and Councillor Van Bynen will attend the 2015 AKBLG Conference in Nakusp on April 22 – April 24.
- An RDCK Community Development Grant of \$5000 will be provided to the Kootenay Boundary Division of Family Practice Society to purchase start up supplies for the nurse practitioner, to provide patient care services out of the Village of Slocan Wellness Center.
- The Village will provide \$200 from the RDCK Discretionary Grant Fund to the Association des francophones des Kootenays Ouest to support a French film night in Slocan.
- Public Works will prepare a cost estimate to replace the outside walkway leading to the Library stairs.
- The Village will write a letter of support for the Slocan Legion, for their Legacy Grant Fund of \$4000 to put towards renovations of the hall kitchen.
- Councillor Van Bynen was appointed as the Council Liaison to the Slocan Curling Club and the Village will provide a letter of support for their application to secure grant funding to facilitate improvements to the Curling Club.
- A request was received from the Legacy Skate Camp for the Village to provide liability coverage for a 5 day skate camp. Staff will research how the Village policy covers special events such as this.
- A request was received from WE Graham School to display banners in the Village created by the students. Council recommended WE Graham contact Public Works to determine suitable locations to hang them around town.
- A request was received to examine the heritage oak tree at the Wellness Center grounds and the silver maples on the beach, to mark branches in need of pruning.
- The Village will provide \$150 from the RDCK Discretionary Grant Fund to WEGSCC for the sponsorship of an Easter egg hunt at the Slocan beach.
- Council will invite Ruth Pierson, the remaining ambulance station attendant in Winlaw, to discuss solutions regarding the Slocan Valley ambulance service.
- The CAO provided a report on the submitted funding application, to the New Building Canada Small Communities Fund Program, for the micro-hydro project.
- The Social Media Policy No. 2013-036 was approved as amended.
- Council invited the Community Directed Youth Funds Coordinator to present information at the next meeting regarding the WEGCSS Slocan Valley Youth Bus Project.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2015.



Residential Spring Cleanup 2015

Monday, April 27 – Thursday, April 30



MAXIMUM: TWO PILES OF ONE CUBIC METER EACH

Put your items in the same location you would normally put your garbage can.

Acceptable Items:

- ✓ Furniture - sofas, beds, chairs, etc.
- ✓ Domestic household items
- ✓ Garden Trimmings (must be bundled neatly)
- ✓ Branches separated to run through chipper (Less than 10cm in diameter)
- ✓ There is a **\$20.00** charge for picking up items containing Freon (ex: fridges, freezers)
- ✓ There is a **\$10.00** charge for picking Up White Goods (stoves, hot water tanks, washers, dryers)

tags can be purchased at Village Office

Unacceptable Items:

- X Vehicles
- X Hazardous waste - paint, fuel, used oil, flammables, poisons, thinners, pesticides and fertilizers, etc.
- X Oil tanks
- X Tires
- X Propane tanks
- X Vehicle batteries
- X Electronic Recyclable Materials



Please don't wait until the last day to put your items out!

~MOUNTAIN VALLEY STATION~

Proud Sponsors of the Village of Slocan Spring Cleanup!

Beverage containers may be returned for refund at the Mountain Valley Station bottle depot, open Monday – Saturday, 9am to 5pm
Closed Sundays & Holidays

FREE VEHICLE REMOVAL PROGRAM

The Village will once again be offering FREE vehicle removal. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Village Office to register. We will require the make, model and color of your vehicle. Please remember to move your vehicle onto the Village boulevard on your scheduled day of pick-up. There is no cost to the Village or the resident for this service.

**SLOCAN VALLEY SENIORS' HOUSING SOCIETY
PUBLIC MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 17th, 2015 at 5:30pm
At the Slocan Legion Hall**

This meeting will include a slide show and display of draft designs for the 12 units proposed for Slocan.

Comments and questions are welcomed!

The Need & Demand Study will be also be discussed.

Thank you to everyone who filled out a survey!

Surveys are available and can be dropped off at the Village Office, Slocan Village Market and the Slocan Community Library.



**FROM THE
VILLAGE OF SLOCAN!**

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.

The Public Works Association Presents:

**National Public
Works Week!**

MAY 17 – MAY 23

National Public Works Week (NPWW) is observed each year during the 3rd week of May. This is the 55th year! NPWW calls attention to the importance of public works in community life and seeks to acknowledge the efforts of tens of thousands of men and women in North America who provide and maintain civil infrastructure and services. NPWW also allows Councils to remind the public of the 24/7 services they are responsible for and are proud of.



With the recent approval of our Social Media Policy, the Village has now created a facebook page! This will be used to get information out to our residents who use this platform, and is in conjunction with our website. Please visit:

www.facebook.com/villageofslocan

Slocan District Chamber of Commerce AGM

You are invited to attend the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce 2015 Annual General Meeting . . . Come out to learn about what the Chamber has been up to in the Valley this year and how your membership supports our work towards a vibrant, diverse, and healthy economy. New members welcome!

**Friday, March 13th, 2015 – 7pm to 9pm
At the Blue Moon B&B, 603 Slocan Street, Slocan, 250-355-2604**

Nurse Practitioner, DONNA GIBBONS, Begins Practice in Slocan APRIL 9!

Donna Gibbons will be practicing at the Slocan Wellness Center starting April 9th from 10:00am to 4:00pm. If you haven't made your appointment for a routine wellness check, call to book yours today! Space is filling up fast! Walk-in appointments will be accepted if there is room but appointments are recommended.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH DONNA,
PLEASE CALL 250-358-7211**