



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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MAY 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.

2012 Council Meeting Schedule:

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



COMING EVENTS:

***Saturday, May 18, 10am – 5pm**

Slocan City Trading Co Grand Opening

***Saturday, May 18, 7pm – 1am**

Mayhem @ the Legion, presented by
Slocan City Trading Co, Grand Opening Dance
Featuring Canadian Blues Icon Big Dave
McLean, Kelly Jay, the Drake Brothers and More!

***June 23** – Legion Week Celebration
Community BBQ

***June 29** – Legion Pig Roast and Dance

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY:

Canada Summer Jobs is a Government of
Canada initiative that provides funding to
help employers create summer job
opportunities for students.

The Village of Slocan is now accepting
resumes to fill two (2) part time positions
(32 hours per week) with Public Works for
the summer season.

Resumes will be accepted until
Friday, May 24, 2013

At the Village Office – 503 Slocan Street
Fax: 250-355-2666 | email:
info@villageofslocan.ca



Slocan City Trading
Buy Sell Trade
Est. 2013



**GRAND
OPENING**
SAT MAY 18
From 10am to 5pm

*The Slocan City Trading Co.' 501 Harold Street, Slocan BC
We buy, sell, trade, we buy and sell antiques,

collectibles, musical instruments, tools, art, celebrity memorabilia,
boats etc. We also sell guitar strings and many more things.

Please be our guests on Saturday May 18th for snacks and
hospitality from 10 a.m. to 5p.m. at our new showroom in Slocan.

We also have some music featuring Canadian Blues Icon Big Dave McLean,
the Drake Brothers, Steven and Adam, Kelly Jay Fordham of Crowbar
and a host of local and nationally known musicians for some easy
listening at the shoppe from 2 till 5pm. There will be a dance at the
Slocan Legion starting at 7pm running until 1am in the evening
There will be a cover charge of 15 dollars at the Legion

Phone 250-355-2299

Please be a responsible pet owner and keep
your dog leashed while walking and/or
contained in your yard. Pick up after your
dogs; disposal bags are available at all doggie
hitching posts in town.

**Please take note that the Village of Slocan
Office will no longer be accepting credit card
payments. Accepted payment methods include
debit, cash, cheque, or money order.**

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

MEETING NOTES: May 13th, 2013

- The Village of Slocan has an agreement with FirstData for equipment to process credit card and debit card payments. Payment of Village utilities and property taxes can be made by credit card; this is convenient for those paying, but credit card charges and FirstData fees become the responsibility of the Village and are costly. Effective immediately, the Village will no longer accept credit card payments for any transactions, including Village utilities, taxes, bus or gym passes; and further that staff monitor debit card expenses for a six month period to determine costs. Debit, cash and cheque are still accepted methods of payment.
- The Legion has applied for and has received recommended approval from Slocan Village Council for CBT Community Initiatives Funding to enlarge and improve the kitchen facility which includes a full enclosure of the external fire escape. The renovation project is estimated at \$16,000 to \$18,000. The CBT Initiatives Funding applied for is \$7,000. The Legion will be responsible for raising the additional funds. Council wishes to meet with the Legion to review the blueprints and project plans.
- Staff will hire two students for the summer at a cost of \$7000 under the Canada Summer Jobs Program. Students are invited to drop off resumes until Friday, May 24, 4:00pm.
- An amended proposal was received from Helma Rainey for the 2013 RV Park contract, and accepted.
- A May 9/13 report was received from the CAO regarding a Development Variance Permit Application for the property legally described as Lots 6-10, Block 48, Plan 496, DL 292. The applicant has requested a height variance to permit an increase in the height of the accessory building to allow the development of the second storey as office space. Council approved the variance to increase the height from 4.5 meters to 5.5 meters, with no public objection.
- A request was received from Brenda Will to install a memorial bench at the beach area in memory of Daniel Crossley. Council requested a report be brought back to the June meeting with more information from staff regarding bench standards and possible floodplain / placement issues, and that staff respond back to Brenda Will.
- An e-mail was forwarded to the Village from Councillor Elliott, from Sangita Sudan, RDCK Manager of Development Services, requesting \$10,000 as the Village's portion of the Slocan Lake Shoreline Guidance Document. Council agreed to contribute \$2,500 as the Village's portion.
- Correspondence was received from Michelle Morelli suggesting that the rare and historical books currently stored at the library be transferred to the archives located in the Village Office. Council suggested the Library meet with the Archives Society to discuss.
- An email was received from Shuggy Milligan asking for the Village staff and works crew to support the installation of light standards at Tenacity Skateboard Park. Council directed staff to respond to Shuggy Milligan referencing a June 29/11 letter written to the WE Graham Community Service Society outlining Village recommendations and conditions, and that future correspondence and requests should go through WEGSCC coordinator Holly Jack.
- The Financial Plan (2013 – 2017) Bylaw No. 630, 2013, The Annual Tax Rate Bylaw No. 631, 2013, and the Village of Slocan Climate Action Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 632, 2013 was adopted.
- A proposed "Special Events Bylaw", "Public Wharf Bylaw", "Facility Use Policy", and "Donations of Gifts Policy" were tabled to a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 10th, 2013, 7:00 p.m.



Joanne Ellis, the retiring executive director and coordinator of the WE Graham Community Services Society for the last 12 years, was honored at a well-attended community retirement celebration at the WE Graham school gym on Sat. April 27th. Joanne has been at the helm of many community initiatives such as early childhood education, outdoor education, youth programs and services, mental health and youth counselling, art therapy, summer camps, Tenacity Skate Park, resources and referrals, the Slocan Valley Food Bank, Learning Center/Computer Lab, youth center, and the Valhalla Day Care Center, just to name a few. Joanne is appreciated in this community and does not go unrecognized for all she has done.

THANK YOU JOANNE, FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR THIS TOWN!

The Village of Slocan would like to welcome HOLLY JACK, the new coordinator at WE Graham Community Service Society.



HUNGER AWARENESS WEEK

Last week was "Hunger Awareness Week" in Canada. According to *Food Banks Canada*, nearly 1 million people use a food bank in Canada each month. You can help by donating food, money, or your time to your local food bank, "The Slocan Valley Food Cupboard". Contact the WE Graham Community Service Society to make a donation or for more information: Karen Hogg, Office Manager, at 250-355-2484 ext.2 or email officemanager@wegcss.org.

MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Last week was "Mental Health Week" in Canada. One of the critical reasons the WE Graham Community Service Society was established was because of serious concerns about AT RISK people in the Valley, particularly teens. The WEGCSS now has programs for families, preschoolers, children, teens, adults, and seniors to help support mental health in our Valley communities. For more information regarding these programs, please contact WEGCSS at 250-355-2484.

2013 PROPERTY TAXES:

Please be advised that the 2013 Property Tax invoices have been mailed out.
This year property taxes are due by:

4:00pm on JULY 2nd

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

For more information, please contact the Village Office or visit the Property Tax page on our website:
www.slocancity.com/property-taxes/

MESSAGE FROM W.E. GRAHAM COMMUNITY SCHOOL:

Did you know your choice for schooling your children can have a big impact on our community school? If about 5 more students registered in K-2 and 5 more in grades 3-5, there is a good chance we would have the following configurations:

Grade K-2: 14 to 16 students

Grade 3-6: 16 students

Grade 7-8: 15 students

Grade 9-10: 14 students

Why not support your community school by registering your child here for September? For more information, call WE Graham at 250-355-2212.

Slocan Networks for New Parents: Monday, June 3, 2013 at WE Graham Community School, 10am - 1pm. Connect with other families, exchange children's and maternity goods, and enjoy a healthy lunch! Meet special guest Holly Jack, the new coordinator at WEG Community Service Society, and learn what they have to offer families with young children. Babies, preschoolers and pregnant parents are welcome at these free drop-in events!

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN



SLOCAN LAKE MOORAGE

Moorage is **not permitted** on Slocan Lake. Please be courteous of other boats that need to come in and out at the boat launch. Boats should only be parked at the breakwater **while loading or unloading.**

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

UNITY MUSIC FESTIVAL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING:

The Slocan Valley Cultural Alliance, a local non-profit society is bringing the Unity Music Festival to Slocan City on July 27th and 28th, 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 public information meeting and volunteer sign up session will be held Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00 pm, and the Legion Hall. Everyone welcome.

For more information, please visit www.unityfestival.ca.

RDCK Transfer Station

Just a reminder that the Slocan Waste Management Facility is open every Tuesday and Saturday, from 10am to 4pm, excluding holidays. For more information, please call the RDCK at (250) 352-6665.

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR PROPERTY LINE IS?

Before building on your property or erecting a fence, please be sure to check where your property line is.

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.

SPRINGER CREEK RV PARK & CAMPGROUND

OPENING DATE: Friday, May 17th, 2013

CLOSING DATE: Monday, October 14th, 2013

For reservations or information:

May – Oct: 250-355-2266 | springr@telus.net

Nov – Apr: 250-355-2277 | info@villageofslocan.ca

Arlington Road PAVING PROJECT

Update from the Ministry of Transportation:

Resurfacing of Arlington Road has been planned for May 13th to May 16th. These dates are project and weather dependant. Business and property owners will be accommodated as best as possible; any traffic disruptions will be minimal and detours will be provided.

