



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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DECEMBER 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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

VILLAGE OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS and GARBAGE SCHEDULE

The Village Office will be closed at 4pm on Monday, December 23rd, 2013 and will re-open at 9am on Thursday, January 2nd, 2014.

Garbage pickup will fall on the following dates:

Residential: Tuesday, DECEMBER 24th and Tuesday, DECEMBER 31st

Commercial: Tuesday, DECEMBER 24th, Tuesday, DECEMBER 31st
Friday, DECEMBER 27th, and Friday, JANUARY 3rd

Building inspection services will be available all Thursdays in December (11am – 12pm) excluding the 26th.



7TH ANNUAL FAMILY FUN SKATE!

Hosted by
Mountain Valley Station

Boxing Day
1pm – 4pm

AT THE TENNIS COURTS

Hot Chocolate,
Hot Dogs, and Music!

EVERYONE WELCOME!



*Season's Greetings
From the Council & Staff of
the Village of Slocan!*



*Wishing all of you a safe and
Happy Holiday!*

LEGION EVENTS:

New Year's Dinner & Dance @ the Legion! Tuesday, December 31st, 2013
Prime Rib Dinner and Music by the Spellcasters.

Sundays @ the Legion – Musician's Jam, 1pm – 6pm
3 Meat Draws throughout the afternoon!

The Legion is now on Facebook. Look for us at: www.facebook.com/slocanvalleylegion

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

MEETING NOTES: December 9th, 2013

Malin Christensson, representing the WE Graham Community Service Society spoke on their plans to establish a community vegetable garden to ensure fresh produce to the food bank. The community garden is to be located south of the Skate Park.

Denise Dufault attended the meeting to discuss the possibilities of developing a community micro-hydro co-operative project on Springer Creek.

Village Council agreed to provide a \$50.00 Christmas bonus and a free 2014 annual pass to the Fitness Centre for each member of the Slocan Volunteer Fire Fighters / First Responders.

The Council Procedure Bylaw requires that Council designate members of Council to serve, on a rotating basis, as the member responsible for acting in the place of the Mayor when the Mayor is absent or otherwise unable to act, or when the office of the Mayor is vacant. The following calendar was approved for the appointment of Acting Mayors for 2014:

- Councillor Elliott – January, February & March
- Councillor Lunn – April, May & June
- Councillor McGreal – July, August & September
- Councillor Patterson – October, November & December

Village Council confirmed the following dates for the 2014 Regular Council Meeting.

Monday, January 13 th	Tuesday, February 11 th	Monday, March 10 th
Monday, April 14 th	Monday, May 12 th	Monday, June 9 th
Monday, July 14 th	Monday, August 11 th	Monday, September 8 th
Tuesday, October 14 th	Monday, November 10 th	Monday, December 8 th

Councillor Elliott was appointed as the Village of Slocan Director to the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board; and Mayor Perriere was appointed as the Alternate Director the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District Board.

Councillor Elliott was appointed as the Village of Slocan Director to the Board of the RDCK; and Mayor Perriere, was appointed as the Village of Slocan Alternate Director to the Board of the RDCK.

Village Council agreed to send letters to Ministers Bill Bennett and Pat Pimm supporting the independence of the Agricultural Land Commission as a Provincial agency responsible for the Province's land use zone. Council reaffirmed its support for the preservation of farmland in the Province's Agricultural Land Reserve; and if another review of the ALC and the ALR is deemed important by the Provincial Government, a substantially longer period be afforded to local governments to scrutinize any proposed changes to the ALR and the ALC.

Due to lack of a full Council, Council tabled the following items:

- 3rd reading of the Village of Slocan Special Events Bylaw, No. 635, 2013
- 1st, 2nd & 3rd readings of the Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 637, 2014
- the DRAFT Freedom of Information and the Protection of Privacy Policy.

Correspondence was received from Joyce Johnson, Slocan Valley Historical Society, requesting approval for kiosks at proposed sites for a self-guided walking tour. Council tabled a decision pending a full Council discussion.

Council agreed to circulate an acute care planning strategic initiative information package prepared by Jim Gustafson on behalf of the Village of Castlegar. The City of Castlegar wishes to introduce to the local government WKBRHD partners a draft strategic plan regarding the future of investment in acute care planning for the region. A public meeting will be scheduled for January 2014 for further discussion and the development of a Village of Slocan position on acute care.

*The Acute Care Planning Strategic Initiative document can be viewed on the Village website (www.slocancity.com NEWS Page) or at the Village Office. You can also send a request to info@villageofslocan.ca to have it emailed to you.

Dick Kelly attended the meeting to update Council on the very successful activities of the Slocan Community Library Society.

Next Meeting: Monday, January 13th, 2014.

WEGCSS LEARNING CENTER

We're recruiting volunteers! With more volunteers, we can offer more accessibility. This might be a great opportunity for someone with base computer abilities to enhance their skill set and become more familiar with technology. This might also be a good opportunity for a parent/kid team to volunteer together, sharing in an experience with technology, computers, and community. This is for anyone who is looking to broaden their horizons, by offering this important service to the community. Benefits of volunteering include networking, diversification, and it can equally present itself as a motivator to get out of the house and share your talents with others. To get involved, please email officemanager@wegcss.org.

The Learning Center has several computers available to the public, with internet & Microsoft Word, as well as a few computer games and more software possible in the new year. Feel free to drop by and let us know what computer programs and/or services you would find most useful. We also have cost-effective printing services available. Our current accessibility is still unveiling itself, so please check in for announcements regarding open hours.

Thank you, from WEGCSS. 250-355-2484.

DAYCARE

*Valhalla Children's
Center*

The Valhalla
Children's Center
is open on
Mondays,
Tuesdays, and
Thursdays and
currently has
spots available! To
register your child
or for more info,
please contact
Natalie Lucas at
(250) 355-2222.

Slocan City Trading and
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 276

PROUDLY PRESENT

New Year Party
2014
DINNER AND DANCE
Fabulous Prime Rib Dinner
FEATURING MUSIC BY

**the
Spelleasters**

TUESDAY DEC 31, DOORS OPEN 7PM, AT THE
Royal Canadian Legion Branch 276

Tickets available at
Mountain Valley Station 355-2245 and Slocan City Trading 355-2299
Members and Guests \$25.00 per person, \$40 per couple



SLOCAN CURLING CLUB

Registration is now open for the 2013/14 season!
No experience necessary, new members welcome.

If you are interested, please call Jamie at
250-355-2562 or Arlene at 250-226-7970.

Visit www.slocancity.com for meeting minutes, bylaws,
newsletters, and current events.

Winter is here and the Village of Slocan would like to remind
residents to keep boulevards clear of unlicensed and/or
uninsured vehicles and debris.

SLOCAN FITNESS CENTER

Passes can be purchased at
Mountain Valley Station or at the
Slocan Village Office.

One Month:	\$20
Punch Pass:	\$30
Three Month:	\$50
Six Month:	\$100
One Year:	\$180

Previous Fitness Center users should ensure they have not
left shoes or clothing at the gym. Unclaimed items will be
removed from the building by January 1, 2014.

Don't want to drive on the winter roads? No problem!
Bus passes are sold at Mountain Valley
Station or at the Village Office.
Discounted rates are available for students and seniors,
and single ride or monthly passes are available!
www.transitbc.com/regions/wkt

Exciting New Slocan Valley Directory!
<http://slocanvalley.com>



Library Hours

Tuesday	1 pm - 5 pm
Wednesday	10 am - 1 pm
Thursday	1 pm - 5 pm
Friday	7 pm - 9 pm
Saturday	11 am - 3 pm
Sunday	11 am - 3 pm
(Closed on Mondays)	

- Storytime for tots Wed. 10:15-11:15 am
- Don't forget to renew your library card-\$10/year
for adults, 16 years and under free

Browse the Library Catalogue at: <http://slocanlibrary.ca>

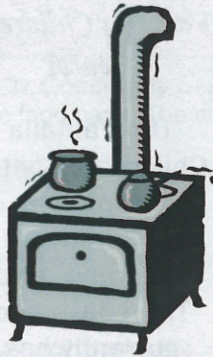
**WE GRAHAM SCHOOL
BAKE SALE & ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS CONCERT!**



This is an invitation to the primary class bake sale at the school on Thursday, December 12th at 1:15 p.m.

The annual Christmas Concert will be held on Tuesday, December 17th at 1:15 p.m.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



**RDCK WOODSTOVE
EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

The RDCK is offering rebates up to \$350 for the exchange of old wood-burning stoves. Application forms can be found at the Village Office or on the RDCK website. Additionally, you may contact Vicky Issott, RDCK Environmental Services, at 1-800-268-7325 (ext. 8161) or email vissott@rdck.bc.ca.

**ON JANUARY 1st, 2014 ALL OUTSTANDING UTILITY BILLS
WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO ARREARS TAXES.**



PLEASE NOTIFY THE VILLAGE OFFICE IF YOU NOTICE A STREETLIGHT OUT OR FLICKERING.

BUSINESS LICENCES

Billing: December 15th, 2013

Due: January 31st, 2014

DOG LICENSING

Billing: December 15th, 2013

Due: January 31st, 2014

UTILITIES (WATER/GARBAGE)

Billing: January 2014

Due: February 15th, 2014

LOST & FOUND:

On November 8th, a men's ring was found at the Fitness Center.

If you think this is your ring, please contact the Village Office to claim.

**Youth
Center
Hours:**

Thursdays
4:30pm – 7:00pm

Fridays
7:00pm – 11:00pm

Saturdays
7:00pm – 11:00pm

Youth are encouraged to come down for games, videos, art, and more!



It is flu season! Please remember to wash your hands often and avoid touching your face. Cough into your sleeve, and stay at home if you are sick!

www.gov.bc.ca

Healthlink BC 8-1-1

This Christmas season, give your donation to the Slokan Valley Food Cupboard, located at 1001 Harold Street. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Christmas Hamper Day: Thursday, Dec. 19th (11 - 3)

Turkey Lunch: Thursday, Dec. 19th, 12:00 noon

The Food Bank is open on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of every month from 11am to 3pm.

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