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NOVEMBER 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:

November 12th (Tues) December 9th

Council meetings are held on the second
MONDAY of each month (excluding holidays).



Remember

November



SNOW REMOVAL

We are now accepting registration forms from SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES for the clearance of driveway furrows. Please pick up your form at the Village Office; this form must be completed each year. Please be mindful that this is a FREE service and that it is not a required service or bylaw. Streets and commercial areas will be cleared before driveway furrows. Your patience is much appreciated.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR at the LEGION!

Sunday, November 24th from
10am – 3pm
Santa visits from 11am – 12am.

*Enjoy vendors, coffee, snacks, baked
goods and a social gathering to support
our local crafters*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, November 30th – 6:30pm Sharp
TEXAS HOLD'EM
Buy-In \$30 at Mountain Valley Station

Sunday, December 8th – 1:00pm
TURKEY BINGO!
At the Legion Hall
\$2 per Card



Food Pantry
Donations Needed

HELP YOUR LOCAL FOOD CUPBOARD!

The Slocan Valley Food Cupboard is currently accepting donations for the 2013 Christmas Hamper Project. Last year, our organization supplied 75 households with a hamper. We are able to provide these hampers because of amazing local businesses, individuals and organizations, who contribute in so many ways. We are grateful for all contributions/donations that we receive, and for the time and manpower provided by volunteers. We accept financial contributions, as well as food items or gifts to place in the hampers. We do offer charitable donation receipts upon request. If you and/or your organization or business would like to contribute to this project, donations for the Slocan Valley Food Cupboard can be made to the below address. We will arrange to pick up items if delivery is not an option.

WE Graham Community Service Society

Open the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month, 11am – 3pm

1001 Harold Street, Box 10, Slocan BC, V0G 2C0

Ph: 250-355-2484 | E: officemanager@wegcss.org



VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

MEETING NOTES: November 12th, 2013

- Village Council decided not to advertise in the Selkirk Loop; but agreed to purchase a \$100.00 membership in the International Selkirk Loop.
- A report was received from the CAO outlining that approximately \$8,000 of in-kind services were provided by the Village to the July 27 & 28 Unity Festival.
- Correspondence was received from the Slocan Valley Cultural Alliance indicating that they are considering holding the Unity Festival event in 2014 and requested in-kind support from the Village to upgrade the electrical supply to the event site. A report from the CAO indicated that the electrical service upgrade could exceed \$10,000.
Council agreed to send a letter to the Slocan Valley Cultural Alliance indicating that any decision to upgrade the electrical service at the beach is premature and that the Village needs to develop an overall plan for the beach / boat launch area.
- Risk Management Services, at the request of Municipal Insurance Association of BC, completed a survey of the beach area and boat launch to identify potential exposures to liability.
Council referred the matter to 2014 budget discussions.
- A report was received from the CAO on proposed Village Office hours during the Christmas period.
The Village Office will close from 4:00 p.m. on December 23, 2013 until 9:00 a.m. on January 2, 2014. Residential garbage collection will be Tuesday, December 24th and 31st, and commercial garbage collection will be Monday, December 30th and Friday, January 3, 2014.
- Terms of Reference for the Western Screech Owl Select Committee were approved as amended.
Councillors Lunn and McGreal were appointed as the Council representatives on the Committee and seven members of the public have expressed interest in sitting on this committee. First meeting: TBA.
- The 2013 Springer Creek RV Park and Campground operator's report was received by Council. Revenues exceeded budget by \$5400; expenditures exceeded budget by \$3800. Increase in expenditures over budget mainly due to additional payments to operator based on 50% of revenues earned over \$14,500.
The Springer Creek RV Park and Campground Service Agreement was renewed for 2014 with Helma Rainey, under the same terms and conditions as per the 2013 Agreement.
- Council deferred a decision on the License of Occupation for the Library Society's use of a portion of the Wellness Centre pending a review of the License of Occupation by the Library Society.
- Council supported the RDCK Board to adopt Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Amendment Bylaw, which integrates the Nelson & District Handydart, Nakusp Paratransit, Kaslo Paratransit, and Kootenay Lake West Transit systems into one service. Financial impacts to Slocan will be negligible.
- The "Village of Slocan Special Events Bylaw, No. 635, 2013" was given 1st & 2nd readings.
The "Donation of Gifts Policy 2013-027" was adopted, and the "Social Media Policy 2013-036" was tabled.
- Mayor Perriere raised for discussion the concept of the Slocan Valley Historical Society developing a prehistoric museum.
Council is to ask the Slocan Valley Historical Society to investigate the viability of establishing a prehistoric museum for Slocan as suggested by Rory Lindsay.
- Councillor McGreal raised for discussion a complaint against her to the Office of the Information and Privacy Commission.
Staff is to draft policies and guidelines as to the process to be followed when an access request for records and/or a complaint are received that would fall within the requirements of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Staff is to draft a policy as to the types of records that it considers to be confidential, the process that must be followed by individuals who want to provide records in a confidential manner and the internal processes that must be followed to ensure that the confidentiality of such records is preserved, all in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Staff is to contact the Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner regarding available training programs regarding the requirements of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for staff, volunteers and elected officials.
- Staff is to contact Linda Lafleur of CBT, to determine if Columbia Basin Trust would be interested in coordinating/facilitating a meeting with other municipalities who have experienced a mill shutdown so that we could learn from them (their process, strategies, etc.).

Next Meeting: Monday, December 9th, 2013.

REMINDER:

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

The Slocan Volunteer Fire Department is
currently recruiting new members! Firemen,
1st Responders, and Rescue Society members are
needed. Training is provided. Please call
250-355-2672 for more information.

UPCOMING FLU SHOT CLINIC:

Wednesday, November 20th at the
Slocan Health and Wellness Center
1:00pm – 3:00pm
No appointment necessary.
Please bring your Care Card.



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.



GIANT BOOK SALE!

Support your community library and check out
our book sale on November 23rd and 24th during
our regular business hours.
Lots of books, movies and office furniture for sale.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR LIBRARY
MEMBERSHIP YET? IT'S ONLY \$10 PER ADULT
FOR ONE YEAR AND FREE FOR KIDS 16 YEARS
AND UNDER!

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



Thank you to everyone who
participated in the 2013
Halloween Hoot!

Thank you to our businesses,
clubs, organizations, and
everyone who donated to
make this annual event
possible. What a hoot!

Winter is coming and the Village of Slocan would
like to remind residents to keep boulevards clear
of unlicensed and/or uninsured vehicles and
debris, in preparation for snow removal.

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS:
Slocan Community Library**

Our little gem of a library needs help!

If you can volunteer, please email

Donna at dgole@telus.net or call 250-226-7445

Or you can just drop in to tell the volunteer on
duty that you are interested.

**SLOCAN FITNESS CENTER
OPEN HOUSE**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

Come visit the Slocan Fitness Center at the red
schoolhouse (Wellness Center) on Harold
Street from 11am to 3pm on November 23rd!

Take a tour of the Fitness Center and
learn how to use our weight and
cardio machines.

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

\$20/1 Month, \$50/3 Months,
\$100/6 Months or \$180/Year

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.

BUSINESS LICENCES

Billing: December 15th, 2013

Due: January 31st, 2014

DOG LICENSING

Billing: December 15th, 2013

Due: January 31st, 2014

UTILITIES (WATER/GARBAGE)

Billing: December 2013

Due: February 15th, 2014



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

Slocan Youth Center

1001 Harold Street

NEW: Open after school on
Thursday evenings for the
month of November!

4:30pm – 7:30pm.

The Youth Center also
continues to be open every
Friday and Saturday evening
from 7pm – 11pm. More info
please call 250-355-2484.

Hello Slocan Dogs!

Please remind your owners to buy you a nice
shiny new 2014 tag! Starting December 1st, they
will be on sale for all dogs that have been spayed
or neutered for the low price of \$15.00.....

Yes, that's right, only \$15.00/tag!

Sale ends January 31st, 2014.

DON'T GET LOST WITHOUT YOUR SHINY NEW TAG!



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

**Slocan
Community Garden**

On Thursday, November 7th, the first Slocan Community Garden Work Bee & Workshop was held at WE Graham Community Service Society's land just south of the skate park.

Volunteers met to discuss and brainstorm what kind of garden would be suitable for the land and to conduct some site clean-up. During the next five weeks,

Malin Christensson and Denise Dufault will work for the Community Center to get the community garden project going, apply for grants and call local businesses for donations.

If you are interested in joining this project, please contact
WE Graham Community Service Society at 250-355-2484.