



**Did you know:**  
That the visitor information centre in the Springer Creek Campground was designed to approximate the size and layout of an internee shack?

The man who designed the infocentre was architect Mitch Nishimura, who had been interned at Slocan.

### Your Library— Check it Out

#### New Adult Non-fiction:

Twelve Years a Slave  
The Soldier's Wife  
Mendocino  
In Falling Snow  
City of Shadows  
Phantom  
Silent Wife  
Honolulu: A Novel  
Twelve Tribes of Hattie  
Lucifer's Tears  
Cocaine Blues  
The Stormchasers: A Novel  
Flying Too High  
Blood Count  
Murder on the Ballarat Train  
Ghost Bridge  
Death at Victoria Dock  
The Orenda  
The Kashmir Shawl  
The Drowning  
Clara and Mr. Tiffany  
The Rosie Project  
Calligrapher's Daughter  
The Sultan's Wife  
Sand Castle Girls  
Vicious Circle  
Born Weird  
Lion Seeker  
So Much for That A Novel  
Following Atticus  
Divergent

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## OurStory—Back to Lemon Creek

August 2014 marks the 20th anniversary of New Denver's Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre, a national historic site which is dedicated to telling the story of the internment of nearly 23,000 Japanese-Canadians during World War II.

After being uprooted from their homes on the BC coast, many of the internees were brought to camps in the Slocan Valley. The largest of these camps was constructed at Lemon Creek in 1943. It housed 1,800 people.

The camp had no electricity; power was supplied by diesel generator. The shacks had no insulation; they were hot in the summer and terribly cold in the winter. Some internees recalled their bedding would freeze solid to the walls of the shack.

Running water was accessed at a communal tap. Outhouses were shared, as were bath houses.



The 28' x 14' shacks were designed to hold two families and up to 10 people. Each family had one bedroom; one kitchen served everyone in the shack.

The families were resilient. Most grew gardens. Some of the men worked for local mills.

Education was highly valued among the internees. A school was established at the camp (*large building in the photo above*) which had 26 teachers instructing over 450 elementary and 117 secondary students.

Baseball was an important recreational activity and produced many outstanding players.

By late 1946, the Lemon Creek camp was closed. The individuals who lived there were forced to move east, relocate to other camps, or go to Japan. The shacks were sold off—some of them purchased by valley residents.

Today, an empty field is all that remains of the Lemon Creek camp. A sign on the Slocan Valley Rail Trail, erected in 2012, provides a brief snapshot of what occurred at the site. (The sign is located on the rail trail across from the Lemon Creek Lodge).

If you haven't visited it, stop by and ponder what life at Lemon may have been like for the 1,800 internees.

That sign, the Nikkei Centre, history books and the stories and memories of the internees and their families remind us of this part of our nation's and valley's history. Let us never forget.



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(CLOSED 12 pm—1 pm)

CLOSED FRIDAYS



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# The SLOCAN SOURCE

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## Council's Corner August 11th Council meeting highlights

### Screech Owls

The Village will submit a funding application for a Job Creation Partnership focusing on the Slocan Screech Owl Habitat Walk and Tourism Enhancement Project. An advertisement will be issued requesting applications for participants that meet the criteria to fill 5 positions. Staff will write a letter to WEGCSS requesting the use of space for participants.



Screech Owl

### Library

The Village will enter into an Asset Transfer Agreement with the Library Society. The Agreement will transfer all assets over to the Library and in the event of dissolution, the assets would revert back to the Village.

### Slocan Housing Project

The Slocan Valley Senior's Housing Society has invited Council to attend its annual AGM on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm at the Passmore Lodge (see page 2 for info).

### Telling Stories

The Slocan Lake Stewardship Society will host a "Storytelling Theatre" at three locations this month (see page 3 for info).

### Love your Lake

The Slocan Lake Stewardship Society is holding a contest to increase stewardship around the Slocan Lake (see page 3 for details).

### Bylaw

The Village of Slocan "Officer's Bylaw, 2014" was given first and second readings.

## To Mable, With Love

A large yard sale was held in front of the Slocan library on Saturday, August 9th. The treasures on sale had belonged to our beloved former postmistress, Mable Bone, who passed away earlier this year.

Many of the ladies who dropped by the sale became proud owners of a Mable-made scarf.

Proceeds from the sale will benefit the library and the Legion kitchen project. In total, approximately \$2,000 was raised.

Many thanks to Mable's family and friends for putting on this sale. It was a large effort that brought the community together and raised money for two great projects.

And thank you, Mable, for gifting us with your treasures and for supporting Slocan.

Mable was active in the Women's Institute and the Legion for several years. Her dedication and contribution to our community will not be forgotten.

## Upcoming Council Meetings

Council meetings are held at 7 p.m. in Council Chambers:

September 8  
October 14 (Tuesday)  
November 10  
December 8

**Everyone is welcome to attend!**





## Open Burning Banned

Open burning is banned in the Southeast Fire region until further notice.

The following activities are **prohibited**:

- Campfires, as defined in the wildfire regulation.
- The burning of any waste, slash or other materials.
- Stubble or grass fires.
- The use of burning barrels.
- The use of fireworks, sky lanterns, tiki torches or chimineas (outdoor fire pits).

The prohibition does not apply to cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes so long as the height of the flame is less than 15 centimetres.



Anyone found in violation of a fire prohibition, including campfires, may be issued a ticket for up to \$345.

To view the area affected by the ban, please visit <http://bit.ly/1ptXdeU>

To report a wildfire or unattended campfire, call 1-800-663-5555 toll-free or \*5555 on a cellphone.

For info on current wildfire activity, burning restrictions, road closures and air quality advisories, visit <http://www.bcwildfire.ca>

Let's keep BC safe and beautiful!



## Be Water Wise—sprinkle sparingly

Water conservation measures are still in effect and the Village asks that you sprinkle only during the hours of:

**7 a.m. to 9 a.m.  
and  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.**

Please ensure that water does not over-spray onto sidewalks, driveways or roads.

If you notice the sprinklers on the ball field operating during the day and not within regulated sprinkling hours, please don't be concerned. The timer needs to be replaced and our public works crew is working to replace it.

The irrigation system for the ball field is not tied into the Gwillam Creek plant; the water comes from a separate line off of Springer Creek.

The Village of Slocan thanks you for your cooperation and will advise if any changes are required. If you have any questions, please call 250-355-2277.

**For tips on how to conserve water:**  
[http://thewaterproject.org/water\\_conservation\\_tips](http://thewaterproject.org/water_conservation_tips)

### Remember:

Lawns and gardens require only five millimetres of water per day on warm days.



Have you heard about the Slocan Housing Project?

It's an initiative of the Slocan Valley Senior Housing Society to construct affordable housing in Slocan for seniors.

Back in 2012, Slocan Village Council supported the concept by designating the property immediately behind the Wellness Centre as a desired location for seniors' housing.

The Society will be presenting plans for the proposed facility at its Annual General Meeting on **Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Passmore Lodge**. A social, snacks and a viewing of the proposed building plans are scheduled for **6 p.m.**

The AGM will start at **7 p.m.**

Come out and help build the valley's future!

### Did you Know...

Passmore Lodge runs FREE Seniors' fitness programs from September to May, including therapeutic, chair, and restorative yoga.

For info:  
250.226.7136  
[svseniorshousing@netidea.com](mailto:svseniorshousing@netidea.com)

## Election Section — Vote on November 15th

This year's municipal election will be held on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Provincial government has changed the length of elected officials' terms. They will now serve four years. If you are interested in running for office, you may want to check out the documents provided by the Province at [http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/gov\\_structure/elections/](http://www.cscd.gov.bc.ca/lgd/gov_structure/elections/)

Alternatively, you can drop by the Village Office for info.

### ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

#### RESIDENT ELECTORS:

- age 18 or older; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately preceding the day of registration; and
- a resident of Slocan for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of registration; and
- not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

### NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

- age 18 or older; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately preceding the day of registration; and
- a registered owner of real property either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust in the area for which the vote is taking place for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of registration; and
- not entitled to register as a resident elector; and



- not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law; and

**- if there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.**



## How Do You Love Our Lake?

Let the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society (SLSS) help you count the ways.

The SLSS is sponsoring a contest to increase stewardship around our lake. Look for Love your Lake entry forms at Mountain Valley Station, Slocan Village Market and WEGCSS.

Complete eight of the 12 things on the list and then return your form to the SLSS by **Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>** and you will be eligible to win spectacular prizes!

Love Your Lake is an especially great outdoor activity for kids and visitors wanting to learn more about the area. We can all learn ways to protect the quality of our lake and water.

Because what's not to love about our lake?



**PUT YOUR DANCIN' BOOTS ON !!**

**FRIDAY AUGUST 29TH**  
at the Slocan Legion  
members & guests welcome!

**DOORS OPEN @ 8PM**

chuckwagon dinner @ 10:30-11pm  
country/western music & dancing  
until 1:00am

**TICKETS AVAILABLE @ MNT. VALLEY STATION \$20 EACH**

**SUPPORT THE SLOCAN "SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS" FESTIVITIES !**