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FEBRUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday from

9:00am to 4:00pm

(Closed from 12 noon to

1:00pm for lunch)

Closed on Fridays.

2014 Council Meeting Schedule

January 13

February 11 (Tues)

March 10

April 14

May 12

June 9

July 14

August 11

September 8

October 14 (Tues)

November 10

December 8



HERITAGE WEEK 2013

WWW.HERITAGEBC.CA

February 17th -

February 23rd



HAPPY
VALENTINE'S DAY!



2014 Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) Community Initiatives (CIP) and Affected Areas (AAP) Funding Programs

If you have a project proposal, come to the office and pick up a package or visit:

www.rdck.bc.ca/corporate/grants/cbt.html

DEADLINE: Monday, March 3, 2014, 4:30pm PST

Applications may be submitted to the Village Office, online, or to the RDCK:

Attn: Judy Madelung, RDCK, PO Box 590, 202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson BC, V1L 5R4

Committee-of-the- Whole Meeting:

A Committee-of-the-Whole meeting is to be scheduled for March, date to be announced.

Agenda items will include:

- Community Garden Licence to Occupy
- Village of Slocan 'Special Events Bylaw'
- Freedom of Information and access to Village records
- Village of Slocan 'Officers Bylaw'

Date will be circulated when available

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TEXAS HOLD'EM

At the Slocan Legion

Saturday, February 22 – 6:30pm

Buy-in \$30 at Mountain Valley Station



CASINO NIGHT

At the Slocan Legion

Saturday, March 15th

250-355-2672 for more info

DANCE NIGHTS @ The Slocan Legion starting Feb. 20th
\$8 cover (Dance lessons will start March 6th)

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

MEETING NOTES: February 11th, 2014

Karen Davis attended the meeting to further discuss the 'Spirit of Christmas' event planned for 2014. Council requested the organizers provide Council with a written request of what they would like to the Village to provide in support of the event.

The Licence to Occupy between the Village and the WEGCSS for the creation of a community garden on Village owned Lot 4 & 5, Block 39 and an adjoining portion of Arthur Street was referred to a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be scheduled for March.

In response to a request from the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce for the appointment of a Council liaison representative, Council appointed Councillor Lunn as the Council liaison to the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce.

Correspondence dated January 14th was received from Felicity Gerwing, Unity Festival, raising issues and concerns about the proposed Special Events Bylaw. Council requested that staff investigate what would be required to have the Village of Slocan sponsor the 2014 Unity Festival. Council agreed to appoint Councillor Lunn as the Council liaison to the Unity Festival to coordinate communications between the Unity Festival Committee and Village Council.

January 27, 2014 correspondence was received from the Slocan Community Library Society requesting clarification on the relationship between the Village and the Library. The Library Society was invited to attend a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting scheduled for March.

Staff is to prepare a draft response for Council's consideration to the correspondence received from BC Emergency Health Services on First Responder Services.

The Five-Year Financial Plan (2014 – 2018) Bylaw, No. 636, 2014 was introduced and read a first time. The public consultation process on the Five-Year Financial Plan Bylaw will be held in March on dates to be determined.

Council rescinded 2nd & 3rd readings of Village of Slocan Special Events Bylaw and agreed to place the matter on the agenda for the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting scheduled for March for further discussion.

The Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 637, 2014 was adopted.

A draft Freedom of Information and the Protection of Privacy Policy (referred from the January 13/14 Regular Meeting) was referred back to staff to revise to meet the November 12, 2013 Council resolution and will be dealt with at the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to be scheduled for March 2014.

The amended Fitness Centre policy 2010-013 was referred to the Fitness Committee for their comments.

February 11/14 correspondence from Mike Walsh, Skmana Creek Consulting, formally with Selkirk Power, providing Council with a brief outline for the next steps required to complete the permitting for the micro hydro project, anticipated processes for securing funding and power purchase contract. Council agreed to invite Mike Walsh to meet with Village Council to further discuss his February 11th proposal.

The January 27/14 memo from the CAO to Council on dealing with access to Village records and filed information to be included on the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda for March.

That Officers Bylaw, No. 576, 2008, to be included on the March Committee-of-the-Whole agenda for discussion on revisions.

Council raised concerns about the order of items and content of Council Meeting Minutes. Staff was requested to investigate other styles of minutes and report to Council at the Committee-of-the-Whole meeting in March.

The Village is to notify the Board of the Regional District of Central Kootenay that it is the intention of the Village to withdraw from the RD Sustainability Service 107 and RD Recreation Service 788 and RD Parks Service 633. Council believes that Slocan residents could better benefit from having these services provided in a difference model than what is presently being used by the Regional District. Council is interested in hearing the community's comments on Council decision to withdraw from these three Regional District services. If you require more information please contact Councillor Elliott, Village representative on the RDCK.

Councillor McGreal reported on the first meeting of the Screech Owl Committee held on January 23/14. Council requested that staff confirm the ownership of the trailers located at the Crew Camp property in order to facilitate the disposal of the trailers. Staff was authorized to work with the Screech Owl Committee in preparing a job creation application.

Public Participation:

Connie Myers reported that the osprey nest on the old sawmill site will remain.

Joyce Johnson suggested that the Village consider archiving Village documents. Joyce Johnson indicated that the Slocan Valley Heritage Society may be interested in securing access to a trailer located on the crew camp property.

Jamie Ingram, as a member of the Unity Festival, queried if Council wanted input into the Special Events Bylaw. Council agreed to invite the Unity Festival Committee to attend the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting in March.

Denise Dufault suggested that Council consider reducing weekly garbage collection to every other week as a cost saving measure.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 10th, 2014.

Council accepted a letter of resignation from Jack Richardson, CAO, effective at the end of February.

WEGCSS: Learning Center Public Access

Monday: 9:30am – 11:30am

Tuesday: 11:30am – 2:00pm

Friday: 9:00am – 11:00am

Volunteers needed! Contact 250-355-2484

Valhalla Children's Center

Free half-day childcare, Tuesday, Feb. 18th from 9am to noon

The Valhalla Children's Centre is a fully licensed day care for preschool children, and is launching a new, more flexible policy for enrollment, for families that may not be able to sign up in advance. To encourage you to visit the Centre, and learn more about it, they are offering a free half-day of childcare for 2.5-5 year olds on Feb 18. Call Natalie Lucas at 250-355-2222 or the WEGCSS office 250-355-2484

Kindergarten registration is under way!

Now is the time to contact your local school if your child turns 5 in 2014.

WE Graham Community School 250-355-2212

Slocan Community Library

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| Tuesday | 1 pm - 5 pm |
| Wednesday | 10 am - 1 pm |
| Thursday | 1 pm - 5 pm |
| Friday | 7 pm - 9 pm |
| Saturday | 1 pm - 5 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>

NEW: You can now view your account and renew books online! Please visit the Library to activate your account.

**COMMITTED
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.**
**If you're interested,
please contact 355-2355**

JUST IN: Large selection of kid's DVDs!

Networks for New Parents

Monday, March 3rd
WE Graham Community School
10am – 1pm

Networks for New Parents is a free drop-in program that includes a healthy lunch, an exchange of maternity, baby, and young children's clothes & goods, and a chance to connect with other families!

Special guest Alison Salo, CBAL Coordinator, will be on hand with information about Mother Goose and other literacy programs. She has lots of take-home books and activities for young children. Join us for this fun day and learn about resources and services available for parents and young children age 0-6.

For more information,
please contact Penny at 250-226-7605

PUBLIC MEETING:

Residents of Slocan and Area H are invited to attend a public meeting to discuss the RDCK 2014 Budget on Thursday, February 20th, 2014 at 1:30pm at the Slocan Village Office.

YOGA at WE GRAHAM!

Welcome to mindful yoga in Slocan,
Tuesdays from 5pm to 6:30pm
at the WE Graham School Library.

Bring a blanket or mat.

Malin Christensson is a Satyananda yoga instructor who teaches with a focus on awareness, breathing and relaxation. Beginners welcome!

\$10 or donation or trade
355-2698 for more info



Seniors Lunch

Join us for a delicious lunch on the 4th Thursday of every month, held at the WE Graham School Library, 12 noon.

This ongoing event is sponsored by the Slocan Legion and hosted/catered by WE Graham Community Service Society.

FREE!!

For more information,
please call 250-355-2484

Intergenerational Cooking Class!

Seniors and youth come together to share traditional and contemporary recipes! Bring your secret family recipes and your appetite for evenings of cooking, eating and fun! A recipe book will be compiled at the end of the class.

THIS IS A **FREE** PROGRAM! To register,
Please call Alison at 250-359-6887 or Holly 250-355-2484

WHEN? Every second Thursday, starting March 6th
4:30pm to 6:45pm (6 sessions)

WHERE? WE Graham Community Youth Center

OPEN HOUSE!

Selkirk College Integrated Environmental Planning students present a Draft Slocan OCP Implementation Plan!

Working in conjunction with the Village of Slocan, the second year Selkirk College students are preparing a suite of land use, environmental, and economic development plans for the Village. The plans are intended to help further the explicit goals of the Village's recently adopted 'Official Community Plan'. The students will be holding an open house in Slocan on March 10th from 5pm to 7pm (location to be announced).

At the open house, students will present their draft plans and obtain community input.

For more information about the plans and the open house please contact Selkirk instructor Peter Holton at pholton@selkirk.ca or 250-354-3559. The plans cover a wide range of topics and this open house is an opportunity for Slocan citizens to familiarize themselves with the plans and provide valuable input.

TOPICS INCLUDE: Mill site redevelopment and remediation, seniors housing, trails/pedestrian safety, revitalization & self-sustainability, environmentally sensitive areas, age diversification, center for arts/activity/education, smart growth & green technologies, eco-friendly design & economy, branding imaging & visibility/marketing, watershed management, commercial core area planning, waterfront public spaces/access, climate change adaptation, food security, parks, Western Screech Owl habitat, open space and green energy/carbon footprint reduction.