



## THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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JANUARY 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.

# Happy New Year

### 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

#### **BUSINESS LICENCES**

Billing: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Due: January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014

#### **DOG LICENSING**

Billing: December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Due: January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014

#### **UTILITIES (WATER/GARBAGE)**

Billing: January 2014

Due: February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014



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

The CIP and AAP are funding programs designed to help address the needs of Basin communities.  
The programs are flexible and able to accommodate individual processes and incorporate community-based  
funding decisions to better meet local priorities.

**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](http://www.rdck.bc.ca/corporate/grants/cbt.html)**

**DEADLINE: Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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

#### **REMINDER TO ALL DOG OWNERS**

January 31, 2014 is the last chance for your  
companions to get a shiny new dog tag at a  
discounted price!

Since our Office is closed on Friday,  
January 31<sup>st</sup>, we will accept tag payments  
until 4pm on Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **REQUEST TO RESIDENTS:**

Please notify the Village before you have your septic tank  
pumped out. This gives Public Works the chance to locate  
water lines to avoid damaging them and leaving other residents  
without water. Thank you!



# VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

## MEETING NOTES: January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014

Rick Galbraith and Karen Davis attended the meeting to support the formation of a committee, to promote the enhancement of Christmas spirit in Slocan with the installation of Christmas lights, decorations and a Christmas tree. Council offered support in principle and agreed to consider appointing a Council representative to the **Christmas Committee**.

At the December 19<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting, Council approved in principle, the creation of a **community garden** on Village-owned Lots 4 & 5 of Block 39, and a portion of Arthur Street adjoining Lots 4 & 5. The draft Licence of Occupation between the WE Graham Service Society and the Village was referred to the February 11/14 Regular Meeting for further consideration.

At the December 9/13 Regular Meeting, Council considered a proposal prepared by Jim Gustafson, on behalf of the City of Castlegar, for the development of an **Acute Care Planning Strategic Initiative** to assist with drafting a strategic plan regarding the future of investment in acute care planning for the region. Council agreed to host a public meeting on January 21, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Village Council Chamber for further discussion and the development of a community position on acute care planning.

The CAO reported on the **Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs** for 2014. Council agreed to schedule a public meeting for April 14<sup>th</sup>, commencing at 5:00 p.m., at which time applicants will be invited to give a 5 minute presentation and answer any questions on their applications.

A report from the CAO was received with a request from the **Slocan Curling Club** for funding assistance in the amount of \$1,200 to help pay off last year's utility debt. Council agreed to the Curling Club's request for a one-time funding assistance in the amount of \$1,200. Council also agreed to waive the remaining compressor repayment costs. Should the Slocan Curling Club request an extension to the license of occupation for the Curling Rink, Council will consider including annual funding assistance to the Curling Club in the form of matching funds to surplus revenues generated by the Curling Club. Such funds are to be used for facility upgrades, but not operating costs.

Council agreed to participate in the 2014 Spring & Summer **GO & DO** magazine advertising project.

Council reviewed correspondence from **Interfor** outlining their Springer Creek watershed cutting permit information.

The nurse practitioner letters of support from the SV Women's Institute and the Legion are to be forwarded to Dr. Julius Halaschek-Wiener, Clinical Lead & Project Manager, for the **nurse-practitioner program**.

Staff is to acknowledge the SV Women's Institute and the Legion for their letters supporting establishing a **nurse practitioner position in Slocan**.

Correspondence was received from Berg Lehmann, Chartered Accountants on the **2013 audit**.

The Village of Slocan **Special Events Bylaw**, No. 635, 2013 was read a third time.

The **Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw** No. 637, 2014, was read a 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> time.

A draft **Freedom of Information and the Protection of Privacy Policy**, as requested by Council at the November 12/13 meeting of Village Council, was referred to the February 11/14 Regular Meeting.

Council requested staff to revise Policy No. 2010-013 Fitness Centre and Library Funds.

A **Committee-of-the-Whole** budget meeting was scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on January 21<sup>st</sup>.



## CLOTHING KEPT FROM LANDFILL

Sean Keeley of Positive Apparel Thrift Store in Nelson has discovered a solution to keep unusable clothing from going to the land fill.

After weeks of brainstorming and research, Keeley and his wife found ways to recycle the clothing. They began contacting other thrift stores and soon had a number of businesses that were on board. Keeley now drives his truck to pick up used clothing from many places in the West Kootenays including Rossland, Trail, Castlegar, Salmo, New Denver, Grand Forks, and more. They collect the cloth (about 10 tonnes every two weeks and rising) and deliver it to a place called "Food for Children" in Penticton, BC. This business ships packages out to developing countries around the world, which includes the used clothing that Keeley collects and donates. Keeley also delivers the unusable cloth to a recycling center on the Coast.

Sean Keeley and his wife's great ideas are keeping used clothing out of the landfill, minimizing tipping fees, and donating to a good cause.

If you would like more information on recycling your used clothing and donating to a good cause, please contact Sean at Positive Apparel Thrift Store, located at 721 Front Street, Nelson BC. 250-505-5444.

Pat and Peggy of Mountain Valley Station would like to send out a warm thank you to everyone who attended their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fun Skate on Boxing Day.

Complimentary hot dogs, hot chocolate, music and ice skating were enjoyed by all.



**Just a reminder that bus passes and Fitness Center passes are available for purchase at Mountain Valley Station.**

**Thank you to Mountain Valley Station for providing this service!**

## The Slocan Community Library

It's a happy start to the New Year at the Library! The new **audio-visual room** is complete, the **electronic check-out system** is up and running, and we are celebrating with a special event. On **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>** starting at **1:00 p.m.**, you are invited to attend a joint reading by Tom Wayman and Barbara Curry-Mulcahy.

Tom Wayman, who has lived on the Winlaw back road since 1989, will read from his latest two books of poems: *Winter's Skin* and *Dirty Snow*. *Winter's skin* (2013), is a collection of winter poems, many set on the Slocan Valley Rail Trail, and illustrated with photos of the Valley by local photographers Rod Currie and Jeremy Addington. *Dirty Snow* (2012) was recently declared winner of the 2013 Acorn-Plantos Award for People's Poetry. This book deals with the effect of the Afghan war on daily life in southeastern BC.

Barbara Curry-Mulcahy, who now lives in Slocan, will read poems from *The Man with the Dancing Monkey*, which was short-listed for two national awards in 1998. She will also read from one of her current writing projects, *The Pancreas Replies*, a collection of new poems about the human body inspired by a period of family illness. Andrew Wreggitt, Canadian TV writer (North of 60), has described Barbara's poems as "crafted with love and ruthless intensity". She is also working on a biography and a novel.

Tom and Barbara have published poetry, fiction, essays, reviews, short stories, radio plays, columns and articles. Both of these accomplished writers are personable, approachable and entertaining. Plan to treat yourself to a comfortable Sunday afternoon gathering at the Library in Slocan's Wellness Center (located at 706 Harold Street, across from the Harold Street Cafe). For more information, please contact Lois 226-7312.



# *You are invited. . .*

The City of Castlegar wishes to introduce to the local government partners of the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District, which includes the Village of Slocan, a proposal for the development of a strategic planning initiative regarding the future of investment in acute health care planning for the region.

Slocan Village Council has scheduled a public meeting for JANUARY 20, 2014 AT 7:00 PM at the Village Office, for discussion and the development of a Village of Slocan position on acute health care.

Residents are asked to consider the following three questions to help Village Council develop the content of the Village's position on the proposed strategic plan:

1. Does your community support proceeding with multiple studies in partnership with Interior Health to advance acute care planning and potential future capital investments within the region?
2. What are the top three acute care issues in your community?
3. Acknowledging the authority and responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board, what recommendation(s) does your community make to the Hospital Board for their future considerations?

Your responses can be presented verbally at the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting or in writing (emails accepted). Please send your response to Jack Richardson CAO, PO Box 50, Slocan BC, V0G 2C0 or to [cao@villageofslocan.ca](mailto:cao@villageofslocan.ca). Deadline for written submissions is February 4, 2014, 4pm.

## **2014 UTILITY BILLING**

Utility bills for 2014 have now been mailed out. Payment can be made by visiting the Village Office or by mailing in a cheque. The **discount** is available until **FEBRUARY 17, 2014** if full payment has been received. A ten percent penalty will be added to all unpaid balances after March 31<sup>st</sup>. By statutory requirement, any utility balances unpaid at December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014 will be transferred to property tax arrears on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.



### **Notice from Interfor: Cutblocks within the Springer Creek Community Watershed**

Interfor has been developing cutting permit #211 which includes three cutblocks within the Springer Creek Community Watershed. The cutblocks will be harvested in the next few years.

For information on these proposed harvest plans, or any other planning related inquiry, please contact Richard Marchand, Forestry Supervisor at Interfor.

Written comments can be addressed to Interfor, Box 2000, Nakusp BC, V0G 1R0 or email [Richard.marchand@interfor.com](mailto:Richard.marchand@interfor.com)

Thank you to those who have been supporting the Slocan Fitness Center! In 2013 the Village and Mountain Valley Station sold an estimated \$6,500 in gym passes and registered an additional 60 new users during the course of the year. Since the Fitness Center's grand opening in 2008, there have been a total of 280 users. To keep our facility fit for the next user, please be sure to clean the machines with vinegar after each use. Thank you!