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# The SLOCAN SOURCE

July 2014



The newsletter of the Corporation of the Village of Slocan

## Council's Corner

July 14th Council meeting highlights

### Building Inspection Service

RDCK CAO Brian Carruthers and Sangita Sudan, Manager of Development Services, presented plans to Council regarding changes to the RDCK Building Inspection Service.

### WEGCSS

Holly Jack of WEGCSS presented a possible skills-training and employment opportunity for Slocan and area.

### Grant Request

The Village will request a \$2,000 RDCK Community Development Grant for the Slocan Financial Services Review Collaboration Project.

### Breakwater Safety

Staff will approach other companies for ideas on how to resolve the breakwater safety issues and report findings at the next Council meeting.

### Trailers Sold

Council accepted a \$250 bid for purchase and removal of Crew Camp Trailer #1 and #3 as well as a \$50 bid for the purchase and removal of Trailer #2. Site cleanup and removal will be completed within thirty (30) days of bid acceptance.

### Screech Owls

Councillor Lunn was authorized to attend the annual UBCM Convention as a voting delegate representing the Village.

### Legion Hall gets Permit

Council authorized staff to sign and issue the building permit for construction of an entry and egress stair upgrade to the Silvery Slocan Legion Hall on the Delany Street Right-of-Way and that further, as owners of the building, the Village enter into a Licence of Occupation for a term of 10 years as an agreement between the Legion and the Village for occupation of the staircase on Dedicated Road.

### Community Works Fund

The Village of Slocan will enter into the 2014-2024 Community Works Fund Agreement under the Administrative Agreement on the Federal Gas Tax Fund in British Columbia.

### Wildfire Mitigation

An update on the Operational Fuel Treatment Program was received for information. To date, a total of 15.6 hectares have been treated; this is 45% of total area to be completed.

### Mussel Monitoring

Council approved the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society and the Central Kootenay Invasive Plant Committee to place a Zebra Mussel Veliger Monitoring Unit under the fixed dock at the Slocan Beach. The monitor was placed for testing in 2013 also.



### Public Works Report

Public Works Supervisor reported on the beach clean-up, the repaired Slocan sign on the highway North of town, and various repairs over the past few weeks. A new post has been placed on the corner of the boat dock as an aid to using the steps.

### Library News

Council authorized staff to move forward with preparing an asset transfer agreement between the Village and the Library Society.

## July 14th Special Meeting

Festival Organizers Felicity Gerwing and Chris Berger attended the meeting to provide an update to Council and staff regarding the 2014 Unity Music Festival being held on the Slocan Lake beach-front on July 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Upcoming Council Meetings

Council meetings are held at 7 pm in Council Chambers:

August 11  
September 8  
October 14 (Tuesday)  
November 10  
December 8

Everyone is welcome!





## UNITY MUSIC FESTIVAL

3 days of music on one of BC's most spectacular beaches & mountainscapes

Catch the  
action from  
July 25—27  
at our  
beautiful  
beach!

Unity Festival will once again bring energy and excitement to the Slocan City beach this July. Local and international musicians will be featured and an array of vendors will be selling food and crafts.

For more information about schedules, artists, tickets, and vending, as well as volunteer opportunities, please visit the festival's website at: <http://unitymusicfestival.ca/>

See U at Unity!



Colour, sound & movement at the 2013 family friendly Unity Festival.



To stay healthy, most  
lawns only need  
2.5 cm. of water  
(equal to one hour of  
sprinkling) per week.

## Be Water Smart — *sprinkle sparingly*

Water conservation measures are 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.**

During the spring and summer seasons, daily residential water use can double over winter consumption primarily because

of lawn and garden watering and car washing. Our residential water is gravity fed from a 255,000 gallon reservoir on Gwillam Creek and the water plant has to pump water through the filters, then up to the reservoir. During freshet, the creek NTU's (short for Nephelometric Turbidity Units) are running high; this will cause water production to decrease and the demand is higher than the plant can produce.

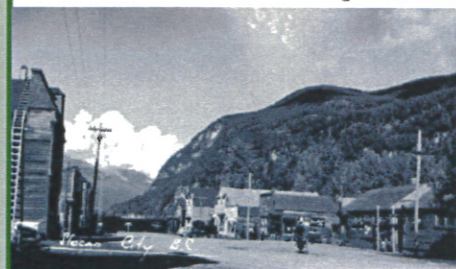
If sprinkling is done only within the permitted hours, this will give the reservoir a chance to recover and will give operators time to do plant maintenance.

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

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.

Do you have web  
design skills?

We need YOU!



## Help Preserve our History

The Slocan Valley Historical Society is looking for a volunteer to help organize its website so that it can go "live" and be easy to maintain.

Do you have the time and skills to help the Society? If you are willing to volunteer, please email

[slocanhistoricalsociety@yahoo.ca](mailto:slocanhistoricalsociety@yahoo.ca)  
or call 250-355-2230.

Are you interested in learning more about Slocan and area's history and meeting like-minded individuals? Then consider joining the Slocan Valley Historical Society.

Formed in 2011, the group maintains a publicly accessible archives that preserves documents related to our area's history. It also has a digital photo archive. If you have photos

The Society holds monthly meetings. To find out the time, please email Joyce at [slocanhistoricalsociety@yahoo.ca](mailto:slocanhistoricalsociety@yahoo.ca) or call 250-355-2230. Memberships are only \$10 per year.

The meetings are a great way to meet up with other history lovers, swap stories, and learn all about the amazing past of this area in which we live. Perhaps you have a project idea for the group. Please share your ideas with the Society. Let's keep our history alive!



## Hot Stuff!

Congratulations to the following members of the Slocan Volunteer Fire Department who successfully completed and received their certification for the Selkirk College Fire Fighter I Program:

Chief John Gates  
Deputy Chief Kevin Marr  
Captain Tim Hill  
Captain Rick Bergmann  
Captain Wayne Hockley  
Captain Don Steen  
Firefight Chris Deighton



Firefighter Sean Hamilton  
Firefighter Ian Stewart

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our community and to keeping us all safe.

## Wildfire Wary & Wise

This hot weather means our forests are more susceptible to wildfire. Please visit the Wildfire Management Branch at <http://bcwildfire.ca/hprScripts/WildfireNews/FireCentrePage.asp> for information on wildfire prevention, fire danger ratings, fire prohibitions and wildfires of note.

To report a wildfire, call toll-free **1-800-663-555** or **\*5555** on most cell networks.



Help keep our  
forests green

## The Dog Days of Summer

This is friendly reminder that that canines are welcome on the Slocan dog beach but are *pawsitively* not permitted in the family area.

Please control your pets. All dogs must be kept on a leash.

Please clean up after your pet. No one wants to step in poo! Doggy bags are available at the various dog hitch posts around town.



Fido can enjoy summer  
on his very own beach!

## Boat Business—Moorage

Moorage is **not permitted** on Slocan Lake. Boats are not to be stored at the wharf overnight.

Please be courteous of other boats that are being launched or pulled out of the water.

Boats should only be parked at the breakwater **while loading or unloading**.

Pursuant to the Village of Slocan Wharf Regulation Bylaw No. 627, 2013, the Village

has the authority to remove any vessel or object that is moored in contravention to the bylaw.

The Village may also impose penalties for towing and storing watercraft.

To read Bylaw No. 627, please visit <http://www.slocancity.com/bylaws/> and then click on #627 or visit the Village Office.

Thank you and have a *boatiful* summer!

## Beachy Keen



Slocan is blessed with a beautiful beach: soft sand, clean water, shady trees, lush lawn, and a spectacular view.

Now that summer is here, we get to enjoy our incredible asset. Here are a few reminders to keep our beach a wonderful place for all to enjoy:

- Be mindful and respectful of other beach users
- Clean up after yourself—put litter in garbage cans
- Keep pets away from the public beach
- Park in designated areas
- Please drive slowly and watch for children.





## Village hires new CAO



The Village of Slocan is pleased to announce it has hired a new Chief Administrative Officer, Patricia (Trish) Dehnel. Ms. Dehnel has been hired for a one-year term. She comes to the Village of Slocan with many years of experience working in municipal governments in the Kootenays. She has worked in the Village of Slocan on three recent planning projects—the Age Friendly Vision, the Official Community Plan and the Village Zoning Bylaw in 2012. In 2013, Trish managed the Kootenay Energy Diet for FortisBC, encouraging homeowners in the West Kootenay and Boundary area to do energy efficient retrofits to their homes to save money and energy. Trish will be working two days per week for the Village of Slocan and she will retain her part-time position as Energy Planner with the Community Energy Association in Nelson.

Please join us in welcoming Trish to the Village team and to our community!

Do you have feedback or stories for *The Source*?

Please email volunteer publisher Anitra Winje at [anwin72@gmail.com](mailto:anwin72@gmail.com)

## OurStory – To Lemon Creek and Back

One year ago this month, a tanker truck overturned and spilled jet fuel into Lemon Creek. Let's take a trip to Lemon Creek and visit some of the area's other historic happenings.

According to West Kootenay historian Greg Nesteroff, "for such a small place, Lemon Creek is home to an inordinate number" of his historical projects.

A prominent figure in Lemon Creek was **Robert Thompson Anderson**, who was known as the "Kipling of the Kootenays." Born in 1880, Anderson was a poet whose work appeared in virtually every issue of the *Slocan Drill*, as well as other newspapers. In his anthology *The Old Timer and Other Poems*, which was published in 1909, Anderson included a number of Slocan-inspired pieces. Some of his work even mentions Lemon Creek. Anderson died in 1960.

The Lemon Creek area was home to a number of phantom townsites, including Del Monte, Lemonton, and Oro—the latter had a street named for local mining promoter **G.A. Farini**, who walked a tightrope over Niagara Falls. [to learn more about Farini's amazing life, read *The Great Farini* by Shane Peacock]

Lemon Creek gets its names, by the way, from Kentucky-born pioneer merchant **Robert E. Lemon**, who had stores at Eagle Pass Landing, Revelstoke, Rogers Pass Village, Sproat's Landing, Rossland and Nelson. In 1891, at the start of the Silvery Slocan rush, he helped fund the trail between South Slocan and Lemon Creek. He later became warden of the Nelson gaol.



Do you have nasty hazardous materials lurking around your home?

Rid yourself of that toxic trash at one of the Regional District of Central Kootenay's Household Hazardous Waste Round-up Events this fall.

For more information on BC's product stewardship programs, including depot locations, visit [www.rcbc.bc.ca](http://www.rcbc.bc.ca) or please call 1-800-667-4321.

During the summer of 1897, a little steamer called the **Myrtle B** carried pleasure seekers down the river for outings, picnics and even "moonlight excursions." She also ferried men and goods for the McLain Brothers and McBeth construction outfit. The boat made daily trips from Slocan City to the mouth of Lemon Creek. Fifty cents would take you one way; a roundtrip tickets was 75 cents. The **Myrtle B** was 30 feet long by six feet wide and was built of oak and elm. She was operated by Captain Charles Benjifield, who named the vessel after his daughter.



Only known photo of the **Myrtle B** steamer

Alas, by September of 1897, the **Myrtle B** was for sale. She was bought a year later and taken to Christina Lake where she entertained vacationers there for four years. Sadly, in 1902, the "fast, safe, staunch and commodious steamer" sank in Christina Lake.

Lemon Creek lore also includes the John Bringsli **Sasquatch** sighting of 1960 (near the Six Mile Lakes), the mysterious 1943 disappearing of **Tokuichi Yamasaki**, **Cecchini's** lost mine, and the legend of **Crazy Jane** (mining history buffs will recognize that as the name of a local mine; some say the miner's wife drank water that was tainted with arsenic and eventually went crazy).

Of course, possibly the most infamous happening of all at Lemon Creek was the internment of Japanese-Canadians. That will be the subject of next month's column.

## Want Not, that Waste?

### CASTLEGAR & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COMPLEX

Saturday September 6, 2014

10:00am-2:00pm

### NELSON LEAFS RECYCLING DEPOT

Sunday September 7, 2014

10:00am-2:00pm

### SALMO RECYCLING DEPOT (Curling Club)

Saturday September 27, 2014

11:00am-2:00pm

### NAKUSP ARENA

Saturday October 18, 2014

11:00am-2:00pm