



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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MARCH 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	May 12	September 8
February 11 (Tues)	June 9	October 14 (Tues)
March 10	July 14	November 10
April 14	August 11	December 8



UPCOMING EVENTS:

TEXAS HOLD'EM
At the Slocan Legion
Saturday, April 12th – 6:30pm
Tickets \$30 at Mountain Valley Station



- Live Music Jams Every Sunday, plus MEAT Draws!
(No Charge for Admission)
- Dance night every Saturday, \$5 admission
Live music, dance instruction provided



FINANCIAL PLAN

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING

Mon. March 31, 2014 - 7:00pm
Village Office, Council Chambers

To discuss the 5-Year Financial Plan
Everyone Welcome!

(A copy of the Financial Plan is available for viewing at the Village Office)

ANNUAL REPORT

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING

Mon. May 12th, 2014 - 6:00pm
Village Office, Council Chambers

To discuss the Annual Report.
Everyone Welcome!

(A copy of the Annual Report is available for viewing
at the Village Office)

CBT Community Initiatives:

Public Input Meeting

Persons having interest in reviewing the applications for the
2014 Community Initiatives and Affected Areas
Grant Program are invited to attend:

Community Input Session
Monday, April 14th, 2014
5:00 p.m. at the Village Office

SPRING IS COMING!

As Spring nears, many of us will
take advantage of the warming
weather to tackle our yard work.
Please take advantage of Slocan's
Public Compost
located at the south end of the Public
Works yard. Please dump
compostable matter only, such as
leaves and grass clippings.

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

MEETING NOTES: March 10th, 2014

Councillors Hillary Elliott and Jessica Lunn will attend the 2014 AKBLG Conference to be held in Creston on April 9, 10 and 11, and that the Village pay all expenses for Councillor Lunn and any expenses for Councillor Elliott that aren't already covered through AKBLG.

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. Council held a public meeting on January 21st, 2014 for discussion and the development of a community position. Residents and Council were asked to consider three questions to help develop the Village's position on acute care. Staff is to forward the responses to Jim Gustafson.

Council approved a Licence to Occupy for the creation of a community garden on Village-owned Lots 4 & 5, Block 39, DL 292, NEP496 and a portion of Arthur Street adjoining the Lots 4 & 5.

Council ratified the Licence of Occupation for the Library Society as signed.

Section 168 of the *Community Charter* states that at least once per year, Council must prepare a report separately listing the total amount of remuneration paid, expenses paid, and any benefits or contracts paid. The remuneration report was accepted as presented.

A draft of the 2013 Annual Report was received. Part 4, Division 5 of the *Community Charter* requires Council to consider the Annual Municipal Report at an annual report meeting and Council must consider submissions and questions from the public. A public meeting to review and consider the Annual Report was scheduled for Monday, May 12th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

For the purposes of conducting an election, the local government must appoint a chief election officer and a deputy chief election officer. Michelle Gordon was appointed Chief Election Officer and Nicole Laframboise was appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer.

Second-year integrated environmental planning students from Selkirk College, under the instruction of Peter Holton, have prepared an open house for the Village of Slocan, to present their views on land use, environmental, and economic development plans. The plans are intended to help further Village goals included in the Official Community Plan. The Open House has been scheduled for Monday, March 17, 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the WE Graham Community School.

A draft of the Audited Financial Statements were prepared for the Village by the independent external auditors, Berg Lehmann, Chartered Accountants and accepted as presented.

A request was received from the Slocan Valley Cultural Alliance, to hold the Unity Music Festival in Slocan and to use the Slocan beach park. The organizers are proposing to hold the event on July 25th, 26th, and 27th. Council granted permission to use the beach park for the Unity Festival provided that all the requirements of the Schedule are met.

A February 11, 2014 letter was received from Meadow Kroeger requesting a business licence to operate a lemonade stand again at the Slocan Beach during the summer months. In 2013 Council approved the licence and waived the business licence fee. A licence was granted to Meadow for the 2014 season, and the fee waived.

A February 28, 2014 letter was received from the Spirit of Christmas Committee requesting use the Wellness Center parking lot to erect a tree. Council granted permission to the Committee to use the parking lot in December 2014, with the understanding that it should not interfere with parking. Council also gave permission to utilize power from the Wellness Center to light the tree.

Council approved a \$750 Dogwood grant for the BC Seniors Games 55 Plus, Zone 6.

That the "Village of Slocan Regulation of Untidy and Unsightly Properties Bylaw, No. 604, 2014" was introduced and read a first time.

On February 13th, 2014 the CAO announced his resignation from the Village of Slocan, effective March 13th, 2014. There are responsibilities for certifying bylaws and meeting specific requirements outlined in the *Community Charter*, sections 167 and 197. Until Council determines how they wish to deal with the vacancy, Administrative Assistant

Michelle Gordon has been appointed as Acting Corporate Officer and Acting Financial Officer, effective March 14/14.

At the November 12th, 2014 regular meeting, Council appointed Jessica Lunn and Patricia McGreal as the Council representatives for the Western Screech Owl Select Committee. At the March 10th meeting, Council appointed Rory Lindsay, Denise Dufault, Lynnda Moore, Irene Manley, Linda Out, and Kurt Hilger to the Western Screech Owl Select Committee.

Council applied, in partnership with W.E. Graham Community Service Society, for a Healthy Communities Capacity-Building Grant to further support the Community Garden Project.

A March 8, 2014 letter was received from Kathryn Koep of CBT, requesting support from the Village of Slocan regarding the Community Directed youth Funds in the Slocan Valley. Council agreed to write a letter of support and that Councillor McGreal attend the Community Directed Youth Funds Workshop.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 14th, 2014

Clean up week is being proposed for the end of April and is on the agenda for next Council meeting. Much like last year, the Village will be offering pickup of two, one cubic meter piles per household. The last day of clean up week will be designated for electronic recycling only. Please keep watch in the April newsletter and in ads posted around town for the dates.

The Slocan Legion is considering sponsorship of a Valley "Slo-Pitch" mixed team. If anyone is interested in playing this year, please contact Rick at 778-800-9821 or hikerdude48@gmail.com before April 7th, 2014.

EARTH HOUR

The Village of Slocan is encouraging residents to participate in Earth Hour 2014. At 8:30 pm on Saturday, March 29th over 152 countries around the world will turn off their lights to mark Earth Hour and take action on climate change. Participation in this Council-endorsed initiative is intended to raise awareness and inspire action on climate change.



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

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

Slocan Community Library

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!



West Kootenay Tourism Alliance - WKTA Branding Process

The West Kootenay Tourism Alliance is a new group that consists of local businesses, tourism organizations, and citizens, represented by each area's Chamber of Commerce. On Feb. 16th, groups from each area (Nakusp/Arrow Lakes, New Denver/Slocan Lake, the Slocan Valley, Kaslo/North Kootenay Lake) met in Silverton to discuss the WKTA Branding Process. The focus of the discussion was how important it will be to work together as a region. They decided early that they wanted to do a branding exercise to determine their commonalities and come up with a name for the region and some visuals for marketing purposes. They agreed at the strategic planning session that the branding would be

for the three valleys, with Nelson and Revelstoke on board in an advisory capacity. They put out an RFP for the branding project and received three proposals; they chose "Reinfluence" out of Victoria. Tom Hudock, of Reinfluence, is a branding consultant originally from Nelson, BC who did the Nelson-Kootenay Lake Brand. Tom indicated that each community will continue to have its own unique brand, but what's being created is a Brand for the WKTA Region. The consensus is that the Region will be stronger than an individual community because of two reasons: a) the resources available through funding sources, and, b) the larger region is able to cut through the noise of other tourism brands more than an individual village. Tom stressed that it will take years to establish the Brand but if supported, it will grow to its full potential. Within their agreement, Reinfluence will produce a Brand Statement as a strategic guide to follow for future planning, a completely designed Rack Card for Visitor Centers, and a website and wayfinder signage.

SELKIRK STUDENTS OPEN HOUSE

Integrated Environmental Planning Students from Selkirk College had the chance to present draft Slocan OCP Implementation Plans at an Open House at the School on Monday, March 17th. These students prepared a suite of land use, environmental, and economic development plans for the Village. The plans were intended to help further the explicit goals of the Village's recently-adopted Official Community Plan.

The Village of Slocan would like to thank the second-year students from Selkirk College for preparing this presentation and wish to recognize the many who volunteered their personal time to come to Slocan and get to know the area hands-on.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE:

Thank you the Village of Slocan Public Works Crew who worked many overtime hours over the cold winter weeks, to attend to the Water Plant, snow plowing, and to water line emergencies!

A report from the Public Works Supervisor, Tim Hill, was received by Council at the March 10th meeting. In the report, he explains that Slocan experienced colder than normal temperatures during the month of February. The crew had to de-ice the intake at the Water Plant every few hours and the crew worked at various times throughout the night. There were several water lines that froze, and some burst; one across the river, one at the school, and one outside the Kiddie Park. Repairing waterlines can be a strenuous job when dealing with frozen ground and falling snow. We wish to thank all the residents who assisted with frozen lines this winter. Your dedication and patience is much appreciated!

Although there hasn't been much time to work on indoor projects this winter, the Public Works Crew have been working on the new light bollards for the RV Park, making new nameplates for the trails and bridges, and building a replacement "Welcome to Slocan" sign for the directory at the corner of Slocan & Giffin.