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CLOSED FRIDAYS

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# The SLOCAN SOURCE

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The newsletter of the Corporation of the Village of Slocan

## Council's Corner

### May 12th Council meeting:

#### Approved:

- The Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) approved.

#### Bylaws:

- Untidy & Unsightly Properties Bylaw** was adopted.
- The **2014 Tax Rate Bylaw** was given three readings.
- The **Five-year Financial Plan (2014-18)** was adopted.

#### Correspondence:

- Staff will write a letter to the Okanagan Water Board summarizing the need to prevent **invasive mussels** from entering BC.
- Staff will write a **letter of condolence** to the Village of New Denver on the tragic drowning deaths that occurred on Slocan Lake

#### Invitation:

- The Slocan Valley Seniors Housing Society Board of Directors will be invited to meet with Council

#### Variance:

- A request was received from Julie Bouchard and Stefan Kreuzer of 603 Slocan Street requesting a variance to allow for three rentable rooms instead of two, as outlined in the Slocan Zoning Bylaw's B&B definition. Council approved the Blue Moon B&B's request for three-rooms.
- The Village will sponsor signage at the Needles & Shelter Bay Ferry landings for a one-time fee of \$250 to promote the Village.

### May 14th Special Council meeting:

#### Bylaw:

- 2014 Tax Rate Bylaw** adopted.

#### Grant:

- Council and WEGCSS have received a Healthy Communities Capacity Building Grant to further support the Community Garden Project. Two public events will be scheduled for June and September.

#### Library:

- Stage 2 of the January 27<sup>th</sup> letter from the Library Society requests that Council turn over title and responsibility for all Library assets. An inventory was provided with this request. Council has asked staff to invite Dick Kelly, Library Chairman, to meet with Council to further discuss the disbursement of Library assets.



Property taxes are due by **4 pm on Wednesday, July 2nd.**

Invoices will be mailed out at the end of May.

Please note that the Village *cannot* accept credit card payments. We can accept cash, cheque, bank drafts & money orders. You can insert your payment through the new mail slot in the door of Village Office.

Please don't forget to claim your Home Owner's Grant if you are eligible.

## Upcoming Council Meetings

Council meeting are held at 7 pm in Council Chambers:

**June 9**  
**July 14**  
**August 11**  
**September 8**  
**October 14 (Tuesday)**  
**November 10**  
**December 8**

*Everyone is welcome to attend!*





Happy Hens!



## Count your Chickens

Slocan's *Animal Control Bylaw No. 625, 2013* regulates the keeping of hens:

- ✓ Maximum of eight hens permitted
- ✓ No owner shall allow his or her to run at large
- ✓ Every owner of hens shall provide a coop that is in a discreet location on the property and shall fully enclose the hens to prevent them from escaping
- ✓ No person shall keep a rooster (sorry, hens!)



## Reigning Cats & Dogs

We love our furry friends and family members, but please be respectful of other people, their pets and their property.

Ensure that:

- ◆ your animals are licensed
- ◆ your animals don't run loose

For further information, please refer to *Animal Control Bylaw No. 625*.

To read the bylaw, visit <http://www.slocancity.com/bylaws/>

## Passport to Fun—Explore BC's parks

Share your best camping story and you could win over \$3,000 worth of camping prizes!

For details, visit

[www.campingvbc.com/contest](http://www.campingvbc.com/contest)

The BC Parks Passport is an exciting program geared towards families, but BC Parks encourages everyone – especially those kids at heart – to join the adventure!

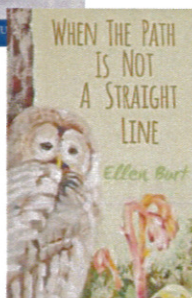
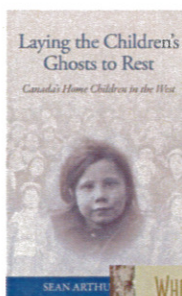
Passport holders can choose from over 200 sites in BC to visit, including provincial parks and visitor centres. This fun program encourages passport

holders to experience new places while collecting stamps and stickers towards great prizes.

There are also coupons, activity pages and trip planning resources in the passport.

For more information, please visit <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/events/passport/>

Pick up your passport at the Slocan RV Park Infocentre!



## Your Library—check it out!

You are invited to the Slocan Community Library's next Authors' Reading on **Sunday, June 1st at 1 p.m.**

Art Joyce of New Denver will introduce his book *Laying the Children's Ghosts to Rest: Canada's Home Children in the West*, a personal and highly readable narrative.

Ellen Burt of Argenta will read from her book *When the Path is Not a Straight Line*, which tells of

a life lived in deep contact with the natural world. Ellen's presentation is part of a tour supported by the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance and the CBT.

Don't miss this opportunity to hear these local authors share their work and answer your questions.

And while you're at the library, check out the fantastic selection of books and movies.

### OPEN:

Wednesday 10 am—1 pm  
Thursday 1 pm—5 pm  
Friday 7 pm—9 pm  
Saturday 1 pm—4 pm  
Sunday 11 am—3 pm

### CLOSED:

Mondays & Tuesdays

Thanks to everyone who attended our big book sale!



## Mental Health—We can help

Did you know that May 5-11th was "Mental Health Week" in Canada? The Canadian Mental Health Association has designated this annual event to increase awareness and discourse on mental health issues.

One of the main reasons the WE Graham Community Service Society was established was because of serious concerns about "at risk" people in the valley, particularly teens.

The WE Graham Community Service Society now has pro-

grams for families, pre-schoolers, children, teens, adults and seniors to help support mental health in all our valley communities.

Please contact coordinator Holly Jack or office manager Karen Hogg at 355-2484 about what programs and services we provide.

You can also go to the Canadian Mental Health Association website for more information: <http://www.cmha.ca/mental-health/find-help/>

## Hunger—It's no Game

Last week was "Hunger Awareness Week" in Canada. According to Food Banks Canada, close to 850,000 people use a food bank in Canada each month.

Most are children and women, and 100,000 of these are new to a food bank each month.

You can help by donating food, money, and your time to your local food bank, the Slocan Valley Food Cupboard.

Contact Karen Hogg at the WE Graham Community Service Society at 355-2484, extension 2, or by email at [kareren@wegcss.org](mailto:kareren@wegcss.org)

For more information about hunger and food banks in Canada, please visit [www.foodbanksCanada.ca/default.aspx](http://www.foodbanksCanada.ca/default.aspx)



## Job Hunting? Get the Edge on Employment

Starting on May 26th, a five-week program will be offered in Slocan that is designed to identify and build solid and individual employment skills. Participants are then assisted in securing work experience (another five weeks) that will use their skills in order to enhance future job options.

### To be eligible, you must be:

- 18 years or older
- Unemployed
- Non-EI client
- Legally entitled to work in Canada
- Living in BC
- Not a student
- Not participating in another Labour Market Agreement funded program

### Participant Supports:

- Paid weekly allowance while in classroom
- Funding available for certifications (short-term training: First Aid, Serving it Right, WHMIS, World Host and Food Safe)
- Funding available for daycare costs
- Funding available for travel costs
- Funding available for "tools of the trade" (uniforms, hard hats, work boots)
- 50% wage subsidy applies to the five-week work experience piece of program

For more information or to sign up, please call:

Holly Jack at 3250-55-2484

Kathy Koep at 250-509-1286

Canada



BRITISH COLUMBIA

WorkBC

Employment Services Centre

## Come to the Biggest BBQ of the Summer!

### Pig Roast & Dance

When: Saturday, June 1st

Where: at the Slocan Legion Hall

Dinner: 6—8 p.m.

Dance: 7 p.m. — 1 a.m.

Tickets \$20 each

Kids under 12: \$10

No minors after 9 p.m.

Buy tickets at Mountain Valley Station or phone 355-2672 to reserve



Chef Pat Ashton of the Legion carving the roast at last year's event.

The Village of Slocan wishes you a wonderful May long weekend. Please be safe out there, whether on the water or on the roads.



## FOR SALE by bid

1. 1993 washcar trailer 10' x 24' Shelter Industries Inc. Modular relocatable building 3 showers, 4 toilets, laundry w/tub, washer, dryer. No wheels or hitch.
2. Kitchen/Washcar Trailer 10' x 44' ATCO modular relocatable building toilet, shower, , laundry with tub, washer, dryer, no wheels
3. Office/Bunk Trailer 10' x 36' ATCO Structures Ltd. modular relocatable building 3 rooms, no plumbing, no wheels or hitch.
4. Double-wide Trailer 20' x 42' ATCO Structures Ltd. relocatable building with washroom

To view **Terms of Sale** please visit [www.slocancity.com/158-2/](http://www.slocancity.com/158-2/)

Pictures available at [www.slocancity.com](http://www.slocancity.com)

**BIDDING CLOSES ON  
Thursday, June 19 at 4 p.m.**

No reasonable offers will be denied!

Interested parties may **view the trailers** on Thursday, May 29, at 10 a.m. **Please arrive at the Village Works Yard promptly at 10 a.m.**

Please forward bids under confidential cover to:

Village of Slocan  
RE: For Sale By Bid—Trailers  
(#1, #2, #3, or #4)  
PO Box 50, 503 Slocan Street  
Slocan, BC V0G 2C0

Fax: 250-355-2666  
Email: [info@villageofslocan.ca](mailto:info@villageofslocan.ca)

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## OurStory – Tales from the Village Vault

*This month in 1897: A man in red flannel undies walks a tightrope in Slocan*

The circus came to town on May 24, 1897, when a man in underwear walked across a tightrope on Main Street.

The *Slocan City News* reported that "a stout hemp rope had been erected across Main Street from the Arlington Hotel to the second storey of the new building being put up by Cousins & Cavanah. After being properly braced and tested, he stepped forth from a window in the Arlington clad in tights.

Carefully but surely he walked across the rope using a long piece of gas pipe for a balance pole, and thus retraced his steps backwards. Afterwards he performed on a trapeze [sic] suspended from the rope, while the spectators held their breath."

The man on the rope was Eli Carpenter, who is best known for staking the famous Payne claim that lead to the Silvery Slocan rush. Carpenter had once been a performer with Barnum's Circus. Apparently, he had also studied with Charles Blondin, who is best known for successfully crossing Niagara Falls on a tightrope.

The stunt was staged to celebrate Queen Victoria's birthday, as well as the arrival of the new SS Slocan.

Carpenter received \$70 for his stunt, the townsfolk were treated to a spectacular sight and our history can boast a colorful tale!

*-from the files of Greg Nesteroff*

### Fun & Factual

Eli Carpenter wasn't the only tightrope walker in the Slocan.

William Hunt, better known as the Great Farini, had several mining interests in the area.

He named the townsite of Vevey, located on the east side of Slocan Lake. In fact, a street there is named after him.

Farini was a contemporary of the Great Blondin. Like his competitor, he walked across Niagara Falls several times in the 1860s, once carrying a washing machine!



The image on the left shows a mural at the Springer Creek Campground and RV Park. The painting depicts Eli Carpenter's famous tightrope walk across Main Street in May 1897. The mural was created in the spring of 2001 as part of a government-sponsored youth employment initiative. Unfortunately, no photos are known to exist of Eli Carpenter's stunt.

## After School Sports and Art Programs: Free & Fun

WE Graham Community School in Slocan is offering the following free programs for kids aged 6 to 14. Snacks are provided. Programs run 2:45 to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesdays:

⇒ **Hip Hop Dance** with

Jennifire

⇒ **Basic Skateboarding**

May 6-June 24

Registration required. Some skateboards and helmets available. Use of helmets mandatory.

Ty Smith, Instructor.

Wednesdays, starting May 21:

⇒ **Drawing Club**

with Giosi

Thursdays, starting May 15:

⇒ **Game Days:** softball, track, soccer and more. with Koan Ellis

Registration and pick up are required. A school bus runs from Winlaw Elementary to Slocan after school.

**Contact Sharon Butler:** 250.226.0064 or [slocanassi@gmail.com](mailto:slocanassi@gmail.com)



This initiative is proudly sponsored by the Province of BC, the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural