

**W.E. Graham Community Service Society
2017 Christmas Hamper Project.**

Help Your Local Food Cupboard!

The Slocan valley Food Cupboard, located at WE Graham Community Center, is currently accepting donations for the 2017 Christmas Hamper Project. Last year they distributed over 100 hampers to Slocan Valley families and individuals in need over the Christmas holidays, and they expect even larger numbers to go out this year! The Society is able to supply these hampers because of amazing local businesses, individuals and organizations, who contribute in so many ways. They are very grateful for all contributions and donations they receive, and for the time and manpower provided by volunteers. They accept financial donations as well as food items or gifts to place in the hampers. They do offer charitable donation receipts upon request. WEGCSS will arrange to pick up items if delivery is not an option.

Donations can be made at WE Graham Community Service Society
1001 Harold Street, Slocan | 250-355-2484 | officemanager@wegcss.org



Slocan Youth Centre

1001 Harold Street

Now that the weather is getting colder, remember the youth centre is nice and warm!

Fridays 7pm – 9pm (ages 9 to 11)
7pm – 11pm (ages 11+)

Saturdays 7pm – 11pm (ages 11+)

Come out and play some billiards or some video games or watch a movie or just hang out with some friends!



**Mountain Valley Station 11th Annual
Boxing day, Family Fun Skate!**



Ice or no ice it's going to be nice!

Join Pat & Peggy

At the ice rink across from the school
December 26th from 1pm – 4pm

Wednesdays are story time at the library



Please join us for our Christmas party
with Santa on Wednesday, December 20th.
10:30 – 11:30

**A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!**

Slocan Fitness Centre
710 Harold St. Slocan

Passes are available at Mountain Valley Station and the Village Office.



Passes:
1 month \$20
3 months \$50
6 months \$100
1 year \$200

You must be 16 years or older. Please sign in, wear clean indoor shoes, clean equipment after use, put away your weights and lock door behind you.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church would like to invite the community to join them for an evening of song and fellowship at their candle light service on December the 23rd at 6:00pm

The RDCK Woodstove Exchange Program

The RDCK is offering rebates of up to \$350.00 for the exchange of old wood-burning stoves. Application forms can be found at the Village Office or on the RDCK website. Additionally, you may contact the program coordinator,
Nicole Ward, at 250-352-8192 or at nward@rdck.bc.ca



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DECEMBER 2017

OFFICE HOURS:
Monday to Thursday from
9:00am to 4:00pm
(Closed from 12 noon to
1:00pm for lunch)
Closed on Fridays.

2018 Council Meeting Schedule

January 8	May 14	September 10
February 13 (Tues)	June 11	October 9 (Tues)
March 12	July 9	November 13 (Tues)
April 9	August 13	December 10



UPCOMING BILLS:

BUSINESS LICENSES: Billing December 2017
Due January 31, 2018

DOG LICENSING: Billed December 15, 2017
Due January 31, 2018

UTILITIES (WATER/GARBAGE):
Billing in January, Due Mar. 1
If needed, please contact the Village Office to inquire about your balance.

**ON JANUARY 1st, 2018
ALL OUTSTANDING BALANCES ON
UTILITY BILLS WILL BE
TRANSFERRED TO ARREARS TAXES.**

Utility & Tax Payments can be made at any time of year and will be applied to your account as a credit/prepayment. You can come into the Village Office and make payments with a debit card or cheque or if you bank with a credit union/BMO, payments can be made online!

It is cold & flu season again!
Please remember to wash your hands often and avoid touching your face. Cough into your sleeve, and stay at home if you are sick!

LEGION EVENTS

Friday Dance Night: Dance nights are back! The next one is Friday, January 12th. Tango, Waltz or Cha Cha down for a fun evening with John Cresswell and friends! \$5.00 at the door! 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Sunday Music Jams: 3:00pm - 7:00pm
(No Jam on December 24th or 31st, returning January 7th)
If you would like to become a Legion member you can join at the Hall or call Carol @ 355-2672 Member fees are 45\$
The Legion Always Welcomes Members and Guests!

New Year's Eve Dance Party!

Featuring **DJ Lisa Stomp**
December 31st @ 8:30pm - \$15 cover
- Advanced Tickets available at Mountain Valley Stn

THE SLOCAN LEGION, BRANCH 276
WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR.



**VILLAGE OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS and
GARBAGE SCHEDULE**

The Village Office will be closed from 4pm on Thursday, December 21st, 2017 and will re-open at 9am on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018.

Tuesday, December 26 th	Residential / Commercial	CANCELLED
Thursday, December 28 th	Residential / Commercial	(to replace Tuesday pickup)
Friday, December 29 th	Commercial	CANCELLED
Tuesday, January 2 nd	Residential / Commercial	AS SCHEDULED



Season's Greetings from the
Staff at the Village of Slocan!



VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

MEETING NOTES – December 11, 2017

- Colin Moss, on behalf of the Slocan District Chamber of Commerce Health Committee, presented an update on physician recruitment in the Slocan Valley and a synopsis of their 2017 activities.
- Corrie Traenberg was reappointed as the Slocan representative, to sit on the Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission for the 2018 year.
- Council directed the CAO to file a *Community Charter Section 58 Notice of Cancellation* with the Land Title Office, removing the 2012 Bylaw Contravention Notice from Title CA6407960, at the property legally described as Parcel A (See KR162354), Block 44, DL 292, Plan 496.
- Council authorized submission of an application to the BC Rural Dividend Program, Project Development Stream, for creation of a *Village of Slocan Harold Street North – Conceptual Design Plan*, and that the Council support this project through its duration.
- Council resolved to form a *Wellness Center Advisory Commission*, and staff were directed to put a call-out for practitioner/health-related member recruitment.
- Council resolved to increase water rates by 2.75% (a \$12 increase for residential households) and not to increase garbage rates for the 2018 year.
- Council gave first, second, and third readings to the Village of Slocan Fees & Charges Bylaw No. ____, 2017 to increase water rates by 2.75%.
- A letter will be sent to the Provincial Government, supporting the District of Sicamous' request to increase awareness and education for the threat of invasive Quagga and Zebra Mussels into BC Lakes.
- Staff will coordinate with WE Graham Community School, for the Mayor, CAO, and PW Supervisor to present to the Grade 5 class on local government, following up on the letters that were received from the students.



Some of the Grade 5 students at WE Graham School made a surprise visit to the Village Office on November 20th, 2017 to hand deliver written letters. The students were curious about the Mayor's duties and operations of the Village. The Mayor, CAO and Public Works Supervisor plan to schedule a presentation to the Grade 5 class in the new year.

WELLNESS CENTER HEALTH COMMITTEE:

The Village is now recruiting volunteer members to sit on a *Wellness Center Health Committee* of Council. The Committee is limited to 7 members, and will consist of the following representation:

- One member of Council
- Six members at large (practitioners or other health-care/health-related professionals mandatory).

The purpose of this Committee is to provide recommendations to Council for initiation of health-related programs, and future opportunities for the Wellness Center. Interested parties can submit their interest to cao@villageofslocan.ca prior to January 31st, 2018. Please provide a detailed summary of your interest to the Committee and your related experience in the field.

Board of Variance

The Village of Slocan is looking for an applicant to fill a vacancy on the Board of Variance.

Applications for this volunteer position will be accepted at the Village Office. Please call for more information. 250-355-2277

Hello Slocan Dogs!

Please remind your owners to buy you a nice shiny new tag! They are on sale for all dogs that have been spayed or neutered for the low price of \$15.00 (Regularly \$25.00)! For an unaltered dog \$50.00 (Regularly \$65.00) Be sure to purchase tags before January 31st, 2017

Are you interested in keeping backyard hens?

The village bylaw states that you may keep hens, to a limit of eight (8). You may **not** keep a rooster! Please be sure that your hens are properly cooped, they need a warm and clean environment that is rodent resistant. You must be sure that your hens are not running loose or being a nuisance to your neighbours. Coops must be placed correctly in your yard - 3 meters from rear and side lot lines. It is the owners' responsibility to be sure your hens are healthy, if you suspect any illness you must consult a veterinarian. If the diagnosis confirms a communicable disease, the owner must immediately notify the Public Health Dept. of Interior Health and comply with any direction issued by the inspector. For more info. See the complete bylaw on the Village of Slocan website under **Bylaws** then **#625 Animal Control** then scroll down to **#66: Keeping of Backyard Hens**.

RDCK RECYCLING CENTER at the SLOCAN TRANSFER STATION

It has been reported that an excess amount of garbage is being left around the recycling bins at the Transfer Station. Residents of Slocan and area are fortunate to have this service available – the next closest recycling center is in Winlaw.

Please ensure that all non-recyclable waste is disposed of in an appropriate manner; the RDCK-Slocan Transfer Station is open every Tuesday and Saturday from 10am – 4pm.

Rates and other information can be found online at www.rdck.bc.ca

SNOW REMOVAL

Winter is here and the Village of Slocan would like to remind residents to keep boulevards clear of unlicensed vehicles and debris, to assist with snow removal. Persons with disabilities and seniors may apply for clearance of driveway furrows at the Village Office. Proof of eligibility is required for new applicants – recurring applicants can re-register over the phone. Please be mindful that this is a **FREE** service and that it is not a required service or Bylaw. Streets and commercial areas will take priority and will be cleared before furrows; your patience is greatly appreciated. Please take advantage of local snow removal contractors if you require further assistance with your driveway. Thank you!

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CLIMATE ACTION COMMITTEE

CALLOUT FOR MEMBERS:

The Village of Slocan is now actively seeking volunteer members to sit on a Climate Action Advisory Committee of Council. The purpose of the committee is to review climate action and energy emission reduction strategies, as adopted by Council, and to provide recommendations for initiating related programs, activities and incentives within the Village.

Interested parties are encouraged to submit their request to cao@villageofslocan.ca prior to Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018.

After signing on to the Climate Action Charter in 2008, the Village completed a carbon inventory and now tracks and reports its GHG emissions annually. In 2016, a Community Energy & Emissions Plan (SCEEP) was completed, and Slocan has recently become a Partner for Climate Protection through FCM's PCP Transition 2050 Program. Slocan has been recognized in November 2017 for becoming the first 100% Renewable Kootenay's Community - the 5th municipality in all of Canada with a goal to become 100% renewable by 2050.

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS

We remind residents that payments for property taxes and utilities can be processed through online banking! The service is not yet available through some financial institutions but those who bank with a credit union or BMO will have full access immediately. When creating the Village as a vendor, please do not include the zeros with account numbers. For any assistance with electronic payments, feel free to contact the Heritage Credit Union at 250-226-7212.

WINTER IS THE BEST TIME TO TEST FOR RADON!

The Village Office has 90-day radon tests available for \$15 in you are interested in testing your home! For more info on radon, please visit www.radonaware.ca



Need a car towed? Let us know! The Village offers a **FREE** vehicle removal program, at no cost to the Village or tax payers.