



**THE CORPORATION OF THE
VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**
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JANUARY 2018

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



Happy New Year

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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.

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

The Sunday draw is now \$20.00. To be eligible you just have to be legion member and be present at 5:00pm Sunday when the name is drawn! If you would like to become a Legion member you can join at the Hall or call Carol @ 355-2672 Member fees are 45\$

Texas Hold em: The next Texas Hold 'em will be held February 17th at 6:30 pm sharp. \$30.00 buy in. Tickets can be purchased at Mountain Valley Station or by calling Carol.

The Legion Always Welcomes Members and Guests!



**RDCK TRANSFER
STATION – TIPPING
FEE INCREASE
EFFECTIVE JAN. 1,
2018. FOR A FULL
LIST OF FEES, PLEASE
VISIT
www.rdck.bc.ca/news**

**Keep up to date on Village
business by attending
regular Council meetings,
or by visiting our website or
facebook page.**

**Alternatively, office staff are
always here to help if you
should have any questions!**

West Kootenay Transit
customers can look
forward to greater
convenience in their
travelling!

The *Transit Trip Planner*
is now live on their transit system website:
www.bctransit.com/west-kootenay



VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

MEETING NOTES – January 8, 2018

- Council received for information, Fitness Center, Building Permit and Transit Sales year end reports prepared by the CAO.
- The Village will advertise the CBT Community Initiatives CIP/AAP Grant Program information on the website and usual posting places, to encourage organizations in Slocan to apply.
- A letter of appreciation will be sent to Columbia Basin Trust, thanking them for their generous donation to food banks in the Region during the holidays, and for the 2018 photo calendars sent to local governments in the Basin.
- A letter will be sent to the Province, supporting the District of West Kelowna's request that a percentage of the provincial share of the cannabis tax-sharing formula be provided to local governments, to help support costs and services incurred by local governments.
- The Village of Slocan Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 659, amending water rates for 2018, was adopted.
- A report was received from Passmore Labs regarding heavy metal testing on Springer Creek.

FITNESS CENTER

Thank you to those who have been supporting the Slocan Fitness Center! In 2017 the Village and Mountain Valley Station sold an estimated \$8,800 in gym passes and registered an additional 66 new users. Since the Fitness Center's grand opening in 2008, revenues have been increasing each year, with 2017 being the highest to date. To keep our facility fit for the next user, please be sure to clean the machines after each use. Thank you!

BUILDING PERMITS

In 2017, the Village saw increased building activity over previous years. Permits included one new Multi-Family Residential development, six residential renovation permits, two commercial renovation permits, and three commercial renewals, returning a total construction value of \$1.2M. Total fees collected were \$15,280; the Village retains 10% of the total permit revenue (\$1,528) with the remainder remitted to the RDCK (\$13,752).

TRANSIT SALES

The Village and Mountain Valley Station continue to vend bus passes for the RDCK. Transit revenue collected for 2017 was \$1,480. In the summer of 2017, the RDCK implemented changes to the transit system's structure, bringing in a single-zone system, price changes, and additional runs in the Slocan Valley. Passes sold in Slocan show a large number of users travelling to Nelson. The transit system throughout the Slocan Valley proves to be well-used.

2018/19 Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) Community Initiatives



(CIP) and Affected Areas (AAP) 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

DEADLINE: Tuesday, February 28th, 2018 - 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

Please direct any questions to jmadelung@rdck.bc.ca

**THANK YOU TO THE SLOCAN VALLEY
HERITAGE TRAIL SOCIETY FOR
MAINTAINING AND GROOMING
OUR TRAIL!**



Thank You!

A very warm **THANK YOU** to Mountain Valley Station for selling transit tickets and gym passes for the Village. The residents of Slocan and surrounding area are very grateful for your time and effort involved in this, and how beneficial it is to the community.



MOUNTAIN VALLEY STATION

Slocan, B.C.

Our **ENCORP BOTTLE DEPOT**
Hours of operation have **changed**
As of **January 1, 2018**

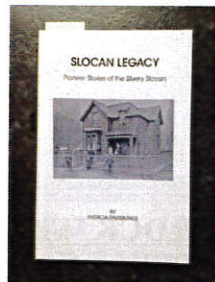
The **ENCORP BOTTLE DEPOT**
Will **now** be **CLOSED SUNDAYS,**
MONDAYS, and all Holidays

OPEN TUESDAY – SATURDAY
9 am – 5 pm

Mountain Valley Station
Store hours remain the same –
Daily from 8 am – 7 pm

Thanks to the Slocan Historical Society, this publication is available at the Village Office for purchase:

“SLOCAN LEGACY”
by Patricia Ray-Barnes



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!

**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

Just a reminder that garbage tags are available at the Village Office for \$2.50 each. These tags are for curb side pick up on designated days and not transferable for disposing of garbage at the Regional District Transfer Station (Dump).

PLEASE NOTIFY
THE VILLAGE
OFFICE IF YOU
NOTICE A
STREETLIGHT
OUT OR
FLICKERING.



**WINTER IS THE
BEST TIME TO
TEST FOR
RADON!**

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



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

The Spirit of Slokan Committee extends a huge *Thank You* to all who attended and assisted with the 2017 Christmas Tree Light-Up Event! Special thanks to Michelle and Mike Naylor for the beautiful spruce tree donation, the carolers, the volunteers who provided cookies and hot chocolate for all to enjoy, and to the Slokan Volunteer Fire Department for delivering Santa on the fire truck. All are instrumental in making this annual event such a success. The yard light home displays were fun to see, and the winner for 2017 was Marc & Laurie Septav! Congratulations! They hope to see more entries and everyone again in December 2018.



BUSINESS LICENSES: Due January 31, 2018

DOG LICENSES: Due January 31, 2018

UTILITIES (WATER/GARBAGE):

Utility Bills will be mailed in the next week. Pay by March 1st to receive a 10% discount on the water portion (Residential Only). All balances remaining after March 31st will receive a 10% penalty.

Approved by Council on Jan. 8/18, water rates were increased by 2.75% for 2018. Residents will see a \$12 increase over 2017 rates. Garbage rates remain the same at (\$120 annually).

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!

Slokan Library

Wednesdays are story time at the library
10:30 – 11:30

Slokan 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!



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

BC Assessment

BC Assessment has now sent out its annual assessment notices to home-owners across BC. If you do not receive your 2018 notice by January 18th, please call 1-866-825-8322.

If you disagree with your assessment, you can file a Notice of Complaint (appeal) by February 1st, 2018. The Nelson/Trail Assessment Office is located at Suite 176 – 333 Victoria Street, Nelson. Office hours are 8:30am – 5:00pm, Monday to Friday. You can also visit www.bcassessment.ca

Slokan Fitness Centre

710 Harold St. Slokan

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.

Board of Variance

The Village of Slokan 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