

### Don't Forget!

Seniors Lunch is held every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at the Legion hall (except in Dec., July & Aug.) The next one will be March 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon. If you are 55 yrs or older come out and get some visiting in! For more info call the WE Graham Community Services Society @ 250-355-2484

**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!**

EARTH HOUR



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As Canadians, we choose a future where climate change is no longer a threat. Participating in Earth Hour is a simple way to show that you want to be part of the solution and it sends a powerful message that together we can make a difference. Canada will be encouraging participants to turn off their lights for an hour on March 24<sup>th</sup> between 8:30pm – 9:30pm

#### 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](http://www.radonaware.ca)

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!

#### 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](mailto:nward@rdck.bc.ca)



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](http://www.bctransit.com/west-kootenay)

### Slocan Library

Wednesdays are story time at the library

10:30 – 11:30

Monday & Tuesday – Closed

Wednesday – 10am – 1pm

Thursday 1pm – 5pm

Friday 7pm – 9pm

Saturday 1pm – 4pm

Sunday 11am – 3pm

LOVE  
the LIBRARY



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**MARCH 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



### LEGION EVENTS

**St. Paddy's Vegas Night:** Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. \$20.00 Tickets available at Mountain Valley Station Or call to reserve at 250-355-2672. Doors open at 5:30 Buffet at 7:00pm Sharp! (see poster for buffet menu) Live Entertainment, Great food! Come out and try your luck don't forget to wear green!

**Sunday Music Jams: 3:00pm - 7:00pm**

A gathering place to listen to music, dance, play an instrument, sing or just chat with friends! Take part in the Sunday draw! To be eligible you have to be a 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 John @ 355-2672 (Member fees are \$45)



Would you like to become a Legion Member? It is easy to do! You do not have to have a military service or even have a family member that has served! All you need is to want to help those that have served and your community. Come down to the Legion on a Sunday afternoon and check out the donation board to see where the money that the Legion raises goes to help in our community!

**The Legion Always Welcomes Members and Guests!**

### DOG COMPLAINTS

Please keep your dog under control at all times. It is your responsibility as a dog owner to ensure your dog is safe and non-threatening to the public. Dogs must be under control and leashed if out walking. If you have a dog complaint, please come into the Village Office and fill out a complaint form. If you can, the dog and owner's names will help with responding to the incident. Complainant names are kept confidential. If it is a vicious dog attack, the RCMP will be notified.

There has been an increase in house hold garbage (including cat litter) being deposited in the Village garbage cans in and around town. We would like to remind people that the cans are there for the odd piece of garbage you may have, or when disposing of your dog waste while walking around town. We do not want to have to set up surveillance, or worse yet remove them entirely, but it is becoming very difficult for our Public Works to have to deal with every week. The cat litter cans have been so heavy, our crew has had to empty the bins with machinery. Bring your household garbage to the transfer station on Tuesday or Saturday from 10:00am to 4:00pm and please be considerate of the Village Crew that work hard to make Slocan a beautiful place to live!



The Slocan Waste Transfer Station will have new hours of operation starting May 1<sup>st</sup>:  
From May 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>  
Sun., Mon. & Sat. from 9am to 3pm  
October 1 – April 14  
Tues. & Sat.  
9:00am to 3:00pm

**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](http://www.rdck.bc.ca)

### KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Welcome Graduates of 2030!

Register your child in Kindergarten with School District No. 8 and become a part of the vibrant community working to make a difference for all students!

Register your child by March 31<sup>st</sup> so you can be included in spring orientation days!

### CBT Community Initiatives: Public Input Meeting

Persons having interest in reviewing the applications for the 2018 Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Grant Program are invited to attend:

**Community Input Session**  
**Monday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**  
**5:00 p.m. at the Village Office**

Applicants will be invited to give a 5-minute presentation on their project, and to answer any questions.



## VILLAGE OF SLOCAN MEETING NOTES – March 12, 2018

- Tjaart Van den Berg and Andre Van den Berg, of LandInfo Technologies Inc., presented to Council, the completed *Preliminary State of Infrastructure Reports* for the Village of Slocan Asset Management Project.
- Sarah Colvin, Community Organizer from the EcoSociety, presented to Council on *Climate Law in Our Hands*, requesting local governments to send letters to the top 20 fossil fuel companies to take action on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- Council has appointed Stephen Baal to the Slocan Board of Variance for a term of three years commencing March 12th 2018 and expiring March 12th, 2021.
- The CAO and Administrative Assistant will attend the LGMA Joint Chapter Meeting and Elections Workshop in Invermere, BC on April 25<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Council approved an application to the Columbia Basin Trust's *Build Heritage Grant* funding stream for completion of a "Slocan Legion Hall Heritage Restoration Project, Phase One: Exterior; and Council has approved \$20,000 from the 2018 budget, to be withdrawn from the Gas Tax Reserve, as cash contribution to the "Slocan Legion Hall Heritage Restoration Project, Phase One: Exterior", if approved for CBT funding.
- The Village has agreed to be a sponsor for the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society's \$1,736 project and application to the Slocan Valley Legacy Fund for trail safety improvements; an agreement will be signed outlining Sponsor-Agent roles and responsibilities for the project and the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society's project costs will be included in the 2018 budget.
- Council approved Mayor Lunn's attendance at the *100% Renewable Workshop*, to be held in Vancouver, BC on March 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, expenses paid by the Columbia Institute.
- Council approved Mayor Lunn's attendance at the Climate Leadership Institute workshop in Fernie, BC on April 20<sup>th</sup> following the AKBLG Conference.
- The Mayor will attend the Slocan Valley Legacy Society's Volunteer Recognition Event, taking place on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 3pm to 5pm at the Vallican Whole Community Center.
- Council has approved \$200 from the Discretionary Grant Fund to support the 2018 Slocan Easter Egg Hunt, to be held at the Expo Field.
- The Village will send a letter of support for the Slocan Legion's application to the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Alliance's *Minor Capital Arts Grant Program*, for upgrades to the hall stage area; and further, that the project be cohesive with the *Slocan Legion Heritage Design Plan*.
- Council appointed the following members to the Wellness Center Health Advisory Commission: Donna Gibbons, Sandra Smith, Natalie Sawyer, Lynnda Moore, Brendan Murray-Nellis, Kylie Lichty and Colleen Emery. Mayor Lunn has been appointed to the Wellness Center Health Advisory Commission with Councillors Perriere and Pelletier as alternates.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 – a 10% penalty added to all outstanding utility accounts**
- **May 2018 – Tax Notices mailed to residents**
- **July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 – Property Taxes Due**

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



Please help to keep the trail clean! If you are walking your dog on the trail please clean up after them as it makes a terrible mess when the grooming machine is used! Also keep in mind that the trail is strictly for non-motorized use! Don't forget donations can always be made along the trail, online or better yet, become a member!

#### **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!

#### **FRIENDLY REMINDER:**

### **GARBAGE DAY IS TUESDAY AND ALL GARBAGE MUST BE OUT BY 9AM FOR PICK UP.**

Please be advised that there is a weight restriction on bags of 22 lbs. (10 kg). All bags must be securely sealed and in a garbage can with a secure lid, to keep animals out. Any damaged bags must be cleaned up by the homeowner. Garbage tags are available at the Village office for \$2.50/ea if you wish to put out an extra bag. These tags are only good for curb side pick up and are not transferable for the RDCK transfer station (Dump).  
Public Works staff thank you for your continued co-operation.

### **FREE VEHICLE REMOVAL**

The Village will once again be offering FREE vehicle removal. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Village Office to register. We will require the make, model, color and license plate # of your vehicle (unlicensed vehicles will also be accepted). Please remember to move your vehicle onto the Village Boulevard on your scheduled day of pick-up. This program was initiated in response to Village beautification and in preparation for summer.

**250-355-2277**

**THERE IS NO COST TO VILLAGE RESIDENTS FOR THIS SERVICE.**

### Slocan Fitness Center

710 Harold St. Slocan

Passes are available at Mountain Valley Station or the Village Office



#### Passes:

1 month -- \$20.00  
3 months - \$50.00  
6 months - \$100.00  
1 year ----\$180.00

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.



Just a reminder that  
the gym is closed  
Mondays from noon  
to 1pm for cleaning

### **The "Slocan City Suites"**

Get your application in by May 15<sup>th</sup> for the first round of interviews and offer of suites for the Seniors' Housing Project in Slocan.

Applications are available at Slocan Village Office, Library, front entry of Passmore Lodge, online <http://svhousing.ca> or call 250-226-7115



**Dial 8-1-1** for *non-emergency* healthcare information any time of day or night, every day of the year. Consult with a nurse, pharmacist or dietician to help manage health concerns for you and your family.

### **2018 UTILITY BILLING**

Please be advised that the 2018 Utility Bills were due March 1<sup>st</sup>. All Accounts with a balance after March 31<sup>st</sup> will receive a 10% penalty. Unpaid balances on Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> will transfer to taxes. Payments can be made at any time of year towards your taxes or utilities 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!