

2014 - 2018 Grant Distribution

Over the 4-year Council Term, the Village supported the following projects listed below. Grants were awarded through the CBT Community Initiatives Program, RDCK Community Development Grant Fund, RDCK Discretionary Grant Fund, or directly from the Village budget (Gas Tax Reserve, Climate Action Reserve, operations, in-kind).

ORGANIZATION	PROJECT	FUND	AMOUNT
Asset Management Project	Village Contribution	Village/CD Gr.	9,900
BC Seniors Games	Zone 6 Seniors Games	CD Grant	1,600
BC SPCA Nelson	Spay/Neuter Initiative	CIP/AAP	1,300
Castlegar & District Youth Workshops	Youth Workshops	CIP/AAP	250
Electric Vehicle Charge Station	Village EV Charge Station	Climate Res.	3,000
Halloween Hoot	Slocan Halloween Hoot	CD Grant	2,250
Kootenay Animal Assistance Program	Spay/Neuter Initiative	CIP/AAP	2,250
KB Family Practice Society	Start-up Supplies for Nurse Practitioner	CD Grant	5,000
Kootenay Francophone Society	French Film Night	Disc. Grant	200
Kootenay Literary Society	Elephant Mountain Literary Festival	CIP/AAP	500
New Denver Rescue Society	Rescue Boat Upgrades	CIP/AAP	2,925
Rise Above Pain Society	Integrative Chronic Pain Self Mgmt Program	CIP/AAP	500
Silverton Community Club	Fireworks Display Course	CIP/AAP	300
Slocan Community Library	Library Improvements & Collection Dev't	CIP/AAP	6,500
Slocan Curling Club	Energy Efficiency Upgrades	CIP/AAP	10,200
Slocan District Chamber of Commerce	Slocan Valley Physician Recruitment & Tourism Promotion	CD Grant	5,750
Slocan Fitness Center	Fitness Center Equipment & Upgrades	CIP/AAP	3,900
Slocan Lake Stewardship Society	Education Programs & Lake Studies	CIP/AAP	1,400
Slocan Legion Branch 276	Legion Hall Repairs & Renovation	CIP/AAP	39,452
Slocan Technical Rescue Society	Rescue Equipment	CIP/AAP	7,725
Slocan Valley Cultural Alliance	Unity Music Festival	CIP/AAP	6,919
Slocan Valley Economic Dev't Project	Village Contribution	CD Grant	2,795
Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society	Rail Trail Upgrades & Improvements	CIP/AAP	2,750
Slocan Valley Historical Society	History Projects in Slocan	CIP/AAP	4,538
Slocan Valley Historical Society	Slocan Historical Walking Tour	CD Grant	5,000
Slocan Valley Outriders Association	Equine Retreat & Grounds Upgrades	CIP/AAP	2,364
Slocan Valley Refugee Coalition	New Denver Family	Disc. Grant	200
Slocan Valley Seniors Housing Society	Slocan Seniors Housing Project	CIP/AAP	47,000
Slocan Volunteer Fire Department	Annual Christmas Appreciation Dinner	Village	1,500
	Annual Fishing Derby	Disc. Grant	50
Slocan Waterfront Society	Workshop	CIP/AAP	1,000
Spirit of Slocan Committee	Slocan Cenotaph Project	CIP/AAP	12,500
Spirit of Slocan Committee	Annual Christmas Tree Light-Up	Disc. Grant	300
Stepping Stones for Success	Emergency Shelter	CIP/AAP	500
World Sign Communication Society	Sign Language Education Project	CIP/AAP	350
West Kootenay Women's Assn.	Girls Empowerment Movement	CIP/AAP	299
White Pines Aikido Assn.	Aikido Children's Bursary / Dojo Signage	CIP/AAP	1,250
RDCK Residents	Woodstove Exchange Program – Rebates	RDCK/VOS	300
SIFCO	Community Wildfire Protection Program	CD Grant/Vil	2,250
WEGCSS – Egg Hunt	Annual Easter Egg Hunt	Disc. Grant	550
WEGCSS – Xmas Hamper	Christmas Hamper Program	Disc. Grant	550
WEGCSS – Learning Center	Learning Center Upgrades	CIP/AAP	2,300
WEGCSS – Youth	Youth Programs	CIP/AAP	3,450
WEG Farm to School	Kitchen Upgrade	CIP/AAP	2,500
West Kootenay EcoSociety	Renewable Energy Consultation/Education	CIP/AAP	1,875
			\$207,992



Thank You Slocan!

A message from the Mayor . . .

As we come to the end of a tremendous four-year term, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Council, to Village staff, and to the community for such a creative and productive term in office. It has been an inspiring time of transition for this community – and the Village has worked very hard to work together with community to support ideas and initiatives brought forward by individuals, volunteer organizations, non-profits and our burgeoning business community. I am extremely proud of the many projects that have been completed over the past four years – and the many projects that are in process as we move forward into the next term.

We are such an incredible community of people, located in the most beautiful of natural environments. Moving forward I am committed to maintain our efforts to create a safe and supportive environment for our community to continue to explore ideas, take risks, plan and act on initiatives that will move us into a happy, healthy and prosperous future. I very much look forward to working with the future council, staff, and with the community. By working together – and supporting each other, anything is possible in Slocan!

Jessica Lunn

Mayor of Slocan

ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2014 - 2018

There are many accomplishments, partnership projects, and initiatives the Village took part in over the past four-year Council term; some completed and some ongoing. Here are a few of the highlights:

- **FINANCIAL SERVICES CONTRACT:** In an effort to help neighbouring municipalities tackle increasing public sector accounting requirements, the City of Nelson agreed to provide upper-level financial services, including budgetary planning assistance, to the Villages of Slocan, Silverton and Salmo. The Financial Service Contract was recognized at a Provincial level for its leadership and innovation.
- **COMMUNITY VOTER'S CHALLENGE:** The Village of Slocan participated in the 2014 Elections' Community Voter's Challenge, with other competing communities to increase voter turnout. Though we did not win this challenge, Slocan returned high ranking and an Honorable Mention for a voter turnout of 84% - a 10.8% increase over the 2011 election.
- **GRAND REOPENING OF THE WELLNESS CENTER MEDICAL CLINIC:** In 2015, the Village welcomed Donna Gibbons, Nurse Practitioner, to the Wellness Center Medical Clinic. A Grand Re-Opening was held on April 11th, 2015 to welcome Donna.
- **BI-ANNUAL FIRE INSPECTIONS:** In 2015, the Village procured a Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner (LAFC) to complete a regular system of fire inspections to comply with the Fire Services Act. Once every two years, all local businesses and public buildings are inspected and are provided with an inspection/recommendation report.
- **JOB CREATION PARTNERSHIP (JCP) – OWL WALK & TOURISM ENHANCEMENT PROJECT:** In 2015, the Village received over \$60,000 in funding for a Job Creation Partnership Project, funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia. The project involved cleanup and rehabilitation of the old "Crew Camp Lands". Four Atco trailers were removed from the site and five cabins and five sleeping platforms were dismantled. Overall, 80-100 yards of mixed waste was removed from the site. An outdoor classroom space was created, outhouse built and installed, trail system reclaimed and rebuilt, hand-made bike racks, picnic tables, and bear bins installed, and interpretive signage posted, leading visitors, school groups and residents on an informative and enjoyable walk through the endangered Western Screech Owl habitat. The Village, in partnership with the Ministry of Social Development and KCDS, successfully employed six workers plus a project manager, gaining experience and knowledge for future employment. The Village celebrated the Grand Opening of the Owl Walk on October 2nd, 2015
- **JOB CREATION PARTNERSHIP (JCP) – CAMPGROUND & WATERFRONT ENHANCEMENT PROJECT:** In 2016, the Village received over \$120,000 in grant funding for a Job Creation Partnership Project, funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of British Columbia, including \$40,000 worth of in-kind and cash supports for campground and waterfront upgrades. The 26-week project involved developing and enhancing the well-used municipal campground with the creation of new sites and a new lower loop road, upgrades to power/water, hand built picnic tables, pads, fire pits, and tenting wash station. Upgrades to the waterfront included renovation of the breakwater on-ramp, removal of berm and installation of a lock-block retaining wall.
- **CEMETERY MAPPING:** The Village, in partnership with the RDCK, received \$10,000 in grant funds to complete a Cemetery Mapping Project. The project involved development of an up-to-date digital cemetery database and web mapping/management application. In addition, ground-penetrating radar (GPR) was also completed, to assist staff with location of unmarked grave sites. Staff can utilize this system to track, plan and update records as needed.
- **RAIN BARREL INITIATIVE:** The Village was able to obtain 100 repurposed syrup barrels from Coca-Cola, equipped with spigot conversion kits. 50 of these barrels were shared with the Village of Silverton, in an effort to create regional awareness to water conservation.
- **CENSUS REVIEW:** In 2017, the 2016 Census results were posted to the Statistics Canada website. From the data that was returned, Slocan's population showed a decrease over the 2011 population numbers. As we are seeing an increase in demand for rental housing, an increase in real estate transactions, rising enrollment at our local school, and a number of other factors, staff are requesting a formal review of its 2016 Census population and dwelling counts. Accurate demographic information is critical for local governments not only for planning, but also for funding. Grants provided by the Province are based on a formula that factors in population values. If the values are incorrect, funding received may not be maximized to the greatest benefit. Slocan relies heavily on this government funding to manage capital projects and operations.
- **HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR:** In 2017, Council first received information and resolved to support the Slocan Valley Historical Society's Walking Tour Project. The project would involve placement of interpretive signage around the Village, a brochure, guidebook, and text/audio files for download. Further, Village Council also supported installation of a display case in Council Chambers to showcase artifacts, as well as the Society's Internment Cemetery Refurbishment Project.
- **CLIMATE ACTION:** After signing on to the Climate Action Charter in 2008, the Village completed a carbon inventory and actively tracks and reports its GHG emissions annually. In 2016, a *Community Energy & Emissions Plan (SCEEP)* was completed, and in 2017, Slocan became a *Partner for Climate Protection* through the Federation of Canadian Municipality's (FCM) *Transition 2050 Program*. Most recently, Slocan was recognized for becoming the first 100% *Renewable Kootenays* Community – the 5th municipality in all of Canada with a goal to become 100% renewable by 2050, and recognized for our efforts to undertake significant corporate and community-wide climate actions to reduce GHG emissions. Slocan has been awarded level 4 recognition. In November 2017, Council formed a Climate Action Committee to assist the Village with moving forward with energy emissions reduction strategies, and to provide Council recommendations for initiating related programs, activities, and incentives within the Village.
- **CENOTAPH PROJECT:** The Village endorsed the Spirit of Slocan's \$10,000 Cenotaph Project. The project is to improve and enhance the Cenotaph site area, including landscaping, and to create a space that can be used by community members. This is phase one of a three-phase Wellness Center grounds project.
- **PAVING:** In late 2016, the Slocan and Arrow Lakes Villages received correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation (MOT), advising that a portion of Hwy 6 (north of Slocan) has been scheduled for resurfacing in 2017. The Ministry extended the invitation for local village's to 'piggy-back' on this resurfacing project, and participate in their joint RFP. This was an excellent opportunity for smaller communities as it offers a lower asphalt cost, due to higher volumes. There were also administrative benefits to participating in the joint RFP. Staff highlighted priority paving sections due for upgrade within the Village, and Council agreed to fund the project from the Gas Tax Reserve. In 2017, the Village successfully resurfaced approximately \$130,000 worth of roadways in town.
- **RURAL DIVIDEND (REGIONAL):** In 2016, the Village submitted a joint application to the Rural Dividend Fund, partnering with the Villages of New Denver, Silverton and RDCK Area H to develop a Slocan Valley Economic Development Strategy for our region. The purpose of the project was to develop a regional economic development strategy and capacity-appropriate implementation plan. The strategy articulates areas of potential growth in the region, project-based actions, appropriate partners, and funding sources, as well as funds to hire a consultant to work with the communities/partners and implement the plan. The partners have successfully hired Ron LeBlanc as our Economic Development Coordinator.
- **RURAL DIVIDEND:** In 2017, the Village was successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant to move forward with research and planning for the waterfront area, west of the old mill site. The purpose of this project was to recruit a professional consultant to create a long-term waterfront management and development strategy, and will include conceptual drawings, cost estimates, and a recommendation report. The consultant would connect with all stakeholders, host a community engagement session, analyze existing and new-found data, and create an implementation plan. Data compiled will include landowner information, traffic patterns, existing/future uses, climate change impacts, and local/regional economic benefits. As the area becomes more popular, with a variety of user groups, the intent of this project is to work with all stakeholders, landowners, and the community to create a plan that we can all support, and provide guidance for future projects and improvements. Selkirk Planning & Design was successfully hired for this project in the fall of 2018, and a public input session was held on October 15th. Presentation of the final plan will be held at the Legion Hall on Tuesday, November 20th from 6pm – 8pm.
- **RURAL DIVIDEND:** In 2017, the Village was successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant to move forward with a *Harold Street North Conceptual Design Plan*. Selkirk Planning & Design was awarded the contract. The purpose of the study was to create a conceptual design plan for the Commercial Zone at the north end of Harold Street, and included recommendations on parking, sidewalks, landscaping, lighting, and overall beautification. As part of the consultation process, the Village invited business owners and community members to take part in a walking tour and brain-storming session with the consultants, staff, Council and stakeholders. The final plan was presented to the Village July 2018.
- **SPRINGER CREEK MICRO-HYDRO PROJECT:** For the past decade, Slocan Council has committed to development of the Springer Creek Micro Hydro Power Project, and has completed First Nations consultation and the various environmental, engineering, economic, and feasibility studies required to advance the project. Council is absolutely thrilled to announce the Village was successful in obtaining \$2.4 million through the New Building Canada Small Communities Fund for this community renewable energy project. The project will allow the Village to generate as much power as it currently consumes, will contribute to our economic sustainability, and will build capacity to invest in the community for generations to come. Ultimately, it will provide us with a localized source of renewable energy. The announced funding brings some certainty to project financing, but there is still work that needs to be done before it is a definite "go." The Village has obtained all permits required for the project build, but are now waiting to obtain a power purchase agreement with BC Hydro.
- **LEGION HALL:** In 2017, The Village hired Robert Inwood, Heritage Design Engineer, for completion of a Heritage Design Plan for the Legion Hall, to assist the Village with future planning and heritage/energy upgrades. Council dedicated \$40,000 to the roof replacement project, which came in well under budget, and remaining funds were ear-marked for future upgrades. An application was submitted to the Columbia Basin Trust's *Built Heritage* funding stream for Phase One of the Village's *Legion Heritage Restoration Project*. The Village plans to undertake a program of long-term exterior (phase 1) and interior (phase 2) rehabilitation to its historic hall, by implementing preservation measures to rehabilitate, conserve, and preserve the heritage of the structure, while improving the building's envelope and energy efficiency. The Village was awarded \$174,500 from CBT for this project, and is due to start in the spring of 2019.
- **ASSET MANAGEMENT:** In 2017, The Village of Slocan was successful in obtaining a \$37,000 grant from FCM to complete an asset management inventory for the Village. The project was aimed to assist the Village with retention and replacement of assets such as roads, water infrastructure, storm water network and structures, and included life expectancy of assets, condition, and replacement costs. An inventory was prepared, of all linear asset data, and captured the datasets on GIS base maps and layers, to enable generation of maps and reports for future planning. In the summer of 2018, the Village applied for further grant funds to complete phase two of this project, to facilitate and assist in prioritizing asset renewal and replacement through the assessment of risk, level of service, impact of climate change, and the future needs of the community. The \$10,000 application was successful and work will commence in 2019.
- **ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE STATION:** Council approved the Wellness Center as Slocan's location for installation of an electric vehicle charge station. This project is in partnership with the Community Energy Association and the Accelerate Kootenays Project. The station has recently been installed at the north end of the Wellness Center parking lot. Signage and landscaping for the EV Charge Station pending.
- **CELL SERVICE:** In 2014, Council received a petition from the residents of Slocan urging Council to encourage Telus to reconsider cell service in the Slocan Valley. In response to public demand, in 2018 Telus proposed a macro-site antenna for the Village, to be located on Hume Street. Service is expected to be live early in the New Year, 2019.
- **WILDFIRE MITIGATION:** In an effort to mitigate risk from wildfire in the Village and surrounding areas, Slocan submitted a successful application for funding to the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative and Columbia Basin Trust, in partnership with SIFCo. Treatment work will be ongoing over the next three years. The Village also, in partnership with the Regional District and member municipalities, participated in the FireSmart Program in 2018, encouraging home owners to mitigate their properties against wildfire. The Village also supported a joint application to the UBCM under the *Emergency Operations Center & Training Program*, in partnership with the RDCK, for an EOC Upgrade and Training Initiative. This funding is to support building local capacity to provide emergency social services through training, volunteer recruitment/retention, and the purchase of equipment.
- **SENIORS HOUSING:** In 2015, the Village received the first conceptual drawings for the Seniors and Affordable Housing Complex in Slocan. In 2016, Village Council confirmed its intention to enter into a long-term lease with the Slocan Valley Seniors Housing Society, for construction of a 12-unit affordable housing complex with a focus on seniors, on the lands behind the Wellness Center. In 2018, the Village was able to take part in the Society's grand opening of the *Slocan City Suites*. This has been an exciting and critical project for Slocan – not only has the Society hired local contractors and employed local residents, it will attract and retain seniors in Slocan, all of which help our volunteer, cultural and business community.