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Voyent Alert! is a multi-purpose communication service used to send alerts to residents, businesses, and visitors during critical events like fires or floods as well as for relevant day-to-day communications such as snow removal advisories, planned maintenance, water advisories, garbage day change, etc. It will replace Connect Rocket Messenger and as of today you can sign up for the new system, for FREE.

Learn more
rdck.ca/EmergencyNotifications



NOTICE OF 2020 TAX SALE

Pursuant to Part 11 of the *Local Government Act*, all Local Governments must conduct an **Annual Municipal Tax Sale** – a sale by public auction – of each parcel of real property on which taxes are delinquent. If property owners have outstanding delinquent balances as of **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 2020 at 10:00am**, the properties will be listed and sold in the public auction. All properties with delinquent balances will be advertised in advance of the tax sale.

BUILDING INSPECTION

For more information on Covid-19 inspection services & protocol please visit the RDCK website.

The building inspector is at the Village Office every **Thursday from 1pm – 2pm**. If you wish to make an appointment, please call **250-355-2277**



SLOCAN BEACH REMINDERS:

- Dogs are **NOT** allowed at the family beach. There is a designated dog beach area by the Gazebo.
- Keep the boat launch area cleared of vehicles and park in designated areas.
- **Moorage is not permitted**. The Village has authority to tow boats that are not compliant.
- Please drive slowly and watch for children!

WILDFIRE MITIGATION REBATES



Planning to do some wildfire mitigation this summer or fall?

Did you know that you can get up to 50% of mitigation costs (maximum \$500 per property) reimbursed? To qualify, you will need to have a **FireSmart Assessment** completed for your property, conducted by a qualified **Local FireSmart Representative**.

For more information on eligibility or rebates, or to book your FREE assessment, please contact:

Slocan Integral Forestry CO-OP (SIFCo)
PHONE: 250-226-7012
EMAIL: wildfire@sifco.ca

This project is a partnership between the Villages of Slocan, Silverton, New Denver, and SIFCo, to deliver a unique Wildfire Resiliency Program to their communities.



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AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2020 - NEWSLETTER

2020 Council Meeting Schedule

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

(Council Meetings start at 7:00 pm – Due to Covid-19 all meetings will be held at The Legion Hall until further notice.)



Keep up to date on Village business by attending regular Council meetings, or by visiting our website or Facebook page:

250.355.2277 | www.slocancity.com | www.facebook.com/villageofslocan

REMINDER: ITEMS SUBMITTED FOR INCLUSION ON THE COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA **MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 12-NOON, 7 DAYS IN ADVANCE** OF THE MEETING. LATE ITEMS WILL **NOT** BE ACCEPTED AND WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE NEXT MEETING AGENDA.

SLOCAN COUNCIL

~ Special Meeting of July 30th ~

Council, by unanimous vote, gave first three readings to the Village of Slocan Loan Authorization Bylaw 2020, ultimately being the first step required to work towards purchase of the Mill Site property – and the official announcement that Council has submitted an offer to purchase the site, subject to financing and other regulatory conditions. Council recognizes the importance of this site – not only for the future of the community, but for the region as a whole. The 19.22 acre parcel presents an incredibly unique opportunity, and holds tremendous social, environmental, and economic value to Slocan Valley Residents. Council looks forward to working with the community on a long-term, sustainable vision for Slocan!



PHOTO: SUSAN MCKENZIE, REALTOR

The full staff report, bylaw, and minutes can be viewed on the Village's website, NEWS page: www.slocancity.com

SLOCAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY OPENING THURS. SEPTEMBER 17th 2020



Hours of Operation will be
Thurs. 1pm - 5pm | Sun. 11am - 3pm

COVID-19 LIBRARY PROTOCOL

- Wall mounted automatic hand sanitizer stations at both entrance and hall doors.
- A plexiglass shield for the main circulation desk.
- A limit of 3 patrons and 2 staff.
- Wearing of masks will be requested of patrons and required of volunteers.
- Books will still be quarantined in dated boxes for 72 hours upon return.
- Take out service still available.
- Washrooms will be for staff only.
- Only patrons in good standing will be allowed in and the door will be locked at all times necessitating patrons to knock or ring the bell.

NOTICE OF AGM: Scheduled for **WEDNESDAY September 30th at 7:00pm**. It will be a Zoom meeting with accommodation made for those who cannot access Zoom.

NOTICE OF AGM – SAT. SEPTEMBER 12th 2020

The Slocan Valley Seniors' Housing Society is holding their AGM on September 12th. Please email lodge@housing.ca to pre-register. The meeting is being held outside on the Passmore Hall lawn, bring water and we will try and provide as many portable gazebos as possible. Membership applications need to be in at the office by Aug 13th in order to vote at the meeting. **Registration at 1:45PM / Meeting at 2:00PM** Physical distancing measures will be adhered to.



VILLAGE OF SLOCAN MEETING NOTES

August 10, 2020 – Affordable Housing Rezone Public Hearing

A public hearing was held at 6pm at the Legion Hall. Twelve (12) members of the public were marked as *in attendance* on the sign-in sheet, and ten (10) people spoke to the proposed amendments. Questions, comments, and concerns were heard. Council resolved to table third reading of the Village of Slokan Zoning Amendment Bylaw until more information can be provided out to the public about the proposed project.

The Village intends to host a public town hall meeting, inviting the housing project consultants and architect, to present the draft plans and answer questions from the public.

August 10, 2020 – Regular Meeting

- Michael Zimmer, Okanagan Nation Alliance, presented to Council on *incorporating ecosystem function from a First Nations perspective, and Springer Creek access restoration and habitat improvements.*
- Council received the 2019 Annual Report as presented.
- The CAO's update on the Legion Hall Heritage Restoration Project was received for information.
- Council directed staff to schedule meetings with the following Ministers during the annual (virtual) UBCM Convention:

MINISTRY	TOPIC
Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources	Springer Creek Hydro Project
Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development	Access to Provincial Parks
Municipal Affairs & Housing	Affordable Housing Project
Public Safety & Solicitor General	Rural RCMP Service
Transportation & Infrastructure	Rural Transportation
Minister of State for Child Care	Rural Child Care Services

- Council directed staff to contact the Fitness Center Advisory Commission to discuss options for potentially reopening the Slokan Fitness Center.
- Council directed staff to investigate submitting a grant application to the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS) \$5,000 environmental education grant funding stream, to fund invasive species inventory and management planning for local governments.
- A report was received from the CAO advising Council of issues over the BC Day long weekend. Council accepted the recommendations listed in the report. Staff to provide a draft "No Camping in Public Areas" bylaw for Council's review; staff to provide a draft policy outlining annual beach cleanup, inspection, deadlines and procedure; staff to install more prominent signage at the boat launch advising the public that swimming is not permitted in this area; staff to continue to work with the RCMP on protocols, procedures, and solutions to minimize illegal camping within the Village, and inappropriate behaviour on the waterfront; and that staff research enforcement costs and options, to be considered during 2021 budget discussions.

August 24, 2020 – Special Meeting

- The "Village of Slokan Loan Authorization Bylaw 2020" was finally passed and adopted, and numbered 678. Council directed staff to execute the Corporate Officer's Certificate, as required by the Municipal Finance Authority, upon completion of the one-month quashing period.
- The "Village of Slokan Temporary Borrowing Bylaw 2020" was given first, second and third readings.

Missed the last meeting? No problem! Agendas and minutes are available on the Village website: www.slocancity.com/council.



WATER NOTICE
EFFECTIVE AUGUST 26, 2020 - 3:00PM
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, ELEVATED WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES ARE IN EFFECT FOR USERS ON THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN WATER SYSTEM DUE TO AN EMERGENCY REPAIR.

THE PLANT HAS BEEN SHUT DOWN TO CONDUCT THESE REPAIRS. WE KINDLY ASK RESIDENTS TO USE WATER ONLY IF ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, UNTIL THE PLANT CAN BE TURNED BACK ON.

WE WILL NOTIFY RESIDENTS WHEN SERVICE CAN RESUME.

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, ELEVATED CONSERVATION MEASURES ARE IN EFFECT:

NO SPRINKLING, FILLING POOLS, WASHING VEHICLES, DOING EXCESS LAUNDRY, OR ANYTHING ELSE THAT IS BEYOND WHAT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR GENERAL HEALTH / WELL-BEING.

On August 25th, 2020 the Village issued a Water Notice to all residents on the Slokan Water System, implementing an immediate water conservation order due to an emergency repair needed at the water plant. The analog input module in the PLC (programmable controller) which essentially controls all function of the plant failed, causing the entire system to shut down. Fortunately, we were able to replace this part in a timely manner, and the Notice was lifted within 24 hours. We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our residents for adhering to the Notice, and for not using excess water during the shut down.

Anyone who would like to be added to our "Slokan Water User Emergency Contact List" that is not already (to receive emergency notices such as this), can send an email to frontdesk@villageofslocan.ca. Please include your name, street address, phone number and email address.



The Corporation of the Village of Slokan

NOTICE:

WATER CONSERVATION MEASURES

Effective immediately: **JULY 15th 2020**

Sprinkling permitted daily between the hours of:

7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
And
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

During the spring and summer seasons, daily residential water use can double over winter consumption primarily because of lawn and garden watering and car washing. Our residential water is gravity fed from a 255,000 gallon reservoir on Gwillim Creek, and the water plant has to pump water through the filters, then up to the reservoir. During freshet the creek NTU's are running high; this will cause water production to decrease and the demand is higher than the plant can produce. If sprinkling is kept within the permitted hours, this will give the reservoir a chance to recover and will give operators time to do plant maintenance.

DO NOT over-water your lawn! To stay healthy, most lawns need 2.5 cm of water (equal to 1 hour of sprinkling) per week.

Please ensure that water does not over-spray onto sidewalks, driveways or roads.

The Village of Slokan thanks you for your assistance and will advise if any changes are required. If you have any questions, please call 250-355-2277.



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY 2020 Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up Events

ACCEPTED

- Acids
- Adhesives
- Aerosols
- Anti-Freeze
- Automotive products
- Caustics
- Cleaning products
- Corrosive materials
- Electrical outdoor power equipment
- Fertilizers
- Fuel
- Lighting products and ballasts
- Kerosene
- Mercury & mercury containing products
- Oil
- Paint products
- Personal products
- Pesticides
- Pool/Spa chemicals
- Roofing tar
- Sealers and strippers
- Thermometers/Thermostats
- Unlabeled items

NOT ACCEPTED

- Ammunition
 - Bio-Hazardous Waste
 - Explosives
 - Flares
 - Radioactive Materials
- Bring to an RDCK landfill or transfer station:
- Asbestos (landfill only)
 - *ODS Containing Appliances
 - *Propane Tanks

*Accepted for free year round.

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Castlegar Community Complex
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, September 26, 2020

Silverton Public Works Yard
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday, September 27, 2020

Nakusp Arena
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Visit the RDCK's website for events in other areas.

Open All Year-Round

Nelson Leafs EcoDepot / Recycling Centre
Tuesday to Saturday / 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

All events are free!

Food donations are accepted.

Residential household hazardous waste only.
No commercial or industrial wastes.

For a complete list of items accepted at round-up events, visit www.rdck.ca or call 1-800-268-7325.

ElectroRecycle
SMALL APPLIANCE & POWER TOOL
RECYCLING PROGRAM

Return-It
Electronics

Productcare

BC Used Oil
Management Association



Residential Fall Cleanup 2020

Monday, Oct. 5th – Thursday, Oct. 8th

Acceptable Items:

- Tree Trimmings / Branches (under 10cm in diameter and 3 meters in length, bundled neatly)
- Leaves (bagged)
- Organic Materials



The Village of Slokan will only pick up organic materials.

All other materials will be left and it will be the owner's responsibility to take to the appropriate recycling facility or transfer station.

Residents are requested to place any organic materials for pickup on the boulevard where you would normally place your garbage can. Any items placed on the boulevard after October 8th will not be removed and the home owner will be responsible for disposing of the materials.

FREE VEHICLE REMOVAL

The week of **October 5th**, 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, colour and license plate # of your vehicle (unlicensed vehicles will also be accepted). Proof of ownership is also required. 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 winter snow-clearing.

There is no cost to the Village or residents for this service.