THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2020 - NEWSLETTER

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

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.)

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

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 MEEETING 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.

100% RENEWABLE KOOTENAYS -

The Village of Slocan, along with the RDCK, Castlegar, Kaslo, Nelson, New Denver, Rossland, Silverton, Slocan and Warfield have made the commitment to transition to 100% renewable energy by 2050. Each community is hosting a webinar this November for the public to learn more about the plan and to provide input.

The nine local governments are collaborating to finalize the draft West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan, to build on the region's clean energy achievements and work toward a carbon neutral future. The goal is to have any remaining energy use coming from renewable sources to create healthier and safer communities, stronger economies with better careers, and cleaner energy use locally. The renewable energy plan focuses on transportation, heating and cooling buildings, electricity, and waste management.

You are invited to join the public webinar to provide your feedback on the priorities for the renewable energy transition in your community. The full schedule of webinar dates for each community are available online at www.westkootenayrenewableenergy.ca.

The joint Slocan/Silverton/New Denver webinar will be held on:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 at 7-8:30pm

please visit the website to register

The Village would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has provided direction and feedback on this initiative to date and we look forward to hearing from you! Links to the draft plan, webinar dates/registration, and other important information can be accessed by visiting www.westkootenayrenewableenergy.ca .

UPCOMING BILLS:

BUSINESS LICENSES:
Billing December 15__Due January 31st 2021

DOG LICENSING:
Billing December 15__Due January 31st 2021

UTILITIES (WATER/GARBAGE):
Billing in January, Due Mar. 1st 2021

**If needed, please contact the Village Office to Inquire about your balance.*

- **ON JANUARY 1st, 2021, ALL OUTSTANDING BALANCES ON UTILITY BILLS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO ARREARS TAXES.**

PROVINCIAL WOODSTOVE EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2020/21

As a participating member of this program since 2009, the Village will once again provide a **$100 rebate**, to a maximum of three wood stoves, in addition to the $250 provincial rebate, for Village Residents who replace old, inefficient woodstoves with new, efficient EPA-certified heating appliances. Applications are available at the Village Office or the RDCK website.

To: All residents of British Columbia

Remove financial barriers for rural British Columbians seeking healthcare services

The BC Rural Health Network is sponsoring a petition calling on the British Columbia Premier and Cabinet to bring forward legislation that removes financial barriers to health services caused when rural residents require care away from home.

Please take a moment to sign the petition which can be accessed by clicking on the following link: **https://you.leadnow.ca/petitions/don-t-penalize-rural-british-columbians-seeking-healthcare**

Rural British Columbians who need to access care away from home endure considerable hardship, including out of pocket costs and emotional distress. It is time for our Provincial Government to correct this health inequity.

Our goal is to gather at least 10,000 signatures that will show our elected representatives that it is time for action on this issue. In order to accomplish this, we ask everyone to share this information widely. This could include the members of your organization, members of other community organizations, friends, family, and social media connections.

Thank you for your support,

Nienke Klaver,
Executive Assistant, BCRHN

Royal Canadian Legion
Slocan Valley Branch #276

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

Wednesday, Nov. 11th, 2020
11:00am at the Slocan Cenotaph

Wreaths/Crosses purchased will be placed at the cenotaph before the Ceremony by Legion members.

Please keep social distancing in mind if attending!

Because of Covid19 there will not be a Service in the hall this year.

"Lest we forget"

"October is **SMALL BUSINESS MONTH** so here's just a little reminder to go that extra mile to support our amazing local Slocan Valley businesses!"

Visit www.slocanvalley.com and check out our Valley Directory to help you discover and support our local business owners. #shopslocan whenever you can.

Shop Slocan is brought to you by the
Slocan Valley Economic Development Partnership

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN MEETING NOTES – October 13th, 2020

- Megan Chadwick, Executive Director, Arrow-Slocan Tourism Association, attended the meeting to provide an update to Council on who the Association is, what they do, strategic plan and objectives, and initiatives completed to date.
- Council supported being a partnering community with the Villages of Silverton and New Denver, in an application to the UBCM CRI FireSmart Community Funding & Supports Program, for funding of up to a combined maximum of $450,000; and further, that Council grant authority to the Village of Silverton to apply for, receive, and manage the grant funding on behalf of the partnering communities.
- The Village will participate in the 2020/21 RDCK Woodstove Exchange Program, offering three $100 rebates to qualified applicants, for a combined maximum of $300 for this program season.
- Council approved the Development Variance Permit application to vary the residential zone accessory structure height requirements as established in the Village of Slocan Zoning Bylaw, for construction of a pre-fabricated, steel-framed garage kit, from 15 feet to 17.12 feet, for the property legally described as Lots 15, 16, 17, Block 19, Plan 496, DL 292, PID: 016-251-636, 016-251-644, and 016-251-652, 709 Springer Street.
- Council approved the CIP/AAP Grant scope change request received from WE Graham Community Service Society for their Farm to Kitchen Intergenerational Cooking Program.
- Council approved the request from the Slocan Valley Youth Network, to create new banners to hang on poles along Harold Street. The theme will be *Slocan is 120!* with a focus on *Past, Present and Future.*
- The Village will write a letter to the Slocan Valley Youth Network, supporting their application to the CBT BasinPlays Funding Program for skate park improvements; and that Council award $2,800 from the RDCK Community Development Fund as the Village's contribution to the project, if successful.
- Staff were directed to consult further with the Slocan Fitness Center Advisory Commission, to develop a strategy to safely re-open the Fitness Center for all users.
- A letter of support be sent to the BC Health Minister and Health Critic, to advocate for enhanced paramedic services and healthcare in our community. The BC Rural Health Network petition information and link will be included in the Village newsletter and website.
- Information regarding the RDCK Campbell Field Re-Development Project will be included in the Village newsletter and website.
- Information regarding the 2020 Remembrance Day Service will be included in the Village newsletter and website.
- The "Village of Slocan Camping Bylaw No. 680, 2020" was adopted.

Missed the last meeting?
No problem! Agendas and minutes are available on the Village website:
www.slocancity.com/council
The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday November 9th, 2020 7:00pm at The Legion Hall

SLOCAN VALLEY WILDFIRE RESILIENCY PROGRAM
FIRESMART SURVEY

The Village of Slocan has been actively working with the Villages of Silverton and New Denver to reduce wildfire risk in our communities. With grants from UBCM and the help of SIFCo, we have funding available to help residents undertake fuel mitigation activities on their private property. More information about the program is available here: www.sifco.ca/SVWRP.

We are reaching out to Village residents to find out the obstacles and challenges that you face, and the services needed to better support wildfire mitigation on your property.

Please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/C7MNSCR to complete a short survey and provide your input. Alternatively, a postage-paid paper copy of the survey will be mailed out. Please complete only one survey. Survey deadline: Nov. 30, 2020.

SLOCAN VALLEY Wildfire Resiliency PROGRAM

SNOW REMOVAL

Winter is coming and the Village would like to remind residents to keep boulevards clear of unlicensed vehicles and debris, in preparation for snow removal. Clearance of Village road right-of-way's and boulevards should be done prior to **OCTOBER 31st, 2020** and is pursuant to the Slocan Traffic & Highways Regulation **Bylaw No. 452**.

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.
This is a complimentary service and furrows are cleared after all other plowing has been done. If you require more immediate assistance with furrow removal, we recommend contacting a local contractor.

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**

WISHING YOU ALL A SAFE AND HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

Traditional Halloween activities are fun, but some can increase the risk of getting or spreading COVID-19 or influenza.
Visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays/halloween.html for safety steps and alternate ways to enjoy Halloween this year.

STEPS TO TAKE WHEN TRICK OR TREATING

Make trick-or-treating safer:

- Avoid direct contact with trick-or-treaters.
- Give out treats outdoors, if possible.
- Set up a station with individually bagged treats for kids to take.
- Wash hands before handling treats.
- Wear a mask.

Wear a mask:

- Make your cloth mask part of your costume.
- A costume mask is not a substitute for a cloth mask.
- Do NOT wear a costume mask over a cloth mask. It can make breathing more difficult.
- Masks should NOT be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing.
- Stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you.
- Indoors and outdoors, you are more likely to get or spread COVID-19 when you are in close contact with others for a long time.

Wash your hands:

- Bring hand sanitizer with you and use it after touching objects or other people.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Parents: supervise young children using hand sanitizer.
- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds when you get home and before you eat any treats.

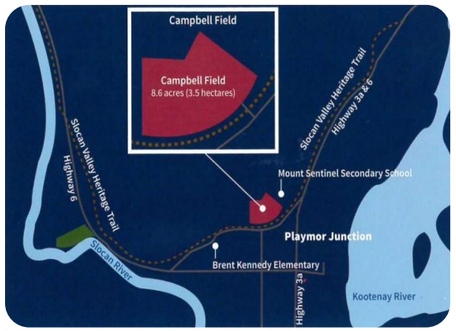
Remember to always:

- Wear a cloth mask.
- Indoors and outdoors, stay at least 6 feet away from others who do not live with you.
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.

MESSAGE FROM THE SLOCAN HALLOWEEN HOOT SOCIETY:

Due to the COVID-19 situation, it is with regret that we cannot proceed with our 30th Annual Halloween Hoot. We would love to be able to give people a bit of a break with a Halloween celebration - there is just no way of organizing a large group of people during these times. So, we'll do our part to get through this pandemic, and the Slocan Halloween Hoot will be back next year with an even bigger and better show to make up for the missed year. **"We'll do it in style"**!

CAMPBELL FIELD REIMAGINATION PROJECT
Recreation Amenity Project – HOUSEHOLD SURVEY



The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) wants to hear from you about an exciting initiative to envision possible new recreation facilities at Campbell Field.
To properly plan for this potential development it is important to hear from area residents.

YOUR HOUSHOLD IS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SURVEY!
Watch out for a postcard in the mail with your unique access code.
Access the on-line survey at: **www.rdck.ca/CampbellField**

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
We need your help to reimagine the possibilities for Campbell Field.
To receive your survey link please email: **Campbellfield@rdck.bc.ca**

"Campbell Field is a central location for many people in the RDCK. The ability to satisfy the recreation needs of area residents is a great opportunity that we need to explore." Walter Popoff

WHAT RECREATION AMENITIES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE DEVELOPED AT CAMPBELL FIELD?

YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT!

To stay up-to-date on the Campbell Field Study and participate in the survey, please visit:
www.rdck.ca/CampbellField