



Slocan Community

COVID Library Hours are:

Thurs. 1pm - 5pm | Sun. 11am - 3pm

You can also access your library account online by visiting our website at: slocanlibrary.ca

Welcome

to the Slocan Community Library Website!

Thank you for visiting the Slocan Community Library Website. Here you will find information on the library, our hours & our current book catalog. Site content is coming soon.

[View our catalog](#)

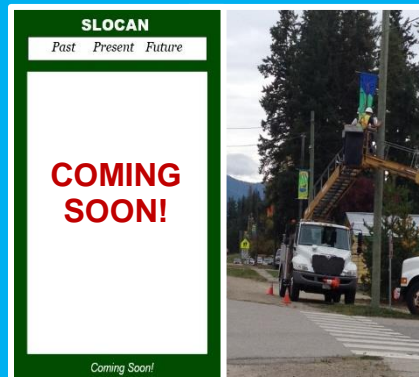


The whole library catalog is available on our website and we have lots of photos of books to make it easy to see what we have too.

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN HAROLD STREET BANNER PROJECT

In 2015 The Village Visions Art Project saw 17 banners installed on Harold Street with artwork from WE Graham Community School students, funded by the ArtStarts Program and supported by TELUS.

In September 2020 the flags were removed due to weathering. In response to this, a call was put out again in October 2020 to our local youth, to create a new set of banners. In partnership with the Slocan Valley Youth Network and TELUS, amazing artwork has once again been received and is being prepared for print. A huge thank you to all who made this possible and we look forward to the new installations!!



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JANUARY 2021 - NEWSLETTER

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

2021 Council Meeting Schedule

January 11	May 10	September 13
February 8	June 14	October 12 (Tues.)
March 8	July 12	November 8
April 12	August 9	December 13

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



JANUARY

HAPPY NEW YEAR

From the Council & Staff of the Village of Slocan

“For the first time in more than 80 years, salmon spawning in the upper Columbia River.”



Pictured here is one of the 36 redds found by Colville tribal fishery biologists in the Sanpoil River, a tributary of the Columbia River. (Courtesy of the Colville Tribe)

For the first time in more than a generation, chinook salmon have spawned in the upper Columbia River system. Colville Tribal biologists counted 36 redds (a gravelly nest in which female salmon lay their eggs) along an 8-mile stretch of the Sanpoil River, a tributary of the Columbia, in September.

Read the full article online at:
<https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2020/dec/17/for-the-first-time-in-more-than-80-years-salmon-sp/>

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UTILITIES (WATER/GARBAGE):

DUE MARCH 1st, 2021

Utility bills have now been mailed out.

Pay by 4pm Monday, March 1st to receive a 10% discount on the water portion of your bill (residential customers only). All balances remaining after March 31st will receive a 10% penalty.

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

> ON JANUARY 1st, 2021, ALL OUTSTANDING 2020 BALANCES ON UTILITY BILLS WERE TRANSFERRED TO ARREARS TAXES.



SLOCAN DOGS!

Make sure you have your 2021 Dog Tag!!

They assist greatly with lost dogs and revenue collected is put towards dog bag refills and maintaining the dog posts in town.

ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS Did you know that you can pay your property tax and utility bills online? The service is not yet available through some financial institutions, but those who bank with a credit union or BMO will have full access immediately. When creating the Village as a vendor, please do not include the zeros with the account numbers. For any assistance with electronic payments, feel free to contact the Village Office: **250-355-2277**

BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES



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**.

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. Please remember that clearance of furrows is a **complimentary** service, and are cleared only after *all other plowing has been done*. If you require more immediate assistance with furrow removal, we recommend contacting a local contractor.

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.



CBT COMMUNITY INITIATIVE PROGRAM 2021

The Columbia Basin Trust Community Initiatives and Affected Areas Programs (CIP/AAP) is now accepting applications for the 2021 funding year! The program supports local projects that provide additional value to Basin communities. Funded projects support cultural, social, environmental, and economic projects.

INTAKE IS NOW OPEN!
SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

4:30pm Friday Feb. 26th, 2021

NEW ONLINE APPLICATION:

The submission process has changed. Applications must now be submitted through CBT's online application system available on the RDCK website:

<http://rdck.ca/cip-aap>

Applicants are encouraged to read carefully through the Application Guide and Worksheet. If you require assistance, please call the Village Office and we will direct you to the right person to speak with.

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN MEETING NOTES

January 11th – Regular Meeting

- Council received information on the 2021 CBT CIP/AAP Community Initiatives Grant Funding Program.
- The 2020 Fitness Center Year End Report was received; \$2,417.26 will be withdrawn from the Village's COVID Safe Restart Program to balance the Fitness Center accounts for 2020.
- The 2020 Transit Sales Year End Report was received.
- The 2020 Building Permit Year End Report was received.
- Council received information from the RDCK regarding implementation of Step Code requirements for Part 9 buildings.
- Council directed staff to apply for the Canada Summer Jobs 2021 Program.
- The Village of Slocan Zoning Amendment and Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaws were adopted.
- Council directed staff to begin preparing an RFP for clean-up of the fallen trees on the Owl Walk lands.

January 12, 2021 – Special Meeting: Affordable Housing Project Presentation of Draft Plans

- Lukas Armstrong and Adam Brady, COVER Architecture, were in attendance to present the draft Affordable Housing Project plans, and to answer any questions from the public.
- Graham Burns and Lindsay Monk, M'akola Development Services, were in attendance to provide a brief presentation on the BC Housing application process and project timeline, and to answer any questions from the public.
- The Mayor read aloud, the written submissions received by the Village in advance of the meeting. Questions were addressed by Council, COVER Architecture, and M'akola.
- Approximately 50 members of the public were in attendance for the virtual meeting.
- Eleven members of the public were added to the speakers list during public participation period, and expressed their opinions, comments, concerns and questions regarding the Affordable Housing Project.
- At a subsequent special meeting, it was moved that the Village submit an application to BC Housing for the January 15th funding deadline. Council further moved that staff be directed to prepare an information package and Public Opinion Survey on the Housing Project, to be completed by March 31, 2021, to better gauge the support of the community prior to making a decision; and that Council decide if the project will move forward after reviewing the results.

Virtual Meeting Notice:

Pursuant to PHO Order M192, Local Governments are restricted from permitting in-person attendance at public meetings. The Village has arranged an online virtual platform and encourage all residents to attend either online or by telephone!

Attend Online:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/322545565>

Dial in by Telephone:

1-647-497-9391 (Access Code: 322-545-565)

Council would like to remind residents and the general public that anonymous submissions to Council will not be accepted and will not be added to the meeting agenda. Submissions must be signed and dated. Thank you!



It is with our most sincere gratitude that we wish Tim Hill, Public Works Supervisor, best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement!

Tim has been with the Village since 2005, and has been instrumental to seeing many, many projects and initiatives come to fruition over the

years. We appreciate all that Tim has done for the community, and his hard work and dedication will be remembered by the Village for years to come.

Congratulations Tim!

With that, we are excited to announce the promotion of Lachlan McGreal, who will be moving into the Public Works Supervisor position!

Lachlan has been with the Village since 2005 alongside Tim, and has the knowledge and experience to fulfill this position. We look forward to working with Lachlan in this new capacity!



BRITISH
COLUMBIA

What's New in B.C. Property Taxes

HOW TO APPLY FOR THE HOMEOWNER GRANT

If you qualify for the home owner grant, you must apply each year to receive it. You must apply every year because the previous year's information may be out of date if your residential circumstance has changed. This may affect your qualifications for the grant.

What's changed in 2021?

Effective 2021, residents in municipalities no longer apply for the home owner grant through their municipal office. Everyone will now apply directly to the province using a new online system that's easy to use and will process applications faster. The system will be available in early 2021. Visit gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant for more information.

Important: Early applications are **not** being accepted at this time. To be notified when the system goes live, subscribe to the **What's New in Property Taxes** page at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/taxes/tax-changes/whats-new/property-taxes>

Get ready to apply

The best time to apply is after you receive your property tax notice in the mail and before your property tax due date.

1. Wait to receive your property tax notice in the mail.
2. Keep your property tax notice on hand. It has important numbers you'll need to apply.
3. Once applications open, you can apply quickly and easily online.
4. If you're unable to apply online, call **1-888-355-2700** for assistance.

Missed the last meeting? No problem! Agendas and minutes are available on the Village website:

www.slocancity.com/council

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on Monday February 8th 2021 7:00pm

To attend a public meeting, please use the following link to attend virtually, or by telephone:

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/322545565> Dial in by phone: 1-647-497-9391 Access Code 322-545-565

SLOCAN HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTER CLINIC

Interior Health - Nurse Practitioner

Thursdays, 10am – 4pm

Slocan Office : 250-355-2279 | New Denver Office : 250-358-7211

Raven Acupuncture, c/o Brendan Murray-Nellis

Wednesdays 10am-1pm, Thursdays-Saturdays 10am-6pm, by appointment only.

Slocan Office : 250-355-2279 | Direct Line : 250-551-258 | ravenacupuncture@gmail.com

Slocan Valley Massage Therapy, c/o Anthony Florio

Sundays, 10am - 6pm, & Tuesdays 11am-7pm, by appointment only.

Direct Line : 250-226-0091 or 778-839-5588 | [Book Online at: https://slocanvalleymassage.com](https://slocanvalleymassage.com)

Please remember to follow Covid-19 Protocols and Procedures at all times.

Wash your hands, wear a mask and stay home if you are sick.



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.