

CONGRATULATIONS!

To the Slocan Valley Historical Society for receiving a \$500,000 grant to complete the Merriwake Interpretive Centre in Slocan!

An important piece of Japanese-Canadian history will be preserved in the Slocan Valley thanks to a \$500,000 grant from Heritage BC. The funds will support construction of the Merriwake Interpretive Centre in Slocan. The building will shelter the Merriwake, a 31-foot fishing boat believed to be the last of its kind in Canada. "This injection of funds will allow us not only to showcase the restored vessel, but to tell part of the larger story of the Japanese-Canadian internment," says Slocan Valley Historical Society vice-president Anitra Winje. "We are ecstatic to receive this support".

For more info please visit: www.slocanvalleyhistory.ca

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT ~ COMMUNITY SURVEY ~

The Village of Slocan is proposing to construct an 8-Unit affordable housing tri-plex on 8 village-owned lots. An information package and public opinion survey has been distributed to gauge the support of the community. Please note that this is an informal public opinion survey only, and not mandatory or regulated by any level of government or legislation. We appreciate you taking the time to review the information and return your survey.

Please submit your survey by 4:00pm March 31st, 2021

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



We have cook books, crafting books, new fiction, graphic novels and more.



Come in out of the weather and see!



New members welcome.

SLOCAN COMMUNITY
Library



FRIENDLY REMINDER - Garbage

GARBAGE DAY IS TUESDAY ALL GARBAGE MUST BE OUT BY 9AM FOR PICK UP!

Please note that there is a weight restriction on bags (22 lbs/10 kg max). Bags over the limit will not be collected. All bags must be securely sealed and preferably 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 \$3.00/each 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).

THE TRANSFER STATION IS NOW OPEN 3 DAYS A WEEK, YEAR ROUND, FOR GARBAGE & RECYCLING

TUESDAYS - 9:00am to 3:00pm
THURSDAYS - 9:00am to 3:00pm
SATURDAYS - 9:00am to 3:00pm



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.



UTILITIES (WATER/GARBAGE) PENALTY REMINDER

Please be advised that all 2021 Utility Bills with an outstanding balance after MARCH 31st

WILL RECEIVE A 10% PENALTY.

Unpaid balances at Dec. 31st 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! 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

Office: 250-355-2277



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MARCH 2021 - NEWSLETTER

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.)



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 April 12th 2021 at 7:00pm

To attend a public meeting, please use the following link to attend virtually, or by telephone: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/322545565> or dial in by phone: 1-647-497-9391 Access Code 322-545-565

RESIDENTIAL SPRING CLEANUP 2021

MONDAY, April 19th – THURSDAY, April 22nd

Acceptable Items:

- ✓ Furniture - sofas, beds, chairs, etc.
- ✓ Domestic household items
- ✓ Garden Trimmings (must be bundled neatly)
- ✓ Branches separated to run through the chipper (Less than 10cm in diameter)
- ✓ There is a \$10.00 charge for picking Up White Goods (fridges, freezers, stoves, hot water tanks, washers, dryers, etc.)

*MAXIMUM 2 x ONE CUBIC METER PILES PER HOUSEHOLD

Unacceptable Items:

- X Vehicles
- X Hazardous waste - paint, fuel, used oil, flammables, poisons, thinners, pesticides and fertilizers, etc.
- X Oil tanks
- X Tires
- X Propane tanks
- X Vehicle batteries
- X Electronic Recyclable Materials
- X Wood (ie: plywood, 2x4's, etc.)
- X Construction, Renovation or Demolition Waste of any type

*Tags can be purchased at the Village Office. COVID rules apply, please call the office in advance of pickup.

***MAXIMUM: TWO PILES OF ONE CUBIC METER EACH**

Please put your items in the same location you would normally put your garbage can.



PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY TO PUT YOUR ITEMS OUT!



Residents are requested to place items for pickup on the boulevard where you would normally place your garbage can. Any items placed on the boulevard after April 22nd will not be removed, and the home owner will be responsible for disposing

Need a Vehicle Removed?

The Village will once again offer FREE vehicle removal during clean up week. Please contact the Village Office to register. We will require the make/model, licence plate, and proof of registration.

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

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As part of our Spring Clean-Up Week we will also be running an

Electronic Recycling Collection in collaboration with ERA



electronic.recycling.association

MONDAY, April 19th - THURSDAY, April 22nd

ACCEPTED ITEMS

LAPTOPS & COMPUTERS

LAPTOPS/COMPUTERS (MAC AND PC)
DOCKING STATIONS
PARTS (MOTHERBOARDS, HARD DRIVES, ETC.)
KEYBOARDS, MICE, WIRES/CABLES

CONSUMER ELECTRONICS

GAMING CONSOLES
IPODS/IPADS/MP3 PLAYERS
STEREO EQUIPMENT

PRINTERS

PRINTERS (INKJET AND LASERJET)
FAX MACHINES
SCANNERS & COPIERS

HANDHELD DEVICES

MOBILE PHONES/IPHONES/SMART PHONES
TABLETS

MISC DEVICES

PHONE SYSTEMS
CD/DVD & CARDS
SERVERS (RACKS, STANDS, ALL BRANDS)
SOFTWARE (OPERATING/EDITING/DESIGN)
SWITCHES AND ROUTERS
LAB EQUIPMENT
DISK ARRAYS



This is a one-time collection event. The ERA will be providing bins and pallets, data wipe in every electronic, and collection of internal equipment. No appliances or TV's will be accepted.

To schedule an appointment for drop-off, please contact the Village Office (250-355-2277).

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN MEETING NOTES

February 8th – Regular Meeting

- Council approved in principle a request from the Outriders Association, to construct a perimeter fence on the SVOA lands, and that details of the materials/site plan be provided to Council.
- A letter will be sent to the Rural Alternatives Research & Training Society (RARTS), supporting their application to the Columbia Basin Trust Outdoor Revitalization Grant Program, for improvements to the Vallican Whole Community Center grounds.
- A letter will be sent to the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions & Health Authorities, including Northern Health and Interior Health, and local MLA, supporting the BC Schizophrenia Society's (BCSS) efforts to provide care for mental illnesses to families, through programs and services.
- The Healthy Community Society will be invited to present to Council on their composting programs.
- A letter will be sent to the RDCK, requesting to consider lowering transit rates during review of the regional transit service.
- Council renewed its Financial Services Contract with the City of Nelson for a further term of 3 years.
- Council submitted an application to BC Housing for the January 15th funding deadline for the Slocan Affordable Housing Project, and staff were directed to prepare an information package on the Housing Project and a Public Opinion Survey, to better gauge the support of the community, to be completed by March 31, 2021; and that Council will decide if the Project will move forward after reviewing the results.

March 8th – Regular Meeting

- Chris Johnson, RDCK Manager of Community Sustainability, presented to Council on the RDCK Emergency Program, summarizing 2020 and 2021 programs and events.
- Donna Wilchynski and Tyler Rice presented a summary of the West Kootenay Boundary Investment Co-op, including who they are, what they do, and how they support local businesses in the Kootenays.
- 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 an accessory residential unit, from 15 feet to 18 feet, for the property legally described as Parcel A, Block 23, Plan 496, DL 292, PID: 023-771-615, 714 Arthur Street.
- A report was received from the CAO, updating Council on the Paving Project Proposal. Due to a large number of applicants, the grant application was unsuccessful. Council directed staff to consult with the CFO to determine if the paving project could be funded from internal sources.
- The CAO provided a report on electronic recycling. Council directed staff to facilitate placement of an electronic recycling bin at the Village during clean-up week.
- Council approved an application submission to the Healthy Communities Initiative, for funding to resurface the tennis court with a Flex-Court Canada sports surface.
- Correspondence was received from TELUS, requesting a letter of support for their Universal Broadband Fund Application. Council asked that TELUS provide more information on the project scope and timeline before making a decision.
- A letter was received from the Rural Alternatives Research & Training Society (RARTS), requesting a representative of the Village to come to a future RARTS meeting to present details of the Affordable Housing Project. Councillor Pelletier will attend the RARTS June meeting to make a presentation.
- Council directed staff to schedule a meeting with Council and the Slocan Valley Community Complex Society, to discuss their request for the Village to provide water outside the boundary, to service up to twenty lots south of the cemetery.
- Council approved use of the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant funds for installation of laundry services in the Wellness Center; and further, that the grant also be used to support reopening the Fitness Center, including the hiring of staff persons if needed, and that a draft budget for reopening/staff costs be provided to Council at the next meeting.
- Council appointed Slocan Fire Department representative, Adriana Burton, to the Slocan Fitness Center Advisory Commission, and Rory Lindsay was appointed to the Owl Walk Advisory Commission.

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!



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HOMEOWNER GRANT APPLICATION

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.

Starting in 2021, residents in municipalities no longer apply for the home owner grant through their municipal office. Everyone now applies directly to the province using a new online system that's easy to use and will process applications faster. When you apply, we'll need your social insurance number to verify your eligibility.

Get ready to apply:

1. **Wait to receive your property tax notice in the mail. This usually happens around May.**
2. **Keep your property tax notice on hand. It has important numbers you'll need to apply.**
3. **Apply online at: www.gov.bc.ca/homeownergrant Your information will be safe and secure when you apply online. It only takes a few minutes and is faster than calling.**
4. **If you're unable to apply online, call us at **1-888-355-2700** for assistance.**

Apply for the home owner grant when you receive your property tax notice. You may apply early, but applications are processed after tax notices are mailed out.

***Be sure to apply before your property tax due date to avoid late payment penalties.**

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 appt. only.

Direct Line : 250-226-0091 or 778-839-5588

Book Online at: <https://slocanvalleymassage.com>

Please remember to follow Covid-19 Protocols and Procedures at all times. Wash your hands, wear a mask & stay home if you are sick.

www.slocancity.com/wellness-centre



SLOCAN VALLEY OUTRIDERS ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF 2021 AGM

WEDNESDAY APRIL 15th 2021

6:00 PM @ THE S.V.O.A GROUNDS -910 Arlington Rd.

We are your local horse club; a non-profit society committed to fun, safe, lifelong learning with our horses and we host a number of events each year, such as **family fun days, trail rides, youth horse camps, kids vaulting and riding lessons, educational clinics** and more!

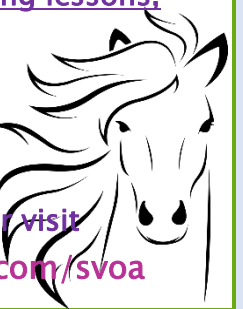
MEMBERSHIP:

Senior \$25 Junior \$15 Family \$40

For more info please email us at:

slocanvalleyoutriders@gmail.com or visit

www.slocanvalleyoutrid.wixsite.com/svoa



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

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