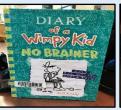
## **SLOCAN COMMUNITY**



The Slocan Library would like to remind you that children under 16 get a **FREE** library card when their parent has a card (\$10 per year)!







Search our catalog online at: <a href="www.slocanlibrary.ca">www.slocanlibrary.ca</a>
Our website shows everything that's in the library, and members can make requests, place holds, and renew items from home.

#### **LIBRARY HOURS ARE:**

Thurs: 1pm-5pm / Fri: 7-9pm / Sat.& Sun: 11am-3pm We are located at: 710 Harold St. Slocan, BC PHONE: 250-355-2355



2023 Christmas Tree Light-Up Thank you! ... to the Mayor for her

positive speech to start off the celebration, to all our wonderful volunteers that make it happen, and to the Village for their continued support of our event! A special thank you to the Slocan Village Market for their yearly donation of hot beverages!! This event



would not be successful without all the families and People from the Valley who attend our Tree Lighting Celebration - we thank you- from the Spirit of Slocan Committee.

#### **SNOW REMOVAL**

Winter weather is here! 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 by 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.





## Winter Carnival

Seeking Volunteers

Email treehuggersocietybc@outlook.com

## **SLOCAN DOGS!**

Make sure you have your 2024 Dog Tag!!

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

When walking your dog in town please have them on a leash.



## UTILITIES (WATER/GARBAGE)

#### DUE MARCH 4th, 2024

Utility bills have been mailed out!
Pay by 4pm Tuesday, March 4th to receive a 10% discount

on the water portion of your bill (residential customers only).

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

#### **WILL RECEIVE A 10% PENALTY.**

For any assistance with electronic payments, feel free to contact the Village Office: 250-355-2277



### THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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JANUARY 2024 - NEWSLETTER

#### **OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday to Thursday from

9:00am to 4:00pm (Closed from 12 noon to 1:00pm for lunch)

Closed on Fridays.

#### **2024 Council Meeting Schedule**

January 15May 13September 9February 12June 10October 15 (Tues.)March 11July 8November 12 (Tues)April 8August 12December 9

(Council Meetings start at 7:00 pm in Village Chambers.)



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 FEBRUARY 12th 2024 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





## **Resident Directed Grants**

(ReDi Grants),

2024 APPLICATION PERIOD IS NOW OPEN!

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 4:30pm Friday Feb. 21st, 2024

The Resident Directed Grants (ReDi Grants) are flexible and incorporate community-based funding decisions. They support local projects that provide additional value to Columbia Basin communities and that benefit the broad community and public good.

Last year, 337 applications were received, of which 312 were approved. The majority of projects that received funding were supporting cultural, social, environmental and economic projects

#### For more information please visit:

https://www.rdck.ca/EN/main/administration/ grants/columbia-basin-trust-resident-directed-grants.html Please direct all ReDi program inquiries to the Grants Coordinator at 250-352-1582 or email:

grants@rdck.bc.ca.

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#### VILLAGE OF SLOCAN MEETING NOTES

#### December 11, 2023 - Regular Meeting

- The CFO attended the meeting to present the Quarterly Financial Report ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- Council resolved to increase the flat rate annual residential garbage fee by \$7.00 (5%) for the 2024 billing cycle (\$143 to \$150), and increase the excess garbage tag fee from \$3.50 per tag to \$3.75 (7%) per tag. Staff were directed to prepare an amendment to the Fees & Charges Bylaw.
- Council resolved to increase the water utility rates by 7% for all classes, for the 2024 billing cycle a \$37 increase for residential properties.
- Council will engage the Asset Management Plan to determine what expenditures the water utility will
  encounter over the next 10-20 years, so the Village can properly determine how much to contribute
  annually to the reserve.
- Council received the CBT Resident Directed Grants (ReDi) 2024 program correspondence for information, and directed staff to advertise the grant intake.
- Council will contribute to Mountain Valley Station's "Season of Giving" Advent Calendar, by donating a gift certificate for a one-month pass to the Slocan Fitness Center.
- Council awarded a \$600 grant to the Slocan Valley Youth Choir, to be withdrawn from the RDCK Community Development Fund, for their 2023/24 programming.
- Council awarded a \$58.81 grant from the RDCK Discretionary Grant Fund, to the Spirit of Slocan Committee for the 2023 Christmas Tree Light-Up, to cover advertising/promotional costs.
- The Fitness Center Advisory Committee meeting minutes of December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 were received.
- The "Village of Slocan Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. \_\_\_\_, 2024" was read a first, second, and third time as presented, by title only.

#### January 15, 2024 - Regular Meeting

- The 2023 Transit Sales Year End Report was received for information.
- The 2023 Building Permit Year End Report was received for information.
- The 2023 Fitness Center Year End Report was received for information.
- Council awarded a \$1,000 grant to the Okanagan Nation Alliance's *Fish in Schools* Program, to be withdrawn from the RDCK Community Development Fund. Staff were directed to contact the ONA to investigate the possibility of hosting a fish hatchery in Slocan.
- Council agreed to be a sponsor for the Slocan Valley Historical Society's application to Destination BC's "Visitor Services Experience Enhancement Grant", for the "Slocan History Walk" signage project.
- The "Village of Slocan Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 709, 2024" was passed and adopted.
- A letter of congratulations will be sent to Gail Elder, for receiving the Ministry of Tourism, Art, Culture and Sport's "Medal of Good Citizenship" award.

Next Meeting: Monday February 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 – 7:00pm

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 | f 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.

# -NOTICESLOCAN FITNESS CENTRE Slocan Fitness Centre

#### Effective December 15th, 2023

Gym Passes for the Slocan Fitness Center will only be sold on a month-to-month basis.

One-Month Pass Passes purchased during the 1st – 15th of the month:	\$25.00 + GST
Half-Month Pass Passes purchased during the $16^{th} - 31^{st}$ of the month:	\$12.50 + GST
*Half-Month passes are only valid for purchase during the $16^{th} - 31^{st}$ of the month.	

## WorkBC Centre



## Looking for work, starting a new job?

## **WORKBC CAN HELP!**

Services offered by-weekly on Thursdays starting September 8th, at the W.E. Graham Community Service Society- 1001 Harold St Slocan, BC.

Call to get started! 1-778-900-2069



Please notify the Village Office if you notice a street light out of service or flickering.

## **SLOCAN HEALTH & WELLNESS CENTRE**





www.slocancity.com/wellness-centre T:250-355-2279