

W.E. Graham Community School ~ Registration 2023/2024 ~

Supporting your Local Community School is a great way to contribute to the building of a healthy and sustainable community in Slocan. There are many benefits of supporting your local school.

1. **Strong schools attract families and businesses boosting the local economy and driving population growth.**
2. **Families build more and better relationships with other families in their community, building neighborhood cohesion and trust.**
3. **When students attend a school near their home, families can more easily connect with teachers and contribute as school volunteers and leaders.**
4. **More and more, schools are functioning like community centers, offering opportunities that build the health and wellbeing of residents nearby.**

Great things are happening at W.E. Graham Community School. We are now accepting registrations for all students in grades Kindergarten through 10. W.E. Graham endeavours to engage students through a wide variety of outdoor and experiential opportunities.

Primary Outdoor Program (POP): spends at least two afternoons a week exploring the local environment and is actively involved in the use of develop of the outdoor classroom area on the Slocan River. You may have seen them out in the community with their fancy backpacks! It's time to register for Kindergarten now!

Our Intermediate Class (WILD): is a multi-aged community focused classroom that is based on character and leadership development. This class calls themselves WILD (Wilderness Intermediate Leadership Development)!

Outdoor Environmental Leadership Program (OELP): Grades 7 -8's have the opportunity in which to combine experiential activities, electives, and core academics to create a program that fosters leadership, resilience, self-confidence, and awareness of the outdoors. The program offers, cooking, photography, wood working, robotics, art, and many day trips and a few overnight trips.

The Valhalla Wilderness Program (VWP): is a one-of-a-kind junior (Grade 9 and 10 only) wilderness program that has achieved an international reputation for excellence. This program focuses on creating a learning experience which involves backcountry skiing, mountain biking, hiking and canoeing. Students receive certificates in avalanche awareness as well as first aid. This program involves 5 to 6 extended out trips as well as day trips every Friday. In conjunction with the outdoor experience, the students are also in class for a regular selection of academic classes and integrated curriculum experiences. Spaces in this program are limited and an application process is required in addition to a regular registration form.

If you are not in the W.E. Graham catchment area, it is important that you complete a school transfer very soon.

If you have any question regarding our school or the programs, please contact principal, Mike Hurley at:

250-355-2212 or mike.hurley@sd8.bc.ca.

Check our website at veg.sd8.bc.ca and you can find more information and registration and transfer forms there.



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JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023-NEWSLETTER

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

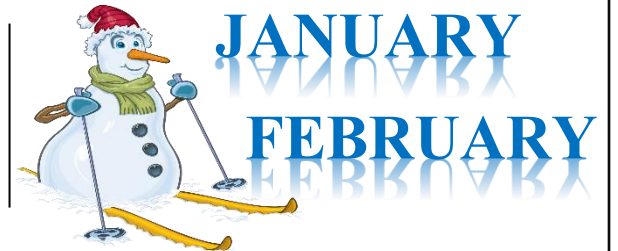
2023 Council Meeting Schedule

January 16
February 13
March 13
April 11 (Tues.)

May 8
June 12
July 10
August 14

September 11
October 10 (Tues.)
November 13
December 11

(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 **March 13th 2023 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



Columbia Basin **trust** Resident Directed Grants (ReDi Grants),

formerly known as Community Initiatives and
Affected Areas Program Funding (CIP/AAP)

**2023 APPLICATION PERIOD
IS NOW OPEN!**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

4:30pm Friday Feb. 17th, 2023

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

For more information please visit:

<https://www.rdck.ca/EN/main/administration/grants/columbia-basin-trust-resident-directed-grants.html>

The Village of Slocan Public Input Meeting will be held on **TUESDAY APRIL 4th at 5PM**

Applicants will be invited to give a 5 minute presentation and answer any questions on their applications.

A Special Meeting is scheduled for **April 18th at 5PM** to deliberate the allocation of funds.

BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES **NEW SCHEDULE**

The building inspector is at the Village Office every **Thursday at 10am**. If you wish to make an appointment, please call **250-355-2277**.

UTILITIES (WATER/GARBAGE)

DUE MARCH 1st, 2023

Utility bills have been mailed out!

Pay by **4pm Wednesday, March 1st** to receive a 10% discount on the water portion of your bill (residential customers only).

Please be advised that all 2023 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**



Public Budget Consultation

New Denver, Silverton, Slocan & Area H

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) invites the public to provide input into the development of the 2023-2027 RDCK Financial Plan.

Date: Monday, March 13, 2023

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Virtual Meeting - Visit rdck.ca for information on how to participate in the meeting.

Connect with RDCK Directors and staff • Ask questions • Find out about projects and initiatives happening in your area • Learn about the RDCK • Provide feedback

rdck.ca



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VILLAGE OF SLOCAN MEETING NOTES

January 16th – Regular Meeting – 7:00pm

- The 2022 Transit Sales Year End Report was received. A letter will be sent to the West Kootenay Transit Committee and RDCK Board, expressing concerns about route cancellations and the importance of the Slocan Valley route.
- The 2022 Building Permit Year End Report was received.
- The 2022 Fitness Center Year End Report was received.
- Council received the CBT Resident Directed Grants (ReDi) 2023 Program correspondence for information, and staff were directed to advertise the grant intake.
- All Council members will attend the 2023 Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) annual conference in Cranbrook BC on April 21-23, 2023, and staff were directed to complete registration and accommodation arrangements.
- Staff were directed to prepare an amendment to the Fees & Charges Bylaw, to reflect the mandatory addition of GST charged on applicable sales and services.
- Council allocated \$10,000 from the RDCK Community Development Fund, to complete Slocan Affordable Housing Project due diligence work. A letter will be sent to the RDCK Area H Director, requesting a funding contribution to the project.
- Councillor Van Bynen will be added to the *Neighbours United* mailing list, acting as the representative for Slocan, and Mayor Lunn will be added as alternate.
- Staff were directed to complete the *2026 Census of Population Content Consultation Survey*, to provide feedback on the Census process and historic population results in Slocan.
- The Village of Slocan Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw, and Remuneration & Expense Bylaw, were adopted.

February 13th – Regular Meeting – 7:00pm

- Michael Zimmer, Okanagan Nation Alliance, attended the meeting to speak on the *Fish in Schools Program*, and the upcoming salmon release at Slocan Lake.
- The ReDi Grant Public Input Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4th at 5:00pm. Applicants will be invited to give a 5-minute presentation on their application and answer any questions. A special meeting will be held on April 18th to deliberate funding allocations.
The Village agreed to be a sponsor for the Slocan Valley Rail Trail Society's \$2,000 project and application to the Slocan Valley Legacy Fund, for trail equipment attachments and accessories.
- A letter will be sent to the City of Nelson, supporting their application to UBCM for completion of a Municipal Risk Tolerance Policy Framework. The City will be requested to share and collaborate with the Village of Slocan, as a project stakeholder.
- Council awarded \$150 from the RDCK Discretionary Grant Fund to the 2023 Easter Egg Hunt.
- Council authorized staff to execute the Statutory Right-of-Way requested by Fortis BC, to place an anchor on the corner of Village-owned Lot 6, Block 52, for the purpose of completing the *Village of Slocan Springer Creek RV Park & Campground Electrical Upgrade Project*.
- Councillor Buller was appointed as the Slocan representative to the West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District Board, and Mayor Lunn was appointed as Alternate.

NEXT MEETING: MONDAY, March 13, 2023 – 7PM

Council Meeting Attendance:

Council meetings are held at the Office Council Chambers, 503 Slocan Street. Residents are also able to attend virtually, or by telephone! **Attend Online:** <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/322545565>

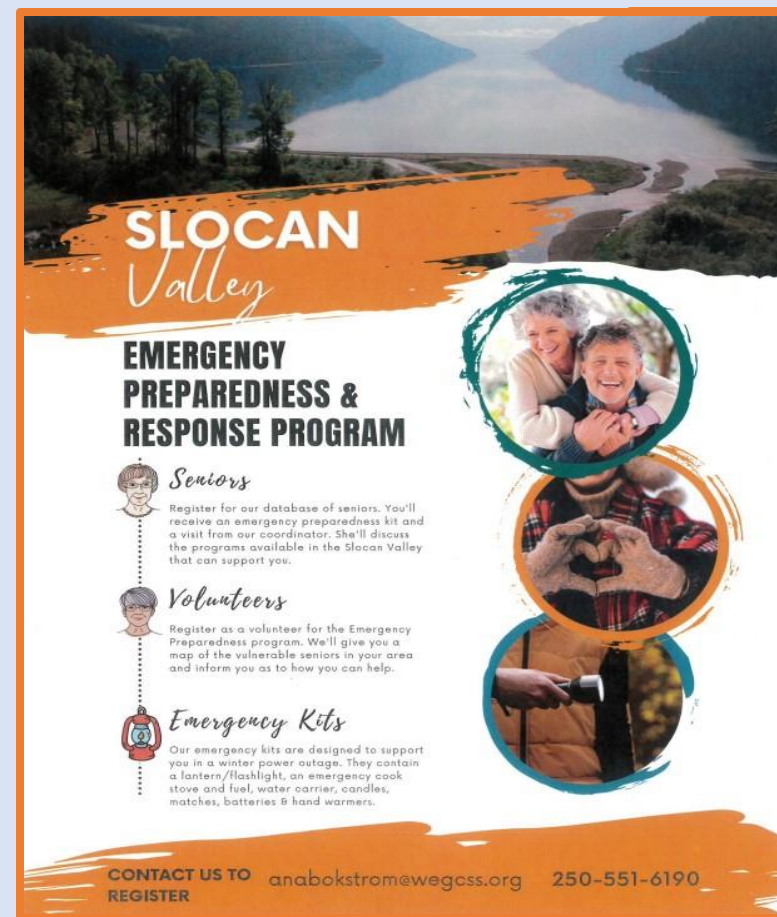
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Keep up to date on Village business by attending regular Council meetings, or by visiting our website or Facebook page:

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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.

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!



SLOCAN Valley

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE PROGRAM

Seniors
Register for our database of seniors. You'll receive an emergency preparedness kit and a visit from our coordinator. She'll discuss the programs available in the Slocan Valley that can support you.

Volunteers
Register as a volunteer for the Emergency Preparedness program. We'll give you a map of the vulnerable seniors in your area and inform you as to how you can help.

Emergency Kits
Our emergency kits are designed to support you in a winter power outage. They contain a lantern/flashlight, an emergency cook stove and fuel, water carrier, candles, matches, batteries & hand warmers.

CONTACT US TO REGISTER anabokstrom@wegcss.org 250-551-6190

The B.C. Land Matching Program (BCLMP)

provides personalized land matching and business support services to farmers looking for land to start or expand their farm, and landholders interested in finding someone to farm their land. The advantage of working with a Land Matcher is free hands-on support to understand regulations, evaluate opportunities, access resources, and ultimately find a land match. The program is delivered by Young Agrarians (YA) and addresses the high cost of land as a significant barrier for those seeking to enter the B.C. agriculture industry. There is no cost to participate, and their services are available to farmers and landholders of all ages across B.C.

The BCLMP provides:

- An online and searchable inventory of B.C. land opportunities
- Personalized, regional matchmaking services for farmers and landholders, including support to develop land use agreements
- Referrals to business and technical support services
- Educational events and resources to increase knowledge and facilitate matches between new farmers and landholders

Who can participate in the BCLMP?

- Farmers seeking land to start or expand their agricultural business
- Landholders looking for someone to farm their land
- Farmers and farmland holders who matched independently and want support to develop agreements



B.C. LAND MATCHING PROGRAM

<https://youngagrarians.org/tools/land/bc-land-matching-program/>

"The B.C. Land Matching Program has been a wonderful way to see our land used productively, help us regain our farm status, and give an opportunity to a younger, aspiring farmer."
– John W., Landholder matched Spring 2019

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE PROGRAM

Ana Bokstrom is undertaking a project with W.E. Graham Community Service Society to create a database of seniors and volunteers in the Slocan Valley. This project is funded by the Emergency Preparedness Grant provided by the United Way, and is intended to make it easier for all stakeholders in the Slocan Valley to locate and serve our seniors in an emergency. A part of the project will be providing all seniors on the list with a winter preparedness kit.

Two programs that will be utilizing the list are the **Better at Home** program which offers free or subsidized services such as light housekeeping and yardwork, and the **Nav-CARE program** which offers volunteer navigators to adults with declining health, social isolation or increased frailty in order to help them access services and connect to their community.

You can refer to their websites for more information:

<https://wegcss.org/slocan-valley-better-at-home-survey-on-seniors-needs/>, <https://westkootenaynavcare.org>

If a senior would like to be included on the list, they can contact me at anabokstrom@wegcss.org

or call: **250-551-6190**.



ELECTORAL AREA CURBSIDE COLLECTION CONSULTATION

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is seeking the public's feedback on a curbside collection service in certain parts of RDCK Electoral Areas. From now until April 21, 2023, the RDCK's Resource Recovery Department is holding a public consultation aimed at receiving input on a proposal to introduce curbside collection services for household waste (garbage, recycling and organic waste) to Electoral Area residents within potential service area boundaries. The RDCK will be utilizing an online engagement platform for the consultation to share information and encourage open discussion. Residents can view the consultation project and have their say at <https://engage.rdck.ca/>.



Interior Health

Decriminalization of Some Illegal Substances

Interior Health is dedicated to being a part of shifting the approach to people who use drugs from a criminal response to a public health response and is supporting regional implementation of decriminalization.

For more information & updates please watch our website:

www.interiorhealth.ca

as well as the provincial website:

www2.gov.bc.ca

