

SLOCAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY



The Slocan Community Library would like to thank the Columbia Basin Trust for their support. Specifically, the Library recently received a Tech Grant from CBT, allowing us to purchase two new computers for our check-out area.

Thank you CBT!

<https://ourtrust.org/>



LIBRARY HOURS ARE:

Thur. 1pm - 5pm / Fri. 7-9pm - Tea & Chat
Sat. & Sun. 11am - 3pm

Come in and browse or search our catalog online at:
www.slocanlibrary.ca We are located at 710 Harold St. Slocan, BC



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



HARMONY Community Festival on the beach July 15th, 2023

We are looking for volunteers to make this community event a success! Fundraising and Promotion, Graphic designer, Webpage/Facebook design and management, Sustainable Decorator, Volunteer Coordinator, Vendor Coordinator, Sandcastle Workshop Coordinator, Artist Liaison, Security, Lifeguard, Bouncy Castle attendant, Stage setup, Treeling gift Coordinator.

If you have an idea for a workshop, let us know! We have room for one more.

This is a free or by donation event! That means we need YOU to make it happen. Pay-what-you can OR pay-it-forward AND spread the word. Our fundraising campaign goal is \$15 000 and the deadline is June 1st. If we as a community don't reach the goal by the deadline, the event won't happen and everyone will be refunded. Let's make it a reality instead!

Email for info or e-transfer treehuggersocietybc@outlook.com to donate

We acknowledge the founders of the UNITY festival of years past and all their heart and energy. We wish to continue the tradition and bring joy to the Slocan Valley. This is a family friendly event with a no drug or alcohol policy on festival grounds. We also acknowledge that we will gather on sn'ickstx tmx'ula7x'w (Sinixt territory) and give gratitude to this land and it's waters. We wish to continue to build connections, with ourselves, with each other and with Mother Earth.

SLOCAN FITNESS CENTRE



Passes are available at the Village Office and Mountain Valley Station.

Please visit www.slocancity.com/fitness-center

for more information, including rules and regulations.

Until further notice only 1&3 month passes are available for

purchase: **1 Month \$25 / 3 Month \$62 PLUS GST**

* All members will be required to fill out a new waiver form, regardless of having filled one out before, as we've made some updates to the document.

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**.

Energy Step Code changes for new home construction - Step Code 3 required starting May 1...

the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK), in accordance with the BC Building Code (BCBC), will require every new Part 9 building (residential and small commercial/industrial) to meet Step 3 of BC's Energy Step Code.

The change will ensure new buildings are 20% more energy efficient than an equivalent building constructed to the 2018 Building Code. The move follows the BC Energy Step Code – a standard based on a series of energy efficiency performance targets, or "steps", for new construction and major renovations in the province. The steps 1 to 5 represent increasing levels of performance related to building energy efficiency.

Further information on the Energy Step Code can be seen at <https://energystepcode.ca/>. For more information on how this change affects an upcoming building permit application, or to find contractor training opportunities, please refer to the information on the RDCK website www.rdck.ca/building or contact the RDCK building department at **250-352-8155** or bldept@rdck.bc.ca.



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APRIL 2023 - NEWSLETTER

2023 Council Meeting Schedule

January 16	May 8	September 11
February 13	June 12	October 10 (Tues.)
March 13	July 10	November 13
April 11 (Tues.)	August 14	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 **MAY 8th 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



Trash to Treasure



This 1-day event is your chance to help reduce waste by giving away your used household items and claiming old treasures from your neighbours!

**Saturday
April 22, 2023**

How to Participate

- 1 Collect unwanted household items
- 2 Place them by the curb where treasure hunters can access them without disrupting traffic
- 3 Create a sign to let treasure hunters know that your items are up for grabs
- 4 Remove all your remaining items by 4:00 pm

Download a sign for your lawn at
www.rdck.ca or www.rdkb.com



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THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION SLOCAN VALLEY BRANCH 276



MOTHER'S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

*at the Slocan Valley Legion Hall
502 Harold St., Slocan
hosted by the Legion, served by the men!*

**SUNDAY, MAY 14th, 2023
8:30am to 11:30am**

Menu: Pancakes with Strawberries & Whipped Cream, Scrambled Eggs, Ham, Sausages & Hash Browns, Fruit Salad, Coffee, Tea, Juice

COST: \$12.00 each

Children ages 4-6: \$6.00 each. Children 3 & under: free

EVERYONE WELCOME!

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN MEETING NOTES – April 2023

April 4, 2023 - Special Redi Grant Public Input Meeting

- Those who applied to the Village of Slocan through the 2023 Resident Directed (ReDi) Grant Program, were invited to attend the meeting to provide a brief 5-minute on their application.

April 11, 2023 – Regular Meeting

- Dave Fredrickson, representing the newly-formed *Slocan and Area Trail Society*, attended the meeting to provide information to Council on the Society, their mandate, and proposed project to preserve local back-country access by maintaining existing roads and trails.
- Correspondence was received from Corinne Funk, requesting support for an Earth Day garbage clean-up on Friday, April 21st. Council approved Village disposal of garbage bags collected from the event (to be brought to the Public Works yard), as requested.
- Council approved a \$1,500 grant from the RDCK Community Development Fund, for the Slocan and Area Trail Society's (SATS) initiative to preserve back-country road access, maintain existing roads and trails, and develop new trails for the community for non-commercial use.
- Council approved the request from Lisa Parente of *Treehuggers Retreats and Events*, for use of the Slocan Beach to host a festival on the Slocan beach on Saturday, July 15, 2023 pending submission of a completed Special Events Application, proof of insurance, and all other Village requirements. July 14th and 16th festival days were approved *in principle*, pending an update from the organizers on their funding campaign and start/end times, by the June 12th Council meeting. Outdoor live music on Saturday, July 15th, 2023 was approved to be extended to 11:00pm, and Council wished to remind organizers that if a beer garden at the festival is desired, a separate request to Council with all pertinent information, is required.
- The Village of Slocan Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 704, 2023 was adopted.
- Staff were directed to put a call-out to charitable/non-profit organizations in Slocan [Village] for eligible projects and initiatives meeting the criteria for the FortisBC Community Giving Grant. The submissions will be sent to FortisBC by the deadline of May 14th, 2023.

April 17, 2023 - Special Budget Presentation

- Nathan Russ, Chief Financial Officer, provided a presentation to Council and the public on the Village's proposed budget and 2023 Financial Plan.
- The Village of Slocan Financial Plan (2023-2027) Bylaw and Annual Tax Rate Bylaw 2023 were given three readings.

April 18, 2023 - Special Redi Grant Funding Allocation Meeting

- Council held a special meeting to allocate funds for the 2023 ReDi Grant Program.

COLUMBIA BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN

CBT will be hosting public events to hear from residents about their vision for the future of the region.

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it only works
with u

Writing our collective future with you

This year we are writing a new plan for our collective future, but this won't happen without you! Share your perspective on how we can realize a better future for this incredible region, in person or online.

ourtrust.org/future
1.800.505.8998

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attend a community meeting

Afternoon Open House
3 pm to 6 pm
Bring your friends, family and neighbours and share what's important to you and your community!

Evening Guided Conversation
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Explore your individual and collective vision for your community and the Basin through a guided conversation.

Enter to win a \$500 gift card to a Basin business of your choice at each meeting.

Can't make an in-person meeting? Register for a Zoom meeting, or complete an online survey or self-guided workbook.
ourtrust.org/future

Canal Flats April 4 Canal Flats Civic Centre	Nakusp May 3 Nakusp & District Community Complex
Castlegar May 9 Castlegar Community Complex	Nelson May 4 Nelson Prestige
Creston April 25 Creston & District Community Complex	New Denver May 2 Bosun Hall
Elkford April 19 Elkford Conference Centre	Revelstoke April 24 Revelstoke Community Centre
Fauquier May 1 Fauquier Community Hall	Riondel April 12 Riondel Community Centre
Fernie April 18 Seniors Hall	Rossland May 10 Rossland Miners' Hall
Fruitvale May 11 Fruitvale Memorial Hall	Salmo May 8 Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre
Invermere April 3 Columbia Valley Centre	Slocan May 3 Slocan Legion Hall
Jaffray April 17 Jaffray Community Hall	Sparwood April 20 Sparwood Seniors Centre
Kaslo April 13 Kaslo Legion Hall	Valemount April 26 Valemount Community Hall
Kimberley April 5 Kimberley Conference Centre	Yahk April 27 Yahk Kingsgate Community Hall
Lardeau Valley April 11 Lardeau Valley Community Hall	

An open house and evening guided conversation will be hosted at all locations.

Ecosystem Enhancement and Restoration Project Ideas Workshops

The Trust is continuing to fund landscape-scale restoration and enhancement projects through its **Ecosystem Enhancement Program** and is now seeking ideas for eligible projects from across the Basin.

If you haven't already, it is time to register for an in-person workshop to:

- learn more about the program and how to submit a project idea;
- bring and discuss ecosystem enhancement and restoration project ideas;
- discuss the resources and partners that could help further develop project ideas; and
- next steps to submit your project idea for potential Trust support.

Who should attend:

- anyone who has an idea for an ecosystem enhancement and/or restoration project; or
- anyone that would like to contribute to a project.

Workshops are coming up soon, don't forget to secure your spot! Register for a workshop now.

Cranbrook: April 19, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. MT.

Slocan: May 15, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. PT.

Revelstoke: May 17, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. PT.

If you cannot make the workshop or you have an ecosystem restoration or enhancement project you would like to discuss, contact Krista Watts at kwatts@ourtrust.org. We want to hear about potential project ideas that could benefit Basin ecosystems today.

Looking for more information on the program and how to register?

Visit ourtrust.org/eeep for program details and to review the program guide.

Columbia Basin **trust** our trust. our future.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Dear followers and supporters,

The BC Rural Health Network has been active in the media lately and we anticipate that this will increase in 2023. We are often asked for real life stories on how living rurally impacts you, your health and your wallet!

We recently did a round of media in regards to out of pocket expenses and the inequity in the cost of receiving care for rural residents. This campaign will continue into 2023 and a formal position paper is currently being created by our Implementation Committee. During this latest round of media we were asked to bring residents stories forward and although we had several situations we were aware of, people were not comfortable disclosing information to the press or were just not comfortable with public speaking or media interviews.

We are seeking stories and people willing to share them when we have a media opportunity. If you have an experience you are willing to share with us and you are willing to be interviewed when we have a media opportunity, we would be most grateful! Some of the things we would like to hear about:

- Travel challenges e.g. distance to care, weather impacts, public transport challenges, cost of travel, ability to travel in pain and any other travel related impacts on your health.
- End of life care e.g. inability to age in place, lack of supportive services, travel to support family members forced to seek care out of town.
- Loss of income challenges e.g. taking time off work to seek care, impacts on your life due to illness, impacts on your family, impacts on you supporting others seeking care.
- Child care challenges e.g. how child raising is impacted when seeking care, challenges in getting care for your children when living rurally,
- Maternity care challenges e.g. how living rurally has impacted having a family and giving birth, the costs, the health risks, the distance, the time away from home etc.
- Any other impactful stories that highlight the concerns of living rurally and getting basic health care services.

Thank you for sharing if you can! Please forward any stories that we can share with the public to:

info@bcruralhealth.org

2023 Slocan Earth Day Clean-up Being held on Friday, April 21

Come and join us!

Itinerary

Meet at the beach 9:30am
Please bring your own gloves.
Return to the beach at 12pm for a light snack and prize giveaways.
You must be present before and after in order to claim your prize.

Thank you!
To all the event
sponsors.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- May 2023 – Tax Notices mailed to residents
- July 4th, 2023 – Property Taxes Due

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>

Dial in by Telephone:

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

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.

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!