

SLOCAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY



FUN FACTS!



- * the annual fee is only \$10
- * books may be borrowed for 4 weeks, media for 1 week
- * you can renew (twice!) from home
- * there are no late fees
- * kids' cards are free to age 16 with an adult who is a member
- * website for hours and catalog: slocanlibrary.ca

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

SLOCAN COMMUNITY
Library



Provide feedback
on the draft
Columbia Basin
Management Plan

We're inviting the public to provide feedback on the draft **Columbia Basin Management Plan**, which will guide the Trust's activities into the future. The draft Plan reflects feedback the Trust continuously receives from Basin residents, as well as from its recent community engagement process, called Our Trust, Our Future. To read the draft plan and provide input to our online survey, visit ourtrust.org/draftcbmp by **September 20, 2023 at 4:30p.m**. Thank you to everyone who engages with the Trust and who contributes to making the Basin such an incredible place to be.

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



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN

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SEPTEMBER 2023 - NEWSLETTER

2023 Council Meeting Schedule

January 16

February 13

March 13

April 11 (Tues.)

May 8

June 12

July 10

August 14

September 11

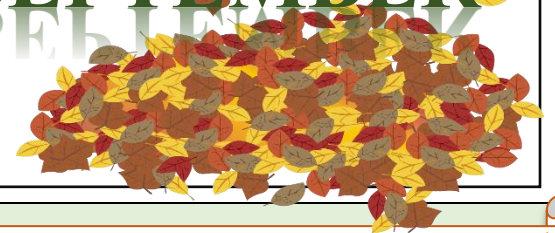
October 10 (Tues.)

November 13

December 11

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

SEPTEMBER



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 **OCTOBER 10th (Tues.) 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

RDCK ASSENT VOTING: Slocan Valley Fire Protection Service - Loan

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the electors **WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN** and Electoral Areas H and I – Slocan Valley Fire Service Area of the RDCK, that **“ASSENT VOTING”** is necessary to determine if the electors are in favour of borrowing up to \$750,000 for the replacement of a Front Line Engine for the Winlaw Fire Department.

Rate implications: It is anticipated that borrowing the maximum amount of \$750,000 would result in a requisition increase of \$61,799 – which equates to a residential rate increase of \$0.0473/1000 annually, increasing the projected 2024 residential rate by an additional \$21.29 in taxation per single family home assessed at \$450,000.

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN RESIDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE:

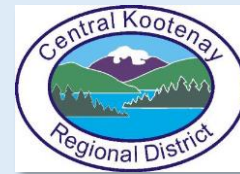
ADVANCED VOTING DAY

Winlaw Fire Hall
8:00am – 8:00pm

GENERAL VOTING DAY

Slocan Fire Hall or Winlaw Fire Hall
8:00am – 8:00pm

More information can be found at www.rdck.ca



BUILDING INSPECTION

SERVICES NEW SCHEDULE

The building inspector is at the Village Office every **THURSDAY AFTERNOON**. If you wish to make an appointment, please call in advance 250-355-2277.



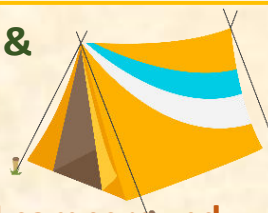
SPRINGER CREEK RV PARK &

CAMPGROUND IS OPEN

UNTIL **OCTOBER 15th** ~

For on-line reservations and campground information, please visit the Campground page at: <http://www.slocancity.com>

T: 250-355-2266 | campground@villageofslocan.ca



The **W.E. Graham School PAC** would like to thank all the local Slocan businesses who contributed something special to graduate gift bags for this year's **2023 Grade 10 Graduates!**

Many warm thank you's to:

- ❖ Antonia Crossley of Harold Street Café
- ❖ Courtney & Russell Hulbert of Ice Creek Lodge
- ❖ Florrie Wood of Florrie's Fitness
- ❖ Jeremi Buzolitch, Ryan Telegdy, Anka Buzolitch and Marie-Eve Nadeau of The Grizz
- ❖ Jordan Knott & Staff of the Slocan Village Market
- ❖ Kelley Wright & Staff of Valhalla Pure (New Denver)
- ❖ Michelle Kootnikoff of Mountain Valley Station
- ❖ Milayne Vanderweyde of I'm Addicted to Craft
- ❖ Members of the Threads Guild

All your contributions were happily received by the graduating students, making that moment even more special!

Thank you again!

- W.E. Graham Community School Parent Advisory Council



W.E. Graham
Community School



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RESIDENTIAL FALL CLEANUP 2023

Monday, Oct. 2nd – Thursday, Oct. 5th

Acceptable Items:

- ✓ Tree Trimmings / Branches
Must be bundled neatly and branches separated to run through chipper. Under 10cm in diameter and 3 meters in length.
- ✓ Leaves (bagged)
- ✓ Organic Materials

The Village of Slocan will only pick up organic materials. All other materials will be left and it will be the owner's responsibility to take to the appropriate recycling facility or transfer station.

Residents are requested to place any organic materials for pickup on the boulevard where you would normally place your garbage can. Any items placed on the boulevard after October 5th will not be removed and the home owner will be responsible for disposing of the materials.

FREE VEHICLE REMOVAL

The week of October 2nd, the Village will once again be offering **FREE** vehicle removal. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Village Office to register. We will require the make, model, colour and license plate # of your vehicle (unlicensed vehicles will also be accepted).

Proof of ownership is also required. Please remember to move your vehicle onto the Village Boulevard on your scheduled day of pick-up.

This program was initiated in response to Village beautification and in preparation for winter snow clearing.

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

Slocan Saturday Market

HARVEST MARKET

Farmer & Artisan Vendors

Live Music

Great Food

Kids Zone

October 7th, 10am-3pm
Expo Park, Village of Slocan

VILLAGE OF SLOCAN MEETING NOTES

June 12th, 2023 - Regular Meeting

- Nathan Russ, CFO, presented the 2022 Statement of Financial Information and 2022 Annual Report. Council received and approved the reports as presented.
- Council resolved to submit a resolution to UBCM, petitioning the Provincial Government to consider increasing the amount of administrative cost recovery for small rural municipalities, relating to the annual tax sale process.
- Councillors Buller and Knott will attend the annual UBCM Convention, alongside Mayor Lunn.
- Council received the CAO’s Springer Creek Irrigation Update Report and corresponding information, and that the Village proceed with option #3 as proposed, to install a new intake on the downstream side of the weir and repair the bank.
- Council approved the Development Variance permit application to vary the residential zone accessory structure height requirement, as established in the Zoning Bylaw, for construction of a garage at 1015 Nelson Street, from 15ft to 17.5ft.
- Council approved a \$3,000 grant from the RDCK Community Development Fund, for the Slocan Valley Outriders Association perimeter fencing project at the riding grounds, located at 910 Arlington Road.
- Council awarded a \$75 RDCK Discretionary Grant to the Kootenay Yoga Festival.
- Council submitted a list of potential properties to the Ministry, as requested, that could be available in the long-term future for housing, including the mill site, Slocan St/Giffin Ave site, and Wellness Center (offices below, suites upper?).

June 26th, 2023 - Special Meeting

- Council scheduled the following meetings with ministers at the annual UBCM Convention in Vancouver, BC during the week of September 18th:

Ministry	Topic
Water, Land & Resource Stewardship	Mill-Site Foreshore Crown Tenure status update.
Housing (BC Housing)	Slocan Affordable Housing Project
Environment & Climate Change Strategy	Mill Site Revitalization & Master Planning Supports.
Forests	Access to Provincial Parks.
Citizen Services	Fibre Connectivity in the Slocan Valley
Transportation	Reliability of transit service in the West Kootenays – Slocan Valley.
Tourism, Arts Culture & Sport	Supporting renewal of ageing recreational infrastructure in small rural communities.

July 10th, 2023 - Regular Meeting

- The Public Works Supervisor provided Council with a tour of the works shop, and a tour of the water plant.
- Members of the Arrow-Slocan Tourism Association (ASTA) attended the meeting to present details on the first 5 years of ASTA’s mandate – successes, challenges, and an intro of the process currently underway to create the next 5-year plan. A special meeting was scheduled for Aug. 14th to allow Council to discuss and provide input.
- Council supported participating in a Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee, as proposed by the RDCK.
- Staff were directed to investigate options for submission to the *Rural Economic Diversification & Infrastructure Program*.

August 14th, 2023 - Regular Meeting

- Michelle Griffiths, Slocan Valley Wildfire Resilience Program Coordinator, attended the meeting to present the draft Wildfire Hazards Development Permit Area document. Council referred the report to the next meeting.
- Council confirmed its intention to dispose of municipal land by way of long-term lease to the Slocan Valley Housing Society, to support construction and operations of the Slocan Housing Project. Staff were directed to post notice of disposition of Lots 1-4 and 17-23, Block 34, and a portion of laneway between Lots 1-4 and 17-20. Further, Council supported in principle, the future required zoning from Parks to Multi-Family Residential, subject to required public consultation (and that the associated application fees be waived); and the required laneway closure and lot consolidation.
- Slocan will again participate in the RDCK Woodstove Exchange Program.
- A letter will be sent to ASTA, expressing Slocan’s support for renewal of the MRDT tax in Slocan and area.
- Council approved closure of a portion of Harold St to accommodate the Slocan Village Market customer appreciation BBQ.
- Council directed Public Works to investigate options for replanting trees in the campground along Giffin Ave, where trees were thinned by highways maintenance.
- Council authorized up to \$20k from the Gas Tax Reserve, to fund the cost of re-decking the boat dock with material consistent with the breakwater.
- Council introduced and gave first three readings to the Village Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw (2024-2026), and the Solid Waste Amendment Bylaw.

September 11, 2023 - Regular Meeting

- Nathan Russ, CFO, presented the Quarterly Financial Report ending June 30th, 2023.
- After hearing from the public on the housing land disposition, the disposition was approved to proceed. Staff will begin drafting the appropriate next steps documents, including the land lease and bylaws for closure of laneway and lot consolidation.
- Council approved the 10th annual Christmas Tree Light-Up Celebration at the Wellness Center.
- The Village Permissive Tax Exemption (2024-2026) and Solid Waste Amendment Bylaws were adopted.
- The draft Wildfire Hazards Development Permit Area (DPA) document was received for information.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10th, 2023 – 7:00pm

SMALL COMMUNITY WILDFIRE READINESS SUPPORT



With the changing climate, wildfire continues to be one of the greatest risks to Basin communities. **The Small Community Wildfire Readiness Support** program helps small and First Nations communities in the Basin plan and prepare for wildfires through wildfire prevention and protection equipment, training courses and planning assessments.

The application deadline has been extended to: **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30 at 2:00pm**

First Nations, registered non-profit organizations, legally incorporated society-run fire departments and brigades, and local governments are eligible to apply.

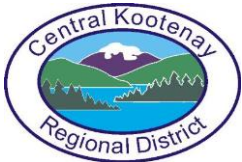
If you are interested in applying, we encourage you to send an email to: wildfire@ourtrust.org to connect with an advisor.

Our thoughts are with all those who have been and continue to be impacted by wildfires, and our gratitude is with all those in our communities who are doing their best to respond and support each other.
Leah Biln, Program Co-ordinator



Public Engagement process continues with climate action open houses.

Nelson, BC: The next phase of public engagement for the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) climate action plan begins today with the first of 20 climate action open houses across the RDCK. Building on insights gained from the engagement process thus far, the open houses will provide an opportunity to share the outputs from the dialogue circles, webinars and other feedback gathered from residents during this process. The RDCK is committed to creating an inclusive environment where residents feel valued and heard.



"These Open Houses are a crucial step in the process," said Dan Séguin, RDCK Manager of Community Sustainability. "We are eager to showcase the ideas and suggestions that emerged from the dialogue circles and look forward to continued high levels of interest and participation from residents across the RDCK."

At the open houses, participants can view information posters, learn about the proposed actions, share thoughts and ideas, connect with RDCK staff and provide input on how we move forward. People are invited to drop in at anytime during the three hours. Find out more - <https://engage.rdck.ca/rdck-climate-action>

October 24	4:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Appledale Hall, Appledale Park Rd, Central Kootenay (Area H)
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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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