

SLOCAN COMMUNITY LIBRARY

HOLIDAY HOURS

Our last day open will be on
SUNDAY DECEMBER 22nd 2024
And we will re-open in the New Year on
THURSDAY JANUARY 2nd 2025

Help minimize the environmental impact of your reading habits by using your local library.

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



REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMMUNITY NEEDS STUDY

We Want To Hear From You!



engage.rdck.ca

The Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) is embarking on a region-wide community planning project to understand how the RDCK can better meet the needs of its residents. The project's focus area covers the entire RDCK and the following partnering municipalities: Castlegar, Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, Salmo and Slocan. Check the Community Needs Project update and online survey here <https://engage.rdck.ca/regional-and-local-community-needs-project>



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November 2024 - NEWSLETTER

2024 Council Meeting Schedule

January 15
February 12
March 11
April 8

May 13
June 10
July 8
August 13 (Tues)

September 9
October 15 (Tues)
November 12 (Tues)
December 9

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



NOVEMBER

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 **DECEMBER 9th 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

GET A REBATE TO FIRESMART YOUR HOME

Schedule a free FireSmartTM home assessment

*Rebates available for Village residents

Contact:

wildfire@sifco.ca
250.226.7012

www.sifco.ca/homeassessment

SLOCAN VALLEY
Wildfire Resiliency
PROGRAM



NEED A CAR TOWED BEFORE THE SNOW? LET US KNOW!

The village offers a **FREE** vehicle removal program at no cost to the Village or tax payers.

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



SPRINGER CREEK RV PARK & CAMPGROUND IS NOW CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

The online reservation system will be open for 2024 bookings from February 1st 2025, 12:00pm at: www.slocancity.com/campground

For 2025 campground group bookings please contact the Village Office before February 1st 2025.



UPCOMING BILLS:

BUSINESS LICENSES: Billing Dec. 15th Due Jan. 31st 2025

DOG LICENSING: Billing Dec. 15th Due Jan. 31st 2025

UTILITIES (WATER/GARBAGE): Billing in Jan. Due Mar. 1st 2025

*Please contact the Village Office to inquire about your balance.

➤ ON JANUARY 1st, 2025, ALL OUTSTANDING BALANCES ON UTILITY BILLS WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO ARREARS TAXES.

BUILDING INSPECTION SERVICES

The building inspector is at the Village Office every Thursday at 9:30am.

If you wish to make an appointment, please call 250-355-2277.



W.E. Graham Community Service Society
Holiday Hampers
Do you need a little extra help this holiday season?
Registration is now open
for the WEGCSS Holiday Hamper Program 2024
Register online at www.wegcss.org/holiday-hampers or in person at the WEGCSS office or food bank in Slocan. Open to any residents from Red Mountain Road to Crescent Valley.
Registration open until November 22nd, 2024
info@wegcss.org 250-355-2484
www.wegcss.org/holiday-hampers
Box 10, 1001 Harold Street, Slocan, BC, V0G 2C0



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Slocan Spirit of Christmas
11th ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS TREE "LIGHT-UP"
SUNDAY DECEMBER 1st 2024 @ 6:00 PM
CAROLLING - EVERYONE WELCOME
SANTA WILL BE THERE!
Bring your letter for Santa and an ornament to hang on the tree.
And be sure to give Santa your first & last name on your letter!
Please note this is a 'smoke free' family event and to please leave your fur babies at home. Thank you!



VILLAGE OF SLOCAN MEETING NOTES – November 12th Regular Meeting

Council confirmed the following as regular Council meeting dates for 2025:

Monday, January 13 th	Monday, May 12 th	Monday, September 8 th
Monday, February 10 th	Monday, June 9 th	*Tuesday, October 14 th
Monday, March 10 th	Monday, July 14 th	*Monday, November 17 th
Monday, April 14 th	Monday, August 11 th	Monday, December 8 th

- Nathan Russ, CFO was in attendance to present the Statement of Operations for the Period Ended Sept. 30, 2024
- Patrick Oystryk, Senior Planner, MODUS presented the Regional and Local Community Needs Project followed by discussion and question period.
- RDCK 2025 Tipping Fee Increase: Pending final approval by the RDCK Board, Mixed Waste and Organic Waste tipping fees may increase up to 10% effective January 1st, 2025
- The Development Permit for the proposed project located at 903 Hume St (Lot 1-4, 17-20, Block 34, DL 292, KDP Plan 496) was approved as presented.
- The 2024 Springer Creek RV Park & Campground Year End Operator's Report was received. Upgrades and maintenance items will be added to the 2025 budget. A big thank you to the Operators for a job well done!
- Council will award \$500 to the Slocan Fire Department, as the Village's contribution towards their annual Christmas Celebration. Each member will be provided with a complimentary Fitness Center Pass for 2025.
- Council will donate \$1000 from the RDCK Community Development Fund, for the 2024 WEGCSS Food Bank Christmas Hamper Program.
- Council approved \$52.50 from the RDCK Discretionary Grant, towards printing the Spirit of Slocan's Annual Christmas Tree Light-Up posters.
- Council approved a \$500.00 grant from the RDCK Discretionary Grant Fund for the WE Graham Community Service Society's Food Bank Garden Bed supplies
- The Village of Slocan will provide a letter of support to Kaslo InfoNet Society concerning the Connecting Communities BC Program.
- Michelle Griffiths, Program Coordinator of the Slocan Valley Wildfire Resiliency Program, Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative explained the rebate program to firesmart homes and encouraged Village residents to apply for rebates.
- Slocan Valley Chamber: Business Recovery Support Info - Community Futures Central Kootenay teamed up with Slocan Valley Economic Development to support Slocan Valley Businesses impacted by the wildfires, evacuations and Highway closures this summer. They are offering Business Recovery Loans, Free Coffee Vouchers and Retail Discount Coupons.
For more information on recovery loans please visit: <https://futures.bc.ca/business-recovery-loans/>



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JOB POSTING:
On Call Auxiliary Public Works Utility Worker and/or Labourer
The Village of Slocan is seeking to have on call auxiliary staff to support Public Works operations.

VACANCIES TO BE FILLED:	Up to Two (2) on-call auxiliary positions
POSITION:	On-call auxiliary staff to support Public Works operations in a combination of Public Works Utility Worker / Public Works Labourer
REPORTS TO:	Public Works Supervisor
POSITION STATUS:	On Call Auxiliary
WAGE:	\$20.00 / hour for Labourer Tasks \$24.73 / hour for Utility Worker Tasks Wage is dependent on nature of work requiring coverage.
DAYS / HOURS:	As needed: General Hours of Operation are Monday to Friday, 7:00am – 3:30pm. Possible on call hours for winter snow clearing or Water Utility Call outs.
VACATION:	4% in lieu of benefits
TERM:	Begin immediately. These are on-call auxiliary positions at this time.

JOB DESCRIPTION:	Reporting to the Public Works Supervisor, the on-call auxiliary Public Works operations position requires a variety of skills necessary to carry out Village operations. Public Works Utility Worker areas of focus include: - maintenance of the Village water system, roads, storm water drainage, parks, cemetery, garbage collection, and other areas as required. - Assistance with carrying out capital projects. - Support to manage Village's fleet of vehicles and equipment. - Operate heavy equipment and machinery (ie: excavator, loader, dump truck, etc.), to fulfill duties such as snow plowing, street sweeping, excavation, and other required duties as needed. - on-call coverage outside regular working hours, including during the winter months for snow removal. Public Works Labourers are of focus include: - support, as needed, for various other public works tasks such as residential garbage collection, painting, minor repairs - summer time landscaping / ground-keeping - assistance with other projects related to municipal infrastructure and services. - on-call coverage outside regular working hours, including during the winter months for snow removal.
REQUIRED EDUCATION / QUALIFICATIONS	• Completion of Secondary School or equivalent. • Valid BC Class 5 Driver's License with a clean abstract. • WHMIS Certification • Understanding of WorkSafe BC regulations and related safe work practices.
REQUIRED SKILLS AND ABILITIES	• Ability to use basic hand tools, both manual and electric. • Ability to operate small gas and diesel-powered equipment. • Ability to work outdoors in all weather conditions. • Sufficient physical strength, stamina, and coordination to do heavy manual labor, and the ability to withstand long periods of crouching, standing, bending, walking, climbing, lifting, etc. • Ability to work unsupervised, when required. • Ability to deal tactfully with other employees, contractors, and the general public.
PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS	• Basic construction/maintenance skills and knowledge an asset. • Knowledge and experience operating heavy equipment and machinery an asset. • EOCP Certification in Water Distribution would be considered an asset. • First Aid Level 1

Applicants are requested to submit a cover letter and resume, clearly marked: **PUBLIC WORKS**. Two previous work references are required. We thank all applicants for their interest in applying for this position; however, only candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.

Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.
Please submit your application to: Village of Slocan, Interim CAO
PO Box 50, 503 Slocan Street, Slocan BC V0G 2C0 or email: info@villageofslocan.ca

ANNUAL SLOCAN HALLOWEEN HOOT FIREWORKS DISPLAY.....THANK YOU!



- Thank you to the Fomi's Bakery for the donation of buns and the Slocan Village Market for donation of hot chocolate and wieners.
- Thank you to Tim Hill and Pat Ashton for coordinating fireworks and giving a great show for the 32nd time!
- Thank you to Laurie Hill for loan of her canteen equipment and guidance to newcomers pulling this off!
- Thank you to the Slocan Fire Department for providing security, fire pits and safety support.
- Thank you to Village Staff for Hoot preparation and Nov 1st clean up. Left over food was donated to the food bank.
- Thank you to Mayor Lunn, Councillor Buller, Councillor Knott and CAO Trish Dehnel and friends for working the Canteen.

Volunteers are needed for the 2025 Halloween Hoot Committee
Certification/Training will be organized for fireworks handlers.
Please contact cao@villageofslocan.ca for details

VILLAGE OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS & GARBAGE SCHEDULE

The Village Office will be closed from
9am on Monday, December 23rd, 2024
and will re-open at
9am on Monday, January 6th, 2025.

GARBAGE SCHEDULE		
TUES DEC.17th	Residential + Commercial	AS SCHEDULED
FRI DEC. 20th	Commercial	AS SCHEDULED
MON DEC. 23rd	Residential + Commercial	IN LIEU OF TUESDAY
FRI DEC. 27th	COMMERCIAL	CANCELLED
MON DEC. 30th	Residential + Commercial	IN LIEU OF TUESDAY
FRI JAN. 3rd	COMMERCIAL	CANCELLED
TUES JAN 7th	Residential + Commercial	AS SCHEDULED
FRI JAN 10th	Commercial	AS SCHEDULED



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BRENDAN MURRAY-NELLIS R.AC. LEAH RAINEY RMT ERICA SPINK D'SOUZA RCC PHD
PETER LAMARRE RMT
CAILEA DAVIS

SNOW REMOVAL Winter weather is coming and the Village would like to remind residents to keep boulevards clear of unlicensed vehicles and debris, in preparation for snow removal. Persons with disabilities and seniors may apply for **Clearance of Driveway Furrows** at the Village Office. Proof of eligibility is required for new recurring applicants can re-register by phone: **250-355-2277** *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.*



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 MEEETING AGENDA MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 12-NOON.