



VILLAGE OF SILVERTON

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD

July 9, 2019

COUNCIL CHAMBERS – VILLAGE OFFICE – 421 LAKE AVE.

7:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ACKNOWLEDGES THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND

C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of June 11, 2019
2. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting June 26, 2019

F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

1. Johanna Ratynski - New Denver Hospice Society

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING

- G1. Eco-Society Delegation Request for Council Consideration

Recommendation:

That the community of Silverton aims to transition to 100 percent renewable energy in all energy-use sectors in the community including heating and cooling, transportation, electricity, and waste management no later than 2050. The Mayor and Council of the Village of Silverton request that the Village of Silverton staff collaborate with other local governments, and community stakeholders in the region, as well as leading experts to develop a plan for this transition by December 1, 2020.

- G2. Slocan Valley Regional Economic Development Initiative

Recommendation:

That Silverton Village Council supports the Slocan Valley Regional Economic Development Implementation Plan Project and instructs staff to submit a funding application on behalf of the partnership of Silverton, New Denver, Slocan and RDCK Area H under the BC Rural Dividend Program for a project value of \$125,000.00 over two years and the funding application be at a level of \$100,000.00; AND

FURTHER, that the Village of Silverton will be responsible for overseeing the project for its duration.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Lot 23-24, Block 11, Plan NEP574, District Lot 434, Kootenay Land District

Recommendation:

Pursuant to the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Village of Silverton Council receive the request to permanently disconnect the water service to Lot 23-24, Block 11, Plan NEP574, District Lot 434, Kootenay Land District; AND

FURTHER remove Lot 23-24, Block 11, Plan NEP574, District Lot 434, Kootenay Land District from Utility billing starting in 2020, until such time utilities are used for the aforementioned property.

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

1. Canadian Wood Council
2. Request to remove trees
3. Overview of Agriculture in the Slokan Valley
4. Update from Yucwmenlúcwu (Caretakers of the Land) LLP, Splatsin Development Corporation

J. COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Mayor Jason Clarke

- BC Mayors Caucus
- Slokan Lake Arts Council Liaison

2. Councillor Leah Main

- RDCK Director for the Village of Silverton
- West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Board
- Rosebery Parklands and Trails Commission
- Winlaw Regional and Nature Park Commission
- Slokan Valley Economic Development Commission
- FCM Board
- Health Committee – Slokan District Chamber of Commerce
- RDI Climate Adaptation project Team

3. Councillor K. Gordon

- Municipal Emergency
- Slokan District Chamber of Commerce
- Composting Project Liaison Alternate
- RDI Climate Adaptation project Team Alternate

4. Councillor T. Gordon

- Recreation Commission No. 6
- Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Advisory Committee (TAC)
- RDI Climate Adaptation project Team

5. Councillor Arlene Yofonoff

- Cultural Planning Group
- Composting Project Liaison (Healthy Community Society of the North S.V.)
- RDI Climate Adaptation project Team Alternate

K. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

1. CAO Report
2. Public Foreman Report

L. BYLAWS AND POLICY

None at this time.

M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD/PRESS

Terms of reference as per the Procedure Bylaw include;

- The maximum time allotted is two (2) minutes.
- The Public Input is for items on the Council Agenda only.
- The Public Input Period provides an opportunity for public input only, without expectation of response from Council.

N. IN CAMERA MEETING: there will be an In-Camera Meeting at this time. This meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Sections 90 – 1 (c) employee relations; (i) solicitor-client privilege.

The Regular Meeting recessed at _____pm in order to conduct the Closed Meeting.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at _____pm

O. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA

P. ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES OF THE *REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING* HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019 AT 7:00PM

PRESENT: Mayor Clarke, Councillors K. Gordon, T. Gordon, L. Main, A. Yofonoff

ABSENT:

STAFF: H. Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Clarke Called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 pm.

B. THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ACKNOWLEDGES THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND

C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

061/2019 - Moved, seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

062/2019 - Moved, seconded that the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2019 and Committee of the Whole Minutes of May 22, 2019 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

JUNE 11, 2019 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

West Kootenay Eco-Society presented information and a proposed resolution for the Village of Silverton Council to consider.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING

G1. KOOTENAY-WIDE INTER-COMMUNITY BUSINESS LICENCE

063/2019 - Moved, seconded Pursuant to the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Village of Silverton Council receive the report from the Office of Innovation and Collaboration titled "Kootenay-wide Inter-Community Business Licence (ICBL) Proposal"; AND

FURTHER, approve the proposal to be part of the ICBL partnership with participating municipalities throughout the Kootenays; AND

FURTHER that staff update the corresponding Village Policies and Bylaws, as required.

CARRIED

G2. KOOTENAY SAVINGS RESOLUTIONS FOR CORPORATE CREDIT CARD

064/2019 - Moved, seconded Pursuant to the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Village of Silverton Council authorize CAO Hillary Elliott to be the business representative; AND

FURTHER authorize CAO Hillary Elliott as the authorized user; AND

FURTHER that the spending limit for the card and authorized user be \$10,000.00.

CARRIED

JUNE 11, 2019 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

H. NEW BUSINESS

H1. 2018 ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2018 Annual Report received for information and available for public inspection.

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

II. BC RURAL HEALTH NETWORK

065/2019 - Moved, seconded That the Village of Silverton purchase a regular membership to the BC Rural Health Network.

CARRIED

J. COUNCIL REPORTS

Council Reports received for information.

K. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Administration Reports received for information.

L. BYLAWS AND POLICY

None at this time.

JUNE 11, 2019 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD/PRESS

Mr. Don Broughton was asked to leave the meeting due to inappropriate conduct.

Valley Voice press representative inquired about the process for the proposed resolution for Council's consideration regarding the Delegation's presentation and clarification on Councillor Kerry Gordon's verbal report to Council.

N. IN CAMERA MEETING:

The Regular Meeting recessed at 7:57 pm in order to conduct the Closed Meeting.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:40 pm.

O. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA

None at this time.

P. ADJOURNMENT

066/2019 – Moved that Council adjourn at 8:41 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor Clarke

Chief Administrative Officer

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019 AT 4:00PM



PRESENT: Mayor Clarke, Councillors K. Gordon, T. Gordon, A. Yofonoff

ABSENT: Councillor L. Main, H. Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF:

A. CALL TO ORDER



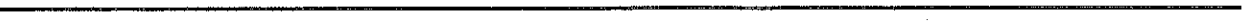
Mayor Clarke Called the Meeting to Order at 4:00 pm.

B. THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ACKNOWLEDGES THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND

C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY



D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA



067/2019 - Moved, seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES



None at this time.

F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS



None at this time.

JUNE 26, 2019 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING

None at this time.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H1. 2018 ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

068/2019 - **Moved, seconded** Be it resolved the Silverton Village Council adopt the 2018 Annual Report and Financial Statements as presented.

CARRIED

H2. 2018 SOFI REPORT

069/2019 - **Moved, seconded** Be it resolved the Silverton Village Council adopt the 2018 SOFI Report as presented.

CARRIED

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

None at this time.

J. COUNCIL REPORTS

None at this time.

K. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

None at this time.

L. BYLAWS AND POLICY

None at this time.

JUNE 26, 2019 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD/PRESS

None at this time.

N. IN CAMERA MEETING:

None at this time.

O. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA

None at this time.

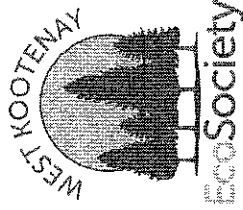
P. ADJOURNMENT

070/2019 – Moved that Council adjourn at 4:01 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor Clarke

Chief Administrative Officer



Suggested Council Resolution

That the community of Silverton aims to transition to 100 percent renewable energy in all energy-use sectors in the community including heating and cooling, transportation, electricity, and waste management no later than 2050. The Mayor and Council of the Village of Silverton request that the Village of Silverton staff collaborate with other local governments, and community stakeholders in the region, as well as leading experts to develop a plan for this transition by December 1, 2020.



Administrative Report: Hillary Elliott, CAO

Village of Silverton Council

Regular Meeting of Silverton Village Council July 9, 2019

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to present information regarding the Village of Silverton Council consideration of applying on behalf of the Slokan Valley Economic Development Initiative Partnership for funding in years 3-4 of the project currently underway. The Cannabis Report and the Agriculture Report are two recent deliverables of this partnership project presented to Council.

Background

This partnership project has been working together for over the past 2 years and have a work plan moving forward to see this initiative to be long-term and self-sustaining.

Financial Impact

There is a financial commitment for partners to provide collectively \$6,250.00 for each year and \$6,250.00 of in-kind from local government staff. There is currently taxation money for the RDCK Economic Development Commission that could cover this contribution, however, this may not allow the RDCK EDC to complete their work plan. There are other opportunities to find our portion of the funding (please see below under discussion).

Discussion

This information was provided by Richard Toperczer, Rural Dividend Regional Manager. He has been part of the project from the beginning and we received funding from Rural Dividend for the first two years of the project. Here is a brief synopsis of the project that could be applied for under the Rural Dividend to continue the economic development partnership into years 3 and 4.

Currently the partnership is funded by the communities, CBT and Province to deliver economic development until Sept 2020.

The Rural Dividend program is currently open (closing Aug 15, 2019) with monies being awarded likely either late 2019 or early 2020. Applying in this intake will ensure continuity of the partnership from Sept 2020 through until Sept 2022. If the partners choose to wait until the potential next intake there could be a break in continuity of up to 6 months.

The proposal is to apply for the current intake as a single applicant with Silverton taking the lead on behalf of the partners. As a single applicant the partners would be eligible for 80% funding up to \$100K. The partners would need to confirm funding (in 2020 budget year) for \$6250 collectively each year for two years (total \$12500). This could potentially be accommodated through the EDC, further taxation, community/municipal funds or other sources to be determined. A further \$12500 of "in-kind" funding would also need to be made available for a total project cost of \$125K over two years. These funds could be leveraged with other funding sources and grants.

Funding for the partnership for years 3 & 4 could be channelled towards the following deliverables:

- Business, Retention and Expansion for the agriculture sector based on the recent agriculture report. (eg. Creating a Slocan Grown, by local initiative, further food processing supports and development towards new markets and products from the valley)
- Business Retention and Expansion for the cannabis sector. Develop a strategy and implementation plan to support value added and boutique cannabis sector opportunities in the valley.
- Refresh the Slocan Valley Economic Development Strategy
- Develop "investment ready" communities in the Valley to further development within cultural expectations.
- Continue the Slocan Valley attraction strategy work begun in 2019 with further build out of social media content and local ambassadors.
- Work with partners on the development of Slocan Valley events to build out the shoulder season.
- Assist communities and non-profit organizations with affordable, rental and market housing opportunities.
- Continue working with partners on the build out of better connectivity and last mile planning and implementation in the Valley.

In order to apply for the Rural Dividend we will need letters of support from the partners and any other organizations that might be relevant. These will become part of the application.

Silverton will also need a Council resolution in order to submit the application on behalf of the partnership.

Hope this helps as there is a very short turn around.

Richard Toperczer

Recommendation:

That Silverton Village Council supports the Slocan Valley Regional Economic Development Implementation Plan Project and instructs staff to submit a funding application on behalf of the partnership of Silverton, New Denver, Slocan and RDCK Area H under the BC Rural Dividend Program for a project value of \$125,000.00 over two years and the funding application be at a level of \$100,000.00; AND

FURTHER, that the Village of Silverton will be responsible for overseeing the project for its duration.

Hillary Elliott

CAO, Village of Silverton

On 2019-06-19, 7:48 PM, "jamie barber"

Village of Silverton Council

June 9, 2019

Dear council...

After discussion with both the mayor and administrator, a problem has arisen that requires your judgement. Penelope and myself own a vacant piece of property on Hunter St. We demolished the house that used to be at that location in May of last year as it was no longer habitable. At this point, we have no plans to develop the property. We are being charged by the Village for water even though we have no access to water, nor do we have a septic tank. There is no water line on the property and the nearest location that could supply water is at a village-owned shut off valve that is located on village property. We have no access to this. I feel it is unfair that we pay for water that we are not using, or have access to use even if we wished. I would like the council to discuss this issue and decide if it is fair that we pay for water under these conditions. I would like to point out that there are a number of vacant properties in the village that do not pay for water under these exact conditions. If it is fair that they do not pay, I fail to understand why we should be singled out. Thank you for your consideration in this manner.

Sent from my iPad



Administrative Report: Hillary Elliott, CAO

Village of Silverton Council

Regular Meeting of Silverton Village Council July 9, 2019

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to present information regarding the Village of Silverton Water Utility Bylaw and the process for the request regarding property Lot 23-24, Block 11, Plan NEP574, District Lot 434, Kootenay Land District.

Background

The Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 479 – 2012 states the following:

4.9 Discontinuance of Connection

The owner of any real property supplied with water from the municipal waterworks system, and who is desirous of disconnecting the use thereof, shall give written application to the municipality on the form generally prescribed in Schedule "C" of this bylaw. Water user charges will continue to apply to the real property notwithstanding the water use has been discontinued.

Staff turn on and off water for several properties each year, normally for seasonal purposes or construction work. The property owners still pay for the utility that is waiting for their usage for the time the water is turned off.

The Bylaw states clearly the property owner must notify in writing to have the water turned off or disconnected. The office acknowledges the email from the property owner as "*shall give written application to the municipality on the form generally prescribed in Schedule "C" of this bylaw*". The Village cannot assume a property owner wishes to disconnect from the water service without written application and documentation for our records.

Financial Impact

A Water Utility, as Legislated by the province, must be a financial stand-a-lone service (budgetary). It cannot run a deficit nor can money be transferred in or out of the service.

The Water Utility Bylaws staff researched that had a provision for requesting a change in service stated a deadline sometime in the Fall before the next Budget year. This is imperative for staff to accurately create a budget for this service, as the Utility fees are decided at the end of the year, and passed in January so the Utility bills can be printed and mailed to property owners.

Discussion

Currently the Village provides water to properties without a house or other structure. These properties pay the full annual fee for utilities (water and garbage). The fees for the utilities are not just for day-to-day services (such as, daily water usage or weekly garbage pick-up), it is also to support the existence of the overall service, infrastructure, and long-term financial planning and fee schedules.

Due to annual budget considerations and the legislative duty to not run in a deficit for the Water Utility Service, it is imperative for the Village to know the utility users for the coming year in the fall, before the utility fees are passed by Council early in the new year.

The Demolition permit was purchased in 2018, with the demolition being completed later that year during construction season. The water was not turned off until the spring before the demolition started. All users that use an existing utility service within a year pay the full annual rate for that year.

The property owner has recently notified the Village in writing that they no longer wish to have a water service to the property. Although, the property owner did not communicate in accordance to the Bylaw (Schedule C), staff interpret this as an acceptable form of communication.

The Water Utility Bylaw could be reviewed/revised with the Garbage Bylaw early this fall.

Recommendation:

Pursuant to the report of the Chief Administrative Officer, the Village of Silverton Council receive the request to disconnect the water service to Lot 23-24, Block 11, Plan NEP574, District Lot 434, Kootenay Land District; AND

FURTHER remove Lot 23-24, Block 11, Plan NEP574, District Lot 434, Kootenay Land District from Utility billing starting in 2020, until such time utilities are used for the aforementioned property.

Hillary Elliott
CAO, Village of Silverton

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON

BYLAW NO. 479 – 2012

WATER RATES AND REGULATIONS BYLAW

A bylaw to regulate and impose fees and charges for
the use of water within the Village of Silverton

WHEREAS pursuant to the *Community Charter* Council may regulate, prohibit and impose requirements with respect to municipal services;

AND WHEREAS the municipality has established a system of supply and distribution of water;

NOW THEREFORE THE Council of the Village of Silverton in open meeting lawfully assembled hereby enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited as the “Village of Silverton Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 479 – 2012.

2. DEFINITIONS

“**Backflow**” means the reversal of the normal direction of flow between the Village of Silverton water system and its water users;

“**Backflow prevention device**” means a unit that prevents backflow;

“**Building Inspector**” means the person appointed by the Council as Building Inspector for the municipality or that persons designate;

“**Council**” means the Council of the Village of Silverton;

“**Cross Connection**” means any actual or potential physical arrangement whereby the Village’s water supply system is connected, directly or indirectly, with a non-potable or unapproved private water supply system, sewer drain, conduit, well, pool, on-site irrigation system, storage reservoir, plumbing fixture, or any other device which contains, or may contain, contaminated water, liquid, gases, sewage, or other wastes, of unknown or unsafe quality which may be capable of imparting contamination to the Village’s water system as a result of backflow;

“**Customer**” means every owner or occupier of real property to which the waterworks system is provided;

“Foreman” means the Foreman of Public Works as appointed by the Council or that person’s designate;

“Municipality” means the Village of Silverton;

“Owner” means, in respect of real property,

- a) the registered owner of an estate in fee simple,
- b) the tenant for life under a registered life estate,
- c) the registered holder of the last registered agreement for sale,
- d) the holder or occupier of land held in the manner referred to in Section 228 (*taxation of Crown land used by others*) or Section 229 (*taxation of municipal land used by others*) of the *Community Charter*, and

“Pressure Reducing Valve” means a valve that automatically reduces water pressure between the municipal water system and the inside plumbing in a building;

“Property Tax System” means the system of collection of property taxes for the municipality;

“Water” means the water supplied by the Village of Silverton;

“Water Main” means a pipe or network of pipes and appurtenances used by the municipality for the transmission and distribution of municipal water;

“Water Service” means a pipe including all valves, connections, taps, meters and all appurtenances connecting a building or property to municipal water system; and

“Waterworks System” means the water works system of the Village of Silverton.

3. AUTHORITY OF THE FOREMAN

- 3.1 The Foreman is hereby authorized to enforce and carry out the provisions of this bylaw.
- 3.2 The Foreman is hereby authorized to suspend or stop the supply of water to any or all Customers or to limit the hours for using the same when repairs or alterations are required or when he or she deems it necessary in the public interest.
- 3.3 The Foreman is authorized to place restrictions upon the usage of water. The Foreman is authorized to fix certain hours during which it shall be unlawful to sprinkle, irrigate or to otherwise use in any manner whatsoever, the water supplied by the municipality upon any lawns; or restrict the use for purposes other than normal internal domestic use and it shall be deemed to be an offence

against this bylaw where any person contravenes the provisions of the restrictions so imposed.

4. GENERAL PROVISIONS

4.1 The Village is hereby authorized to establish a method of collection of fees and charges for the use of and connection to the municipality's waterworks system.

4.2 Classifications

This bylaw regulates water use, water connections and disconnections, and sets water connection and user fees and charges for residential, commercial, industrial and institutional users.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing the following users may include:

- (a) Residential – single family dwelling, duplex, multi-family dwellings, apartment, townhouse, row housing (per dwelling or self-contained units), trailer or modular home, lodging house or rooming house, and other similar dwellings not listed.
- (b) Commercial – stores or business premises including such businesses as: bakeries, banks, barbers/hair dressers, car sales, clothing stores, dog kennels, dry cleaners, flower sales, hardware stores, liquor stores, meat markets, post offices, shoe stores, warehouses and other similar businesses not listed.
- (c) Industrial – asphalt plants, autobody shops, concrete/cement finishing, equipment dealers, garage (repairs), machine shops, welding/fabricating shops, warehouses and other similar enterprises not listed.
- (d) Institutional – schools, colleges, universities, hospital, care facilities, churches and other similar institutions not listed.

4.3 Connections – General

4.3.1 The owner of any premises situated within the boundaries of the municipality may make application to the Foreman on the form generally prescribed in Schedule "B" of this bylaw and pay the prescribed fees for the installation of a new water service connection.

4.3.2 Where there are combined uses of a building, individual fees and charges may apply to each use.

4.3.3 All new connections will be subject to the requirements under the Village of Silverton bylaws and regulations.

4.4 Abatement of Noises and Pressure Surges

- 4.4.1 No person shall connect or allow to remain connected, or operate an apparatus, fitting, or fixture which will cause noise, pressure surges or other disturbances which may, in the opinion of the Foreman, result in annoyance to other Customers, damage to their water system or damage to the Village's water system.
- 4.4.2 The Foreman may, if any such condition exists, give notice to the Customer to correct the fault within 96 hours or such lesser period as may be specified in the notice.
- 4.4.3 Where a Customer fails to comply with the notice, the Foreman may shut off the water service until such time as the fault has been corrected.

4.5 Back-flow Prevention Device

- 4.5.1 It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that no piping, fixtures, fitting, container, meter, appliance or other device would, under any circumstance, allow any part of the water distribution system or a private service to become contaminated.
- 4.5.2 The municipality may order a backflow prevention device to be installed on any service. Such installation shall be at the expense of the owner.
- 4.5.3 Where the municipality or its agent determines that a connection or cross connection exists which has the potential of contaminating any part of the water system, the Foreman may give written notice to the owner to correct the connection or cross connection within 72 hours. The cost of such correction is to be at the expense of the owner.
- 4.5.4 A new water service connection shall not be turned on at the curbstop until such water service has been inspected by the municipality or its agent and all waterworks on the property meet the requirements of this bylaw.
- 4.5.5 Where a backflow device is required, every owner shall, upon the installation of a testable backflow prevention device and annually thereafter, or more often as required by the Foreman, arrange for the inspection and testing of the device by a certified tester. The results of all inspections and testing shall be submitted to the municipality within 30 days of the inspection and testing.

- 4.5.6 The backflow prevention device shall be installed on the consumer's side of the property inside a building or structure sufficient to protect the device from freezing.
- 4.5.7 The water pipe shall not be turned on at the property line for occupancy use until the private plumbing system has been inspected and approved by the Building Inspector. This shall not prohibit the use of a water service for construction purposes for a limited time pursuant to Section 4.8, provided the Foreman is satisfied that adequate provision is made to prevent backflow into the municipal water system.
- 4.5.8 In addition to the requirements made by the municipality or its agent for the installation of backflow prevention devices within the private plumbing system, a backflow prevention device may be required by the Foreman on the water service pipe should inspection on private property be restricted, or should, in the Foreman's opinion, a health hazard imposed on the water system warrant premise isolation.

4.6 Pressure Reducing Valves

- 4.6.1 All premises served by the municipal water supply will be required to be served through a pressure reducing valve, unless otherwise approved by the Foreman. The cost and maintenance of this installation will be the responsibility of the property owner.
- 4.6.2 Existing serviced premises that have no pressure reducing valve prior to the final adoption of this bylaw shall be required to have pressure reducing valves installed whenever a reconnection to municipal services is required, and/or whenever a major change or addition to the existing system is required, unless otherwise approved by the Foreman. The cost and maintenance of this installation will be the responsibility of the property owner.

4.7 Laying of Service Pipes

- 4.7.1 All applications for laying of service pipe for the purpose of receiving water from the waterworks system to or from any premises shall be made in writing in the form approved by the municipality and signed by the owner of the premises, or his duly authorized agent.
- 4.7.2 No person shall lay any pipe for the purpose of receiving water from the waterworks system by connecting therewith except where permission has been granted by the Foreman.

4.7.3 The applicant shall notify the Foreman when any water connection or other work carried out under the provisions of this bylaw is ready for inspection and no water connection or such other work shall be covered until it has been inspected and approved by the Foreman. If any such water connection or other work has been covered without first having been inspected and approved by the Foreman, the applicant shall when requested by the Foreman, have such water connection or other work uncovered forthwith so that it may be inspected and the application fee shall be doubled.

4.8 Temporary Water Service

Temporary water service shall be provided for premises under construction and the fees for temporary water service shall be the fees and charges established for users in accordance with Schedule "B" of this bylaw.

4.9 Discontinuance of Connection

The owner of any real property supplied with water from the municipal waterworks system, and who is desirous of disconnecting the use thereof, shall give written application to the municipality on the form generally prescribed in Schedule "C" of this bylaw. Water user charges will continue to apply to the real property notwithstanding the water use has been discontinued.

4.10 Reconnections

4.10.1 The owner of any premises situated within the boundaries of the municipality may make application on the form generally prescribed in Schedule "B" of this bylaw for the reconnection of a water service.

4.10.2 All reconnections will be subject to the requirements under the Village of Silverton bylaws and regulations.

4.11 Owner's Responsibilities

4.11.1 All owners shall keep their service pipes, curbstop and other fixtures on their own premises in good order and repair and protected from frost and damage at their own expense, and when a house is vacated, the curbstop on the inside of the property shall be turned off and a tap opened for a vent.

4.11.2 It shall be unlawful for any person to make any alterations, additions, extensions, new branches or bypasses to the existing water service on any premises without first making application to the municipality and

obtaining a permit thereof. It shall be unlawful for any person to cover up any alteration, additions, extensions, new branches or bypasses to the existing water service on any premises until same has been inspected by the Foreman or duly authorized employee of the municipality.

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4.11.3 It shall be the owner's responsibility to pay the costs of repairs for any damage caused by the owner.

4.12 Disconnections

4.12.1 In addition to any other penalty herein described, the municipality, through its lawful representative is hereby authorized and empowered to cause the disconnection of water service to any building or premises, without notice:

- (a) where there is evidence of tampering with any municipal owned parts of the water system; or
- (b) where any condition of the building plumbing system, the water service pipe or the building is required to be repaired, altered, replaced, or rectified and such condition is not repaired, altered, replaced or rectified; and

there shall be no claim against the municipality for any damages arising from the disconnection of water services to any building or premises made under the provisions of this section.

4.12.2 The Foreman may, when it is deemed necessary, shut off any water main without notice to the owners.

4.12.3 Where an unauthorized disconnection has been made, the owner shall be charged the rate for the previous twelve (12) months for the use of water.

4.12.4 In the case of a water leak on the Customer's property, such owner shall be notified by the Foreman and given a reasonable amount of time to make the necessary repairs. Where the owner neglects or refuses to make necessary repairs to fix the leak, the Foreman may turn the water off and bill the owner at three times the rate for that classification of property.

4.13 Turn On and Turn Offs

4.13.1 All applications for the turning on or the turning off of water must be in writing, signed by the owner or his agent, and must be delivered to the office of the Foreman not less than two (2) working days before the same is required. The work will be performed during the regular work week as soon as scheduling allows.

- 4.13.2 A water turn on or shut off charge as outlined in Schedule "C" of this bylaw shall be made for each and every water turn on or shut off.
- 4.13.3 No person other than a municipal employee shall turn on or off any hydrant, valve, curbstop, or other fixture of the waterworks system without the written authorization of the Foreman.
- 4.13.4 The Foreman may, when it is deemed necessary, shut off any water main without notice to the owners.
- 4.13.5 There shall be no claim against the municipality for any damages arising from the turning off of water services to any building or premises made under the provisions of this section.

4.14 Construction and Inspection

- 4.14.1 Water connection approval from the municipality is required for water service connections. All water service connections must be made in accordance with all relevant Provincial Codes and Regulations and all relevant municipal bylaws and regulations. Prior to back filling, a water service connection must be inspected by the Foreman.
- 4.14.2 All service pipes, fittings and appurtenances which may be required for water service connections shall be constructed and laid from the water main to the property line by the municipality at the expense of the owner, and the municipality shall be solely responsible for keeping the same in repair.
- 4.14.3 All service pipes, fittings and appurtenances which may be required from the property line to the premises shall be constructed and laid by the owner, or his duly authorized agent, to the approval of the Foreman and at the expense of the owner, including water connection charges and the owner shall be solely responsible for keeping the same in repair and protected from frost.

4.15 Changes in Use of Water

- 4.15.1 If for any reason the uses of the property change during any calendar year such that the amount set out in Schedule "A" of this bylaw would change, the owner shall notify the Foreman forthwith. Any new user fees that result from the change in use of the property will become effective at the date of the change in use.

4.15.2 Where a property owner requests a connection of a larger water service line than that which was previously installed and connected, the property owner shall pay the cost of the larger water service line for the new service line so installed.

4.16 Refuse to Supply Water

The Council may refuse to connect and/or supply water to any owner or to any premises.

4.17 Interruption of Water Supply

The Foreman may, when it is deemed necessary, interrupt or shut off the water supply without notice to owners.

4.18 Sprinkling Restrictions

The Foreman may from time to time place restrictions upon the usage of municipal water for purposes other than normal internal domestic use and it shall be deemed to be an offence against this bylaw where any person contravenes the provisions of the restrictions so imposed.

5. FEES AND CHARGES

5.1 All fees and charges as set forth in this bylaw shall be payable to the Village of Silverton at the Municipal Hall, located at 421 Lake Avenue, P.O. Box 14, Silverton, British Columbia, V0G 2B0 or to a person(s) or institution as may be authorized by the municipality to act as collection agents for the municipality.

5.2 The fees and charges levied or imposed under the provisions of this bylaw are a special charge upon the lands or real property in respect of which the water is supplied or used. All fees and charges under the provisions of this bylaw, in addition to any other remedies, may be levied, collected and recovered from the owner in the same manner and subject to the same incidents as taxes upon land and improvements.

5.3 There is hereby imposed and levied a water user fee against the owner or occupier of real property connected to the water system in an amount as set out in Schedule "A" of this bylaw and a water connection charge against the owner of real property for the cost of providing a water connection to the property line from the water main in an amount as set out in Schedule "B" of this bylaw.

5.4 The water user charge shall commence on the date the water is turned on. Fees for use of water shall be prorated in the first year of connection, in accordance with the rates set out in Schedule "A" of this bylaw.

5.5 Billings

The user rate shall be due and payable annually at the Municipal Hall as follows:

- (a) The water rates payable under Schedule "A" attached to a forming part of this bylaw shall be levied annually.
- (b) All such rates shall be due and payable immediately upon receipt.
- (c) Billings will be mailed to the address of the property owner as identified on the most recent version of the B.C. Assessment Roll.
- (d) User rates not paid by the deadline, established as the first working day after July 1st in each year, shall be subject to a 10% penalty. A notice stating that such rates are due shall be mailed during the month of January in each year.
- (e) Any charge remaining unpaid on the 31st day of December shall be deemed to be taxes in arrears in respect of the property and shall forthwith be entered on the real property tax roll by the Collector as taxes in arrears.

6. PROHIBITIONS

- 6.1 The domestic water supply shall not be used for irrigating of parcels in excess of ½ acre.
- 6.2 No device designed to introduce another substance into the water in the connection between the building and the municipal main shall be installed unless a permit is obtained from the Foreman.
- 6.3 No person, except the duly authorized agent of the municipality shall in any way obstruct, interfere or tamper with any hydrants, valve, curbstop, pipe or other waterworks appliances outside of his/her own premises, nor shall he/she make any additions or alterations to the water service in the street or road, nor make any connection with the water mains, or turn off or turn on any municipal curbstop.
- 6.4 No person may resell water obtained from the municipality, except as may be expressly permitted in writing by the municipality.
- 6.5 No person shall interfere with any act or thing being done under authority of the Foreman in charge of the waterworks in the exercise of any power therein contained.

6.6 Any person contravening this section shall be assessed the full costs of any repair, replacement or removal required by reason of their actions.

7. EXEMPTIONS

The provisions of this bylaw are exempt where water is applied to the fighting of fires or where water is applied by municipal employees, or their agents for municipal purposes.

8. ENFORCEMENT

The Foreman may at all reasonable times enter upon any real property, where water is supplied by the municipality, for the purpose of inspecting water pipes, connections, fixtures, taps, meters and any other apparatus used in connection with such water supply.

9. LIABILITY

9.1 The municipality shall not be under any liability to furnish a continuous or any supply of water to any premises. The municipality shall not be liable for the failure of the water supply in consequence or any action or damage to the works or because of any temporary stoppage thereof on account of alterations or repairs or on any account whatsoever, whether such failure arises from the negligence of any person in the employ of the municipality or otherwise, but, in the event of such failure or stoppage continuing for a period of more than ten (10) consecutive days, an equitable reduction will be made on all fees and charges for services affected thereby. It shall be lawful for the municipality, without notice, to decrease the supply or use of any water to any building or premises where it is deemed to be advisable.

9.2 The municipality shall not be liable or responsible for damages caused by the freezing of water pipes on the owner's side of the curbstop or for damages caused by the freezing of such pipes in the municipal side of the curbstop if the freezing is caused by prior freezing on the owner's side of the stop and drain. The costs of any necessary thawing service shall be the responsibility of the owner and the work shall be performed by a qualified individual approved by the municipality.

9.3 Subject to the provisions of section 9.2, the municipality will be responsible for frozen pipes on the street side of a curbstop and will provide thawing service for such pipes without charge to the owner but the municipality shall not be liable for any delay in rendering the service provided for in this section.

- 9.4 The owner shall be responsible for damage caused by the owner to the curbstop and the owner is responsible to pay for work to repair or replace the curbstop and the work shall be performed by a qualified individual approved by the Forman.
- 9.5 The municipality does not guarantee pressure or continuous supply of water, nor does it accept responsibility at any time for the maintenance of pressure on its line or for increases or decreases in pressure. The municipality reserves the right at any and all times, without notice, to change operating water service for the purposes of making repairs, extensions, alterations or improvements or for any other reason, and to increase or reduce pressure at any time. Neither the municipality, its officers, employees or agents shall incur any liability of any kind whatever by cessation in whole or in part of water pressure or water supply, or changes in operations pressures, or by reason of the water containing sediments, deposits or other foreign matter.

10. OFFENCE AND PENALTY

- 10.1 Every person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who causes, suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who neglects or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who carries out or who suffers, causes or permits to be carried out any work in a manner prohibited by or contrary to any of the provisions of this bylaw or who fails to comply with any order direction or notice given under this bylaw shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence against this bylaw and is punishable in accordance with the Summary Convictions Act.
- 10.2 Each day that any violation of a provision of this bylaw continues shall be deemed to be a separate offence.

11. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed without affecting the remainder of the bylaw.

12. EFFECTIVE DATE

This bylaw shall come into full force and effect upon its adoption.

13. REPEAL

The Village of Silverton Water Rates and Regulations Bylaw No. 406, 2002 and all its amendments are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this 20th day of November, 2012

READ A SECOND TIME this 20th day of November, 2012

READ A THIRD TIME this 20 day of November, 2012.

RECONSIDERED AND ADOPTED this 11 day of December, 2012.

Mayor

Corporate Officer

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON
BYLAW NO. 479 – 2012
WATER RATES AND REGULATIONS BYLAW
SCHEDULE "A"
FEES AND CHARGES

1. USER RATES

1.	Single Family Residence	\$409.50/yr
2.	Dwelling House with more than one family-per family	\$409.50/yr
3.	Apartments, Suites or Duplexes - each unit	\$409.50/yr
4.	Mobile Homes or Trailers or Camps or Courts	\$409.50/yr
5.	Wholesale and Retail Shops (except those specifically listed)	\$409.50/yr
6.	Barber Shops and Beauty Parlours	\$409.50/yr
7.	Bakeries, Coffee Shops and Snack Bars	\$514.50/yr
8.	Dentists, Doctors, or Chiropractors	\$514.50/yr
9.	Garages, Transport and Gasoline Stations	\$514.50/yr
10.	Coin Operated Laundries - flat rate with one washing machine	\$409.50/yr
	- for each additional unit	\$ 85.05/yr
11.	Diesel Plants	\$855.75/yr
12.	Restaurants	\$661.50/yr
13.	Beverage	\$771.75/yr
14.	Office Rooms - minimum rate (not including residence)	\$409.50/yr
	- for each additional room	\$ 42.00/yr
15.	Rooming Houses or Bed & Breakfasts - min. rate - up to 1 room	\$409.50/yr
	- each additional room (over 1 room) per room	\$ 42.00/yr
16.	Hotels -minimum rate	\$472.50/yr
	- each additional room per room	\$ 42.00/yr
	- with additional charges for:	
	- restaurants, coffee shops or cafes	\$661.50/yr
	- laundries:	
	(a) flat rate with one washing machine	\$409.50/yr

	(b) for each additional unit	\$ 85.05/yr
	- barber shops, beauty parlours, hairdressing shops	\$409.50/yr
	- residences	\$409.50/yr
	- beverage rooms	\$771.75/yr
17.	Motel - minimum rate	\$514.50/yr
	- additional charges per room	\$ 85.05/yr
	- with additional charges for:	
	- restaurants, coffee shops and cafes	\$661.50/yr
	-residences	\$409.50/yr
18.	Schools - per classroom	\$409.50/yr
19.	Rural Residences, Single Family	\$855.75/yr
20.	Rural Residences, More than one Family - per family	\$855.75/yr
21.	Car Wash - per bay	\$855.75/yr
22.	Multiple Use Business Buildings (excluding Motels and Hotels):	
	- shall be billed at the rate for the highest category of business for the first business, plus \$52.50 for each additional licensed business that occupies the building and that does not have separate plumbing facilities, except that each business that does have separate plumbing facilities shall be billed at the applicable rate according to this Schedule;	
	- Multiple Use Business Building Rates shall apply for the full billing year, and can only be made inactive prior to the beginning of the next billing year.	
23.	Any other licensed business or building with plumbing facilities shall be charged rates in accordance with this schedule.	

2. NEW SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES

For all connections, the Connection Fee shall be \$525.00. The owner shall also pay for all materials, labour, equipment, supervision and administration (15%) and to repair road surfaces disturbed by the installation.

3. TEMPORARY USE

An owner may apply for temporary use of water service for construction purposes. There shall be no charge for temporary use of water. Temporary use permits will be granted for two (2) week periods and may be renewed at the discretion of the Foreman

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON
BYLAW NO. 479 – 2012
WATER RATES AND REGULATIONS BYLAW
SCHEDULE "B"

Application for Water Connection
For the supply of water from the Village of Silverton Water Utility

I/We _____

Owner or duly authorized agent of owner of the property described as:

Legal description: _____

Civic address: _____

Make application for water connection to have water supplied to the above
described property for the following purpose:

_____ Residential Single Family Dwelling (one family)

_____ Residential ___ number of residences or units

_____ Other than residential: proposed use _____

I agree to pay the New Connection Fee of \$525.00 and also pay for all materials,
labour, equipment, supervision and administration (15%) and to repair road surfaces
disturbed by the installation.

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON
BYLAW NO. 479 – 2012
WATER RATES AND REGULATIONS BYLAW
SCHEDULE "C"

Application for Turning Water On or Off

I/We _____

Owner or duly authorized agent of owner of the property described as:

Legal description: _____

Civic address: _____

Make application for:

_____ The supply (turn on) - \$25.00

_____ The disconnection (turn off) - \$25.00

I herewith tender the sum of \$ _____

To cover the cost of such turn on/off and further agree to abide by the rates, terms and conditions as established by pursuant bylaws and amendments thereto, regulating the supply and use of the water utility of the Corporation of the Village of Silverton

DATE: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

June 1, 2019

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

The 2019 Community Recognition Awards Call for Nominations is now open!

I invite your community to identify a recently completed civic building or structure with wood use (either architecturally or structurally), and submit your nomination for the 2019 Community Recognition Awards, to be presented at the UBCM convention in Vancouver this fall. The awards are presented annually to local governments that advocate for using wood in a local project, or through visionary initiatives that work toward building a community culture of wood. Wood use in public buildings brings pride to BC towns and cities, leaves a lasting legacy and celebrates BC's wood culture.

If you are thinking of a new project, there has never been a better time to take advantage of the many benefits wood has to offer.

Why wood? Wood is good!

Wood is also the best choice for the environment, as nothing can make a green building 'greener' than optimizing the use of wood, which has a smaller carbon footprint than other building materials. Wood also benefits occupants in the indoor environment. Research has shown people thrive when working and learning in beautiful and high-quality spaces finished with natural materials like wood.

What's new in the world of wood? Consider the advantages and possibilities.

Wood WORKS! BC and the Canadian Wood Council are here to offer our technical expertise, training and education to help your local government realize a lower carbon footprint, competitive building costs, and comfortable, high-performance and effective spaces for your community. Please call me if you are ready to move forward with a new civic project. I can provide information on the professional technical services Wood WORKS! BC offers to your project teams, FREE of charge.

The Wood WORKS! BC Community Recognition Awards program is your opportunity to showcase your community and a wood project that has brought pride to your citizens.

Submit your nomination today! www.wood-works.ca/bc

Regards,

Lynn Embury-Williams
Executive Director
Wood WORKS! BC
1 877 929 9663 – ext. 1
lembury-williams@wood-works.ca

PS Please note that nominations are only open to local governments and their projects. Projects must have been completed within the last three years and built in whole or part with local government funds. Self-nominations are accepted and encouraged.

Deadline for nominations: Friday, August 30, 2019

RECEIVED
June 1/19

Hillary Elliott

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: June 18, 2019 9:27 PM
To: helliott@silverton.ca
Subject: Request to Village of Silverton + Council Members

To: Village of Silverton
From: [REDACTED]
Address: 222 Alpha Street

Hello, I have owned the home at 222 Alpha Street since Dec. 1998. I am requesting permission to cut down some of the trees on the embankment that are blocking the view of the lake in front of my home. My plan is to be selective in which trees I remove...this is not intended to be a clear cutting operation.

I was previously given permission to cut down some trees at the same location in 2006. They have however, grown back. I will incur all costs associated with my planned endeavour.

Thank you for your consideration.

Overview of Agriculture in the Slocan Valley

June 2019



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Preface

This report, written and researched by Alys Ford of Ravine Creek Farm, was commissioned by the Slocan Valley Economic Development Partnership (consisting of the Villages of Slocan, Silverton, New Denver and RDCK Area H).

The goal of the report is to get a quick snapshot of agriculture in the Slocan Valley, identifying the health of the sector and ways that it can be supported through local initiatives, particularly through economic development. The scope of the report is not meant to be all-encompassing.

In the public consultations leading up to the creation of the Slocan Valley Economic Development Plan, residents were asked what kind of businesses they would like to see expand or locate in the valley. "Agriculture/Agri-food Processing" was tied (with "Green Industry") for top response at 41.46% each. Agriculture, particularly local food production, was a key theme during the public consultations. Additional themes included agricultural education opportunities, agri-food tourism, providing land to youth/farmers and co-op farm and food processing/training.

The Slocan Valley Economic Development Plan identifies "Providing Support for Expanded Agricultural Opportunities" as one of six key focus areas within the Strategic Plan Framework.

Specifically, it recommends;

1. Coordinate Agriculture Asset Mapping Inventory
2. Create a Buy Local Agriculture Awareness Program (Slocan Grown).

The aim of this *Overview of Agriculture in the Slocan Valley* is to view agriculture from the perspective of a successful, established and horizontally-integrated market garden farm - that vendors at local farmers markets, has a roadside produce stand and provides a community-supported agriculture program (where members pay a seasonal fee to receive a weekly share of produce).

The question is, from the perspective of a farmer and business owner, what support might the local agriculture sector need in order to thrive, and therefore how best can the Slocan Valley Economic Development Project help facilitate this?

Ron LeBlanc
Slocan Valley Economic Development Coordinator



SUMMARY

Agriculture in the Slokan Valley has shown promising growth in recent years. Farmers in our region have proven that small, commercially viable farm businesses are possible here and our communities are benefiting from it. Currently the Regional District of Central Kootenay has the opportunity to provide targeted support to key areas that will provide exponential benefits to the agricultural community and continue to build on the success of previous initiatives.

Key Requirements for Agriculture

1. Access to Land
2. Access to Water
3. Sufficient Capital for Infrastructure
4. Affordable Housing

Opportunities for Local Support

1. Keep Funding Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisors
2. Show Capacity Building in the Agricultural Labour Force
3. Support Improvements to Agricultural Water Use Resiliency
(Climate Change Adaptation)
4. Support Improved Access to Capital for Infrastructure
5. Make Climate Adaptation a Cornerstone of Any Future
RDCK Agriculture Plan
6. Explore the Potential for the Slokan Valley to Become Agriculturally
'Branded'
7. Review and Revise RDCK Agriculture Plan

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OVERVIEW OF AGRICULTURE IN THE SLOCAN VALLEY

In the past decade the Slocan Valley has emerged as vibrant contributor to the local agriculture renaissance. While the steepness of our ridges, quality of our soils and the relatively small size of our land-base means we will never be able to compete with Creston or Nakusp in sheer volume, our area has nonetheless generated over 500k **growth** in agricultural sales receipts between 2011 and 2016, a growth rate of 30%. This is 6% greater than the rate for the whole Central Kootenay for those dates (24%) and 9% greater than the national average for that year (21%). Source

As of the 2016 census farmers in Area H reported \$1,721,040 in gross receipts. Anecdotally this growth spurt shows no signs of slowing down, with new entrants to the business cropping up annually and well-established players expanding production we in the agriculture business are quietly optimistic for a continuation of this positive trajectory.

To illustrate: when it began a decade ago the Nelson Farmer's market had only a tiny handful of produce vendors, today there are over a dozen and nearly half of them are from the Slocan Valley. Likewise the Kootenay Organic Growers Society reports that from a historic low in 2012 membership has steadily grown with exceptional gains made in the last 4 years especially.



KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR AGRICULTURE

Listed here are the basic requirements for operating a successful farming venture with a brief assessment of conditions specific to the Slocan Valley.

- **Access to land**

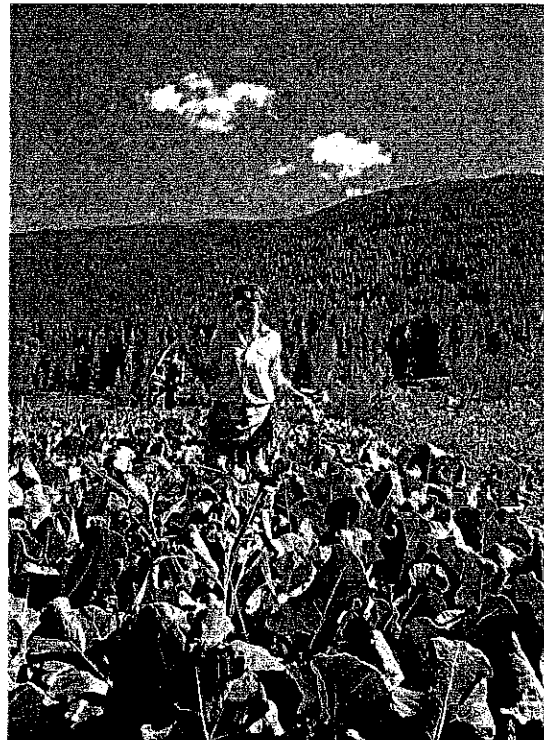
Small gains have been made in recent years to improve access to land for prospective farmers. The rising profile of young farmers as entrepreneurs, and farming as a viable business have made some progress. The RDCK Land Use Inventory (2018) and programs such as the Young Agrarians land linking service have provided much needed support in this regard.

- **Access to water**

Farming in our bio-region necessitates the use of irrigation for virtually all crops. The majority of farms in Area H use water from privately (as opposed to municipal or RD) maintained systems. Wells and gravity fed surface water dominate.

- **Sufficient capital for infrastructure**

Farming enterprises require a significant amount of capital for infrastructure and equipment. The cash outlay required to secure these is often disproportionate to the return on investment, especially compared to other types of businesses which can reasonably expect better returns on capital investments.



- **Affordable housing**

Slocan Valley has experienced the same low vacancy, high cost housing climate as the rest of British Columbia. Recent trends such as Airbnb/short term vacation rentals have only exacerbated the shortages. Agriculturalists face unique difficulties in that not only do they need to find shelter that is affordable and appropriate for their families, they are also looking for adequate farmland. While it is of course possible to live in one place and farm in another this solution complicates and adds burden to an already complicated and difficult profession.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL SUPPORT

1. Keep funding Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisors

This program has arguably had the single greatest positive impact of any local agriculture initiative in recent years. Highly popular. Well used. Unique services not offered by any other public or private institution. The program will only improve as the team continues to gain expertise through regular and close interaction with local operators and ongoing skills acquisition (e.g. 2 members of the KBFA team recently took training courses in Environmental Farm Plan assessment allowing them to officially advise operators on this important government program). A simple survey could provide ideas for how end users would like to see the project grow in the future.

2. Support Capacity Building in the Agricultural Labour Force

Slocan Valley faces unique challenges in regard to labour shortages in the agriculture sector:

- Modest profitability of small scale farms make it challenging for potential farm employers to offer competitive wages, compared to say cannabis.
- Because agriculture is an uncommon profession in the Valley, there are by extension relatively few skilled labourers in the area.
- High cost of living for farm labourers.
- Low vacancy rate for housing for farm workers.

Here are some examples of how to assist in resolving to these challenges:

- a) Expand/replicate the recent success in Area D with the North Kootenay Lake Rural Revitalization Project grant from Rural Dividend to other RDCK Areas. This grant is a powerful tool to address small farm capacity to offer living wages to workers (see also capital investment). Application for Rural Dividend grants should be a top priority for the Slocan Valley.
- b) Strengthen the capacity of the **Basin Business Advisors** and **Community Futures** to provide regionally appropriate counsel to farm

businesses and to better see the 'Big Picture' needs of farm businesses in our region. Perhaps by improving the quality of communication between the RDCK, KBFA, CKFPC and the CBT gaps between the intention to support agriculture and delivery of programs can be eliminated (see comment on CBT wage subsidy programs below).

c) Partnerships with other key stakeholders, for example:

Kootenay Career Development runs a local jobs listing, currently there is not even a category for 'agricultural jobs'. The RDCK or one of its partner organizations such as the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council or the KBFA could give KCD a briefing on current needs/opportunities in the agriculture sector. In turn, KCD may have feedback to offer about funding opportunities for HR capacity building.

Selkirk College offers programing related to forestry, tourism and natural resource management but currently not agriculture. Again, a local organisation might provide a briefing on the needs and opportunities of this growing industry in our area. In the short term this could lead to, at a minimum, networking between faculty and local farm businesses – in the longer term local farms could serve as case studies, field trip locations and co-op placements.

While there are some useful Hire-A-Student/Career Development programs for wage subsidies, farms are disqualified on two counts;

- 1) Student employees are required to work in their field of study – with no locally available agriculture study programs there are virtually no agriculture students in our area.
- 2) None of the currently available CBT wage subsidy grants are applicable to farms for technical reasons, School Works program is only Sept. – May, farms are generally not operational during those dates, Apprentice Wage Subsidy does not list farm worker as one of the eligible positions, Co-op Wage Subsidy requires a co-op program which currently there are none in our Area.

3. Support Improvements to Agricultural Water Use Resiliency (Climate Change Adaptation)

It is a well understood fact that climate modeling projections for the Kootenays predict hotter, drier growing seasons – indeed recent years have already borne this out. [Source](#)

According to the West Kootenay Climate Vulnerability and Resilience Project, Report #1:

Across all of the study area, all three [modeling] scenarios project bioclimate envelope shifts that reflect *decreasing* moisture availability at mid and lower elevations with scenarios differing in the magnitude of change, but not the direction. At the lowest elevations in the South subregion, all of the scenarios project shifts from interior cedar-hemlock (ICH) bioclimate envelopes to grassland-steppe envelopes. [emphasis added]

Slocan Valley farmers will increasingly find surface water and shallow well sources running low or dry during the summer months.

- The RD could offer economic support for improvements to irrigation systems for commercial farms, including farms that might need to access ground water for the first time. The drilling of proper, legal wells is a costly proposal not easily borne by small farming businesses. (According to a 2015 Vancouver Sun article, the city of Delta recently supported their farmers' access to irrigation by spending 20 million dollars on municipal system improvements. [Source](#))
- The RD could support the implementation of best practices through research and consultation with other jurisdictions, or coordination with the BC Agriculture and Food Climate Action Initiative and then pass on the findings to local farmers through KBFA



4. Support Improved Access to Capital for Infrastructure

There are a number of possible routes to improving access to capital for Slocan Valley farmers;

- Area D just asked for and received a Rural Dividend grant that will allow them to provide direct financial support to eligible farmers for infrastructure improvements. Area H should follow suit.
- An alternative to simple grants for infrastructure could be the establishment of a small fund to supply zero interest short-term loans for infrastructure with seed money from the Rural Dividend
- Or, if the RD does not wish to manage a fund they could pitch to a proposal to our local credit unions to develop a zero interest loan program modeled on the Van City/Farm Folk-City Folk program. This innovative program offers loans ranging from \$1000 - \$20,000 to eligible businesses. Source
- Finally the RDCK could ask one of its partner organisations to research and report on other innovative models for direct financial support for small scale agriculture

5. Make Climate Adaptation a Cornerstone of Any Future RDCK Agriculture Plan

As agriculture will be deeply impacted by the effects of climate change any plan for the future must be grounded in good climate science. BC Agriculture and Food Climate Action Initiative is a new program aimed at helping communities and governments plan for both climate adaptation and mitigation (reducing GHGs).

Directors would be well advised to familiarize themselves with the support available from this program.

6. **Explore the Potential for the Slocan Valley to Become Agriculturally 'Branded'**

Returning now to the hyper-local perspective of the Slocan Valley the following possibility emerges: As the productivity and profile of area farmers increases it is conceivable that the conditions for a popular local reputation might be emerging.

While in the past efforts to start farmer's markets in Winlaw or Crescent Valley have not been successful nor have other initiatives to brand the products of the Valley, it is conceivable that local demand, which historically has been consistent but modest, could experience enough growth to lead to sufficiently improved sales at local farm stands, stores and restaurants that a local reputation (brand) could emerge with enough drawing power to sustain a small, regional agri-tourism industry.

Such an industry could serve citizens from our regional urban centers who already make use of ex-urban areas for other kinds of recreation. As well as Slocan Valley residents looking for locally produced food.

The time could be right to capitalize on the clearly demonstrated momentum of local food - support from local governments for marketing, public education and advertising at this time may offer exponential benefits.

7. **Review and Revise RDCK Agriculture Plan**

It has been nearly a decade since the research for the RDCK Agricultural Plan was executed in 2010. Much has changed in the intervening years; changes to the demographic make-up and dominant industries of our communities, to say nothing of climate change and the legalization of cannabis have significantly altered the agricultural landscape in the Central Kootenay.

The 2011 Ag Plan has been a vital guiding document whose recommendations have yielded the exceptional Kootenay Boundary Farm Advisors program, supported the formation of the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council and helped the Columbia Basin Trust identify agriculture as a Strategic Priority. The time has come to update our Agriculture Plan to continue to build on successes and address gaps in policy and services.

A Rationale for Government Support for Local Farmers

There is a truism that states 'you can't make any money farming'. While this statement has a kind of common-sense to it, it hides the reality of farming which is more nuanced. The flow of logic runs like this:

In Canada, as in much of the industrialized world we hold a cultural value that adequate nutrition is a basic human need and that barriers to basic nutrition should be reduced as much as possible. "Statistics Canada figures show that, in 1969, food ate up 18.7 per cent of spending in the average household. By 2009, that number had fallen to 10.2 per cent." [Source](#)

This is undeniably a good and moral belief.

The Green Revolution beginning in the 1950's synergized with mechanical innovations to create exponential gains in productivity and efficiency on industrialized farms. Later, globalization and free trade moved technological innovation to geographic locations where land, water and labour were less robustly protected and therefore less costly – add to this the artificially cheap cost of shipping and suddenly by the turn of the 21st century it is less expensive to grow broccoli in Mexico and ship it to Nelson than it is to grow broccoli in Appledale and ship it to Nelson.

These truly remarkable reductions of consumer barriers to food did not come without a cost. Gone was any sort of social commitment to ensure farming and agricultural work retained living wage standards. To say nothing of committing to ensure environmental and social protections for the people and places who now grow the majority of our food.

A straight line can be drawn from the dramatic decrease in the cost of food in the 20th century to the equally dramatic decline in the remuneration available to Canadian agriculturalists, whether farmers or farm workers.

As a society we have loudly declaimed the contradictory statement that *access to food matters very much but not the necessary means to produce it*. This, it is implied, the market will resolve for itself. The resolution to this paradox is the current state of affairs where, even those of an inclination to pursue the career and lifestyle of farming struggle to reconcile the cost of production with average retail prices (return on investment). Those of us who would farm here at home are competing directly with products from around the world and a customer base steeped in laudable Canadian values that food is a necessity not a luxury and should be priced as such.

The price of goods not only provide an important indicator of the balance between agricultural production and market demand, but also have strong impacts on food affordability and income. *Food prices not only influence consumer affordability, but also influence the income of farmers and producers.* In low-to-middle income countries in particular, a large share of the population is employed in agriculture. Producers typically benefit from higher food prices; consumers from lower prices. Source

If we as a society choose to maintain our commitment to low food prices (relative to disposable income), as we should, we must also address the losses transferred to our agricultural communities by these choices. Governments in partnership with public institutions and the non-profit sector can play a leading role in redressing this imbalance.

Fortunately there is precedence to draw from for guidance. At the turn of the last century public opinion changed in relation to another fully privatised industry: education. As moral opinion about the rights of all children to a basic education shifted from a belief that education was the responsibility of individual families to a belief that basic education was a civic right, governments big and small stepped into the breach to address the change in social mores.

There was of course political wrangling and much spilling of ink but in the end the idea that basic education is a right of all citizens prevails in most of the world today. The purveyors of that education - teachers, school boards, principals and janitors - are paid reasonable wages by public funds.

In the last century in Canada other previously private industries have also benefitted from a shift in social perspective; the arts (dance, music, film, graphic arts, creative writing) and health care are notable examples of Canadian industries proudly supported by public funds. Food and its production are as core to a culture's identity as how we make art or educate future generations or provide care to the ill.

Given the current economic climate for small scale agriculture there is a strong case for social, cultural and government institutions to provide direct support to this industry. Its not called *agriculture* for nothing.

Alys Ford – Ravine Creek Farm, June 2019

Appendix 2



West Kootenay Permaculture Co-op Perspective
Appendix for the Slocan Valley Agriculture Report
By: Damon Chouinard, Director - WKPC

Over the past 5 years the West Kootenay Permaculture Coop has been involved in local food initiatives within the Slocan Valley and elsewhere in the Kootenays. As our board of directors is made up of individuals from a variety of backgrounds related to food and agriculture, as well, activism and education, we feel strongly about the cross section of agriculture and sustainability.

In a world that is changing quicker than ever, creating strong systems of support around the Slocan Valley's farmers seems more critical than ever. Alys Ford's report offers many suggestions that are timely and relevant. From practical ideas to policy suggestions, she covers a sentiment that goes beyond the Slocan.

The past decade, as Alys points out, has had many positive initiatives implemented. She is correct though in suggesting a reassessment of the RDCK Agriculture Plan. The changes within the last ten years have been significant and it is necessary in order to stay relevant that we continue to check back in to feel the current pulse.

The WKPCoop is a community based cooperative working to build a healthy and resilient region, we support recommendations and actions that will see sustainable agricultural as a thriving part of our future in the Slocan Valley.

Appendix 3



Central Kootenay Food Policy Council Perspective
Appendix for the Slocan Valley Agriculture Report
By: Abra Brynne, Executive Director

About the Central Kootenay Food Policy Council

The Central Kootenay Food Policy Council was formed in December 2016 and consists of up to 26 individuals. The Central Kootenay Food Policy Council fosters a just, sustainable and prosperous food system in our region by identifying challenges and opportunities and by advocating for effective policy.

Council members reflect the diverse regions and population of the Central Kootenay. Each member serves as a vital conduit for information exchange between their respective sector and communities and the Food Policy Council. We explore issues related to hunger, food waste, land and water, distribution and production. With Council members that reside across the region and that are engaged in many facets of our food systems, our collective relationships, knowledge and experience helps to identify and create solutions that are not possible for any one organization or community on its own. We have had strong representation on the Council from the Slocan Valley since its founding.

Building strong economies and communities through food

As of 2016, the 67 farms in the Slocan Valley that participated in the Canadian Agriculture Census had, between them, invested in excess of \$56M into their farms. Much of that investment, and their ongoing investments in farm equipment, supplies and labour, cycle around our communities, helping to contribute not just food but a stronger place-based economy. The agricultural economy of these farmers is inevitably linked to the activities of the many homesteaders that call the Slocan Valley home. Together, they enable sufficient volume of demand to support the provision of goods and services that benefit both, such as fencing equipment and installation.

The Council works across food systems, integrating work on food literacy, food economies and food access, because we understand that the synergies and feedback loops between each contribute to a stronger food economy for our region. These synergies play out in the Slocan Valley through the activities of organizations like

Kootenay Food, which builds food literacy through many of their programs. Businesses like The Valley Kitchen incubate fledgling entrepreneurs through access to their equipment and sales in their café. And organizations like The Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley bridge healthy food access with community wellbeing. And all of them, along with many other organizations, businesses and individuals contribute to the vibrant culture of the Slokan Valley.

Where the Food Policy Council can help

The preceding report documented the importance of land access and reliable and safe water supplies as key elements for successful farming. The Council launched the *Evidence-based Food Policy Development Project* in January 2019 that will run through 2020. The key research question for this project is to determine what helps or hinders the viability and resiliency of the food systems of the Central Kootenay. The Council is partnering with the Institute for Sustainable Food Systems at Kwantlen Polytechnic University, the Selkirk Geospatial Research Centre and the Rural Development Institute at Selkirk College. Together with these academic partners, the Council is leading the analysis of geospatial data available from the RDCK and the province of British Columbia to identify factors, trends and areas of concern for the long-term viability of the food systems in our region. High on the research agenda is a better understanding of factors that affect land values and farm viability as well as the impacts of climate change on water systems and crop selection. The insights provided by the research will then be applied to a review of the policies and planning tools of the RDCK, including the 2011 Agriculture Plan, to identify amendments that could be made to better support our area's food economy and entrepreneurs.

Appendix 4



Kootenay and Boundary Farm Advisors Perspective
Appendix for the Slocan Valley Agriculture Report
By: Rachael Roussin, Coordinator - KBFA

About Kootenay and Boundary Farm Advisors

KBFA supports producers to improve agricultural production and efficiency by helping to find solutions to farms' production issues, coordinating educational events, and connecting producers to information. Technical expertise and support are provided from a network of specialized resources, including independent consultants, academics, and the BC Ministry of Agriculture.

Funding for KBFA is a four-way partnership between the RDCK, RDKB, RDEK and Columbia Basin Trust and is currently in its third year of a three-year pilot project. Future funding and program structure are undetermined at this point but there is strong incentive to continue from the project partners.

KBFA is well situated to support the delivery of select recommendations in this report, such as disseminating information to producers related to water conservation and efficiency through field days and one-on-one support, and through information from the RDCK and Climate Adaptation reports.

The comments below reiterate many of the points highlighted in this report and are included to create an emphasis on the contribution of local agriculture to economic development.

Supporting small scale, diversified agriculture by increasing the bottom line

Although KBFA's mandate is to provide technical support for production issues, it is the *economic* viability of small-scale agriculture that continues to be the primary threat to existing farms and the growth of the sector. Actions that increase the bottom line for commercial farmers such as wage subsidies, capital infrastructure grants, or zero-interest loans will decrease overhead expense and increase return on investment. These actions will increase the likelihood that producers can continue to "afford to farm" and invest back into their local economy.

From an economic development perspective, local agricultural is a strong economic driver. On average, a one or two-acre commercial market garden requires three or four full time workers. This often includes the farm owners plus up to three seasonal employees. As a result, over half a farm's gross revenue is allocated to farm labour, besides many other expenses and infrastructure investments that typically consume up to 70% of total income. These expenses are disproportionately high compared to other industries and leaves little capital at the end of a growing season for a farmer

to invest back into the business or to pay themselves. Increasing the bottom line for farmers will grow the sector and cycle money within the local economy.

As mentioned in this report, attracting a skilled work force and affordable housing are equally important for the agricultural sector. Farmers would be better prepared to provide housing and training if they had more dollars in their pockets.

Diversified markets & market opportunities

Opportunities may exist for farms to increase profits by growing specialty crops with higher returns on investment. Cost of production information and support provided by KBFA and BBA has already been helpful for farmers to determine which staple crops may be more profitable than others. Alys Ford highlights in Appendix A key reasons why it is challenging to charge more for traditional crops that are currently grown in the region due to our globalized food system.

An analysis of additional specialty crops that could be grown within the same farm footprint, in conjunction with a gaps analysis with local buyers, could serve to increase potential gross revenues and help farmers to diversify and expand their markets. Examples of such specialty crops include saffron, herbs, artichokes, berries, cultural (or ethnic) crops. This type of market analysis would need to include several components including analyses of product demand, marketing, and agronomic suitability.

Appendix 5

**BASIN BUSINESS
ADVISORS PROGRAM**

A PROGRAM OF
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Community Futures 

Basin Business Advisors (Agriculture) Program Perspective
Appendix for the Slocan Valley Agriculture Report
By: Tracey Fredrickson, Basin Business Advisor Program - Agriculture Specialist

How the Basin Business Advisor Agriculture Program Can Support Agriculture Development in the Slocan Valley

The Basin Business Advisors program, which is funded by Columbia Basin Trust and administered by Community Futures, has, since February, 2018 offered an Agriculture Advisement program. The program is available to farms throughout the Kootenays, with the full-time BBA Agriculture Specialist facilitating advisement on many areas of farm management where many farmers do not have formal training or experience. This ranges from assistance with market research and business plan development, to cost of production analysis, financial analysis, farm succession planning and many others areas, at no cost.

Given the large size of the Kootenays and the distance between farming hubs and business centres, the Agriculture Specialist travels extensively throughout the region to meet with one-to-one with farm operators and industry stakeholders to ensure the program is known and accessed. To this end, she is available to come to the Slocan Valley as needed to work with farmers one-to-one and to do presentations/workshops in the community that address local needs.

Supporting farms in their research and strategic planning is the cornerstone of the BBA Agriculture program. Target clients are established, revenue-generating farm businesses of which several have been identified in the Slocan Valley. In addition to one-on-one work that is immediately available to farmers, all the initiatives identified in Alys Ford's report require strategic planning and development, from labour recruitment initiatives to agri-tourism branding, and the Agriculture Specialist can provide input and guidance to the development of these initiatives.

Please find correspondence from Splatzin (currently actively logging in our watershed) below. Please note I told Brad during our phone conversation that we still had the map, so he referred to specific blocks in his information below. The map is currently hanging on the south-facing wall by the front counter and I will provide it for the meeting.

Thu 2019-07-04

Hi Hillary,

Good to chat with you today. I will summarize the update that I gave you over the phone, and try to add any other relevant details that I can think of.

Our forest license A92770 CP122 was auctioned through the British Columbia Timber Sales (BCTS) system, as we had discussed would happen through our agreement/arrangement with BCTS. The Timber Sale number in the BCTS system is TA0378. Alpine Logging Ltd. won the bid, and is partnered with Stella-Jones for the harvesting, subcontracting, and log marketing. BCTS contacts have indicated that Alpine has done excellent work for them in the past, and are conscientious contractors.

As discussed previously, Yucwmenlúcwu is committed to involvement with the project from start to finish. We will have a contract in place with BCTS in the very near future for ongoing monitoring and supervision of active operations. We are committed to being on site on a weekly basis for 1-2 days to ensure site plans are followed, and environmental monitoring takes place.

The right-of-way logging (felling and skidding of timber where new roads are planned) has begun. Currently trees are being felled on the planned road to block 1. Peter Mair, from Stella-Jones is currently the site supervisor for active operations. One the road to block 1, felling started on June 26 and should be done today or tomorrow. The right-of-way logging was subcontracted to Iron Peaks Logging. They are a local company out of the Silverton/New Denver area.

Plans beyond the right-of-way logging to block 1, are to build road to block one.

Block 2 will be the first block to be logged this summer. There is no new road required to access this block, and I believe they will start the felling next week.

Road right-of-way logging and road construction to and through block 4 are tentatively scheduled for this summer.

I will have better information once I have been on site.

Lumber markets are not favourable right now, and operational timing is definitely subject to change as markets change. I do not believe the Timber Sale holder has plans to log all of the blocks this summer. I can keep you posted as I get more information.

Feel free to contact me with any questions. Also, Peter Mair from Stella-Jones.

Brad Sindlinger, RFT

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Mayor Clarke's Report to July 03, 2019

- ▲ VoS Strategic Planning Workshop (June 05)
 - Pulled together Council's top priorities
 - Official Community Plan update (OCP)
 - Broadband Internet – fibre to the home
 - Ongoing asset management
 - Boat launch upkeep (specifically the depth near the dock)
 - Downtown beautification and enhancement
 - Creekside campground upgrade – adding in septic, water and power

- ▲ Climate Caucus Meeting (June 10)
 - Group still organizing themselves
 - Looking into breaking into Provincial Chapters
 - Planning on further outreach to increase numbers

- ▲ VoS Regular Meeting (June 11)
 - See E(1)

- ▲ OCP Community Engagement Meeting (June 24)
 - Attended by a small group of citizens
 - Would like to see the number of participants expanded to better represent Silverton

- ▲ Special Meeting (June 26)
 - See E(2)

- ▲ July 1st Parade and Festivities (July 01)
 - Wonderful weekend, well attended with good weather

6 June

Climate Adaptation Project Meeting

- Attended with Councillor Tanya Gordon and CAO Hillary Elliott
- Reviewed Project Overview: identifying municipal climate vulnerabilities, local and regional scale response potentials
- Identify areas for baseline data, including providing contacts for existing reports and initiatives

11 June

Council Regular

18 June

RAC

- Attended as observer

Sustainability

- Introduced University student Intern Allie Ho, who will develop RDCK Climate Action Imperative Reporting Matrix
- Ongoing Project Update
- Watershed Governance Initiative Scoping Study Contract Award - Christina Metherall and Elucidate Consulting
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to set terms and understanding among the local governments and the West Kootenay EcoSociety to develop the West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan – Includes Working Groups meeting schedule
- Kootenay Lakes Partnership – committed to supporting Foreshore Inventory and Mapping for Aquatic Species at Risk Within the Columbia Basin, with \$175,000 in-kind contribution over 4 years (from initiatives already under way) – includes updating Fisheries Inventory and Sensitive Habitat Inventory updates

19 June

All Recreation

- Adopted a Terms of Reference
- Adopted a general Fees & Charges framework for RDCK Recreation Facilities
- Received Parks & Trails Masterplan update – overall inventory of ALL parks & trails located within RDCK and established Working Group (Popoff, Anderson (Nelson) and Jackman with Alternate Davidoff) to review and develop high level strategy to link assets; park classification system; identify future opportunities

Joint Resource Recovery

- Reviewed Waste Soil Acceptance Policy, including fees
- Asbestos Management Plan Update

- Organics (Composting) Infrastructure Program Grant Application – both East and Central approved the applications
- Recycle BC – there are emerging issues/impediments to the proffered contract from Recycle BC, mostly lack of agreement about accepting ICI materials, and transportation challenges (no haulage contracts have been finalized), resulting in a delay of implementation and extension to the Waste Management contract until the wrinkles are (or are not) ironed out.

As has been the case all along, Recycle BC is offering a significantly lower level of service than we are currently offering our residents.

“Staff is directed to engage with Recycle BC and relevant service providers to assess options and costs associated with recycling services to present to RDCK Board so that a decision can be made to proceed with transition to Recycle BC depot recycling program with a separate commercial program OR continue operating an independent recycling service.

20 June

RDCK Board

- Delegation – Rob Gay, Chair Regional Broadband Committee; and Development Coordinator Dave Lampron
- Delegation – Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society Development Coordinator Laurie Carr
- Ratified STEP Code Step 1 effective Dec. 31, 2019 in coordination with Province, and non-mandatory Step 3 standard for new construction by Dec. 31, 2021
- Board defer decision to sign Recycle BC depot statement of work, and direct Staff to complete a further assessment of options and gather more information on industrial, commercial and institutional recycling costs; and that Waste Management agreement be extended for 4 months to allow the determination of recycling program parameters

And that Staff finalize and submit a letter from Board Chair on behalf of RDCK, lobbying the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy to include Packaging and Paper Products from ICI sources in the scope of the Recycling Regulation for management by Recycle BC

- Board endorsed Kaslo Mayor/Director Suzan Hewat to apply to FCM Standing Committees
- Resolutions to forward for consideration at UBCM Convention:

WHEREAS the BC Government enacted the Private Land Forest Practices Regulation to set out forest management requirements for "identified lands";

AND WHEREAS, not all private forest land owners subscribe to the Managed Private Forest Land Program and as a result are able to engage in large scale timber harvesting without regulation to the detriment of adjacent land owners, communities and the natural environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that UBCM request the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations enact legislation requiring private forest land owners to enroll in the

Managed Private Forest Land Program prior to issuing a timber mark to private forest land owners;

AND FURTHER, that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing strengthen Development Permit Area legislation to allow Regional Districts the ability, similar to municipalities, to excel tree cutting bylaws to mitigate the impact of private land large scale timber harvesting on fish habitat, public safety and local government infrastructure. (Director Faust)

And

WHEREAS the chemical formula known as glyphosate is known to cause serious eye damage, is a toxic substance for aquatic life and is believed to be responsible for an 81% decline in the Monarch Butterfly population in North America;

AND WHEREAS glyphosate is now banned in El Salvador, Sri Lanka, Bermuda, Columbia and Vietnam, and juries in California have awarded multi-million dollar settlements against producers of products containing glyphosate and there are now more than 13,000 such lawsuits in the United States alone;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the British Columbia Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development initiate an immediate scientific literature and litigation review of the chemical known as glyphosate so as to avoid the government of BC being sued for allowing use of a known toxic chemical and carcinogen, whose continued use is causing ongoing harm to forest ecosystem health and to the humans who are handling it and coming in contact with the residue after use;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that until such time as the review is complete and indicates there is no liable risk to the Province of BC and its residents, the chemical known as glyphosate be suspended from all use across the Province, including on all public and private forest lands. (Director Watson)

- Ministerial Meetings list of topics:
 - Minister of Environment – Recycle BC
 - Energy and Mines – H-B Mine Tailings Pond Liability
 - Hospital Board – Ministry of Health, long term planning
- Board declined BC Transit 3 year Transit Expansion Initiative and requests instead costing and feasibility of ONE addition trip #99 Kootenay Connector, and improvements to efficient use of hours on #10 North Shore, with confirmation of interest to develop comprehensive transit plan, instead of the proposed 2 additional trips #99 and one additional trip #10 at a cost to us of \$116,802 annually, which would require us to more than double taxation for this service.
- Approved entering a collaborative Research Agreement with Selkirk College for RDCL Rural Fire Insurance Research Phase 2

24 June

OCP Review – First Public Engagement

25 June

Slocan Valley Economic Development Partnership

- Elected Officials and Staff only
- Reviewed 2019 activities including:
 - 1- working with local cannabis producers and the newly formed KUCA (Kootenay United Cannabis Association) to assist in the transition to legalization, and producing a report that has brought attention at the Provincial level to the extent of regional involvement in cannabis as an employment and economic driver that has the ability to influence policy changes in Valleys such as ours throughout BC
 - 2- attended and participated in a cannabis symposium held in Nelson
 - 3- Contracted an agriculture report written by a local farmer and peers on the current state of agriculture in our area (distributed as separate document)
 - 4- meetings held to consider the needs of downtown Winlaw business owners which resulted in a committee being formed
 - 5- meetings of ASTA, the newly formed Arrow Slocan Tourism Association

26 June

Hospital Board

- Approved emergent funding for new ultrasound machine at Kootenay Lake Hospital (Nelson) due to failure of machine in place
- Approved letter of support for Mount St. Francis Health Campus (Nelson)
- Set priorities for UBCM Ministers meeting: long term funding, rural health care delivery/centralization
- Received 2018 Audit report

27 June

FCM Executive Committee – Conference Call

My first meeting as a member:

- reviewed our readiness for upcoming federal election
- Green Municipal Fund programming and investments
- Noted rollout of federal Rural Economic Development Strategy and National Connectivity Strategy – for both of which government consulted with FCM in development phases

4 July

100% Renewable Planning Meeting

9 July

Transit Committee

Administrative Report: Hillary Elliott, CAO

Village of Silverton Council

Regular Meeting – July 9, 2019

This administrative report covers the period June 6, 2019 to July 4, 2019 as to the activities, functions, and meetings I have attended in my capacity as Chief Administrative Officer for the Village of Silverton.

Financial Operations:

Staff worked with the CFO to complete the draft 2018 Annual Report and Financial Statements and SOFI Report for public inspection and finally for adoption.

Staff have been busy working to complete the 2018 Annual Report and Financial Statements and ensuring we are complying with provincial legislation regarding these important documents. As well as, working on completing other final reports and documents such as, the CARIP, and exercise equipment final report for funding.

Functions:

I have been busy continuing to work diligently to address the needs of the community and its residents while also attending to regular corporate business on a daily and monthly basis.

This is a busy time of year with meetings continuing with our partnership projects, RDI Climate Adaption Project, 3-Village and SIFCo FireSmart project, Sub-regional Economic Development Partnership, and the Asset Management Phase 2 project.

The OCP public engagement has begun. A verbal update regarding a possible engagement session for July will be provided at the meeting.

Projects:***RDI Climate Adaptation Project***

Councillor Tanya Gordon and Councillor Leah Main and staff are continuing on-going work according to the work plan and connecting RDI staff to community members for data collection.

Asset Management Phase 2:

I attended in-person in Nakusp on June 13th and had a great session with the team and partners. This month myself and the Public Works foreman will be meeting and going over data and our maps to ensure the information is accurate and complete.

FireSmart Application 2019 for Silverton, Slocan, and New Denver in Partnership with SIFCo

The 3 Villages and SIFCo are continuing to work on the project and are waiting to hear back about the CBT grant application for community education regarding FireSmart.

Slocan Valley Economic Development Initiative Update

Attended a meeting in Slocan for a planning and next steps session with all stakeholders. Also, please refer to the report on Agriculture in this agenda package, as well as, a proposed resolution to continue funding into years 3 and 4 of the project.

Public Works:

Public Works has been busy continuing spring clean up and beautification of the Village, while also completing projects such as the exercise equipment, completing the requests from the Community Club for the July 1st celebrations, and general maintenance of Village assets and property.

Public Works has completed the installation and final landscaping of the Outdoor Exercise Equipment with a view of the lake with each piece of equipment. We have received numerous compliments regarding this project.

Meetings:

Attended the regularly scheduled weekly meetings with Mayor Clarke.

Facilitated the second Strategic Session for Council.

Attended the Asset Management Phase 2 networking and mapping session in Nakusp.

Attended the first OCP public engagement session.

Facilitated the second Strategic Session for Silverton Council.

Attended the SV Economic Development Initiative meeting in Slocan.

Had meetings and correspondence with several community members/groups regarding concerns, requests, or questions.

Met with staff regularly.

CAO Training/Courses:

Staff continue to watch for Webinars in areas of need for the Village, without unnecessary duplication of staff training and responsibilities.

Please note: staff utilize free webinars as much as possible.

Hillary Elliott, CAO

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Council Meeting

Attended regular meetings with the CAO for efficient and effective operations management.

Road and Streets

- Remove low hanging tree branches
- Picking up branches
- Danger tree removal

Parks and Recreation

- Extend parking lot at Day Park
- Install CVrush rock exercise equipment
- Leveling site and cleanup in day park
- Cutting grass and weed eating
- Repair toilets in the camp ground
- Install front doors in Gallery

Utilities

- Service generator
- Switch to the big pump
- Working on plan to up grade the above ground water line crossing at Silverton creek

Equipment

- Warranty work on dodge truck finished
- Servicing lawn mowers