



VILLAGE OF SILVERTON

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD

February 12, 2020

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 Regular Council Meeting of January 8, 2020
2. Minutes Special Council Meeting of January 21, 2020

F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

Juliet Craig, M.Sc., R.P.Bio., P.Ag., Program Manager for Kootenay Conservation
Program RE: information sharing session

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING

1. Public Hearing for Amendment to OCP RE: date to be set

Recommendation:

That the Village of Silverton Council set the Public Hearing date regarding OCP Bylaw No. 463 – 2010 amendment to Schedule A Green Map and Schedule C Land Use Map for _____, 2020 at _____pm in Silverton Council Chambers, 421 Lake Avenue, Silverton BC.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Asset Management Project Phase 3

Recommendation:

That the Village of Silverton Council supports and approves the third Phase of the Village's Asset Management Plan project for *Integrating Asset Management Data into Capital and Operational Planning*; AND

FURTHER, supports and approves Silverton Village staff applying for applicable funding for the Phase 3 Asset Management project in 2020 and continue to work with local government partners and Land Info Tech on the project.

2. LGMA 2020 conference

Recommendation:

That the Village of Silverton Council approve the Chief Administrative Officer and the Administrative Assistant to attend the local chapter 2020 LGMA conference in Kimberley in accordance with the Village of Silverton's *Travel Reimbursement Policy*.

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

1. Valhalla Choral Society RE: Request for new lighting in Memorial Hall and donation of stools
2. Slocan Lake Stewardship Society RE: OCP
3. RDCK RE: Energy Efficiency
4. Province of BC RE: 2020 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education
5. Communities in Bloom
6. Teraspan RE: Letter of Support for "Last Mile" Internet connectivity

J. COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Mayor Jason Clarke

- BC Mayors Caucus
- Slocan 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
- Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission
- FCM Board
- Health Committee – Slocan District Chamber of Commerce
- RDI Climate Adaptation project Team

3. Councillor K. Gordon

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

4. Councillor T. Gordon

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

5. Councillor Arlene Yofonoff

- Recreation Commission No. 6
- 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

L. BYLAWS AND POLICY

1. Garbage Utility Rate Bylaw No. 517 - 2020

Recommendation:

That Village of Silverton Council reconsider and finally adopt Garbage Utility Rate Bylaw No. 517 – 2019.

2. Water Utility Rate Bylaw No. 518 - 2020

Recommendation:

That Village of Silverton Council reconsider and finally adopt Water Utility Rate Bylaw No. 518 – 2019.

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 WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020 AT 7:00PM*

PRESENT: Mayor Clarke, Councillors L. Main, A. Yofonoff

ABSENT: Councillors K. Gordon, T. Gordon

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

None at this time.

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

001/2020 - Moved, seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

002/2020 - Moved, seconded That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2019 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None at this time.

JANUARY 8, 2020 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING

None at this time.

H. NEW BUSINESS

H1. MEMORIAL HALL UPGRADES – VARIANCE PERMIT APPROVAL

003/2020 - Moved, seconded Pursuant to the Chief Administrative Officer's report, that Village of Silverton Council approve Development Variance Permit 01-2020 for the Memorial Hall upgrades as presented.

CARRIED

H2. RDCK REGIONAL NATURAL HAZARD AD RISK REDUCTION STRATEGY – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

004/2020 - Moved, seconded That the Village of Silverton supports an application for Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) - Flood Risk assessment, mapping and mitigation planning, submitted by the RDCK on behalf of the Village of Silverton, and further supports the RDCK to manage the grant funds for the project.

CARRIED

H3. RDCK REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT REPORT PROJECT – REQUEST FOR INPUT

Staff direction to circulate information to Council as it becomes available for possible attendance and participation; Councillor Main will attend meetings, accordingly.

H4. CBBC DEVELOPMENT PERMIT

005/2020 - Moved, seconded That the Village of Silverton Council approves the Development Permit Application No. 01-2020 as submitted.

CARRIED

JANUARY 8, 2020 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

Received for information.

J. COUNCIL REPORTS

Received for information.

K. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

None at this time.

L. BYLAWS AND POLICY

L1. COUNCIL PROCEDURES BYLAW NO. 512 - 2019

006/2020 - Moved, seconded That the Village of Silverton Council reconsider and finally adopt Bylaw No. 512 – 2019 Village of Silverton Council Procedures Bylaw.

CARRIED

L2. INTER-COMMUNITY BUSINESS LICENCE BYLAW NO. 513 - 2019

007/2020 – Moved, seconded That the Village of Silverton Council reconsider and finally adopt Bylaw No. 513 – 2019 Village of Silverton Inter-Community Business Licence Bylaw.

CARRIED

JANUARY 8, 2020 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

L3. AMENDMENT TO ZONING BYLAW NO. 466 – 2011 AND OCP BYLAW NO. 463 - 2010

008/2020 – Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Schedule B – Zoning Map Amendment Bylaw No. 514 - 2020 First Reading.

009/2020 – Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Schedule B – Zoning Map Amendment Bylaw No. 514 - 2020 Second Reading.

CARRIED

010/2020 – Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Schedule A Green Map Amendment Bylaw No. 515 – 2020 First Reading.

011/2020 – Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Schedule A Green Map Amendment Bylaw No. 515 – 2020 Second Reading.

CARRIED

012/2020 – Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Schedule C Land Use Map Amendment Bylaw No. 516 – 2020 First Reading.

013/2020 – Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Schedule C Land Use Map Amendment Bylaw No. 516 – 2020 Second Reading.

CARRIED

M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD/PRESS

Valley Voice Press asked for clarification on agenda items.

Mr. Don Broughton commented on large trees on Village property around the Village and suggested having a community meeting regarding removal of large trees on Village property; commented on Village steps on east side entrance not cleared and the Mayor apologized for that oversight; commented on concerns regarding trees leaning towards his house; inquired about trees in campground and when they would be cut down.

JANUARY 8, 2020 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

N. IN CAMERA MEETING:

The Regular Meeting recessed at 7:28 pm in order to conduct the Closed Meeting.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:46 pm.

O. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA

None at this time.

P. ADJOURNMENT

014/2020 – Moved that Council adjourn at 7:47 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor Clarke

Chief Administrative Officer

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020 AT 4:00PM

PRESENT: Councillors K. Gordon, L. Main, A. Yofonoff
ABSENT: Mayor Clarke, Councillor T. Gordon
STAFF: C. McClure, Chief Financial Officer; H. Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer

A. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair L. Main Called the Meeting to Order at 4:08 pm.

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

C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY

G2. CIP/APP Community Public Meeting date

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

015/2020 - Moved, seconded that the Agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

None at this time.

F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

JANUARY 21, 2020 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING

G1. PUBLIC HEARING FOR AMENDMENT TO OCP DATE TO BE SET

016/2020 - Moved, seconded referred to February regular Council meeting.

CARRIED

G2. CIP/APP COMMUNITY PUBLIC MEETING DATE

017/2020 - Moved, seconded That the Village of Silverton set the public meeting date for CIP/APP funding for April 2, 2020 at Memorial Hall from 6 – 8pm.

CARRIED

H. NEW BUSINESS

None at this time.

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

None at this time.

J. COUNCIL REPORTS

None at this time.

K. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Budget discussions.

JANUARY 21, 2020 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

L. BYLAWS AND POLICY

L1. GARBAGE UTILITY RATE BYLAW NO. 517 - 2020

018/2020 – Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Garbage Utility Rate Bylaw No. 517 – 2020 First Reading.

CARRIED

019/2020 – Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Garbage Utility Rate Bylaw No. 517 – 2020 Second Reading.

CARRIED

020/2020 – Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Garbage Utility Rate Bylaw No. 517 – 2020 Third Reading.

CARRIED

L2. WATER UTILITY RATE BYLAW NO. 518 - 2020

021/2020 – Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Water Utility Rate Bylaw No. 518 – 2020 First Reading.

CARRIED

021/2020 – Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Water Utility Rate Bylaw No. 518 – 2020 Second Reading.

CARRIED

021/2020 – Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council give Water Utility Rate Bylaw No. 518 – 2020 Third Reading.

CARRIED

M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD/PRESS

None at this time.

JANUARY 21, 2020 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

N. IN CAMERA MEETING:

The Regular Meeting recessed at 5:15 pm in order to conduct the Closed Meeting.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 5:38 pm.

O. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA

None at this time.

P. ADJOURNMENT

022/2020 – Moved that Council adjourn at 5:39 pm.

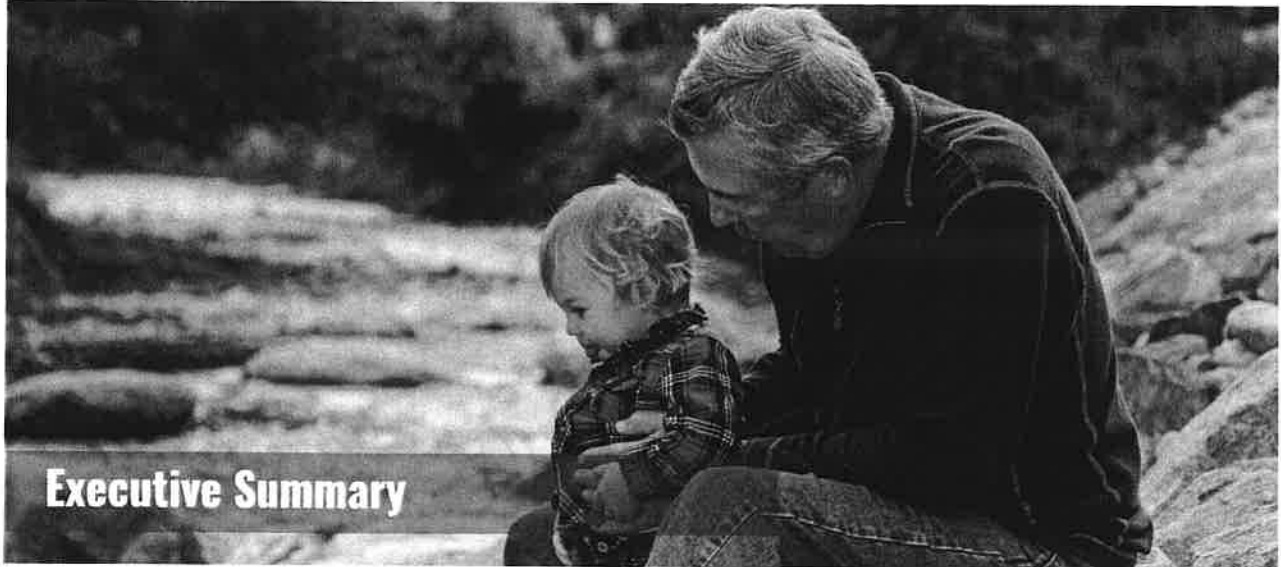
CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Mayor Clarke

Chief Administrative Officer

Local Conservation Funds in British Columbia

A guide for Local Governments and Community Organizations



Executive Summary

A conservation fund is a local government service that is funded through a dedicated tax or fee and used to support environmental conservation and community sustainability projects.

The regional district or municipality that holds the conservation fund decides which projects to support according to criteria in the fund's terms of reference.

Conservation funds support projects that reflect local priorities, such as:

- Protecting clean water sources.
- Conserving natural areas for people to enjoy.
- Restoring fish and wildlife habitat.
- Strengthening community vitality by taking care of ecosystems and the benefits they provide.

Three Good Reasons to Support Conservation Funds

1. **Ecosystem services** – A healthy environment provides us with clean water, pure air, and many other natural resources. It can be very expensive to try to make things right after we have damaged our environment. It's smart to take care of what we've got.
2. **A healthy environment supports a healthy economy** – Robust property values; attractive, investable, safe communities; tourism, agriculture, and other renewable resource sectors all rely on a functioning environment.
3. **Local control** – Funds are generated locally and directly benefit the community.

A Group Effort

Establishing a conservation fund is a big job that requires cooperation for success. Conservation groups usually initiate the process; however, local government staff and elected officials play an essential role. Cultivating community connection and collaboration is also necessary to create a conservation fund that meets residents' needs and addresses local environmental priorities.

Community Vision

Conservation funds are forward looking. They show that communities can work together to protect local environments and steward the natural resources that support their lives and livelihoods. Conservation funds empower communities to improve on past decisions and give future generations a leg-up.

Existing Conservation Funds

Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund

- Subregional fund established by Regional District of East Kootenay in 2008.
- Established by assent vote (referendum) in the participating areas.
- Property owners in the service area pay a parcel tax of 5¢ per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value, up to a maximum of \$230,000 annually (this works out to about \$20 per parcel).
- Fund themes: Conservation of water, wildlife, habitat, and open space.
- Funded 69 projects totalling \$1.7 million (2010-2017).



Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners work to re-establish the northern leopard frog in the Columbia marshes.

Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund

- Subregional fund established by Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2014.
- Established by assent vote (referendum) in the participating areas.
- Property owners in the service area pay an annual parcel tax of \$15 per parcel of land. All parcels are taxed at the same rate, regardless of assessed value.
- Fund themes: Conservation of water and aquatic systems, wildlife, and habitat.
- Funded 10 projects totalling just over \$108,000 (2016-2017).



BC Wildlife Federation provides education and on-the-ground support to improve grizzly bear/human coexistence.

South Okanagan Conservation Fund

- Subregional fund established by Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen in 2016.
- Established by alternative approval process.
- Property owners in the service area pay a property value tax of 3.72¢ per \$1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements, to a maximum of \$450,000 annually.
- Fund themes: Conservation, protection, enhancement, and restoration of valuable natural areas, including water and land based ecosystems, wildlife, and habitat.
- The first round of applications to the fund opened in September 2017.



Working to protect the yellow-breasted chat, an endangered species in B.C.

Find this guide, terms of reference for the existing B.C. conservation funds, and other resources online:
soscp.org/conservationfundguidebc/



Kootenay Region Research Study

Prepared for Kootenay Conservation Program

www.kootenayconservation.ca

March 1, 2019

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Recommendations and Implications

- Generally speaking, there is a fair amount of opportunity for KCP to pursue a dedicated conservation fund within the Kootenay region.
- Based on the survey results, we recommend that the first sub-region to pursue would be the Kootenay Lake area. This sub-region overall seems particularly promising:
 - Two-thirds of residents are open to a mandatory levy to be used for conservation initiatives (compared with 58% of all Kootenay residents)
 - Nine in ten support the idea of a dedicated conservation fund, notably higher than most other sub-regions (which cluster together in the high 70% range)
 - Three-quarters of residents are willing to contribute financially to a dedicated conservation fund, ranking in the top spot among all sub-regions on this measure.
- Another sub-region that appears quite promising is Slocan Valley:
 - Two-thirds of residents are open to a mandatory levy to be used for conservation initiatives (compared with 58% of all Kootenay residents), tied for top spot with Kootenay Lake
 - Three-quarters of residents support the idea of a dedicated conservation fund, consistent with most other sub-regions (aside from Kootenay Lake, which stands apart at 90% support)
 - Two-thirds of residents are willing to contribute financially to a dedicated conservation fund, higher than the average willingness across the Kootenays
 - Two-thirds rate the conservation of private land in valley bottoms as *very* important, relative to 55% of all Kootenay residents
- Residents of both these regions are also significantly more likely to be concerned about conservation issues (such as climate change affecting the Columbia Basin, the availability of locally grown food products, and water shortage or drought) than residents of most other sub-regions.

Important Issues Facing Community – By Sub-Region

- At the sub-region level, affordable/available housing is the most important issue mentioned by residents in Elk Valley (19%) and Kootenay Lake (15%); this is also one of the most important issues in South Country (along with environmental conservation).
- Jobs/ the economy is the most important issue mentioned by residents in Arrow Lakes (24%) and Creston/Yahk (19%).

Figure 3 - Important Issues Facing Community – By Sub-Region (Top 5)

Elk Valley (n=118)	Kootenay Lake (n=145)	Slocan Valley (n=60)	South Country (n=256)	Arrow Lakes (n=51)
Affordable housing/ Available housing (19%)	Affordable housing/ Available housing (15%)	Clean air and water (14%)	Affordable housing/ Available housing (9%)	Jobs and the economy (24%)
Jobs and the economy (7%)	Jobs and the economy (9%)	Water conservation / Water usage (9%)	Environmental conservation (9%)	Water conservation/ Water usage (9%)
Health care (6%)	Global warming/ Climate change (7%)	Affordable housing/ Available housing (9%)	Residential development (8%)	Affordable housing/ Available housing (7%)
Clean air and water (6%)	Fire services (6%)	Global warming/ Climate change (9%)	Jobs and the economy (7%)	Public transit (6%)
Wildlife management (6%)	Forestry/ Logging in watershed (4%)	Jobs and the economy (8%)	Infrastructure/ roads (7%)	Global warming/ Climate change (5%)
Creston/Yahk (n=100)	Lower Arrow (n=120)	Rural Salmo (n=50)	RDEK (n=374)	RDCK (n=526)
Jobs and the economy (19%)	Jobs and the economy (9%)	Forestry / Logging in watershed (11%)	Affordable housing/ available housing (12%)	Jobs and the economy (12%)
Fire services (9%)	Clean air and water (9%)	Infrastructure/ roads (8%)	Jobs and the economy (7%)	Affordable housing/ available housing (8%)
Health care (7%)	Forestry/ Logging in watershed (6%)	Poor Government (8%)	Environmental conservation (7%)	Clean air and water (6%)
Affordable housing/ Available housing (5%)	Wildlife management (6%)	Clean air and water (7%)	Residential development (7%)	Forestry / Logging in watershed (5%)
Lack of growth/ Not enough people (5%)	Health care (6%)	Crime and drugs (7%)	Economic development initiatives (7%)	Global warming/climate change (4%)

Elements Contributing to Quality of Life in Area – By Sub-Region

- The environment (including clean air and clean water) is cited as the top element contributing to the quality of life across all sub-regions, with the exception of Elk Valley where recreation is mentioned more frequently.

Figure 5 - Elements Contributing to Quality of Life – By Sub-Region (Top 5)

Elk Valley (n=118)	Kootenay Lake (n=145)	Slocan Valley (n=60)	South Country (n=256)	Arrow Lakes (n=51)
Recreation, such as skiing, hiking, canoeing, camping (20%)	Environment/ Clean air/ Clean water (29%)	Environment/ Clean air/ Clean water (36%)	Environment/ Clean air/ Clean water (26%)	Environment/ Clean air/ Clean water (25%)
Environment/ Clean air/ Clean water (15%)	Wilderness/ Natural beauty (16%)	Wilderness/ Natural beauty (14%)	Recreation, such as skiing, hiking, canoeing, camping (14%)	Wilderness/ Natural beauty (14%)
Wilderness/ Natural beauty (14%)	Community/ Helpful and friendly people (8%)	Recreation, such as skiing, hiking, canoeing, camping (8%)	Wilderness/ Natural beauty (9%)	Quality of life/ Small-town way of life (11%)
Mountains/ Lakes and rivers (8%)	Quality of life/ Small-town way of life (8%)	Quality of life/ Small-town way of life (8%)	Access to land/ Outdoors (8%)	Recreation, such as skiing, hiking, canoeing, camping (9%)
Quality of life/ Small-town way of life (7%)	Recreation, such as skiing, hiking, canoeing, camping (6%)	Mountains/ Lakes and rivers (6%)	Quality of life/ Small-town way of life (6%)	Peace and quiet/ Less stress (8%)
Creston/Yahk (n=100)	Lower Arrow (n=120)	Rural Salmo (n=50)	RDEK (n=374)	RDCK (n=526)
Environment/ Clean air/ Clean water (29%)	Environment/ Clean air/ Clean water (20%)	Environment/ Clean air/ Clean water (26%)	Environment/clean environment/air/water (23%)	Environment/clean environment/air/water (27%)
Community/ Helpful and friendly people (10%)	Recreation, such as skiing, hiking, canoeing, camping (17%)	Wilderness/ Natural beauty (21%)	Recreation, such as skiing, hiking, canoeing and camping (16%)	Wilderness/wilderness area/Natural Beauty (10%)
Climate/weather (9%)	Quality of life/ Small-town way of life (10%)	Community/ Helpful and friendly people (12%)	Wilderness/wilderness area/Natural Beauty (10%)	Recreation, such as skiing, hiking, canoeing and camping (9%)
Wilderness/ Natural beauty (8%)	Jobs and the economy (7%)	Mountains/ Lakes and rivers (6%)	Quality/way of life/rural/small town atmosphere (7%)	Quality/way of life/rural/small town atmosphere (8%)
Quality of life/ Small-town way of life (6%)	Mountains/ Lakes and rivers (7%)	Recreation, such as skiing, hiking, canoeing, camping (4%)	Mountains/lakes/rivers/water (6%)	Community/helpful/friendly people (7%)

Level of Concern About Community Issues – By Sub-Region

- Residents of both Kootenay Lake and Slocan Valley are significantly more concerned about climate change affecting the Columbia Basin, having locally grown food products in the region, and water shortage or drought than residents of most other sub-regions.
- Loss or extinction of fish and wildlife species is the area of strongest concern for all sub-regions with the exception of Creston/Yahk.

Figure 9 - Important Issues Facing Community
– By Sub-Region

Pct. Concerned (rated 5, 6, or 7 on 7-point scale)	Elk Valley (n=118)	Kootenay Lake (n=145)	Slocan Valley (n=60)	South Country (n=256)	Arrow Lakes (n=51)	Creston/ Yahk (n=100)	Lower Arrow (n=120)	Rural Salmo (n=50)	RDEK (n=374)	RDCK (n=526)
Loss or extinction of fish and wildlife species	83%	81%	90%	81%	79%	59%	87%	85%	82%	79%
Safety of our drinking water	71%	79%	74%	74%	65%	61%	70%	73%	73%	71%
Climate change affecting the Columbia Basin	57%	81%	79%	67%	58%	54%	61%	71%	65%	67%
Having locally grown food products in our region	59%	77%	79%	63%	60%	62%	67%	64%	62%	70%
Controlling invasive weeds	59%	61%	56%	69%	53%	69%	60%	67%	66%	62%
Air quality	59%	66%	59%	55%	56%	58%	66%	68%	56%	63%
Water shortage or drought	50%	66%	68%	58%	38%	49%	54%	67%	56%	57%
Land use zoning regulations for private land	60%	59%	71%	52%	46%	55%	50%	56%	54%	56%
Sprawl and over development	53%	53%	57%	52%	38%	43%	47%	58%	52%	49%



○ / □ - Indicates significantly higher/lower (respectively) than other region(s) at 95% confidence level

Attitudes Toward Community Development Issues – By Sub-Region

- There are few significant differences in attitudes toward community development issues across the sub-regions.
- That said, those in the Arrow Lakes and South Country sub-regions are less likely than those in other sub-regions to agree that too many farms and ranches in the Columbia-Kootenay region are being lost to development.

Figure 12 - Attitudes Toward Community Development Issues
– By Sub-Region

Pct. Agree (Strongly Agree or Somewhat Agree)	Elk Valley (n=118)	Kootenay Lake (n=145)	Slocan Valley (n=60)	South Country (n=256)	Arrow Lakes (n=51)	Creston/Yahk (n=100)	Lower Arrow (n=120)	Rural Salmo (n=50)	RDEK (n=374)	RDCK (n=526)
It is important to protect the natural ecosystems, plant and wildlife species in the Columbia – Kootenay region in order to maintain our quality of life here.	95%	97%	91%	96%	97%	93%	95%	94%	96%	95%
Having locally grown food products in the Columbia–Kootenay region helps preserve local farms and ranches.	91%	92%	96%	94%	89%	97%	88%	97%	93%	92%
Conserving private lands, such as farms and ranches in the Columbia-Kootenay region is a good way to preserve wildlife habitat and the natural landscape of the region	84%	80%	83%	76%	80%	85%	73%	85%	78%	80%
Too many farms and ranches in the Columbia-Kootenay region are being lost to development	52%	51%	50%	37%	28%	45%	46%	59%	41%	47%
Growing the economy of the region is more important than protecting wildlife species and their habitat	14%	15%	8%	14%	19%	23%	15%	25%	14%	17%

  - Indicates significantly higher/lower (respectively) than other region(s) at 95% confidence level

Attitudes Toward Land Use Development Issues – By Sub-Region

- When looking at differences at the sub-region level, those in the Slocan Valley and Rural Salmo regions are more likely to agree that land use regulations on private land to manage future development are needed even if it means more restrictions being placed on the use of your own property, especially compared with those in the Arrow Lakes sub-region (36%).

Figure 15 - Attitudes Toward Land Use Development Issues – By Sub-Region

Pct. Agree (Strongly Agree or Somewhat Agree)	Elk Valley (n=118)	Kootenay Lake (n=145)	Slocan Valley (n=60)	South Country (n=256)	Arrow Lakes (n=51)	Creston/Yahk (n=100)	Lower Arrow (n=120)	Rural Salmo (n=50)	RDEK (n=374)	RDCK (n=526)
Local and regional governments should do much more to conserve wildlife and their habitats on private land.	76%	74%	68%	72%	59%	60%	73%	63%	73%	68%
Land use regulations on private land to manage future development are needed even if it means more restrictions being placed on the use of your own property	45%	53%	67%	55%	36%	51%	47%	65%	52%	52%
Local and regional governments are effectively managing current and future growth.	39%	48%	47%	47%	45%	59%	41%	52%	45%	49%
The Agriculture Land Reserve (ALR) should be removed to allow landowners the ability to develop their land as they see fit	27%	19%	20%	22%	41%	37%	29%	47%	24%	29%
Real estate and recreational industries are important engines of economic growth in the Columbia-Kootenay region and should be encouraged, even if they harm habitat for wildlife or the environment.	13%	12%	12%	14%	22%	18%	17%	11%	14%	15%

○ / □ - Indicates significantly higher/lower (respectively) than other region(s) at 95% confidence level

Importance of Conserving Private Land in Valley Bottoms

- The vast majority of residents (94%) believe that it is important to conserve the private land in valley bottoms in its natural state in the Columbia-Kootenay region. More than one-half (55%) feel that it is very important to conserve this land. These results are fairly consistent with 2012, when 92% rated conservation of private land in valley bottoms as either very or somewhat important.
- On a sub-regional basis, those in Slokan Valley are especially likely to rate this as very important

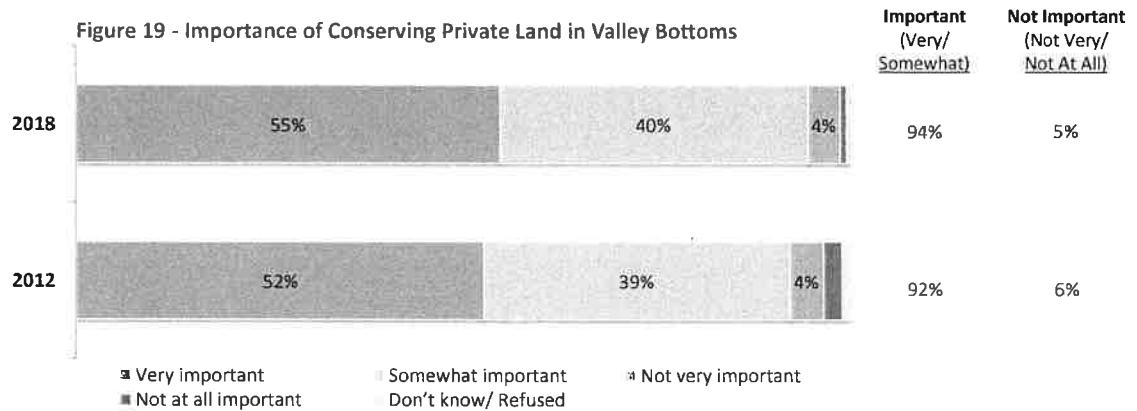


Figure 20 - Importance of Conserving Private Land in Valley Bottoms – By Sub-Region

Importance - 2018 (Pct. selecting)	Total	Elk Valley (n=118)	Kootenay Lake (n=145)	Slokan Valley (n=60)	South Country (n=256)	Arrow Lakes (n=51)	Creston/ Yahk (n=100)	Lower Arrow (n=120)	Rural Salmo (n=50)	RDEK (n=374)	RDCK (n=526)
Very important	55%	56%	56%	66%	56%	44%	47%	52%	48%	56%	53%
Somewhat important	40%	39%	36%	28%	38%	42%	45%	46%	47%	39%	41%

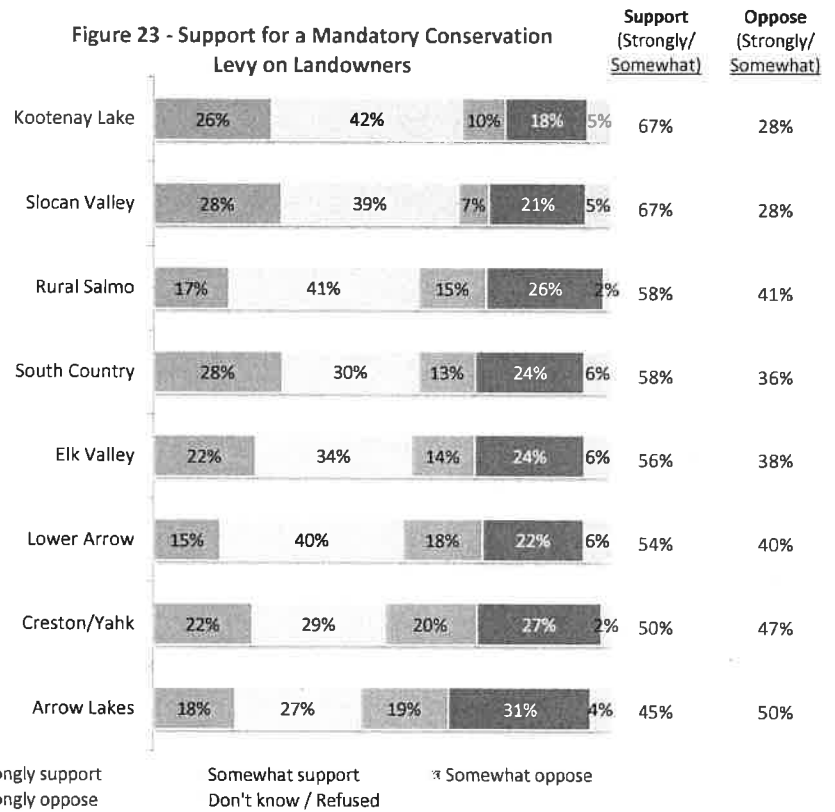
C3. Private land only makes up 8% of the Columbia-Kootenay region, but is located in the valley bottoms which are important habitat to many species of fish and wildlife. How important is it to you to look after or conserve the private land in valley bottoms in its natural state in the Columbia-Kootenay region? (2018: n=900, 2012: n=800)

Warning: Historical results are based on reported data rather than raw data and may be incomplete

Support for a Mandatory Conservation Levy on Landowners (continued)

- Support for creating a mandatory local levy used solely for conservation initiatives is highest in the Kootenay Lake and Slocan Valley communities (67% of residents in each of these areas support this conservation levy).
- Support for creating a local levy is significantly lower among those living in the Lower Arrow (54% support), Creston/Yahk (50%) and Arrow Lakes (45%) communities.
- Interestingly, more respondents in the Arrow Lakes region oppose (50%) than support (45%) the creation of a mandatory conservation levy on landowners. Meanwhile, those in the Creston/Yahk area are only somewhat more likely to support (50%) than oppose (47%) a mandatory conservation levy.
- Within each sub-region, there is no statistically significant difference between Cities/Towns and the surrounding areas. For example, within the Elk Valley sub-region, there is no significant difference between the City of Fernie and the rest of the sub-region. That said, there are some potentially meaningful response patterns worth investigating, such as a higher likelihood to support a local levy within Cities or Towns than within the more rural surrounding areas.

Figure 23 - Support for a Mandatory Conservation Levy on Landowners

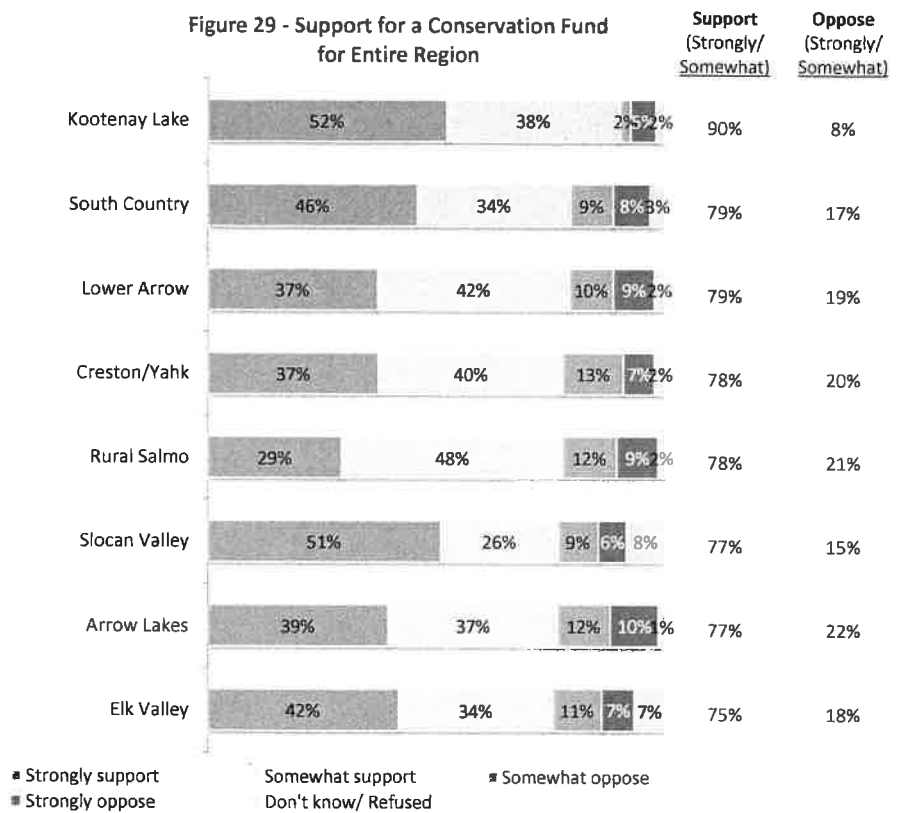


D1. One possible way of paying for conservation initiatives is by creating a local levy that all landowners would pay. Such a levy would not go to general government revenues. It would be collected and used solely for conservation initiatives only if a region wide vote approved it. How much do you support or oppose the idea of creating a mandatory levy to support conservation initiatives in the region? (total n=900)

Support for Creating a Conservation Fund for Entire Kootenay Region (cont.)

- Support for creating a dedicated conservation fund tends to be fairly high across all communities, ranging from 75% to 90% of residents of each community.
- Residents of the Kootenay Lake area (90%) are particularly likely to support this concept compared with residents of other communities.
- Within each sub-region, there is no statistically significant difference between Cities/Towns and the surrounding areas. In this case, the more urban and rural communities tend to be fairly consistent in their support within each sub-region. For example, within Lower Arrow, those in the City of Castlegar (79%) are about as likely as those elsewhere in the sub-region (78%) to support a conservation fund.

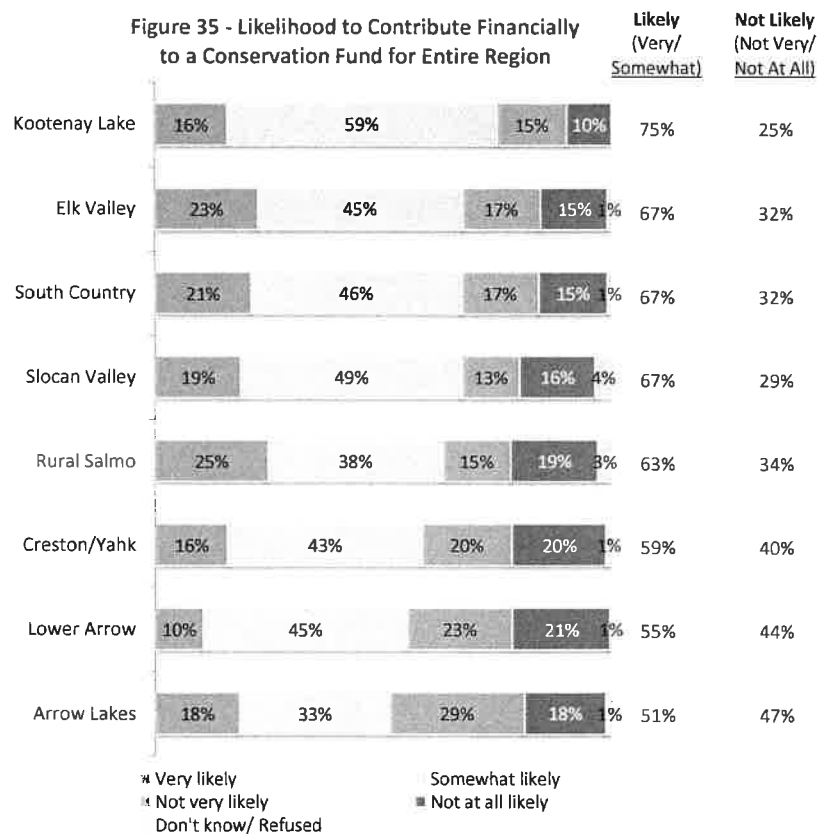
Figure 29 - Support for a Conservation Fund for Entire Region



D2. The Kootenay Conservation Program helped establish a conservation levy in 2008 in the Upper Columbia Valley and in 2014 in several electoral areas on Kootenay Lake to provide funding for private land conservation. These initiatives collect a per parcel levy to conserve farmland, protect watersheds and aquatic systems, habitat for birds and wildlife and conserve recreational access. Do you support or oppose the idea of creating a dedicated conservation fund in the entire Kootenay region to assist with environmental conservation initiatives? (total n=900)

Likelihood to Contribute to a Conservation Fund (continued)

- Perhaps unsurprisingly given their stronger overall support for the creation of a regional conservation fund, residents of the Kootenay Lake sub-region (75%) are more likely than those in other regions to say that they would be very or somewhat likely to contribute financially to such a fund.
- Two-thirds of residents in Elk Valley, South Country, and Slocan Valley also say they would be likely to make a financial contribution to a conservation fund.
- Likelihood of making a financial contribution is lower in other communities, though at least one-half of residents in each area say they would be likely to contribute (ranging from 51% in Arrow Lakes to 63% in Rural Salmo).
- Within each sub-region, there is no statistically significant difference between Cities/Towns and the surrounding areas. That said, there are some potentially meaningful response patterns worth investigating, such as a lower likelihood of those in the outlying areas to contribute financially than those in the Town of Creston (Creston/Yahk sub-region) or those in the City of Castlegar (Lower Arrow sub-region).



Acknowledgements

Kootenay Conservation Program would like to acknowledge the Real Estate Foundation of British Columbia, Schad Foundation, and Regional District of East Kootenay (Area C) for supporting this project.



THE SCHAD FOUNDATION



Local Conservation Funds in the Kootenays: Frequently Asked Questions

Summary, February 2020

What is a Local Conservation Fund (LCF)?

A Local Conservation Fund is a local government service that is funded through a dedicated tax and used to support environmental conservation and community sustainability projects.

- Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund (CVLCF) was the first of its kind in Canada. It was established in Areas F and G as well as the municipalities of Canal Flats, Invermere and Radium as an RDEK Service in 2008. Residents pay a parcel tax of \$20 per parcel per year towards a dedicated conservation fund.
- Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund (KLLCF) was established in Electoral Areas A, D and E as a RDCK Service in 2014. Residents pay \$15 per parcel per year in tax towards conservation.
- These Funds support conservation of fish, wildlife, habitat, water, and open spaces.

What are benefits of Local Conservation Funds?

LCFs fund projects that support the health of natural ecosystems and wild spaces, which in turn support healthy communities.

- Way of Life Insurance
- Clean Water, Wildlife, Open Spaces
- A healthy, prosperous community relies on a healthy local environment.

Are there economic benefits?

For every dollar acquired by tax, Local Conservation Funds leverage at least 2:1 and up to 9:1 additional dollars that support local communities.

- Over 10 years, the \$1.8 million raised by the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund has helped leverage an additional \$17 million for the approved projects, including land acquisition.
- In the first four years of the KLLCF, the taxpayer contribution of \$223,000 has leveraged an additional \$532,000 in cash.
- Funds are spent locally, which creates added economic benefit (through the purchase of materials/supplies, work for a broad range of contractors/businesses).
- Broader granting programs look more favourably on projects with a local funding contribution.

Have LCFs in the Kootenays been successful?

Local Conservation Funds have been established in the East and West Kootenay and Okanagan and continue to spread.

- Local Conservation Funds in the Kootenays have supported over 100 projects.
- Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen established Local Conservation Fund in 2016 based on the Columbia Valley and Kootenay Lake examples utilizing the Alternative Approval Process.
- Regional District of North Okanagan established a Local Conservation Fund in 2019.

What types of projects do LCFs fund?

LCFs are dedicated to conservation and ensure that local priority issues can be addressed.

Taxpayers see tangible results at the local level:

- Citizen-science wildlife population monitoring
- Monitoring local water quality
- Functioning wetlands, creeks, and grasslands that improve water quality
- Restored natural recreation areas
- Improved local fish and wildlife habitat and species at risk conservation
- Funding for local farmers to manage natural assets on their lands
- Fewer invasive plants and improved forage for ungulates
- Creation of wildflower meadows to promote pollinators
- Reduction in human-wildlife conflict and protection of grizzly bears
- Economic opportunities for jobs, contracts, materials and supplies
- Land acquisition of ecologically significant properties

How are projects chosen?

LCF project proposals are reviewed by a panel of technical experts before being decided on by local elected officials.

- The Panel (known as the Technical Review Committee) is made up of local biologists, professors, foresters, etc.) who review and rank proposals.
- Based on Technical Review Committee recommendations, elected officials ultimately decide which projects receive funding and for how much in any given year.

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For more information see: <https://kootenayconservation.ca/conservation-funds/> and <https://soscp.org/about-soscp/conservationfundguidebc/>



What We Heard: Summary of Local Conservation Fund Market Research Results

January 2020

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Background

A **Local Conservation Fund (LCF)** is a local government service funded by taxpayers as a property tax line item and used to support environmental conservation and community sustainability projects within the area that the funds were collected.

There are currently two Local Conservation Funds operating in the Kootenays: the **Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund (CVLCF)**, administered by the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) and includes the entire Columbia Valley sub-region (District of Invermere, Village of Radium Hot Springs, Village of Canal Flats, Electoral Areas F and G); and the **Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund (KLLCF)**, administered by the Regional District of Central Kootenay and includes Electoral Areas A, D and E.

Both Funds were developed based on local values and priorities identified through market research polling and focus groups. The Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) worked closely with the two regional districts to establish the Funds and, through an agreement, assists with administration of the fund on their behalf.

Table 1: Existing Local Conservation Funds in the Kootenays

Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund	Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund
Established 2008	Established 2014
\$20 parcel tax per year	\$15 parcel tax per year
Generates ~ 200,000 annually for allocation	Generates ~\$65,000 annually for allocation

With conservation demands growing in response to the impacts of climate change, changing land uses and management of species at risk, **each year there are more requests for LCF funding than what the Funds can accommodate.** Because of this clearly demonstrated need and the success of these two conservation fund initiatives, KCP is actively looking at expanding the Local Conservation Fund concept to other areas.

Market Research: Methods

In November 2018, KCP engaged NRG Research Group to conduct a telephone survey of **900 adult residents of the RDEK and RDCK** (excluding the regions with existing LCFs) using questions similar to those used in the 2006 and 2012 surveys for establishing the CVLCF and KLLCF. To strengthen the analysis, municipalities and electoral areas were grouped into subregions. The data were additionally weighted to reflect the actual population distribution (based on Census data).

Table 2: West Kootenay Subregions for Market Research Polling

Regional District	Subregion	Includes
RDCK	Kootenay Lake*	City of Nelson, Village of Kaslo, RDCK Area F
RDCK	Slocan Valley	Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan, RDCK Area H
RDCK	Arrow Lakes	Village of Nakusp, RDCK Area K
RDCK	Creston/Yahk	Town of Creston, RDCK Areas B and C
RDCK	Lower Arrow	City of Castlegar, RDCK Areas I and J
RDCK	Rural Salmo	Village of Salmo, RDCK Area G

* Not including Electoral Areas A, D and E, which already have the KLLCF.

The questionnaire was comprised of 24 questions. These included broader questions like ‘what do you consider to be the most important issues facing your community?’, ‘what are the most valuable assets of your region contributing to quality of life’, and ‘how concerned are you about environmental issues’?

The questions about support for a Local Conservation Fund were asked in three ways:

1. Do you support the **idea** of a fund?
2. Do you support the idea of **contributing** financially?
3. Do you support the establishment of a **mandatory** levy?

Market Research: General Regional Results

- **80%** of residents supported¹ the **idea** of creating a dedicated conservation fund
- **65%** of residents say they would be willing to **contribute financially** to a conservation fund
- **58%** of residents supported a **mandatory** conservation levy on landowners
- **96%** of residents supported (a) restoring fish and wildlife habitats and (b) protecting aquatic systems as the most important conservation priorities.

Market Research: Slocan Valley Results

- **77%** of residents support the **idea** of a dedicated conservation fund, consistent with most other sub-regions.
- **67%** of residents are **willing to contribute financially** to a dedicated conservation fund (higher than the average willingness across all other sub-regions).
- **67%** of residents are open to a **mandatory** levy to be used for conservation initiatives (tied with Kootenay Lake for the highest willingness across the polled sub-regions)
- **66%** of Slocan Valley residents rate the **conservation of private land in valley bottoms as very important** (relative to 55% of residents throughout Kootenays)
- **Residents of the Slocan Valley are significantly more likely to be concerned about conservation issues** (such as climate change, the availability of locally grown food products, and water shortage or drought) than residents of most other sub-regions.

¹ Support includes both the categories of ‘strongly support’ and ‘somewhat support’.



February/March

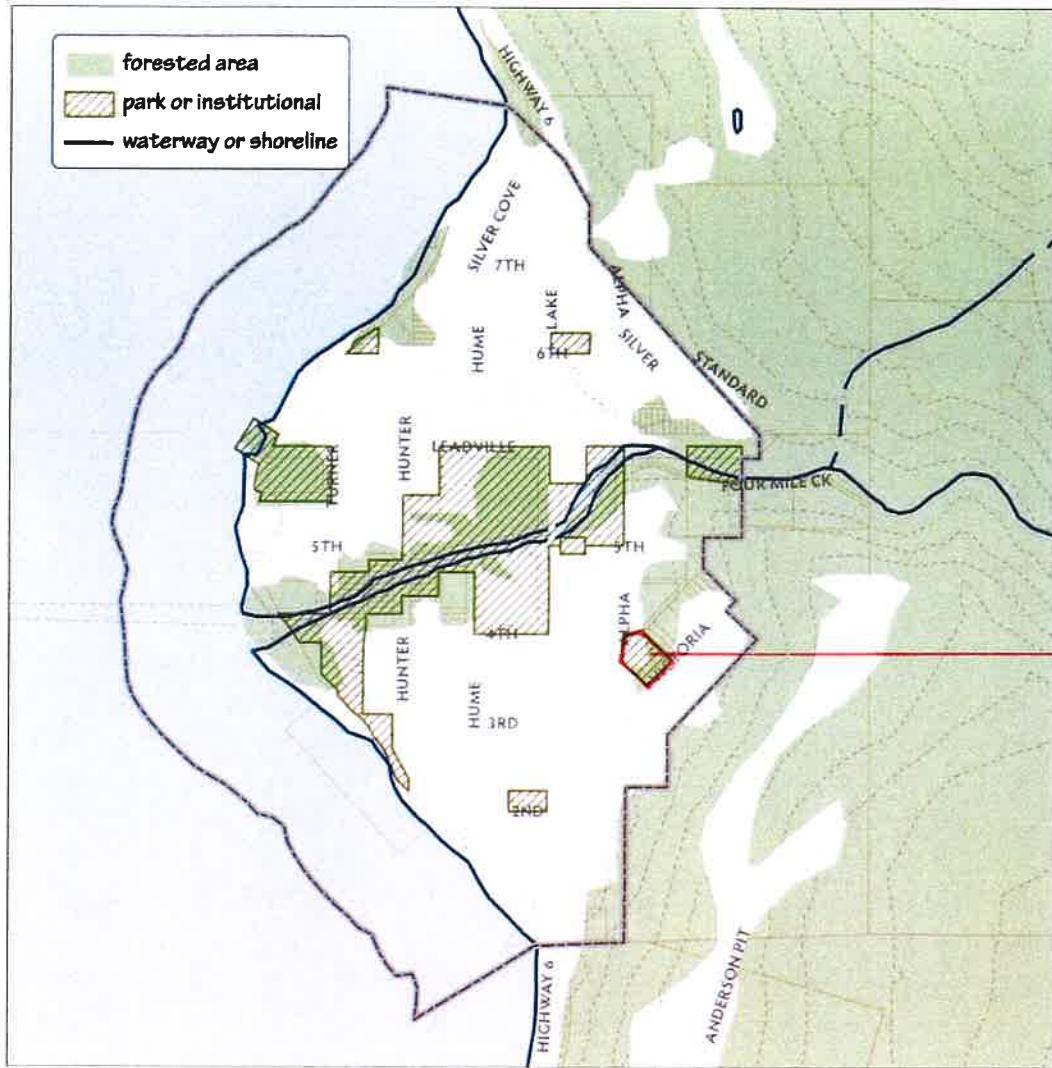
Public Hearing

Possible Dates are circled

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb. 9	10	11	12 TODAY	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 VV pub.	28	29
March 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 VV pub.	13	14
15	16	17 Budget Meeting	18	19	20	21

3.2.1 Natural Areas

Schedule A: GREEN MAP



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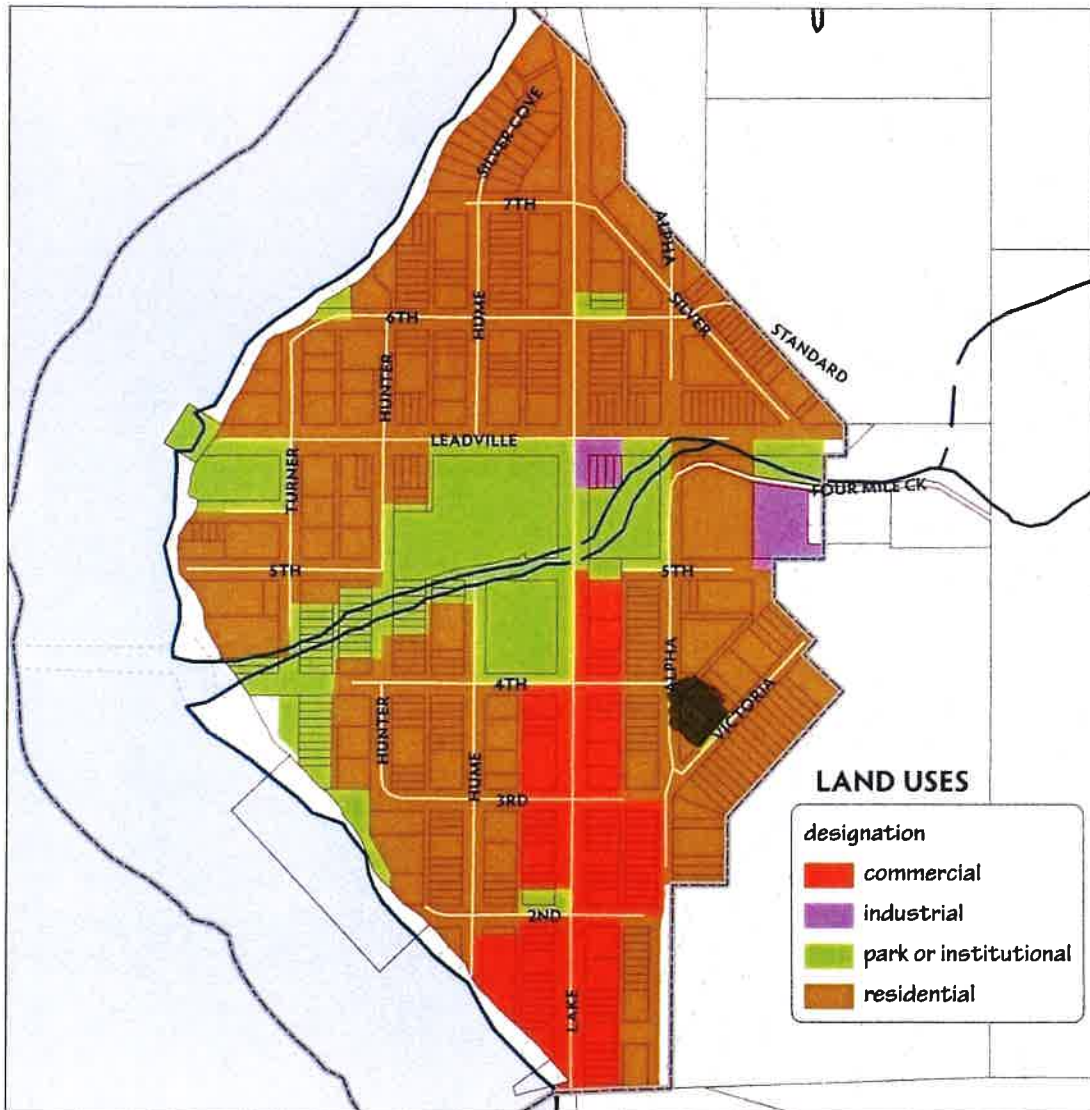
The Village of Silverton is located on Slovan Lake and is bisected by the Silverton Creek. Bartlett Creek enters into Silverton Creek, east of the Village. The foreshore areas are important environmental resources and sensitive ecosystems. Both Silverton and Bartlett creeks drain a large forest region within the mountains east of the Village. Valhalla Park is a "Class A" Provincial Wilderness Park and is located on the western shore and across the Slovan Lake from Silverton. Information on parks and recreation can be found in section 3.6.

B PLANS AND MAPS

4.0 PLANS

4.1 Land Use Plan

Schedule C: LAND USE MAP



The Land Use Map (Schedule C) designates the following land use areas:

- Residential – R1
- Commercial – C1
- Public/Institutional, Parks and Open Space – P1
- Industrial – I1



Administrative Report: Hillary Elliott, CAO

Village of Silverton Council

Regular Meeting of Silverton Village Council February 12, 2020

Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide background information regarding the Asset Management project and specifically the third phase proposed for 2020.

Background

- The Village completed Phase 1 of our Asset Management project in 2018, which collected data concerning our water and road infrastructure. This data allowed for approximately 3 years of asset management replacement to be completed in 2018 with our Water Line Replacement project that also included road and sidewalk repairs.
- The Village completed Phase 2 of our Asset Management project in 2019, which added some municipal buildings and data for depreciation, life expectancy, and financial information for asset management. Two main functions are for long term planning for infrastructure replacement, as well as, risk and emergency planning management.
- The third phase is building on phase 1 & 2 by integrating Asset Management Data into Capital and Operational Planning for annual 10-year plan and projections.

Financial Impact

There is potential financial gains and cost savings by participating in the 3rd Phase of our Asset Management Project plan due to the capacity for long-term planning which in turn helps to coordinate funding and other cost efficiencies like those realized in the past by working with neighbouring communities and the province with the paving aspect of the works in 2018.

The Village’s cost for this Phase is substantially lower than past contributions at \$500.00 and is well worth our financial input.

Discussion

Land Info Tech is willing to work with the Village of Silverton, Slocan, Nakusp, Warfield, and Lumby once again for this 3rd phase and the other communities have shown great interest.

BENEFITS & NEGATIVE IMPACTS:

While there are numerous benefits for responsible asset management, the only negative impacts are related to not planning for asset management. Asset Management plans are mandatory for funding infrastructure projects. Unexpected infrastructure failure can be costly and often not eligible for funding.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACTS, PRECEDENTS, POLICIES:

The Village must responsibly manage and report annually in the annual Financial report regarding our assets, liabilities associated with these assets, must repair immediately and pay to fix any infrastructure that unexpectedly fails.

Recommendation:

That the Village of Silverton Council supports and approves the third Phase of the Village's Asset Management Plan project for *Integrating Asset Management Data into Capital and Operational Planning*; AND

FURTHER, supports and approves Silverton Village staff applying for applicable funding for the Phase 3 Asset Management project in 2020 and continue to work with local government partners and Land Info Tech on the project.

Hillary Elliott, CAO

To: Village of Silverton mayor and council
From: Valhalla Choral Society (Valhalla Community Choir)
Re: Donation of bar-stools, upgrading of theatre lighting in Memorial Hall
Date: December 19, 2019

Dear Silverton Mayor and Council:

On behalf of the Valhalla Choral Society (Valhalla Community Choir), we would like to thank you for the rental of the Silverton Memorial Hall for our 2019 Winter Concert held Dec. 13th which was well-attended and much appreciated by the community. This year the Community Choir invited the Slocan Valley Community Band to join us; our combined event was an all-around success. The Memorial Hall provided a warm and welcoming venue for our musical presentation.

LIGHTING:

This year we were fortunate to employ the skills of two community members with previous experience running a theatre company. They assisted us with lighting our production using the theatre lights mounted on the ceiling of the Memorial Hall. In the course of our rental of the premises and use of these lights, we became aware that these lights are antiquated, locked in position, very heavy, some are in poor condition, and all of the lights are of a vintage that uses a huge amount of power and throws a lot of heat.

As well, the lighting control board is in poor condition and one of the faders does not work at all. Our lighting technicians had a hard time even getting the system turned on in order to do the lighting set-up, eventually we were assisted by Michael Dorsey who helped trouble-shoot the problem (to do with a switch that was mislabeled).

We would like to request that the Village of Silverton purchase and install a new lighting system at the Memorial Hall. Modern theatre lights are much smaller, lighter, and more adjustable, and they are MUCH more energy efficient. Updated lights would save the Village of Silverton considerably on your BC Hydro power charges (operating cost) for this facility and this is another way the Village could implement energy conservation measures for the benefit of the environment.

Funds for this upgrade could likely be procured from the Columbia-Kootenay Cultural Alliance (CKCA) under their "Minor Capital Arts" category (CBT funds for culture and arts are granted through the CKCA). Alternately, you may be aware of other funders that support municipalities upgrading their arts and culture facilities, such as for your recent upgrading of the Silverton Gallery.

If you wish, we could assist with the grant-application process for getting a more modern, efficient and flexible lighting system for the Memorial Hall. This would not only benefit the choir when we use the Memorial Hall, it would benefit all performers and groups that use your facility.

If you wish to pursue this, we would need to meet early in the new year to discuss a plan. The deadline for the next annual intake for CKCA funding will be in early March. We look forward to your earliest response to this request/offer.

DONATION OF PERFORMANCE STOOLS:

This year we received a grant that allowed us to purchase sturdy bar-stools for the use of those in the choir with physical limitations to standing for long periods of time. As our community demographic ages, so, too, do our choir members -- some have back, hip, leg, or ankle issues which makes it difficult for them to stand unassisted on the risers for any length of time. Thus, we purchased sturdy bar-stools for them to sit or lean on.

Now that our concert is over, we realize that rather than storing these stools for a year until they are needed again by the choir, we should donate them to the Village for use at the Memorial Hall by all performing groups as required. They would be perfect for a musician who wishes to perch on a tall stool, or for placing plants on (for set decoration), or for a conductor to use if they wish to sit periodically but still be high enough to be seen.

The 5 stools we can donate will not take up a lot of storage space (which we realize is at a premium in the hall).

We hope you will accept this donation from the Valhalla Community Choir as a benefit to the entire community. Please let us know if you wish to accept this donation.

And with that we wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a safe and prosperous 2020.

Best regards,

Francie Oldham and Lorna Visser on behalf of the Valhalla Choral Society (Valhalla Community Choir)

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Dec. 18, 2019

Mayor and Council, Village of Silverton, B.C.

Attention: Hillary Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer

Re: SLSS Input on OCP update

Dear Mayor Clarke and Councillors Gordon, Gordon, Main and Yofonoff,

The Slocan Lake Stewardship Society (SLSS) acknowledges that we are not taxpayers or residents in the Village of Silverton, although we have members who reside in Silverton. SLSS's primary mandate is to ensure the care and protection of the Slocan Lake Watershed, its tributaries and foreshore. We would appreciate your consideration of SLSS's input into Silverton's OCP, particularly with regard to Silverton Creek and the lakeshore.

SILVERTON LAKESHORE

We understand that the Silverton foreshore is under provincial government jurisdiction but the Village is involved in that they receive development proposal applications for the Silverton foreshore from the province with an invitation to make recommendations on a case-by-case basis (Corp. of Village of Silverton Foreshore Guidelines, April 1995).

We refer you to several documents (available on the SLSS website) pertinent to the revision of the Silverton OCP, particularly OCP 5.3, Natural Areas and Parks:

- 'Imagine Slocan Lake Community Values Study Area H North' 2012 indicates that residents place a very high value on clean water, healthy aquatic ecosystems and quiet.
- The 'Slocan Lake Foreshore Fish & Wildlife Habitat Assessment' (2011 by Galena Environmental Ltd.) states that the Aquatic Habitat Index ranking for the Silverton shoreline is "Very High" in habitat value and is therefore integral to the maintenance of a healthy Slocan Lake ecosystem. The Silverton shoreline is also rated as "High" for the potential rearing of juvenile fish.

SLSS commends the Silvertown 2010 OCP for the stated Objectives under 5.3 Natural Areas and Parks, which indicates a general alignment with the above documents. We hope that 5.3.5.a was realized (“Council will create a development permit requirement for all lands fronting the lakeshore”) and that 5.4.6g was also implemented (“revise the zoning bylaw to eliminate the rental or sale of houseboats, jet skis, ski boats or other noisy water uses”).

SLSS recommends the inclusion of a section (perhaps as part of 5.3.5.a) in the revised OCP which includes informing private organizations and private land owners that no modification of the foreshore, (i.e. removing native plants, shrubs or trees, creating beach groynes, removing natural rocks) is allowed without a provincial permit. This would contribute to the maintenance of the shoreline as high value habitat.

We would also recommend that a section on Invasive Species be included (both aquatic and terrestrial/riparian) either in 5.7 Climate Change Goals or under 5.3.2 Preserve areas...shoreline areas. This addition might be accompanied by a commitment to working with the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS).

SLSS would like protections for the lakeshore to include Village signage which informs the public that there is no overnight camping allowed on the lakeshore, except in designated areas, and that no soaps (i.e. shampoo, body soap) or polluting materials should be used in the lake due to the sensitive nature of the foreshore. SLSS has received public complaints on both these issues.

SILVERTON CREEK

The blue listed Bull Trout population in Slocan Lake continues to be ‘At Risk’ and Silvertown Creek accounts for 71% of the spawning in the Slocan Valley (‘Slocan River Bull Trout Spawning Assessment – 2018’). Cold and clean waters are critical to maintaining spawning habitat. The Village of Silvertown has joined the attempt to maintain Bull Trout populations by applying for Wildlife Habitat Area (WHA) status for the creek and developing a policy regarding watershed protection (‘Village of Silvertown Watershed Protection – Logging Plans Policy 2015’).

As part of OCP 5.3.5, SLSS recommends that shade trees along the creek banks be considered a critical aspect of maintaining the important low creek temperatures required for Bull Trout spawning, especially as global temperatures rise.

Water quality monitoring of Silvertown Creek has been carried out intermittently since the 1990’s, sponsored by various organizations (Slocan Valley Watershed Alliance, SLSS). The 2016 Silvertown Aquifer Report and the 2019 Cumulative Effects Framework for Silvertown Creek have added important information. As part of 5.3.4 (Maintain high water quality in lake water, surface water, groundwater and aquifers), SLSS suggests that the Village of Silvertown commit to regular, ongoing water monitoring of Silvertown Creek in consultation with SLSS.

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SLSS hopes you will consider this input as you move through the OCP revision process. We would welcome opportunities to continue being involved.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sally Hammond". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Sally Hammond, Vice President
Slocan Lake Stewardship Society

Dear RDCK Municipal partners,

Some recent energy efficiency news and energy saving tips.

- Highlight two Federal Mandate Letters regarding energy efficiency
- Holiday energy saving and safety tips

FEDERAL ELECTION RESULTS IN NEW SUPPORT FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY:

Federal Mandate letters have been released with some encouraging initiatives coming to support energy efficiency:

- Minister of Families, Children, and Social Development -

As the Minister responsible for CMHC, support the Minister of Natural Resources to operationalize a plan to help Canadians make their homes more energy efficient and climate resilient. This will include providing **free energy audits** to homeowners and landlords, **up to \$40,000 in interest-free lending** for retrofits that will save Canadians money on their energy use, a **cash incentive for borrowers** to maximize their energy savings, and creating a **Net Zero Homes Grant** of up to \$5,000 for newly built homes that are certified zero-emissions.

- Minister of Infrastructure and Communities -

Work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities through the Green Municipal Fund, the Municipalities for Climate Innovation Program and the Municipal Asset Management Program to build climate resilience, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, make better decisions, and **monitor investments and ensure they reduce emissions from residential, commercial and multi-unit buildings.**

EFFICIENCY AND SAFETY TIPS:

Holiday lights: who doesn't love all the beautiful lights this time of year?

- If you're hanging holiday lights, **look for overhead power lines nearby**, and keep yourself, the ladder and lights far away from the power lines. *Tip:* LED lights are energy-efficient and produce less heat, which reduces the risk of fire.
- Don't overload electrical outlets with too many extension cords.

Natural gas or electric fireplace: ready to enjoy some warm ambience?

- Keep the area around your electric or natural gas fireplace clear of anything flammable, such as wrapping paper, boxes, toys or clothing.
- Glass panels can heat up quickly and stay hot even after you turn off the fireplace. **Use a safety screen or a fire-resistant hearth guard** to protect young kids and pets.

Natural gas stove: even if you consider yourself an Emeril or Martha and love cooking with natural gas for its quick heat and precise temperatures, here's a couple of things to remember:

- Check your flame colour. Blue is beautiful, but yellow means your ducts may not be working properly. Keep your appliances working safely between maintenance visits.
- Double-check your knobs to ensure they're fully off. It's easy for Aunt Betty to accidentally bump a knob while trying the gravy, turning it back on, allowing gas to seep out.

Carbon monoxide prevention: to prevent carbon monoxide (CO) problems, have all your natural gas appliances installed properly and maintained regularly by a licensed gas contractor and install a carbon monoxide alarm. See all our CO safety tips.

In the **spirit of conservation** and check out

- saving energy in your home which has tips, how-to videos and home energy calculator.
- heating appliance maintenance rebates that can be stacked
- And lastly, some additional actions not on there is reduce your water heater temperature to 120 degrees F or 50 degrees C, use ceiling fans, and avoid streaming videos from game consoles which use 75 W vs low power streaming devices that need only 2 W.

Paris Marshall Smith

Sustainability Coordinator & Senior Energy Specialist

CRESTON OFFICE

Regional District of Central Kootenay

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January 13, 2020

Ref: 216939

Dear Mayors:

I am pleased to announce the launch of the 2020 Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education, effective today. Following another successful Awards program and celebratory event in October of this past year, government is once again proud to recognize the enormous contributions of British Columbia's exceptional teachers, administrators and support staff who are vital to the cultural, economic and social well-being of the province. The Awards recognize all outstanding education professionals who have made exceptional contributions to benefit their school, their students and their communities.

The Awards are open to all education professionals within the BC K-12 public, independent or First Nations school systems. This year, Awards will be given in the following categories:

- Community Engagement
- District Leadership
- Extracurricular Leadership
- Indigenous Education
- Outstanding New Teacher
- Outstanding Support (School Community)
- Outstanding Support (Teaching Assistant)
- Outstanding Team Collaboration
- School Leadership
- Social Equity and Diversity

Nominations are now open and are welcomed from all BC citizens, including students, parents, teachers, administrators, trustees and community organizations. The deadline to submit nominations is April 30, 2020.

Additional information on the Awards, including a downloadable poster and brochure, can be found on the Premier's Awards for Excellence in Education website at:

www.gov.bc.ca/excellenceineducation. In addition to posting the enclosed posters in your offices, your assistance is appreciated in distributing electronic copies of these through your newsletters and communications with staff and community citizens.

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Mayor and Council
Village of Silverton
Box 14, 421 Lake Avenue
Silverton, BC V0G 2B0



Dear Mayor Clarke and Council,

Becoming a Communities in Bloom member is a great way to start a new year and a new decade!

There are a number of ways to participate. Enclosed is the 2020 Provincial Registration Form, with an explanation of all our evaluated and non-evaluated program options.

As a former participant we would love to see your community back in the program and to help you grow a new batch of community bloomers.

Kind regards,

Darlene Kalawsky, BC CiB Chair
darlene@kalawsky.com

Catherine Kennedy, Executive Director
c.kennedy@telus.net



BC Communities in Bloom is a province-wide recognition and award program. It provides a framework for Municipal participants to engage their community.

Using the collaborative power of local government, business and institutions, service clubs and residents, it is this Growing Together that stimulates civic pride and encourages tidiness, beautification and environmental initiatives throughout your area.

The BC CiB program inspires a transformation process that can have many lasting social, environmental and economic benefits.

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PURPOSE

BC Communities in Bloom (BC CiB) NFP Society supports our many Volunteers who give of their time as specialists in horticulture, parks and recreation, community management and volunteer coordination and who are additionally trained to deliver the CiB evaluation program to the benefit of all British Columbian communities.

BC CiB volunteer facilitators (judges) are in the community viewing, evaluating, suggesting improvements to the local volunteer committees to help them:

- Enhance BC's environment through our Environmental Action criteria
- Recognize local heritage and culture through our Heritage Conservation criteria
- Profiles quality of sustainable horticulture management in Landscaped Areas, Floral Displays, Urban Forestry
- Celebrates Tidiness Efforts of entire community; residential, municipal and business/institutions

- As well, the CiB program contributes to the quality of life in a community by encouraging the local CiB committee to work with and include; Service Groups (Rotary Clubs, Community Garden Groups, etc) Schools, Business, Residents and a Municipal representative; all coming together to improve the social and economic fabric of their community.
- Since 2005, BC Communities in Bloom (BC CiB) has delivered a province-wide enhancement program (tool) that has benefited the province and communities of all sizes. From tourist towns on the coast, rural interior and industrial towns in the north, our organization has provided guidance through the judges visits and evaluation reports to more than 100 volunteer groups. (Nationally CiB began in 1995.)
- Our organization operates on a modest budget while providing a service that participants value as a reasonable, cost efficient measurement of their success.
- At the heart of our organization is our team of dedicated volunteers who bring a wealth of experience to our society. They represent the province as board members, facilitator/judges and committee members in addition to representing their geographical regions. Our volunteers are the reason the BC CiB program exists.
- We are very proud of what the 'in Bloom' program accomplishes for the province of British Columbia!

INFORMATION DOCUMENTS UPON REQUEST

- Inspiring Civic & Citizen Involvement with Criteria Explanation Flyer;
- Novice Workshop - How to start a CiB program and develop a committee;
- Getting Started Info Package - how to create a tour and profile book (evaluated participants only);
- Registration Form and Participation Options;
- Membership form.

www.bccib.ca – Visit our website to see examples of CiB in action

Major Sponsors: Urban Systems, Teck

Supporters: Gardens British Columbia, BC Landscape & Nursery Association, BC Recreation & Parks Association, Invasive Species Council of BC, BC Agriculture in the Classroom

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Participation Options	COST
<p>1. NOVICE WORKSHOP – First Year Audit Get started growing your commUnity with an introduction to the CiB program!</p> <p>A pair of BC CiB Facilitators will meet with key stakeholders from your community to help create the framework for a future committee. Facilitators will present a PowerPoint and view 3 criteria of your choice: i.e. Floral Displays, Landscape and Tidiness Efforts offering comments and suggestions for future efforts. A recognition certificate and report will be presented at the fall Awards.</p> <p>There is no Evaluation Tour or Community Profile Book to organize but be prepared to host the BC CiB facilitators (meals with accommodation for 2-nights max.) and have 3 - 10 people ready to workshop.</p>	<p>Fee dependent upon population size - see Registration Form Front</p> <p>(Email a request for additional information)</p>
<p>2. PROVINCIAL EDITION EVALUATION - Awarding 1 to 5-Blooms Develop an 'In Bloom' action committee to build collaboration with residents, service groups, municipal staff and business owners.</p> <p>Organize an Evaluation Tour to view about 80% of your community to a pair of BC CiB judges. (What is Communities in Bloom)</p> <p>Create a Community Profile Book to summarize your community's assets, this is also used to supplement information not shown during the evaluation tour.</p> <p>Plan to host a pair of judges for meals with accommodation for 2-nights max.</p> <p>Recognizing your commUnity! Participants are awarded a Bloom Rating Certificate and receive a written report at the Provincial Awards & Conference in the fall. Evaluating six criteria, the report creates a benchmark score to celebrate successes and to help focus on future improvements.</p>	<p>Fee dependent upon population size – see Registration Form Front</p> <p>This is the ONLY CATEGORY eligible to win a CRITERIA TROPHY</p>
NON-EVALUATED	
<p>3. FRIENDS* For communities that want recognition for ongoing CiB initiatives but want to take time off from evaluation. Holds bloom rating one-year.</p> <p>*Bonus: this category is encouraged to provide a Showcase Project</p>	<p>½ Fee dependent upon population size - see Registration Form</p>
<p>4. PLACES & SPACES SHOWCASE PROJECT* (non-evaluated) Profile for a specific project or geographical segment within a community. Open to service groups, garden clubs, municipalities, electoral areas etc., submissions also accepted from National and International level CiB participants in British Columbia.</p> <p>Provide 100 words & 3 photos to be showcased in the provincial newsletter.</p>	<p>Fee: \$100 (go to www.bccib.ca to download form)</p>
All Participants will receive recognition on our Website, Map, Press Releases, Fall Awards, GardensBC	
<p>5. COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP As per the 2020 Membership Form www.bccib.ca Fee dependent on population size. (* also includes a Showcase Project entry)</p>	

TEMPLATE LETTER

DATE

Elena Kinakin
TeraSpan Networks Inc.
Via Email: ekinakin@teraspan.com

Dear Ms. Kinakin:

RE: CONNECTING BC FUNDING PROGRAM: TERASPAN NETWORKS INC.

On behalf of _____, it is my pleasure to advise you that the Board passed a resolution at its meeting on _____, to express support for TeraSpan Networks Inc. (TeraSpan) application to the Connecting BC Funding Program to build Last Mile Fiber to the Home in our community (or region).

The residents within the community (or region) have identified high-speed internet is important to them and _____ supports TeraSpan's strategic priority to make high-speed internet connectivity available to our residents and businesses.

If you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact name, email address or phone number.

Sincerely,

Name
Title

Mayor Clarke's Report to Feb 05, 2019

- ▲ VoS Regular Meeting (January 08)
 - See E(2)

- ▲ Connectivity Meeting (January 30)
 - Meeting called by Richard Toperczer (Min. Jobs, Tourism, Skills...)
 - Attended By:
 - Dave Lampron (CBBC)
 - New Denver LG
 - Silverton LG
 - Slocan LG
 - Area H LG
 - Nakusp LG
 - EDC Staff
 - Talked about “last mile” options – how to connect the backbone fibre to homes.
 - We agreed it’s best if we operate as regionally as possible
 - We need to come to agreement on
 - ▲ How we want residents to be served
 - ▲ Who should own the last mile infrastructure
 - ▲ What we are prepared to do to meet our requirements
 - Next meeting should be a facilitated discussion on the above
 - ▲ Date of next meeting TBA

13 January

FCM – Women in Local Government Chair/Vice-Chair conference call

- To review process for adjudicating scholarship awards:
 - Over 340 applications have been received from secondary and post-secondary applicants for 5 scholarships to support young women who intend to enter local government, which will be awarded on a regional basis. The applications are first being reviewed, using a matrix, by a contracted professional; 15-20 applications per region will be forwarded to in-house staff, who will then pass the final 4 shortlisted applications to be reviewed and selected by Caucus members and Committee Chair & Vice-Chairs.

15 January

RDCK:

- Rural Affairs Committee
 - Area C Director Adam Casemore was elected Rural Affairs Committee Chair
- Joint Resource Recovery Committee
 - Area F Director Tom Newell was elected Chair of Central Resource Recovery Committee
 - Area A Director Garry Jackman was elected Chair of East Resource Recovery Committee
 - Area H Director Walter Popoff was elected Chair of West Resource Recovery Committee
 - Director Jackman was elected Chair of Joint Resource Recovery Committee
 - We approved issuing a Request for Standing Offer to provide professional engineering and environmental services for a period of 2 years with option to renew for 3 additional 1-year terms, with individual projects to be procured as per RDCK Purchasing Policy
 - Negotiations with Recycle BC continue, with roll-out dates to be confirmed

16 January

RDCK:

- Board-
 - Delegation regarding potential request for review of Section 37 of the provincial Cannabis Act with prohibits farmgate sales, cannabis cafes, etc.
 - Received Director Jackman’s brief report on the Mercer-Celgar presentation, which will be referred to Sustainability to arrange for a presentation to the full Board at a later date
 - Approved Silverton appointments to Rec. 6: Counc. Yofonoff, with Counc. T. Gordon Alternate; and Eva Shandro, resident with Monique Wood as Alternate – I have since learned that Ms. Wood will be moving out of the community in the near future, so we will need to find a new Alternate
 - Approved Director Casemore to the Ktunaxa Treaty Advisory Committee with former Director Larry Binks as Alternate
 - Appointed Directors Main, Tassone, Lockwood and Fast (Alternate) to the West Kootenay Transit Committee

- Established a Linear Infrastructure Construction Crew, and a dedicated Service in 2021 (for water infrastructure)

17 January

RDCK:

- Board-Budget
 - This was “first kick at the can” for the following global Budgets: General Administration, GA and Information Technology Fees, GIS Service, Rural Administration, Building Inspection, and Planning
 - Inflation is 2.7% this year, and affects pretty much every department and service Budget in some form or fashion
 - Both Global and Service Budgets are currently being reviewed – figures in the attached document are not final
 - We will have an opportunity Thursday March 12 to ask RDCK CAO/CFO Stuart Horn questions about these Budgets

21 January

Village:

- Special and Budget

22 January

RDCK:

- West Kootenay Transit Committee
 - I was elected Chair for a second year
 - RDKB Area B Director Linda Worley was elected Vice-Chair
 - Reviewed work-to-date on the Transit Future Service Plan, which operates on a three-year cycle
 - Reviewed RDCK Transit Budget reports – the formula for requisition is being adjusted to better reflect Transit Opportunity (how many stops in a jurisdiction), km covered (per route sub-region), and property assessment
 - Committee Terms of Reference will be reviewed by Staff with recommendations for revision to be brought back to the Committee
 - Meeting dates were set for Mar. 25, May 27, July 22, Sept 30 and Nov 25, alternating venues between RDCK and RDKB
- Hospital Board
 - Kaslo Mayor Suzan Hewatt was elected Chair
 - Trail Mayor Lisa Pasin was elected Acting (Vice) Chair
 - The following Directors were elected to the Executive Committee (regional representation): Colin Moss (Arrow Lakes/Slocan/Castlegar/Nakusp), Janice Morrison (Kaslo/Nelson/Salmo), Grace MacGregor (Boundary), and Linda Worley (Greater Trail)
 - Delegations included IHA and BC Transit: Received an IHA presentation on Patient Transportation (including helicopter, Air Ambulance, Ambulance, Public Transport via Health Connections, and Family). Discussed the difference between our service and Northern Health Connections routes, which focus on long-haul (ie- Williams Lake to Kamloops). Discussions between the two agencies will continue.

- Received IHA Capital Expenditures Draft Budget – Referred to March Meeting for approval

23 January

FCM - Executive Committee Conference Call

27 January

West Resource Recovery

- Presentation by Healthy Community Society of the North Slovan Valley
 - Presentation on activities and costs of this Pilot Program, which has been funded in part by RDCK and CBT. The report clearly identifies and puts financial value on the work that has so far been done by volunteers.
 - Request for continued funding – WRR recommends to Board to approve an additional \$4,500, which will be voted on at next Board meeting.
- Draft 5-Year Financial Plan
 - Reviewed Draft 2020 Budget and 5-year financial plan (which includes some necessary upgrades at Rosebery Transfer Station over the next few years)

28 January

RDCK – Sustainability Agenda Prep Conference Call

- First review of upcoming and ongoing items in preparation for Feb. 18th CSLAC meeting

29 January

RDCK – Food Policy Council Conference Call

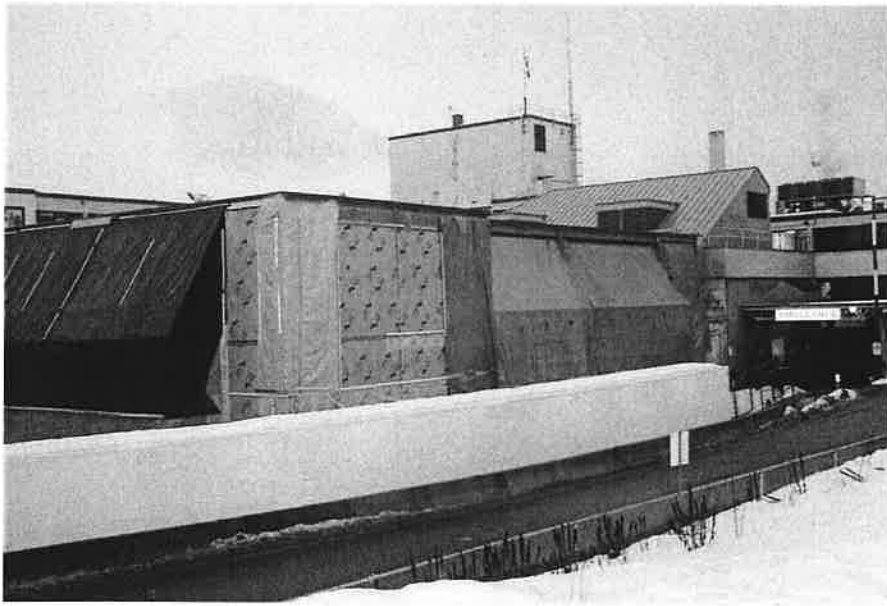
30 January

Village – Connectivity Planning Session

- Status update
- Discussion of potential operating models
- Plans to continue meeting and refine potential solutions

**Regional District of Central Kootenay
Tax Requisition and Calculated Residential Tax Rates - Municipalities
2020, 2019, and 2018**

Village of Silverton	2020		2019		2019	
	Assessment	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Rate/\$1,000	Assessment	Rate/\$1,000
S100 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION	5,274,248	5.442	5,290,178	5.380	4,539,750	4.471
S102 GIS SERVICE	5,274,248	1.394	5,290,178	1.363	4,539,750	1.173
S103 BUILDING INSPECTION	5,274,248	3.913	5,290,178	4.104	4,539,750	3.739
S105 COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY	5,274,248	890	5,290,178	1.132	4,539,750	966
S114 EDC-NEW DEN SILVERTON SLOCAN, H	5,274,248	457	5,290,178	475	4,539,750	444
S156 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS 911	5,274,248	1,458	5,290,178	1,255	4,539,750	1,162
S161 EMERGENCY PLANNING - H	5,274,248	3,888	5,290,178	3,185	4,539,750	2,590
S178 CEMETERY-N DEN, SILV, DEF H	5,274,248	1,690	5,290,178	1,701	4,539,750	1,581
S188 REFUSE-WESTERN SUBREGION	5,274,248	6,000	5,290,178	5,714	4,539,750	5,714
S190 SEPTAGE DISPOSAL-WEST RURAL	5,274,248	0	5,290,178	-1,909	4,539,750	-1,754
S203 REG PARKS-N DEN, SILV, SLOC, H	5,274,248	8,917	5,290,178	7,082	4,539,750	5,002
S208 SKI HILL - SUMMIT LAKE	5,274,248	1,078	5,290,178	1,105	4,539,750	1,013
S219 TV SOCIETY-NEW DEN SILV, DEF H	5,274,248	4,422	5,290,178	4,519	4,539,750	4,174
S229 REC COM N DENV, SILV, DEF H	5,274,248	5,875	5,290,178	5,223	4,539,750	4,907
S239 KOOTWEST - AREA D-K, DEF A, EX CRESTON	5,274,248	15,352	13,702	0,259	4,539,750	12,750
Regional Requisition		<u>80,776</u>		<u>54,043</u>		<u>47,832</u>
Residential Rate per \$1,000 of Assessment		<u>1.162</u>		<u>1.022</u>		<u>1.053</u>
Difference (\$) from prior year		6,733		6,211		979
Percentage Change from prior year		12.46%		12.08%		2.08%



KBRH was shrouded in fog and countless yards of tarp early Wednesday. The fog eventually lifted in the valley, but the new addition will remain under wraps as workers continue to build the new emergency department wing on the lower level and an ambulatory care unit atop. (Sheri Regnier photo)

West Kootenay-Boundary hospital board elects new chair, begins budget talks

The next board meeting is slated for March 25 in Castlegar

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New leadership elected into the role of chair, and alternate chair, on the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital District board provides a nice balance for region, says Trail Mayor Lisa Pasin.

Previous: [Update on KBRH construction](#)

Kaslo's mayor Suzan Hewat was elected into the head seat and Pasin, the alternate, at the first hospital board meeting of the year held in Castlegar last Wednesday.

"Nomination to alternate chair was a surprise," Pasin shared at Monday night council in Trail. "What I appreciate is the confidence the other directors have shown in me after sitting on the hospital district board for one year," she said.

"Having Director Hewat, from the Regional District of Central Kootenay stand in position of chair and myself, from the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary as alternate chair, provides a balance of our hospital district. And that's exciting."

Following the elections and a presentation from Interior Health (IH) that focused on health-related transportation, the board got down to business by zeroing in on budget, and forthcoming project proposals.

Pasin reported that the budget is currently valued at \$2.77 million.

"We had our first glance at all the equipment and IT, both smaller and larger capital requests that are going to be put through, and had a discussion," she explained. "In March, the board will be meeting again and moving towards finalizing the budget."

Topping the list of the priciest construction jobs, each costing over \$100,000, are five projects proposed by Interior Health. Notably, because these capital initiatives are over \$100,000, they are also subject to government approval.

However, if all goes according to plan, one of the five projects that will go ahead is a pharmacy upgrade at Kootenay Lake Hospital, in Nelson.

To meet current standards, the sterile compounding area in the pharmacy requires upgrading of the ante room and the department's air handling systems, reported Stuart Horn, the hospital district's secretary treasurer.

Beginning next year, all pharmacies in B.C. will be required to adopt model standards for sterile compounding, which allows medicinal ingredients to be mixed in personalized strengths and doses based on patient need. Horn further reasoned that if a pharmacy is unable to meet these sterile standards by May 2021, they will not be permitted to prepare sterile compounded drug treatments such as chemotherapy and intravenous medications.

As far as Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital, there are two replacement jobs on the \$100,000+ list. After 20 years, IH says it's time to install a new medical air and vacuum system to improve energy efficiency and to comply with the latest standards. And the existing ceiling tiles in the operating room, installed in 2001, require replacement and redesign.

Rounding out the top five construction projects on the \$100,000+ roster are the provision of a secure room, and boosted security measures, at Grand Forks Boundary Hospital.

The "secure room" project began in 2017, but was delayed due to structural and mechanical infrastructure work that cropped up after the room location was changed. As far as security upgrades, this entails additional card access doors at the main reception and more security cameras to monitor certain areas.

There are other proposed projects budgeted at \$100,000+, but these are not classified as “construction.” For the Castlegar and District Community Health Centre (hospital), IH wants to introduce modern IT, meaning an electronic documentation system for the emergency department, which still uses paper format.

Another item for Castlegar, this one falls under “equipment,” is a new bus for Talarico Place.

The new vehicle would replace a 2006 model, seat 16 to 20 people, and be outfitted with a wheelchair lift and restraints.

Aside from the 30 directors talking budget after casting ballots for the new chair and alternate – 13 of those being elected officials representing the Kootenay Boundary and 17, the Central Kootenay – at the Jan. 22 meeting another five directors were nominated to serve on the executive board.

The 2020 executives are: New Denver’s Colin Moss, representing Arrow Lakes, Slocan and the Castlegar region; Janice Morrison, from Nelson, representing the Kootenay region, including Kaslo, Nakusp and Salmo; the Boundary will be represented by Grace McGregor, director for Area C; and Area B Director Linda Worley will represent the Greater Trail area.

The main purpose of West Kootenay-Boundary Hospital District board is to provide funding for hospital equipment and capital projects.

Projects and priorities are proposed each year by Interior Health, with a list developed in consultation between IH and the board itself.

Taxpayers in the hospital district typically cover 40 per cent of the cost for approved projects while the remaining 60 per cent is funded by the Province of BC and/or through donations provided by local hospital health foundations.

[Read more below](#)

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Administrative Report: Hillary Elliott, CAO

Village of Silverton Council

Regular Meeting – February 12, 2020

This administrative report covers the period December 7, 2019 to February 7, 2020 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 have also been managing the numerous grants that are currently underway, the new grants we are pursuing as well as, new grants received such as the Memorial Hall upgrades from CBT, as well as, past grants and finalizing completed projects.

Staff have been working with the CFO for the year end process and working on the 2020 budget process, as well as, working on budgeted items approved by council for staff to realize funding opportunities for 2020 capital projects and strategic goals.

Conducting regular monthly functions with our banking and financial software. Working on IT issues as they are prohibiting our finance team from accessing our server.

Functions:

I will begin compiling the survey data for a brief report for Council and begin working on a draft OCP for Council consideration. My goal is to complete it as soon as possible, however, this is based on the time I am able to allocate within the busy schedule of corporate day-to-day business and emergent items that must be addressed immediately – such as the unfortunate events in Memorial Hall and other corporate business items not in the regular day-to-day necessary operational activities.

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

I attended an electronic meeting from 9 – 11:30 regarding the project, partners, and future steps with the project to help local governments utilize that data collected and presented for the communities. The Silverton Report is expected to be completed within a month or so.

Asset Management Phase 2 and Climate Adaptation Initiatives:

Phase 2 Final Report is being completed and filed with the funder. Council approved participating in an Asset Management Phase 3 project, *Integrating Asset Management Data into*

Capital and Operational Planning, in 2020 at the January 21, 2020 meeting. The Village's contribution for the 3rd phase is \$500.00, with the remaining funds covered by UBCM grant. This will be another partnership project, building on Phase 1 & 2.

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

The 2019 project is mostly completed and staff from the 3 Villages are meeting regarding this sub-regional project and other projects we are working together on for next steps and ensuring final reports for funding are completed.

Slocan Valley Economic Development Initiative Update

This project is now under the preview of Community Futures.

Sidewalk Upgrade/Footbridge Upgrades

This project is deferred until Spring of 2020.

Staff have been continuing to work with the Engineer company for repairs on the footbridge.

Staff presented information regarding the repairs and Council requested more information.

Please refer to Item K 1a attached to this report for further information.

Public Works Shop Heating System

Completed.

Computer System and Equipment Upgrades 2020

The system is scheduled for some necessary upgrades to allow for our finance team to access our server. Other items presented to Council at the January Special meeting are scheduled for later this year after Council passes the budget for 2020.

Memorial Hall Upgrades

CBT approved funding with the request to first connect with their heritage specialist as the building is designated a heritage building. Completion date: Dependent on variables with the goal of having works completed before our busy summer season bookings.

Public Works:

Have continued to meet and worked with several of our project partners to complete the Council initiatives for Fire Resiliency, ICABCCI, RDI Climate Adaptation, Asset Management, and contractors for completion of 2019 capital projects to compile all the different information and to meet with stakeholders. This also was on-going for the CAO and public works staff in January 2020.

During the Christmas Holiday season staff worked hard and put in many hours for snow removal that also continued into January. Public Works staff are continuing to move forward 2019 projects that are still active, as well as, work on projects scheduled for 2020.

Public Works Foreman attended mandatory water licence courses for the Village of Silverton.

Staff have been busy continuing snow removal, working in the Gallery building and working with professionals regarding the repairs needed for the Gallery building. The Village continues to work hard to get the building up and running and safe for the public once again.

Meetings:

Presented at the ICABCCI conference via Zoom on January 30, 2020.

Asset Management meeting on January 15th, 2020 regarding 2019 and 2020 capital projects.

RDI and Climate Adaptation meeting on January 16th, with follow up information provided to RDI from Village staff.

Met with Mayor and other local government officials with a dark fibre and “last mile” ISP service provider.

Prepared and attended the Special Council meeting on January 21, 2020.

Attended the regularly scheduled weekly meetings with Mayor Clarke.

Several meetings with IT service provider for completing the Village’s IT capital projects for 2020 and to resolve IT issues that required immediate attention.

Numerous corporate business meetings, phone calls and following up on active items for the Village.

Had meetings and correspondence with several community members/groups regarding concerns, requests, or questions and following up from correspondence to Mayor and Council.

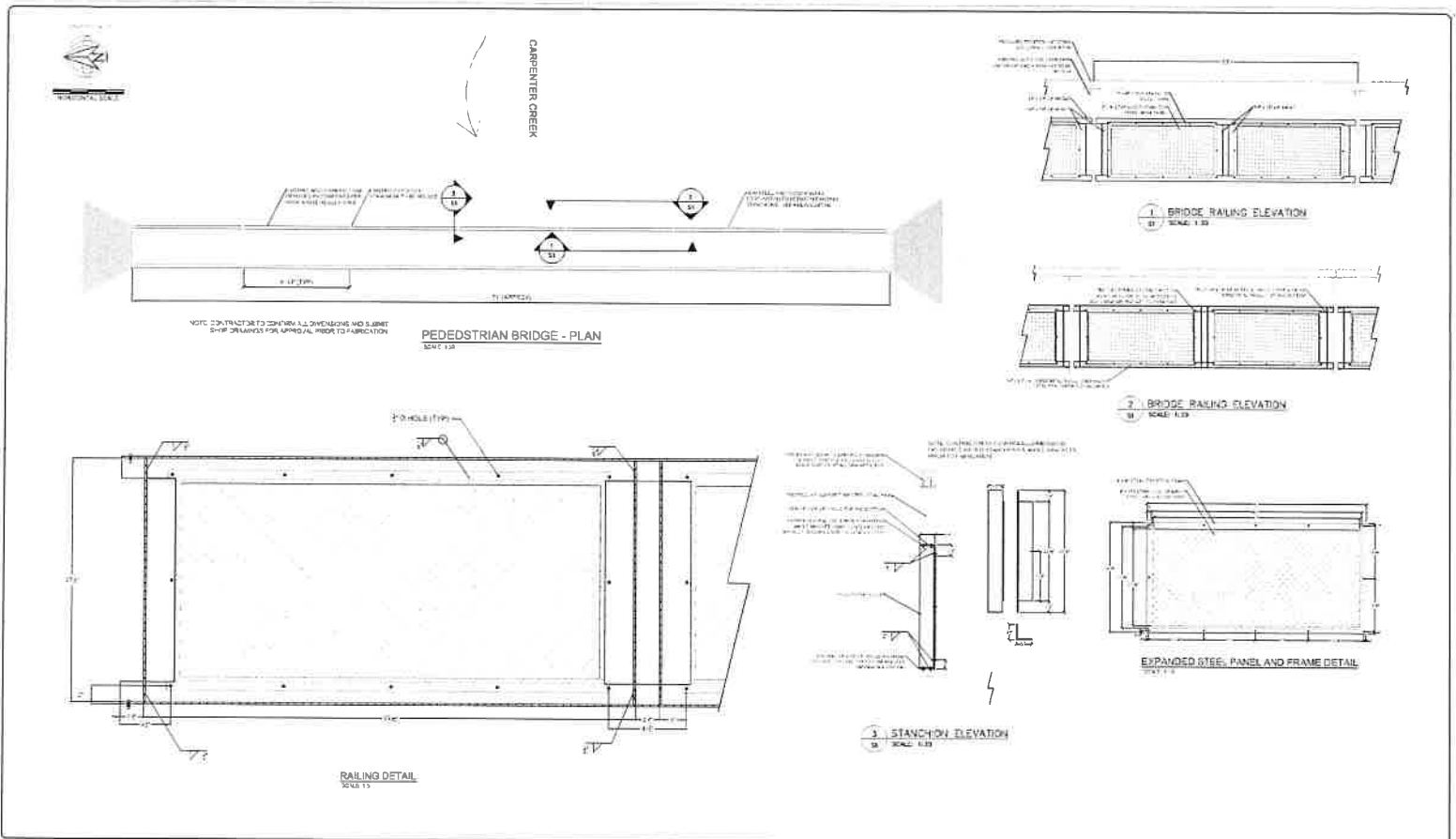
Met with staff regularly.

CAO Training/Courses:

CAO attended two free webinars; one by MIA regarding liabilities and risks, as well as, Local Government Finance group for annual Auditing and Reporting.

Administrative Assistant attended free webinars regarding our financial systems and corporate operations.

Hillary Elliott, CAO



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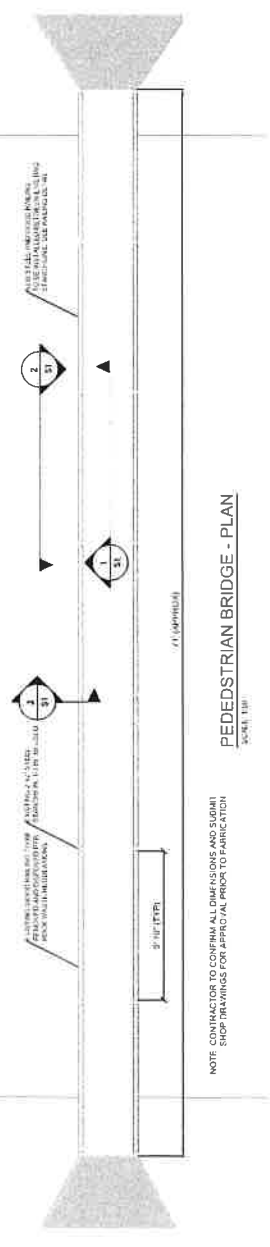
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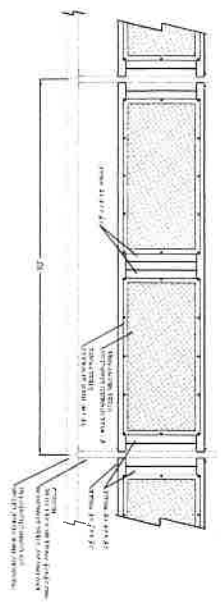
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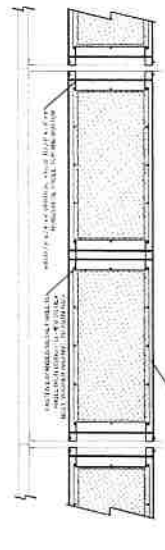
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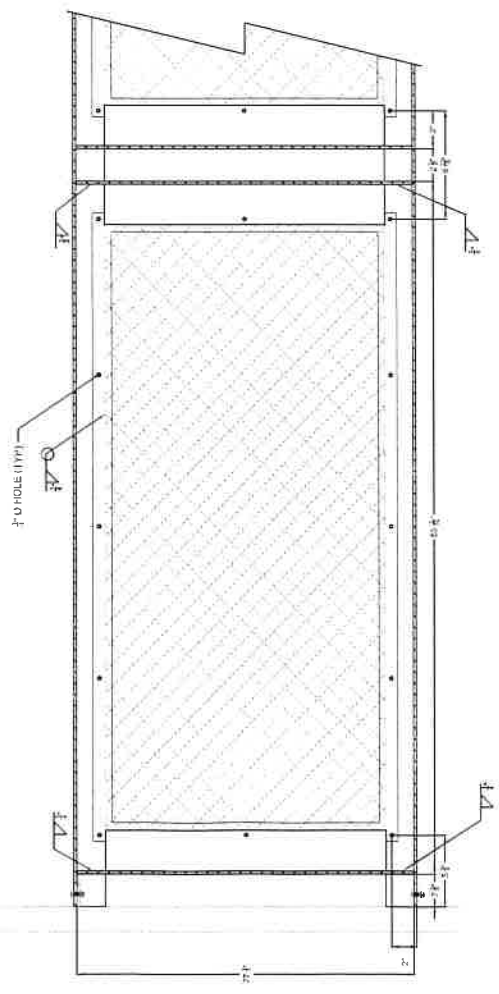
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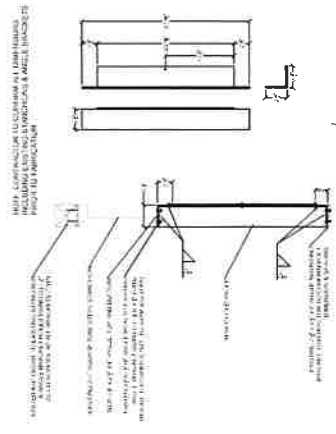
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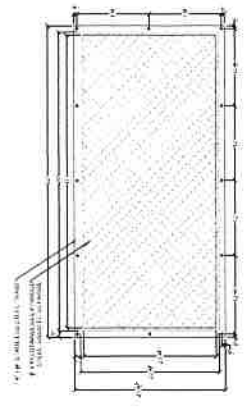
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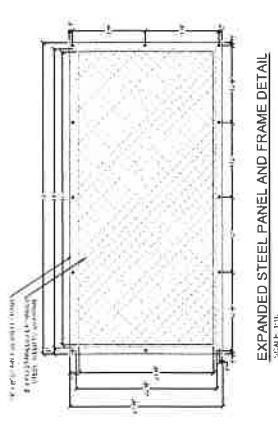
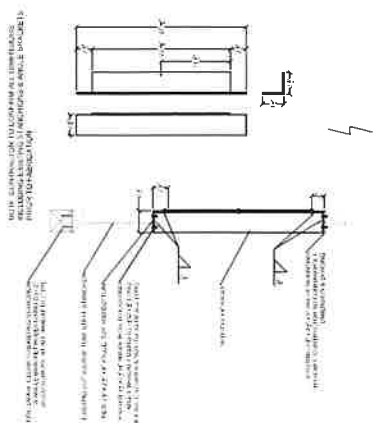
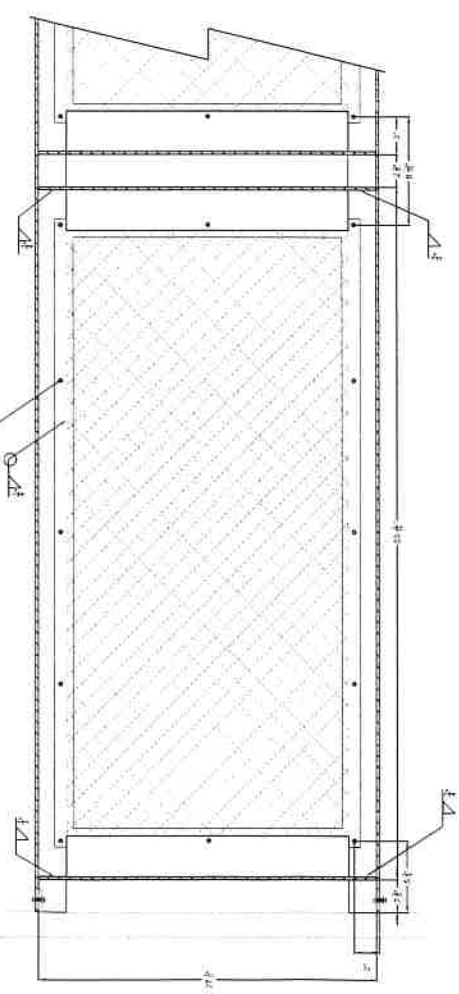
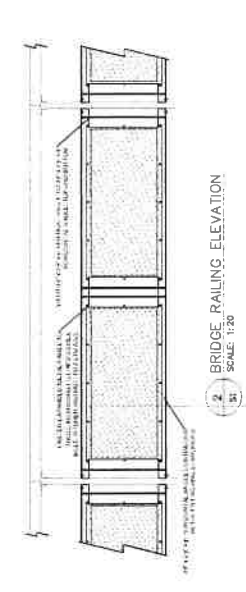
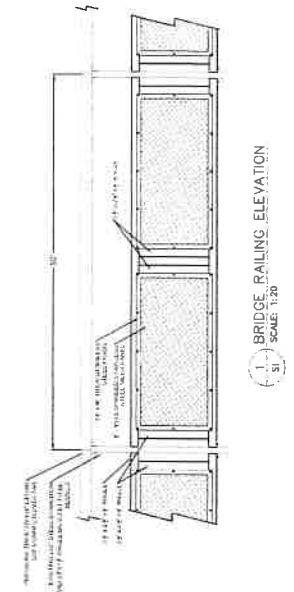
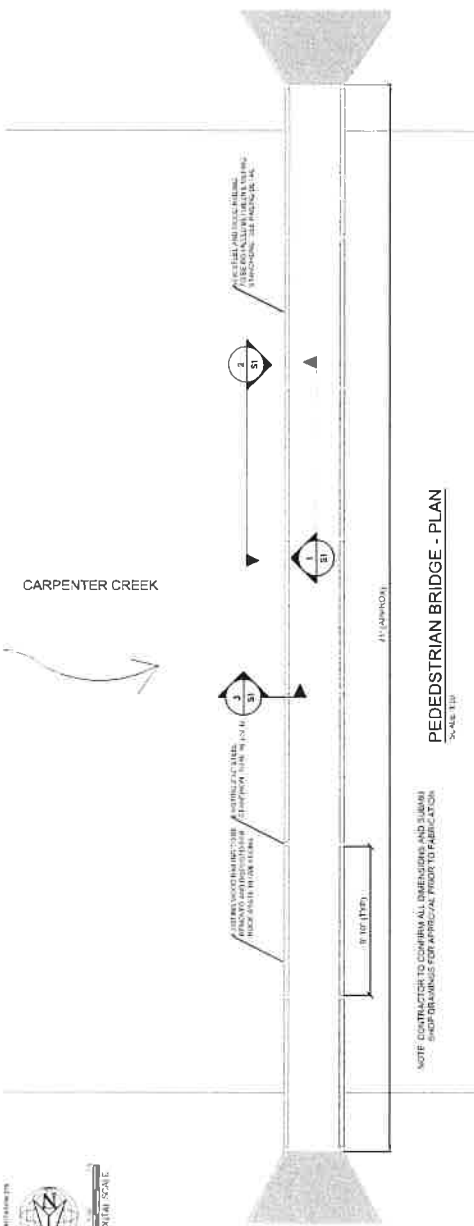
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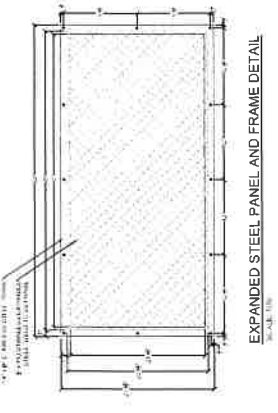
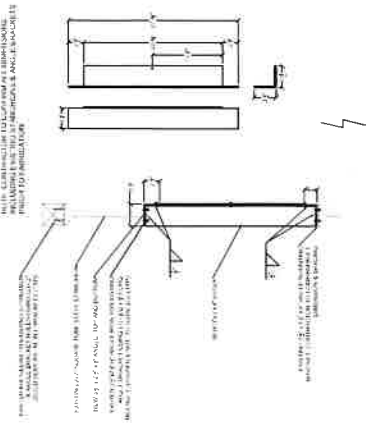
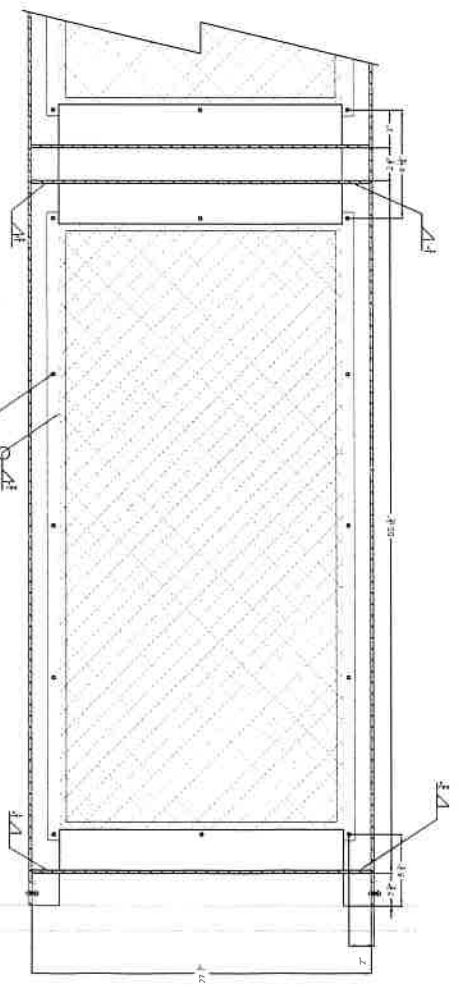
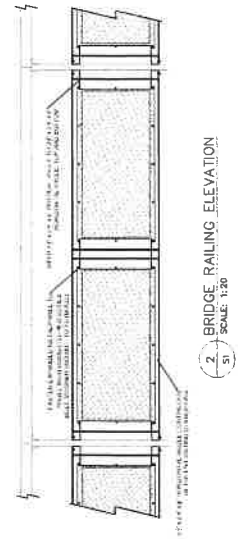
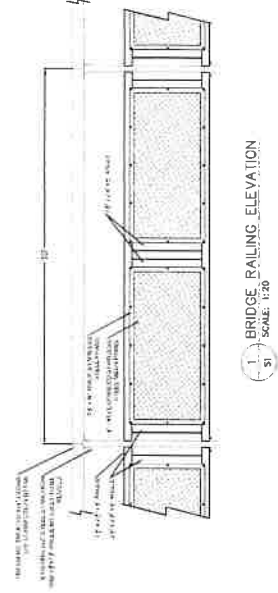
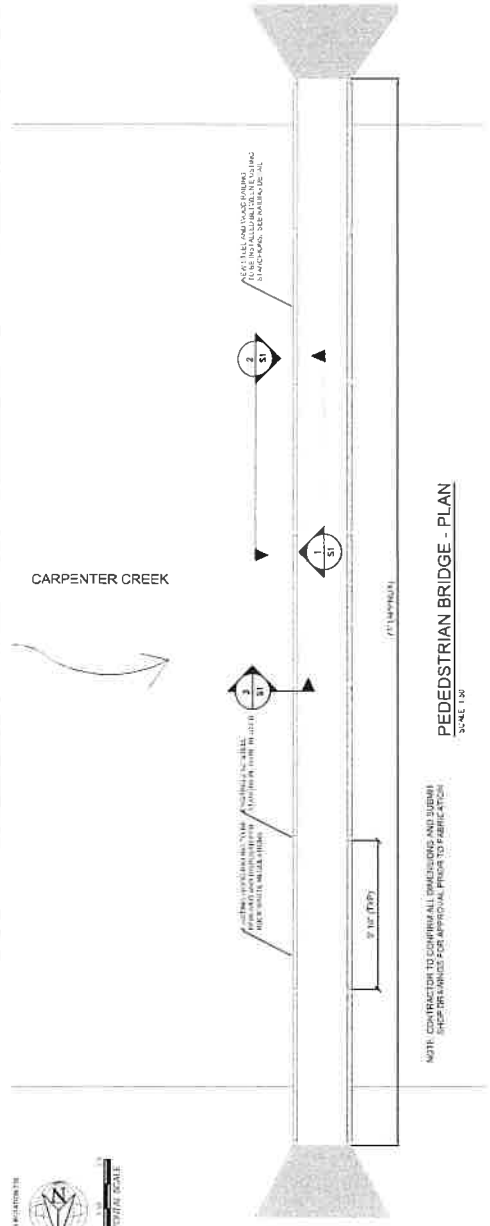
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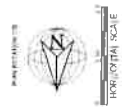
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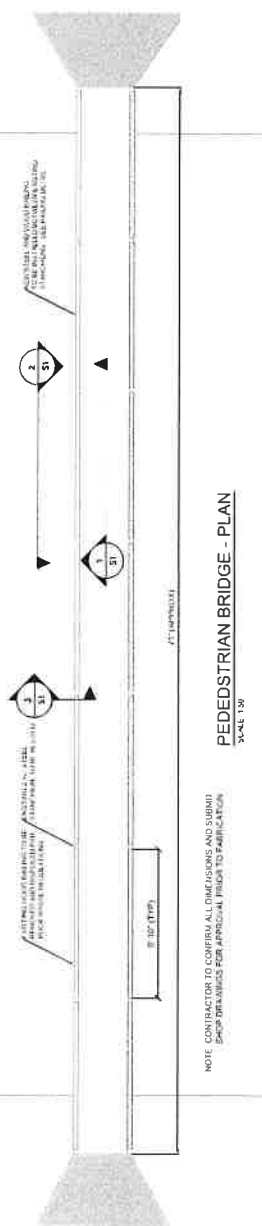
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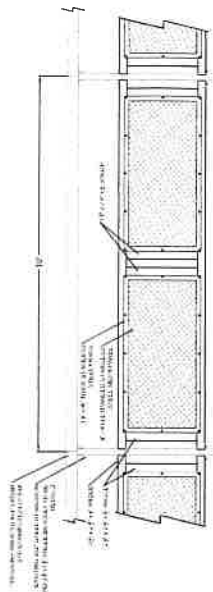


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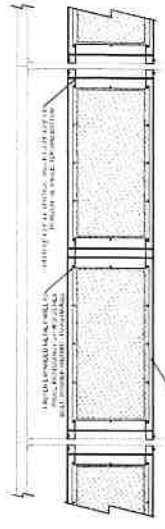


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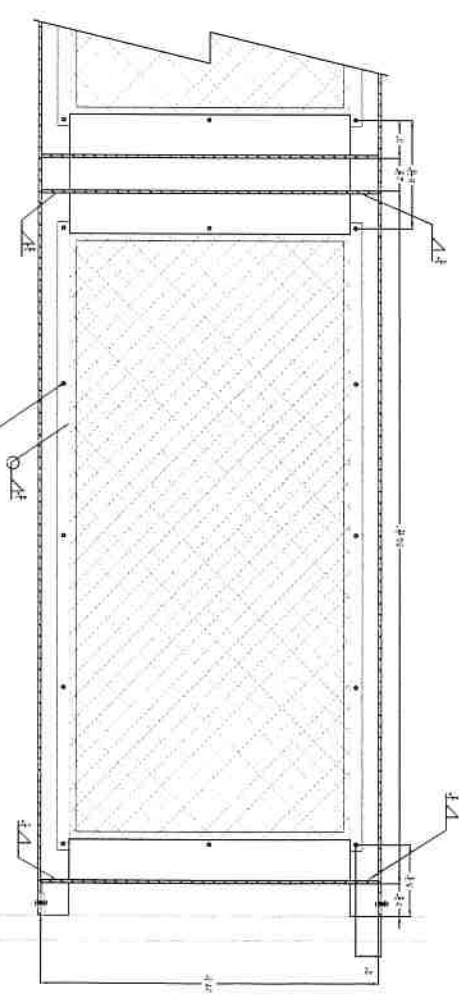
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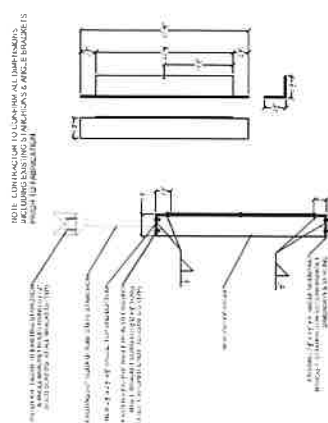
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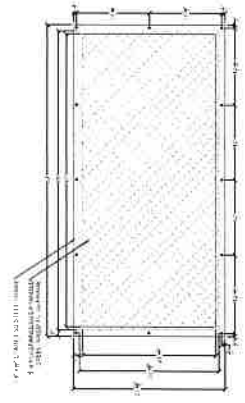
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3 STANCHION ELEVATION
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EXPANDED STEEL PANEL AND FRAME DETAIL
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