

VILLAGE OF SILVERTON

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD

March 9, 2022

MEMORIAL HALL – 203 LAKE AVE, & ONLINE

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
 - H1. Slocan Lake Arts Council request regarding sign replacement on the Gallery building
- D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES
 - 1. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting February 9, 2022
 - 2. COTW Meeting February 23, 2022

F. <u>DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS</u>

1. SLSS RE: Silverton Watershed and Silverton Creek projects update

G. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING</u>

1. Council 5-Year Financial Plan Special Meeting March 30, 2022

Recommendation:

That the Village of Silverton Council hold the Special Council meeting in the month of March in the 5th week of March, rather than the 4th: March 30, 2022.

H. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

None at this time.

I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

1. The Silver Standard

J. COUNCIL REPORTS

1. Mayor Colin Ferguson

- Recreation Commission No. 6
- Slocan District Chamber of Commerce
- Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Advisory Committee (TAC) Alternate
- CBBC Liaison
- Municipal Emergency Management

2. Councillor Clarence denBok

- Slocan Lake Arts Council Liaison
- Recreation Commission No. 6 Alternate

3. 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
- CBBC Liaison, Alternate
- Health Committee Alternate Slocan District Chamber of Commerce

- Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Municipal Emergency Management Alternate

4. Councillor Arlene Yofonoff

- Slocan District Chamber of Commerce Alternate
- Composting Project Liaison (Healthy Community Society of the North S.V.)

K. <u>ADMINISTRATION REPORTS</u>

1. CAO Report

L. BYLAWS AND POLICY

None at this time.

M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Terms of reference as per the Procedure Bylaw includes:

- 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 $90 - 1$ (a) municipal appointments,
	(c) employee relations.
	The Regular Meeting recessed atpm in order to conduct the Closed Meeting.
	The Regular Meeting reconvened atpm

O. <u>ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA</u>

P. ADJOURNMENT

E1

MINUTES OF THE *REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING* HELD AT MEMORIAL HALL & ONLINE, WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2022 AT 7:00PM

PRESENT:

Mayor C. Ferguson, Councillors C. denBok, L. Main, A. Yofonoff

ABSENT:

STAFF:

H. Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer

A. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Colin Ferguson Called the Meeting to Order at 7:01 pm.

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

C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY

D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

018/2022 - Moved, seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

019/2022 – Moved, seconded That the Regular Council Meeting Minutes January 12, 2022, Special Meeting Minutes January 26, 2022, and COTW Council Meeting January 26, 2022 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

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F. <u>DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS</u>

Juliet Craig, Program Director of the Kootenay Conservation Program provided a presentation that introduced the concept of a Local Conservation Fund through taxation and what that process would be.

G. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING</u>

G1. ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC NOTICE RE: SILVERTON 2022 BY ELECTION

020/2022 – **Moved, seconded** That the Village of Silverton Council considers the proposed public notice plan for the 2022 by-election to be reasonably equivalent to that which would be provided by newspaper publication if it were practicable.

CARRIED

G2. COUNCIL ATTENDING AKBLG

021/2022 – **Moved, seconded** That the following Village of Silverton Council members will be attending the 2022 AKBLG Conference in Nelson:

- 1. Councillor Yofonoff
- 2. Councillor Main
- 3. Mayor Ferguson
- 4. Place holder for newly elected in 2022 by election

CARRIED

H. <u>NEW BUSINES</u>

None at this time.

I. <u>CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION</u>

Received for information.

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J. COUNCIL REPORTS

Received for information.

K. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Received for information.

L. BYLAWS AND POLICY

L1. WATER RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 527 - 2022

022/2022 – **Moved, seconded** That the Village of Silverton Council reconsider and finally adopt Water Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 527 – 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

L2. GARBAGE RATES AMENDMENT BYLAW NO. 528 – 2022

023/2022 – Moved, seconded That Village of Silverton Council reconsider and finally adopt Garbage Rates Amendment Bylaw No. 528 – 2022 as presented.

CARRIED

M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD

Don Broughton inquired about why an agenda item regarding dikes was not discussed and commented on the foot bridge.

Jennifer Reid commented on the Enterprise Creek watershed and expressed concerns regarding water quality of that watershed. Jennifer Reid was referred to her local

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government representative	, RDCK	Director	Walter	Popoff	as	the	local	government
representative in her jurisdi	ction to e	xpress her	concern	ıs.				

Press requested clarification regarding Item G2 and Item E3 attachment.

N.	IN CAMERA MEETIN	<u>NG</u> :					
		g recessed at 8:05 pm in order to conduct the Closed Meeting. g reconvened at 9:23 pm.					
О.	ITEMS BROUGHT F	ORWARD FROM IN CAMERA					
	None at this time.						
Р.	<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>						
	024/2022 – Moved that Council adjourn at 9:23pm.						
CE	RTIFIED CORRECT:						
Ma	yor C. Ferguson	Chief Administrative Officer					

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2022

PRESENT: Mayor C. Ferguson, Councillors C. denBok, L. Main, A. Yofonoff				
ABSENT:				
STAFF: C. Jury, Chief Financial Officer, H. Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer				
A. CALL TO ORDER				
Mayor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.				
B. THE VILLAGE OF SILVERTON ACKNOWLEDGES THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES ON WHOSE TRADITIONAL TERRITORIES WE STAND				
C. <u>ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY</u>				
None at this time.				
D. <u>DELEGATION</u>				
None at this time.				
E. <u>DISCUSSION</u>				
E1. BUDGET DISCUSSION FOR 2022				
Council provided direction to staff regarding the 2022 budget and 5-Year Financial Plan. F. ADJOURNMENT				
Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm. CERTIFIED CORRECT:				
Mayor C. Ferguson Chief Administrative Officer				

THE SILVER STANDARD

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SILVERY SLOCAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY • WINTER 2022 • Vol. 6, No. 3



Silvery Slocan Historical Society

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preserve the history of
the Slocan Lake area and
operate the Silvery
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Volunteers help in the archives: from left, Joyce Gill, Judith von Krogh, Henning von Krogh, and Touchstones Nelson archivist J.P. Stienne. Margaret Scaia, who took the photo, also assisted.

Assistance in the archives

n Jan. 24 and 25, we were very fortunate to have **J.P. Stienne**, archivist and collections manager from Touchstones Nelson Museum of Art and History, visit our museum and help us with our work.

J.P. provided assistance with questions about artifacts, commented on our displays, assisted with advice on a number of fonds we still have to process, and then spent most of his time sorting through our "Places, Struc-

tures and Organizations" files. These files needed to be sorted into proper categories to make them more readily accessible to anyone doing research.

With some tidying up, the files will be properly sorted and stored. We are so appreciative that he was able to visit and provide us with his perspective on so many questions we had

A big thank you to J.P. for his help!

Mud, flood, fire, and SNOWSLIDES

From the New Denver Ledge of Jan. 17, 1895:

RAILWAY BLOCKED

The heavy thaw which took place during the week, besides demoralizing the mail and telegraph services; interrupted travel in all directions. On the Nakusp & Slocan Railway a number of snow and mud slides occurred. Some eight or 10 close to Nakusp were cleared with but little difficulty, but those in the canyon above Denver Siding required the assistance of every available man on the road. Between here and the Forks is the hardest part of the railway, and more or less trouble may be expected there until sheds, or other fixtures, have been erected to preserve the road bed.

THE WHIZZING SLIDE

A week ago rainy weather took the place of the cold snap that had tightened up the roads and trails in the Slocan. A day or two of softening influence from the elements coaxed the snowslides off their perches, and they came down the mountains in a vigorous and energetic manner.

Last Saturday witnessed the greatest activity in the transportation of slides that has yet been known in the Slocan. The way they whizzed and rushed in their mad career from the lofty peaks of the numerous mountains to the lower levels was a sight that could only be calmly appreciated through a telescope.

Many of them destroyed property, and in more than one instance blotted out human life. Miners had to flee for their lives from many claims and seek refuge beyond the reach of the rapid and aggressive slides. Wagon roads and trails were blocked, and travel generally suspended in the hills.

AT THE IDAHO.

The men became alarmed on Saturday and most of them came down to the Forks and Denver. The next day a slide carried away the roof of the Idaho bunkhouse and filled it with snow. The



The only information we have on this photo is that it shows people "digging out after an avalanche." – Silvery Slocan Historical Society 2001.092.016

men in the mess house nearby were unhurt. Several Italians who had their tents near the Idaho had their habitations completely covered up.

AT THE CUMBERLAND

A short distance from the Idaho, seven men were in the cabin when the big slide occurred. They squeezed themselves into a corner of the building and were uninjured, although a log from the Idaho bunkhouse crashed through the roof and made them think of home and mother. As soon as possible they evacuated the premises, leaving the tools in the tunnel and a two months' supply of provisions in the cabin.

ALONG THE ROAD

Between the Idaho and the concentrator slides were plentiful and three men are reported lost, but no accurate information has as yet been obtained as to the truth of the rumor. One of them is said to be named **McCorkindale**, who hailed from the Coeur d'Alenes. **Genelle**'s stables, close to the intersection of the Alamo trail, had one end de-

molished, but the animals escaped uninjured.

AT FOUR MILE.

A slide came down over the Alpha, but did no damage, as the buildings were put up with a view to avoiding the pressure from avalanches.

ELSEWHERE

The famous Freddie Lee slide has dropped, but; did no damage. This is the monster that overwhelmed poor **Flaherty** and **Switzer** two years ago.

Near Bear Lake numerous heavy whizzers made their presence known by blocking up the wagon road. The Kaslo stage became entangled in one and had to be dug out. It took two gangs of men, working at either end, four days to clear away the debris.

UNDER A SLIDE.

George Aylard had a thrilling experience at the Silver Bell Saturday. He was standing in front of the blacksmith shop and his companions five in num-

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Newly added to the collection

Newmarket Hotel directional sign ▶

Jamie Barber recently called the museum and asked if we might be interested in this sign for New Denver's Newmarket Hotel. We believe it was originally along the highway, pointing to the hotel, which stood at the bottom of 6th Street, where the Beach Shop is now. The sign is two sided, four feet high, and six feet long, made of painted plywood. Jamie found it while visiting a friend who had it on his burn pile years ago. Fortunately, he rescued it! We have found a new home for the sign in the museum hallway, above the pictograph photos.





◄ Miners' Union ledger

Annie Murray donated this ledger listing members of the Silverton Miners' Union (1919-22). Henning von Krogh has also been going through a number of unidentified ledgers page by page, and has identified two from J.M. Harris and the Reco Hotel in Sandon. One covers January 1899 to April 1900 (the town burned down on May 4, 1900). The ledger is water damaged. Another is from 1938-44. There is also one from the J.B. Smith store in New Denver, which burned down in 1903 but soon rebuilt. It covers April 1903 to 1905. Yet another is from McKinnon's store in Silverton, 1898-99, and lists customers' names and the items they bought. Finally, we have a ledger from an unidentified boarding house/bar, likely from New Denver.

George Aylard survives an avalanche

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ber, were in the tunnel, when a snow slide came down.

Alyard jumped into the shop and the slide rushed by, tearing down the building and burying him in the ruins. His companions dug him out in 15 minutes. When rescued he was black in the face and insensible. He was slightly cut on the forehead, and his ribs were sore from being struck on the side with a

shovel. It was fully an hour, before he recovered his senses.

While being dug out it was found that there was 18 inches of snow on his face, and packed so tight, that it was more of the nature of granite than the fleecy. Part of the building he was in was carried down the mountain, though fortunately for him the back portion held its ground. Alyard has no recollection of what happened after the slide struck him in the face, as he was put to

sleep instantly. He was able to reach New Denver Sunday.

This is the second narrow escape Alyard, who is a relative of **J.A. Finch**, has had in the Slocan. Last summer, in company with **Billy Clark**, he was caught in the fire on the Idaho trail and his face badly burned. On both occasions he lost his head covering.

The principal seasons in the Slocan are: mud, flood, fire and snowslides. □

Thirty years of teaching in Silverton

If you went to school in Silverton at any point between the early 1940s and early 1970s, **Mildred** Bell would have influenced your life.

"Mrs. Bell" was highly regarded as a teacher, community member, mother, aunt and friend to many. She enjoyed children, fishing, gardening, cross country skiing, traveling, playing bridge and participating in community events.

Many remember her beautiful garden, which she called her "Queen Anne" front yard, along with her large vegetable garden, which she called her "Sally Ann" in the back yard.

A large oak tree stood in her side yard, planted by her son Colin from an acorn he brought back from Victoria.

Born Nov. 26, 1912, she was one of eight children in the family of Walter Woodhouse and Annie Arundel. She grew up in Fernie, where her family had settled in 1906. Her father was a miner and her mother a homemaker.

When she was 16, Mildred enrolled in the provincial normal school at



ABOVE: Mildred Bell's class at Ainsworth, ca. 1935. ABOVE RIGHT: Mildred in later years in Silverton.

Victoria to take her teacher training. She received her diploma in 1930, age 17.

The following summer, her older brother **Bill**, who had run away from home, was convinced to attend high school at Sand Creek in the East Kootenay.

Mildred paid for Bill's room and board, and as a result, she had her first teaching job.

Mildred and Bill shared a horse, which they rode eight kilometres north to Jaffray for dances, sometimes arriving back early Monday morning just in time for school. In the winter, Mildred and Bill took turns on the horse with one of them riding or being towed behind on skis.

After Sand Creek came a posting to Ainsworth in 1935, where Mildred met **Jack Bell**. They married the following year in Nelson and Mildred resigned from teaching. Their son **Colin** was born in Kaslo in 1938, followed by **Walter** in Nelson in 1942.



In the latter year, the family moved to Silverton and Mildred was persuaded to return to the classroom. After all, the school was across from her home. She continued to teach there for the next 30 years. Her sons were among her students — along with every other child who grew up in Silverton during that era.

When Margaret Scaia asked her about her long career, she always replied: "Like all women, I worked because I had to."

Mildred celebrated her 100th birthday at the New Denver Pavilion in fine style, surrounded by many family members and friends. She died on April 16, 2013, predeceased by her husband and sons but survived by many other family members.

Signs to tell stories of local mines

Three large interpretive signs will be installed outside the Silvery Slocan Museum this spring, providing the history of the Bosun, Standard, and Reco mines. They will complement mining artifacts that we plan to set up in the garden area.

We are also replacing the green sign that has stood outside of the museum since the 1970s, providing a brief overview of local settler history. □

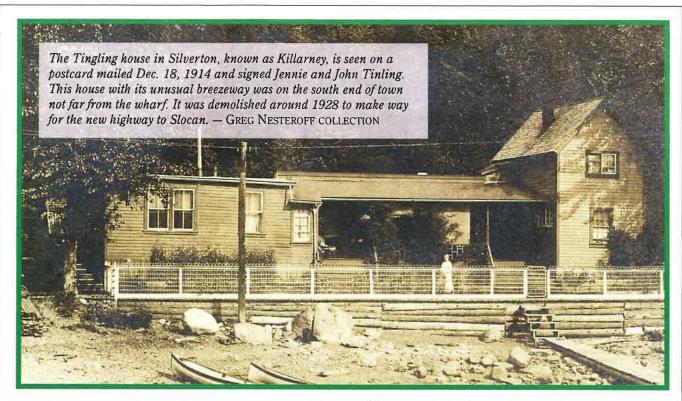


AGM date set

The 2022 annual general meeting of the Silvery Slocan Historical Society will be held entirely online via Zoom on Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m.

Present members will receive the agenda, past AGM minutes, and a link to the meeting by email closer to the event. If you are not a member but would like to attend,

email **Margaret Scaia** for the link: mrgrtscaia@gmail.com. Board member **Greg Nesteroff** will present a Zoom slide show based on the recent book *Lost Kootenays*.



Membership application (2022)

Silvery Slocan Historical Society • Box 301 • New Denver, BC • V0G 1S0

Date ____

❖ Members are entitled to vote at
general meetings and will receive a
quarterly newsletter by email.

❖ Interested in volunteering? We can always use help with work parties, organizing events, fundraising, conducting tours, managing our Facebook page, maintaining our archives and exhibits, etc.

New member

Existing member

Annual membership dues:

Single □ (\$10) Family □ (\$15)

Three-year membership:

Single □ (\$20) Family □ (\$30)

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Administrative Report: Hillary Elliott, CAO

Village of Silverton Council

Regular Meeting - March 9, 2022

This administrative report covers the period February 4, 2022 – March 4, 2022 as to the activities, functions, and meetings I have attended in my capacity as Chief Administrative Officer and Corporate Officer for the Village of Silverton.

This month the CAO continued to be very busy with calls and research with other agencies regarding COVID 19; most pertinently regarding the **new information regarding re-opening** and **its impacts** on the **Village operations/revenues, user groups, and facilities.**

DUE TO THE CONSTANT CHANGES, COVID 19 continues to impact all aspects of the Village and continues to add to the staff workload to keep up with current regulations and requirements. This has been extensive with changing rules and the requests for rentals, cancellations, and the differing rules for different events being conducted.

Silverton By Election General Voting Day: April 9, 2022, 8am – 8pm Advanced Voting Day: March 30th, 2022, 8am – 8pm

The nomination period ended March 4, 2022. The Candidates will be advertised in the Valley Voice March 10th issue.

OR

For further information, please visit <u>www.silverton.ca</u> or check the Village bulletin boards OR

Email the Chief Elections Officer or the Deputy Elections Officer: elections@silverton.ca

Financial Operations:

Staff are winding down the 2021 year and preparing for year-end and compiling all the data required for the annual financial audit to be sent to Nelson this week.

Staff have started preparations for the 2022 budget and the Utility bills for 2022 and are on schedule for mailing out before the end of March 2022.

Functions:

Thank you for all your amazing and hard work, Katrina Volk!

We will miss you and wish you all the luck in your future endeavours! We look forward to seeing you out and about Silverton!

The position for Administrative Assistant is currently posted. Closing date is March 25th. Please look in the March 10th edition of the Valley Voice, on the Village bulletin boards, or on our website for more details.

The CAO has not had the time this past month to continue with the complex and onerous set up for the Village of Silverton as a payee option at most Financial Institutions.

The CAO is busy following up regarding budget discussions and council direction at the February 23rd COTW meeting.

The CAO continues looking at options for electronic attendance wording in the Council Procedural Bylaw.

Projects:

Footbridge

Staff have inquired with our Liability insurance provider, MIA, and have booked an on-site assessment for April/May 2022 (weather dependent). Staff have managed to secure funding for this assessment; however, final costs and funding are still being calculated. Staff will be requesting alternative options for safety requirements that do not require the replacement of the railing, as requested by Councillor denBok and supported by council at the last COTW meeting.

Bylaw Officer Update

Staff continue to work on this initiative collaboratively with New Denver and Slocan. After 2022 budget discussions with the 3 Villages, staff will continue according to the budget decisions, council priorities, and staff time.

Asset Management Phase 3 and Climate Adaptation Initiatives:

Staff are finalizing the funding final report for 2021 and will have it completed and filed with the province by the end of the month.

Staff continue to move this file forward as time permits. We currently are working on the Village fleet to be added to the QGIS program.

Fire Resiliency 2020-2021 for Silverton, Slocan, and New Denver in Partnership with SIFCo

Great work Tri-Villages and SIFCO as we continue the great showcase work!!! A garden is to be created on the south side of the Fire Hall that will be maintained by the Fire Department... coming soon! (Dependent on how long the winter lasts!) Staff are currently looking into some additional funding for the garden "extras".

Village Office Upgrades/Renovations

Staff have begun the preliminary stage for this project.

Urban Forest/Tree Management Project

Work scheduled to start for May of 2022.

Wayfinding Project

This a fully funded project in partnership with the Province through the Rural Development Division and staff person Richard Toperzcer. CAO Elliott attended the Pilot Project meeting with provincial staff and other proponents regarding this initiative.

Staff continue with phases 2 and 3 as time permits.

Lakeside Campground Living Quarters

This fully funded project in partnership with Kootenay Rockies Tourism in conjunction with Destination BC and with the Villages of Slocan and New Denver and has begun with plans for completion before the campground is opened to the public in May, 2022.

Staff have completed the interview process for a campground attendant in the 2022 season. The successful candidate, if they accept, should be announced by the end of March after a contract has been signed.

Staff are working on getting the campground online booking system up and running for the 2022 season.

Due to service level changes with the merging of companies, and concerns and comments from the public, staff have changed to a local Canadian provider based out of Rossland. However, the pay system is PayPal as choices for financial systems are very limited in viable, safe choices.

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 (final report completed this week), Asset Management, and contractors for project timelines, plans and completion of 2021 capital projects and to compile all the different information to meet with stakeholders, contractors and professionals required for the various works.

Staff have been busy with work on:

- Carrying out the 2022 budget requests of Council from the February 23rd COTW meeting
- Working with CBBC regarding infrastructure in the Village and on Village property for internet backbone services
- Snow removal and water run-off management

- Water capital project on-going, engineer staff are creating the required documents for the pipe replacement above the creek
- Following up on numerous community needs and requests
- 4 boat racks have been ordered and should be shipped out this month

Staff continue to be very busy regarding COVID 19, how it affects the present Village operations and future measures to put in place to mitigate risks to operations for the "re-opening". **This is on-going and continuing to change.**

CAO Meetings:

Meeting with Provincial and Municipal staff

Much correspondence and inquiry regarding land use, building requirements, and properties in Silverton.

Weekly meetings with Mayor Ferguson.

Meetings regarding council initiatives.

Calls regarding contracts and communications with stakeholders and Village projects.

Met with staff regularly.

CAO Training/Courses:

None at this time.

Hillary Elliott, CAO