



VILLAGE OF SILVERTON PERMISSIVE TAX EXEMPTIONS GRANTED – 2014

In accordance with Section 98(2)(b) and 224 (a) of the Community Charter, the following properties in the Village of Silverton were provided permissive property tax exemptions by Council in 2013 in Bylaw 483, 2013.

Legal Description	Civic Address	Organization
Parcel A, Plan 14048 DL 434	421 Lake Ave The Gallery	Slocan Lake Gallery Society
Lot A, Plan 21641 DL 434	The Arena Curling Rink	Slocan Lake Arena Society
Lot 23, Block 15 Plan 574	Colleen's Beach Park	Valhalla Foundation

VILLAGE OF SILVERTON 2014 REPORT ON MUNICIPAL SERVICES AND OPERATIONS

Municipal Services and Operations in 2014 consisted of:

- Garbage pick up
- Yard waste pick up
- Water supply
- Road maintenance and repair
- Sidewalk maintenance and repair
- Lawn mowing and park improvements
- Fire protection services
- Emergency Preparedness

VILLAGE OF SILVERTON DECLARATION OF DISQUALIFICATION

Pursuant to Section 111(6)(b) or (c) of the Community Charter, no members of Council were disqualified from holding office in the 2014 fiscal year.

SILVERTON OBJECTIVES AND MEASURES

July 2014 – May, 2015

Projects, and priorities	To be done	By Whom	Current Status
<p>1. STAFFING</p> <p>(a) Mentor CAO</p> <p>(b) Recruit CFO</p> <p>(c) Provide staff with adequate budget for training</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council commitment to ensure these initiatives are carried forward through policy and meetings with staff - Council commitment to ensure budget and reserves are adequate 	<p>Council and senior staff</p> <p>Council</p> <p>Council CAO</p>	<p>Melisa Miles was Appointed CAO in 2014</p> <p>Silverton Appointed the City of Nelson as CFO in 2014</p> <p>Council continues to provide funding for staff training.</p>
<p>2. FACILITIES</p> <p>(a). Create a facility plan for use, maintenance, management and marketing of all Village owned properties.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Council to determine through public consultation the priority and future of its facilities, then ensure a plan is adopted through policy and budget allocation 	<p>Council with help from senior staff</p>	<p>A comprehensive Architectural study was done on the Gallery Building.</p> <p>Council has budgeted funding for the Gallery Re-Opening Project.</p> <p>Repairs were done to Memorial Hall, Arena, and Village Office as needed.</p> <p>Funding has been budgeted for the Tennis Court Repair.</p>

<p>3. WATER SYSTEM</p>	<p>Obtain a grant from UBCM for a water master plan</p> <p>Work with CBT on their Water Smart program to reduce usage and detect leakage etc.</p>	<p>Staff</p> <p>Staff</p>	<p>Grant has been applied for and initial meeting with CBT was held.</p> <p>Watering restrictions in effect from May 1st until September 30th of each year.</p>
<p>4. DOWNTOWN</p> <p>(a) Communities in Bloom</p> <p>(b) Bus Shelter</p>	<p>- Request bus shelter for both sides of the highway corridor</p>	<p>Communities in Bloom</p> <p>BC transit</p>	<p>Council completed the second year of CIB</p> <p>Funding for Bus shelter has been allocated in the 2015 Budget.</p>
<p>4(a). HIGHWAY CORRIDOR</p> <p>(b) Highway control (speed / signage)</p>	<p>- Council agrees to implement recommendations</p>	<p>Council with help from staff</p>	<p>Speed reader sign has been installed</p>
<p>5. BYLAWS and POLICY</p> <p>(a) Complimentary to Council Goals and Priorities.</p> <p>(b) Protect Silverton from box stores and franchises</p>	<p>Ensure bylaws and policy are updated and reviewed to ensure they are complimentary and reflect Council's goals and priorities</p>	<p>Council and CAO</p>	<p>Council has committed to ensuring all Policies reflect Council priorities. Policies will be reviewed and amended.</p>

<p>6. BRING VILLAGE INTO COMPLIANCE</p> <p><i>Record Management</i></p>	<p>- <i>Create and maintain a filing system that is complimentary to the Village needs. (LGMA filing system)</i></p>	<p><i>Staff</i></p>	
<p>7. ASSET MANAGEMENT</p>	<p><i>Develop an asset management plan for implementation (CAO arranging for Asset Management BC to work with Silverton on implementation of plan.)</i></p>	<p><i>Council and CAO</i></p>	<p><i>To be done in 2015. (All Municipalities wishing to apply for additional Gas Tax Funding must now have an Asset Management plan in place.)</i></p>
<p>8. WILDFIRE PROTECTION</p>	<p><i>Continue to apply for UBCM funding for fuel prescription and reduction of interface fire threat</i></p>	<p><i>Council and staff</i></p>	<p><i>2015 grant has been applied for and Council has allocated funds.</i></p>

**VILLAGE OF SILVERTON
STRATEGIC COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDS PLAN AND REPORT**

Intended Use	Performance Target	Progress Made to First Reporting Period (June 30, 2013)	Progress Made to Second Reporting Period (June 30, 2013)
<p>Use funding to support local government services to avoid excessive tax rate increases.</p>	<p>Minimize tax rate increases</p>	<p>Tax increase for 2013 - 3%</p>	<p>Tax increase for 2014 - 3%</p>

The Village used the Small Community Funding Grant to reduce the tax burden on the business and residential properties. Without the unconditional grant of \$174,292, the Village would have needed to increase property taxes by approximately 145% to continue providing Village services at their current levels.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

It is my pleasure to introduce the 2014 Annual Municipal Report for the Village of Silverton. We've just finished an election cycle, which resulted in me becoming the Mayor; a position which I am both honored and excited to hold. We have a fantastic Council that I look forward to working with over the next four years. Last but far from least, thanks to the direction of the previous Mayor and Council we also have a wonderful, co-operative and hardworking staff.

Our first order of business as a new Council was getting our budget sorted while simultaneously working on strategic planning. Normally the strategic planning would come first, then the budget; but due to the election we were short on time. I am pleased to announce that we managed to successfully complete both tasks.

While we have a lot of items on our list of things we'd like to see for Silverton, we've chosen five items to focus on. They are: creating an asset management plan; re-opening the Silverton Gallery; reviewing and remediating our policies; waste management/reduction via composting; and continuing to update our water system. As we cross items off of our list new priorities will take their place.

We have also noted the need for better communication between Council and our residents. We have decided to borrow from New Denver's model, and engage in Council Cafés. Our goal is to schedule them quarterly, with the first being in April. Through engaging in this format we hope to foster a spirit of openness and collaboration between ourselves and our residents.

Collaboration also continues to be an ongoing goal of the local governments in this area. I am proud to announce that we will continue meeting quarterly with New Denver, Slocan and Area H, in an effort to share resources and ideas. This is something that was carried over from the previous term and continues to gain both momentum and traction.

Thank-you to our residents, volunteers, business owners, Village Staff and Council. Silverton is the wonderful place it is because of you all.

Jason Clarke
Mayor



REPORT FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

This Annual Report provides a summary of the activities, projects, services, financial statements and some key information that the reader may find useful when measuring and comparing Silverton with other local governments.

The Annual Report provides updates and accomplishments of the goals and objectives consistent with our desired future.

Council and the CAO strived to keep the municipal levels of taxation reasonable.

The Village Office continues to ensure a high level of customer service, assisting citizens in their interaction with the Village. We understand that the Village Office is the first point of contact and we strive to provide accessible, friendly and effective service with a flow of information and communications between Council and their constituents.

Complaints at the Village office vary from dogs at large to watering restrictions. All complaints are encouraged to be delivered to the Village Office in writing, where they can be handled and responded to in an appropriate manner.

Village staff monitor, control and allocate financial resources in order to achieve the community's immediate and long-term goals and objectives. Staff perform a various list of duties, including; revenue collection, paying on-going bills and invoices, payroll, maintaining property tax assessment roll information, establishing annual municipal tax rates, preparing five year capital and operating plans, along with completing the required financial activities as legislated in the Local Government Act and Community Charter.

Our existence is based on service to the community where no other entity is willing to provide and deliver for the quality of life for residents. To this end, our employees are committed to providing a high level of services and support to the residents.

Melisa A. Miles
Chief Administrative Officer



SILVERTON - 2015 Strategic Planning (Rated by top five priorities)

Category	Project	Priority
Administration	Policy Overview & Remediation	3
Administration	Continue supporting Staff development	
Administration	Bylaw Overview & Remediation	
Administration	OCP review & update	
Administration	Record Management Improvements	
Communication	Better communication and civic engagement	
Communication	Engaging young people - volunteerism, committees, commissions, public office, etc...	
Communication	Better engagement w/school	
Communication	Young family support	
Economic Development	Creating a maker space	
Economic Development	Keep revenue local	
Economic Development	Village Selling - Soil, Gravel, Woodchips	
Facilities	Better understanding of our facilities	
Facilities	Maintenance Plan/Asset Management Plan	1
Facilities	Gallery re-opening project	2
Facilities	Creekside Campsite - Large roof over washroom/basin area (5K cost)	
Facilities	Get facilities to operate more smoothly - be more profitable	
Facilities	Campground Update - Wireless internet	
Facilities	Geothermal/District Heating - get baseline	
Facilities	Campground Overhaul - communal fire pit, programming for campers, sing along	
Facilities	Campground Update - Power hookups (serviced campsites)	
Facilities	Campground Overhaul - permanent structures - micro homes - yurts - cob home etc...	
Infrastructure	Water lines - tying in dead ends	4
Infrastructure	Footbridge - (railing replacement etc...)	
Infrastructure	Community Forest to protect the water shed	
Infrastructure	Fencing around reservoir	
Infrastructure	Community Garden	
Infrastructure	Broad Band/Fiber to home	
Infrastructure	Street Lights (installing our own w/LED)	

Infrastructure	Day Park - Gazebo & Power	
Infrastructure	Pave all streets	
Infrastructure	Day Park - Seating	
Lake/Creek	Dike Maintenance	
Lake/Creek	Riparian protection - Education	
Lake/Creek	Signage	
Lake/Creek	Education in general	
Lake/Creek	Lake Management	
Lake/Creek	Lake shore walking trail	
Lake/Creek	Silverton Creek mouth erosion	
Lake/Creek	Water craft education	
Other	Food Security	
Other	Changing over pews in Village Office	
Services	Properly Maintaining current services	
Services	Recycling - Waste Elimination	5
Services	Recycling - Electronics	