



# VILLAGE OF SILVERTON

## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD

May 12, 2021

ONLINE – GoToMeeting (as posted)

7:00 PM

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY**

**D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

1. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting April 14, 2021
2. Minutes of Regular Council Meeting April 14, 2021
3. Minutes of the Special Council Meeting April 28, 2021

**F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

Miranda Hughes – Silverton Co-Work Society Proposal for a “Silverton Wifi Garden”

## **G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING**

1. WildSafeBC Community Coordinator RE: Program **Active April 14, 2021**

### **Recommendation:**

That the Village of Silverton Council request to meet with the WildSafeBC Community Coordinator on a date and time that is mutually acceptable to be arranged by Silverton staff.

2. FireSmart Community Protection Achievement Certificate

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

None at this time.

## **I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

1. COVID 19 Community Enforcement Support Information
2. Roy Brooke RE: Natural Asset & Public Sector Accounting Board Limitations
3. Silvery Slocan Historical Society RE: The Silver Standard
4. City of Victoria RE: Pandemic, job lay-offs, and livable wages
5. City of Penticton RE: Provincial Paramountcy
6. City of Kamloops RE: Ensuring Professional News Media for Canadians
7. District of Clearwater RE: Support for 9-8-8 Crisis Line Initiative
8. The Wild Connection RE: Zincton

## **J. COUNCIL REPORTS**

### **1. Mayor - Vacant position**

### **2. Acting Mayor 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
- RDI Climate Adaptation project Team
- Health Committee Alternate – Slocan District Chamber of Commerce
- Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Advisory Committee (TAC) Alternate

**3. Councillor Tanya Gordon**

- Ktunaxa Kinbasket Treaty Advisory Committee (TAC)
- Health Committee – Slocan District Chamber of Commerce
- RDI Climate Adaptation project Team
- Rat Control Liaison
- CBBC Liaison Alternate
- Recreation Commission No. 6, Alternate
- Municipal Emergency Management, Alternate

**4. Councillor Arlene Yofonoff**

- Recreation Commission No. 6
- Slocan District Chamber of Commerce
- 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**

None at this time.

**M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

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) legal.

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 *SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING* HELD ONLINE ON  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021 AT 6:30PM**

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**PRESENT:** Acting Mayor L. Main, Councillors, T. Gordon, A. Yofonoff

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** H. Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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Acting Mayor Leah Main Called the Meeting to Order at 6:30 pm.

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

**C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY**

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None at this time.

**D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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048/2021 - Moved, seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**E. IN CAMERA MEETING:**

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The Special Meeting recessed at 6:31 pm in order to conduct the Closed Meeting.

The Special Meeting reconvened at 6:45 pm.

**APRIL 14, 2021 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

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**H. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA**

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None at this time.

**I. ADJOURNMENT**

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**049/2020 – Moved that Council adjourn at 6:46 pm.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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**Acting Mayor L. Main**

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**Chief Administrative Officer**

**MINUTES OF THE *REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021 AT 7:00PM***

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**PRESENT:** Acting Mayor L. Main, Councillors T. Gordon, A. Yofonoff

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** H. Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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Acting Mayor Leah Main Called the Meeting to Order at 7:04 pm.

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

**C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY**

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**D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**050/2021 - Moved, seconded** that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

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**E. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**051/2021 – Moved, seconded** That the Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2021 at 4pm, the Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2021 at 5pm, the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2021, and the Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 31, 2021 be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

# **APRIL 14, 2021 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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## **F. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

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None at this time.

## **G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING**

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None at this time.

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

### **H1. FCM RE: ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**052/2021 – Moved, seconded** WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) represents the interests of municipalities on policy and program matters that fall within federal jurisdiction;

WHEREAS FCM's Board of Directors is comprised of elected municipal officials from all regions and sizes of communities to form a broad base of support and provide FCM with the prestige required to carry the municipal message to the federal government; and

WHEREAS FCM's Annual Conference and Trade Show will take place from June 4 to 7, 2020, during which time the Annual General Meeting will be held and followed by the election of FCM's Board of Directors;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council of the Village of Silverton, British Columbia, endorse Leah Main to stand for election on FCM's Board of Directors for the period starting in June 2021 and ending June 2022.

CARRIED

### **H2. CKISS CLEAN AND DRY OUTREACH BOOTH AT SILVERTON BOAT LAUNCH**

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**053/2021 – Moved, seconded** That the Village of Silverton Council supports the CKISS Clean Drain Dry Outreach booth initiative and requests that CKISS work with Village staff to set up the CKISS Clean Drain Dry Outreach booth in Silverton by the boat launch in the 2021 season.

CARRIED



## **APRIL 14, 2021 MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

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### **I. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

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**054/2021 – Moved, seconded** That the Village of Silverton Council refer Item I. 10 from the Silverton Co-Work Society regarding the requirements for a Development Permit and any other permitting required for the process to staff as part of standard operational procedure for building permits.

CARRIED

### **J. COUNCIL REPORTS**

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Received for information.

### **K. ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

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**055/2021 – Moved, seconded** Therefore Be It Resolved that the Village of Silverton Council direct staff to install the 4<sup>th</sup> Bear Proof bin at Silver Cove for residential garbage disposal as a Pilot Project.

CARRIED

### **L. BYLAWS AND POLICY**

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None at this time.

### **M. PUBLIC INPUT PERIOD**

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Press requested information regarding the bear proof bins timeline. Council response was that it was the next step.

Don Broughton inquired about the Bull Trout Wildlife Habitat Area application and whether Kokanee were part of that application. Council response was that it focused on Bull Trout habitat.

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**N. IN CAMERA MEETING:**

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The Regular Meeting recessed at 7:23 pm in order to conduct the Closed Meeting.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:46 pm.

**O. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA**

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None at this time.

**P. ADJOURNMENT**

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**056/2020 – Moved that Council adjourn at 7:47pm.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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**Acting Mayor L. Main**

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**Chief Administrative Officer**

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ONLINE ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021 AT 4:00PM**

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**PRESENT:** Acting Mayor L. Main, Councillors, T. Gordon, A. Yofonoff

**ABSENT:**

**STAFF:** H. Elliott, Chief Administrative Officer

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

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Acting Mayor Leah Main Called the Meeting to Order at 4:01 pm.

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

**C. ADDITION OF LATE ITEMS IF ANY**

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None at this time.

**D. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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057/2021 - Moved, seconded that the Agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS/BUSINESS ARISING**

**E1. 2021 FINANCIAL PLAN PRESENTATION**

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Received for information.

## **APRIL 28, 2021 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

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### **E2. 2021 – 2025 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN BYLAW NO. 524 – 2021**

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**058/2021 - Moved, seconded** That Village of Silverton Council give Bylaw No. 524 – 2021 First Reading.

CARRIED

**059/2021 - Moved, seconded** That Village of Silverton Council give Bylaw No. 524 – 2021 Second Reading.

CARRIED

**060/2021 - Moved, seconded** That Village of Silverton Council give Bylaw No. 524 – 2021 Third Reading.

CARRIED

**061/2021 - Moved, seconded** That the Village of Silverton Council reconsider and finally adopt 2021 – 2025 Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 524 – 2021 be adopted pursuant to the powers granted to Council by Ministerial Order No. 192.

CARRIED

### **E3. 2021 – TAX RATE BYLAW NO. 525 – 2021**

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**062/2021 - Moved, seconded** That Village of Silverton Council give Bylaw No. 525 – 2021 First Reading.

CARRIED

**063/2021 - Moved, seconded** That Village of Silverton Council give Bylaw No. 525 – 2021 Second Reading.

CARRIED

**064/2021 - Moved, seconded** That Village of Silverton Council give Bylaw No. 525 – 2021 Third Reading.

CARRIED

**065/2021 - Moved, seconded** That the Village of Silverton Council reconsider and finally adopt 2021 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 525 - 2021 be adopted pursuant to the powers granted to Council by Ministerial Order No. 192.

CARRIED

## APRIL 28, 2021 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

### E4. MINISTERIAL ORDER NO. M176

066/2021 - **Moved, seconded** That the Village of Silverton Council approve Ministerial Order No. M176 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs regarding the Village of Silverton 2021 General Local By-Election.

CARRIED

### E4. CIP/APP 2021 FUNDING ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

067/2021 - **Moved, seconded** That the Village of Silverton Council approve the judication list as completed at the meeting:

Registered Applicant/ Organization Legal Name	Project Title	Total Requested from CIP/AAP	Funding Requested from Silverton	Funding Granted
Goat Mountain Kids Society	Bikes & Trikes	\$ 5,246.07	\$ 2,000.00	1,700.00
Harvest Share	Harvest Share	\$ 4,999.00	\$ 1,999.00	1,699.15
Healthy Community Society-North Valley	Share, Teach, Grow	\$ 9,705.00	\$ 4,500.00	3,825.00
Healthy Community Society-North Valley	Meals in our Community	\$ 9,305.00	\$ 3,900.00	3,315.00
Kalein Hospice Centre Society	Nav-CARE	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 500.00	425.00
Kootenay Adaptive Sport Association	Rail Trail Washout/Cable Car	\$ 36,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	1,700.00
Kootenay Association for Science & Technoloty	Virtual STEAM Youth Forum	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 250.00	212.50
K-B Regional Hosp & Health Foundation	ICU/HART Project	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 500.00	425.00
Kootenay Kids Society	Toy Library Therapy Expansion	\$ 4,694.38	\$ 356.00	302.60
Nakusp Ski Club Association	Summit Lake T-Bar	\$ 49,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	5,000.00
Nelson Civic Theatre Society	Kootenay Regional Film Commission	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 82.11	69.79
New Denver & Area Housing Society	Design/Development Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 24,000.00	\$ -	0.00

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<b>New Denver &amp; Area Youth Centre Society</b>	Admin. Coordination & Support	\$ 7,500.00	\$ <b>2,900.00</b>	2,465.00
<b>North Slokan Trails Society</b>	Butter Me Up MTB Trail	\$ 20,997.20	\$ <b>3,050.00</b>	2,592.50
<b>Rural Alternatives Research &amp; Training Society (RARTS)</b>	Vallican Whole Artist Residency Program	\$ 5,000.00	\$ <b>250.00</b>	212.50
<b>Slocan Lake Early Learning Society</b>	Play Area Bench Replacement	\$ 500.00	\$ <b>150.00</b>	150.00
<b>Slocan Lake Garden Society</b>	Kohan Garden Website Renewal	\$ 3,000.00	\$ <b>300.00</b>	300.00
<b>Slocan Lake Golf Club</b>	Golf Course Upgrades	\$ 29,600.00	\$ <b>8,500.00</b>	7,225.00
<b>North Valley Mountain Film Festival Committee</b>	North Valley Mountain Film Festival	\$ 4,999.00	\$ <b>2,000.00</b>	1,700.00
<b>Valhalla Hills Nordic Ski Club</b>	Grooming Tracks - Phase 2	\$ 7,500.00	\$ <b>1,000.00</b>	850.00
<b>West Kootenay Community EcoSociety</b>	Promoting Old Growth Forest Trails	\$ 6,400.00	\$ <b>600.00</b>	510.00
<b>West Kootenay Community EcoSociety</b>	Supporting Implementation of WK 100% Renewable Energy Plan	\$ 13,500.00	\$ <b>1,000.00</b>	850.00
<b>Wynndel Community Centre</b>	Wynndel Community Playground Project	\$ 10,000.00	\$ <b>275.00</b>	233.75
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<b>35,762.79</b>		<b>\$ 348,045.65</b>	<b>41,112.11</b>	<b>35,762.7</b>

CARRIED

**F. 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 – 2 (b), interagency government discussions.

The Regular Meeting recessed at 4:48 pm in order to conduct the Closed Meeting.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 5:00 pm

**APRIL 28, 2021 MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

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**G. ITEMS BROUGHT FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA**

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None at this time.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

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**068/2020 – Moved that Council adjourn at 5:01 pm.**

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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**Acting Mayor L. Main**

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**Chief Administrative Officer**

## Proposal for Outdoor Free Wifi Garden

Silverton BC

This project would be a collaboration between the Village of Silverton and the Silverton Co-Work Society.

### ***About the Silverton Co-Work Society***

The Silverton Co-Work Society (SCS) is a registered non-profit society formed in 2018. Its aims are to provide a co-work facility for local and seasonal users, including individuals, businesses, and non-profit organizations, to promote rural economic development including an innovative sharing economy and to support collaboration opportunities, training and communication amongst co-work users. This will ultimately be provided through access to year-round office space, meeting space, workshop/training space, and a commercial kitchen and food preparation area.

The SCS has operated under a “lean-start-up model” in order to provide individuals with office workspace and internet access currently, while securing funding and preparing to move forward with a major renovation of the Silverton General Store. This funding has now been secured and the renovation is expected to commence this summer with completion targeted for late 2022.

### Silverton wifi garden: identified needs

- Visitors to the area need an area to access free wifi at their convenience for things like banking, communication with family and work-related responsibilities
- Silverton has no public access wifi. Local businesses like the cafe have made policy decisions to remain wifi free.
- Access in New Denver has only been available through the Reading Centre 8 hours per week and within the credit union
- Local residents may have limited or no access to high speed internet in their homes. There are no cable internet service providers, mid-speed DSL service is available only within the Village of New Denver, and mobile hubs dependent on spotty cell coverage that does not reach many of the rural homes and unincorporated communities in the area.
- The SCS currently provides an office-type work-space to individuals on an occasional pay-per-session basis (comprising its current bare-bones COVID-safe “co-work” operations) and needs an interim space to use for this service as they prepare for major renovation and construction project in their current location at the Silverton General Store.

### The Proposal

The Silverton Co-Work Society would move its co-work operations and high-speed internet hub to a space owned by the Village of Silverton: perhaps within the Firehall or the old museum space in the lower level of the Gallery. This will allow it to continue its bare-bones operation throughout its 2021-2022 construction/renovation project. The Village of Silverton would provide this space at zero or nominal cost to the SCS.

With the Silverton Co-Work Society’s Telus SmartHub situated indoors, they would then create a guest wifi network which would cover an adjacent area outdoors. The Village of Silverton would offer the use of this outdoor area as a free wifi hotspot - the Silverton wifi Garden - to the community and visitors, with internet access provided by the SCS. We anticipate that such a hot-spot might be used short-term by 5-10 people per day. Since charging stations would not be provided, people would be unlikely to linger for long periods.



## Proposal for Outdoor Free Wifi Garden

Silverton BC

The outdoor space could be made functional immediately with donated or up-cycled outdoor furniture. However the option would exist for the Silverton Co-Work Society or the Village of Silverton to apply for funding through the May/June intake round of the federal government's Healthy Communities Initiative<sup>1</sup>. Any funds procured could pay for promotion, signage, heavier-duty outdoor furniture, landscaping features and/or shade-wings/umbrellas in order to create a more and attractive welcoming public space that would function like the seating area in a small park.



### Challenges

- Situating and protecting the wifi garden such that shade is available throughout the day
- Securing any shades, canopies or furniture against wind, theft or vandalism
- Telus Mobile Hub internet is occasionally subject to decreased speeds at times of high bandwidth use.
- Security on the guest internet network will need to be kept to industry standards and may benefit from the input of an IT consultant
- Secure access to indoor space for co-work bookings will need be ensured
- A wifi signal booster may be required to cover the area outside the building
- Excess loitering and littering could become a problem

### Benefits

- The Silverton WIFI Garden would make use of currently under-utilized public space in a safe and innovative way during the pandemic
- This public space is easily accessible on foot from the campground and already has ample parking for rural residents

## Proposal for Outdoor Free Wifi Garden

Silverton BC

- The outdoor space is accessible to those with mobility issues thanks to level access along a paved sidewalk
- Use of the wifi garden would encourage people to patronize other local businesses
- Two levels of internet access - casual outdoor use for free, and booked / paid indoor workspace use - would support economic activity by allowing seasonal and part-time residents to stay connected to home while working within public health safety guidelines
- The Village of Silverton would be contributing to a highly visible and innovative new public service for residents and visitors alike
- Visitors coming through the area would be less inclined to view Silverton as a digitally isolated community only suitable for short-term visits. Instead they would see it as geographically remote but technologically connected, and therefore an attractive place to live and work.

1. The Healthy Communities Initiative is a federal granting initiative in support of community projects that “create vibrant safe spaces .... adapt public places during a pandemic and ... provide community digital solutions to help people during a pandemic.” The fund is 23 million dollars and individual grants range from \$5000 to \$250 000. The intake for the second round of grants is from May 14 - June 25, 2021. <https://communityfoundations.ca/initiatives/chci/>

**helliott@silverton.ca**

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**From:** New Denver Coordinator <newdenver@wildsafebc.com>  
**Sent:** April 14, 2021 3:57 PM  
**To:** Hillary Elliott  
**Subject:** WildSafeBC New Denver, Silverton, Nakusp & Areas H and K Active!

Hello,

I just wanted to e-mail to let you know that I am returning as the local WildSafeBC Community Coordinator and that the program is now active as of today!

I would love to set up a sponsor meeting to see what your needs and desires are for this year. Are you available next week for a sponsor meeting over Zoom? I am hoping to do a group meeting with Silverton, Nakusp and New Denver, but individual meetings might be needed. I recommend Tuesday (April 20th) between 9:30 AM and 4 PM, Wednesday (21st) between 9:30 AM and 12:00 PM, Thursday (22nd) between 1:30 and 4:00 PM, or Friday (23rd) any time. Do any of these times work for you? It sounds like Nakusp might be available Thursday or Friday, so I would recommend Thursday since I believe your office is closed Fridays.

I hope you had a wonderful winter! I look forward to hearing back from you.

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Cora Skaien  
WildSafeBC New Denver, Silverton, Nakusp & Areas H and K  
Phone: 778-987-3652

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## BC FireSmart Committee

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Stephan Martineau  
Village of Silverton  
Box 189  
Winlaw, BC V0G 2J0

Dear Stephan Martineau

**Subject: FireSmart Community Protection Achievement Certificate**

I am pleased to announce that the Village of Silverton has been approved for a FireSmart Community Protection Achievement Certificate.

This award recognizes communities such as yours across Canada who are dedicated to reducing the risk of wildfire and who are using the FireSmart disciplines to increase public safety. Congratulations on taking this important step in making your community and homes within it, more resilient to wildfire.

In recognition of your work in obtaining the FireSmart Community Protection Achievement Certificate, the BC FireSmart Committee is pleased to present your community with your certificate along with a metal sign highlighting your success. This metal sign will help to inform your residents that the Village of Silverton is committed to taking the steps necessary to build a truly wildfire resilient community.

Thank you for your dedication in working towards reducing the wildfire risk in your community, your neighbourhoods and your homes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kelsey Winter".

Kelsey Winter  
Chair, BC FireSmart Committee



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Canada

**FireSmart**<sup>®</sup>  
**Community Protection**  
**Achievement Certificate**

*Presented to:*

Village of Silverton

November 24, 2020

*dated*



*Ray Ault*

Executive Director  
FireSmart Canada  
Partners in Protection

*Amanda Reynolds*

Amanda Reynolds  
Provincial FireSmart Liaison  
British Columbia

helliott@silverton.ca

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**From:** COVID19 Community Enforcement Support GPEB:EX  
**Sent:** May 3, 2021 12:56 PM  
**To:** COVID19 Community Enforcement Support GPEB:EX  
**Subject:** IMPORTANT - APRIL 30, 2021 - Travel Restrictions (COVID-19) Order No.2

Community enforcement colleagues,

Further to my email of April 26 regarding the **Travel Restrictions (COVID-19) Order**, please be advised that on April 30 the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General announced that the order to restrict non-essential travel issued on April 23 has been repealed and replaced with the **Travel Restrictions (COVID-19) Order No. 2**. This new Order will remain in effect until May 25, 2021 which corresponds with the May long weekend.

The full Order is available at the following link: [https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/mo/mo/m0182\\_2021](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/mo/mo/m0182_2021)

Under the Authority of the Emergency Program Act the **Travel Restrictions (COVID-19) Order No. 2** provides additional authorities for Police to conduct site-specific road checks on travel corridors as determined by the police. Note: The RCMP is the only agency intended to establish road checks and these will occur under the direction and guidance of RCMP "E" Division Traffic Services. These additional powers are contained in Section 4 of the Order:

1. A police officer may require the driver of motor vehicle to stop, and the driver, when signalled or requested to stop by a police officer who is readily identifiable as a police officer, must immediately come to a safe stop
2. A police officer may exercise the power under subsection (1) only at a location that is specified to police officers for the purposes of this order by a police force.
3. A police force may specify to police officers a location referred to in subsection (2) and, if it does specify a location, must do so in writing
4. If requested by a police officer for the purposes of this order, the driver of a motor vehicle that has been stopped under subsection (1) must
  - a. Provide the driver's name, address and driver's licence
  - b. Provide any other available documentation respecting paragraph (a)
  - c. State the purpose of the driver's travel.
5. If the police officer reasonably believes that the driver
  - a. Has contravened or is contravening section 2 (1) of this order, the police officer may direct the driver to leave the health authority region that the driver was prohibited from entering, or
  - b. Is about to contravene subsection 2 (1) of this order, the police officer may direct the driver to not enter a health authority region that the person is prohibited from entering
6. The driver directed to leave, or not to enter, a health authority region, as applicable, under subsection (5) must comply with the direction of the police officer

Two exemptions have been added to this Order and are considered essential travel. They are as follows:

- Visiting by an essential visitor or social visitor as provided in the guidance of the Ministry of Health set out in a document titled "Ministry of Health – Overview of Visitors in Long-Term Care and Seniors' Assisted Living" that was in effect April 1, 2021.
- Travelling for the purpose of leaving the risk of abuse or violence.

**Offences and fine amounts:**

As with the first version of the Order, police are authorized to issue violation tickets for violation of the travel ban and abusive or belligerent behaviour. Police can now also issue violation tickets for failing to stop, failing to provide information and failing to comply with direction. Schedule 2 of the Violation Ticket Administration and Fines Regulation

(BC Reg 89/97) has been amended to include the following contraventions issued under the ***Travel Restrictions (Covid-19) Order No. 2:***

- Section 2 (1) Fail to comply with travel restriction (\$575 fine)
- Section 4 (1) Fail to stop for police (\$230 fine)
- Section 4 (4) Fail to provide information (\$230 fine)
- Section 4 (6) Fail to comply with direction (\$230 fine)
- Section 5 Abusive or belligerent behaviour (\$230 fine)

The Order does NOT provide police with authority to:

- Carry-out street checks
- Stop pedestrians on the streets or to conduct random inspections or investigations.
- Carry-out random vehicle checks or checks at the discretion of individual police officers.
- Require passengers in the vehicle to provide any information. Passengers in the vehicle are not required to provide any information.
- Record personal information related to road checks or other lawful interactions unless enforcement action is taken.
- Run personal information into police databases to collect information on outstanding warrants or immigration status unless enforcement action is taken.

**Philip Montgomery**

Regional Director / Operations Project Lead  
Enforcement Division / COVID-19 Provincial Orders Support Team  
Special Provincial Constable  
Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch

**S/Cst. Charlene Beck**

Investigator / Operations Project Coordinator  
Enforcement Division / COVID-19 Provincial Order Support Team  
Gaming Policy & Enforcement Branch  
Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General  
910 Government Street, Victoria, BC

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**From:** Roy Brooke  
**Sent:** May 3, 2021 1:41 PM  
**To:** Joanna Eyquem  
**Subject:** Natural assets & Public Sector Accounting Board limitations  
**Attachments:** 2021\_PSAB Joint Consultation Response - Natural Assets.pdf

Dear colleagues,

With apologies for cross-postings and the form letter:

I am writing to see if you will join the Intact Center, KPMG, the Municipal Natural Assets Initiative and a growing list of other signatories to a response to the Public Sector Accounting Board's consultation on the [revision of their conceptual framework \[frascanada.ca\]](#). The proposed PSAB changes as they relate to natural assets are explained in the attached, which includes recommendations to remove their explicit exclusion from public entity financial statements.

The valuation of natural assets is fundamental to investment and management of natural assets / natural infrastructure in Canada and there is a corresponding interest in the attached submission from accountants, investors, municipalities, asset managers, researchers. The Insurance Bureau of Canada, Asset Management Ontario and the City of Ottawa are some of the other confirmed signatories. The issue was raised yet again in the [Globe and Mail this week](#).

Joanna Eyquem (copied) from the Intact Center is collecting electronic signatures, affixing them to the final PDF and destroying them when complete.

Do please consider this, and, if you agree, kindly send Joanna a PDF of the relevant signature (Finance Director, CAO, Mayor all great) as well as the affiliation you would like to have noted.

Best wishes,

Roy

—  
Roy Brooke  
Executive Director  
Municipal Natural Assets Initiative



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# THE SILVER STANDARD

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE SILVERY SLOCAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY • SPRING 2021 • VOL. 5, No. 4



**Silvery Slocan  
Historical Society**  
Incorporated  
April 28, 1971 to  
preserve the history of  
the Slocan Lake area and  
operate the Silvery  
Slocan Museum

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*The main lobby of the Silvery Slocan Museum on July 20, 1971. The building was the Bank of Montreal from 1897 to 1969. — SSSH ARCHIVE PHOTO 2001.015.005*

## Society prepares to mark golden anniversary

**T**his year marks the Silvery Slocan Historical Society's 50th anniversary. We have a lot to celebrate!

Despite the museum's closure in 2020 due to the pandemic, the society remained very active. We had four volunteers doing museum work and more than 50 members overall.

The museum's east wall was repaired. It was also a bonus to get additional plugs wired into the wall. Other improvements to the museum carried out by the Village of New Denver as the result of a grant included:

- Resolving a humidity problem in the archives room by installing a ventilation fan in the crawl space. Data shows a constant humidity in an acceptable range (less than 50 per cent, even when the dehumidifier in the archives room is not turned on). This is certainly a plus for the entire building foundation.

- Painting of the interior walls downstairs,

in the hall, up the stairs and in the upstairs hallway.

- Repairs to the floor in the Knights of Pythias room. It no longer has two holes.
- Repairs to the floor in the archives room in the southeast corner and to the rotting studs and wall.

- A new coat of paint on the outside of the building on the first floor.

- Installation of new flashing.
- Replacement of existing awnings and an additional awning over the Bellevue Street door. This additional awning will protect the door from further water damage.

- Replacement of the large window on the south side, by the door, which was cracked.

With Covid-19, we revised what we did during 2020. We kept the museum closed to

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## New board acclaimed

The Silvery Slocan Historical Society held its annual general meeting on March 25, via Zoom. A new board was acclaimed for 2021-22, which looks a lot like the old one, but with a few important changes.

**Henning von Krogh** of New Denver returns as president for another year. **Judith von Krogh** is back for another year as secretary.

**Margaret Scaia** of Silvertown, previously director-at-large, has stepped up to become vice-president, until now a vacant position.

Returning as directors-at-large are **Joyce Gill** of New Denver and **Greg Nesteroff** of Trail.

New to the board this year is **Chad Townsend**, who has owned a heritage property (the former Methodist Church in New Denver, built in 1893) since 2014 and has benefitted from the society's archival and museum work. Chad is currently working on an internment-era documentary film. □

## Silver Rush nominated for book prize

**Peter Smith's** book *Silver Rush: British Columbia's Silvery Slocan 1891-1900* has been named one of seven finalists for the Lieutenant Governor's Medal for Historical Writing.

The book, published last year, is a comprehensive study of the beginning of the mining era in the Slocan. It's available locally, through the museum, and at [silveryslocan.ca](http://silveryslocan.ca).

The awards, presented by the BC Historical Federation, celebrate books that make significant contributions to the province's historical literature.

The top prize is \$2,500. The second place winner receives \$1,500 and third place, \$500. One book will also receive the Community History Award, worth \$500.

Winners will be announced at a virtual gala on June 5. □

AGNES EMARY 1925-2021

# She taught in Sandon



*Agnes Emory, seen in 2012, holds a plate showing Sandon's main street. A few years later, she gave the plate to a visiting relative of the city's founder.*

Former Silvery Slocan Historical Society director **Agnes Emory** has died at 95.

Emory came to BC in 1952 after four years teaching in her native Saskatchewan. While attending summer school in Victoria, she landed a job in Sandon. As a Prairie girl, Emory was used to harsh winters — but not sheer mountains.

The school was on the upper floors of the old city hall (now the Prospector's Pick). Emory — then known as Miss Parsons — had about 25 students in Grades 1-4, while fellow teacher **Louella Prpich** taught Grades 5-7.

Nearly all the students were sons and daughters of miners. In those days, the Violamac was going strong, along with another mine in Cody.

The two young teachers roomed

and took meals in the Reco Hotel, owned by **Johnny and Alma Harris**, who also had the post office and only store in town.

The accommodation was fine, but meals were sparse — “I sometimes thought the cats got more to eat than we did” — and the rent was about half their salary, so a room in the school was fixed up as their apartment.

After one year, Emory transferred to New Denver, where she taught full-time until 1970, and then substituted for many years afterward, in both the elementary and high schools. (Sandon's school, meanwhile, lasted only one more year before closing.)

Emory also co-founded the local hospice society and was longtime chair of the reading centre. She passed away March 24 in New Denver. □

# Keeping the Box Lake-Rosebery road open

The Box Lake-Rosebery road opened in 1931 after \$221,488 was allocated to complete a nine mile stretch. Then the road had to be kept open. Easier said than done.

A note in the 1939 BC sessional papers carried some eye-popping statistics: "Snow removal has been the heaviest in three years, 220 inches falling between New Denver and Nakusp and 230 inches at Sandon. Ploughs worked continuously 24 hours a day for two months, and 305 miles of road were kept open at a cost of about \$25 per mile ... The ploughs travelled a total of 8,771 snow-plough miles."

Two-hundred and 20 inches is the equivalent of 5.59 metres. Historical weather data suggests that although this was an extreme year, crews were challenged to keep up even in comparatively mild winters.

In 1929-30 there was 253.6 cm (99.8 inches) of snow in New Denver while in 1930-31, 222.1 cm fell (87.4 inches). No data is available for Sandon or Summit Lake for the same period, but both would certainly have received more.

Information gleaned from Henning von Krogh's forthcoming book, *Early Stories from Slocan Lake*. □



*Caterpillar house south of Summit Lake (1935) was built to house highway clearing equipment on ground level. Living quarters for the operator and maintenance man were above. In bad weather they could work out of here in both directions, north to Nakusp and south to Rosebery. — SSHS ARCHIVE PHOTO A006-008-039*

## Japanese-Canadian internment database launched

The Landscapes of Injustice project has launched a massive digital archive relating to the Japanese-Canadian internment during World War II.

The database, which can be searched at [loi.uvic.ca/archive](http://loi.uvic.ca/archive), contains over half a million pages collected from more than 20 archives and repositories in three countries.



*Makeshift homes are seen in the Orchard in New Denver during the internment era. — SSHS ARCHIVE PHOTO 2001.021.008*

It includes case files created by the Office of the Custodian of Enemy Property, documenting individual and corporate Japanese-Canadian property. There are also transcripts of 95 interviews with Japanese-Canadians, a collec-

tion of protest letters sent to the federal government, and a ledger of seized fishing boats, along with many other archival files.

"The database will give the public — and many Japanese-Canadian families

— the power to discover the full extent and repercussions of the internment and dispossession," writes **Stephanie Harrington** on the University of Victoria website.

*Landscapes of Injustice* is a multi-year, multimillion-dollar research project led by the University of Victoria in partnership with 15 other institutions.

The project has also published a collection of essays and created a narrative-based website, along with elementary and secondary school teaching resources, and a museum exhibit entitled *Broken Promises*.

More than 27,000 Japanese Canadians were interned during the war, many of them in camps in the West Kootenay, including New Denver, Sandon, Rosebery, and Slocan. □

# Artifacts from our collection



## Tower handcuffs ▲

Prior to 1862, when **W. Adams** introduced the adjustable ratchet principle to the outside of handcuff bows, all American handcuffs were of fixed size — the problem being that one size doesn't fit all.

When **O. Phelps** patented his version in 1866, the ratchet notches moved to the inside, with a heavier, more secure lock case.

**John Tower** established his business in 1865, introducing a series of handcuffs under Adams' and Phelps' patents. The adjustable ratchet solved the size problem but introduced another. For the ratchet to work, the locking catch had to be spring loaded. This allowed the bow to be closed to a suitable setting to fit the prisoner's wrist.

The spring-loaded bolt was susceptible to shimmying with a suitable piece of metal, such as a watch spring, inserted down the inside of the bow until it rested against the catch. One then closed the cuff one additional notch, catching the watch spring between the catch and ratchet notches, thus preventing the catch from engaging and the bow could be sprung open.

Tower first introduced a round bow, as opposed to the original square one, in his 1874 patent, to try to counteract this problem. However, it wasn't successful when faced with a determined prisoner.

To permanently solve the shimmying problem, Tower introduced the Tower 'Double Lock' handcuff, patented Aug. 19, 1879. The lock mechanism had two settings. In the single lock mode, it acted just like the single lock model. To open the lock the key was inserted and rotated one half turn to the left.

However, if the key was turned a full turn clockwise, the lock was put into a double locked setting. The catch was now frozen, the handcuff bow could not be opened, but it also could not be further closed. To open, the key had to be reinserted and turned a full turn to the left. Another half turn to the left would then open the cuff completely.

In a 1904 Union Hardware Company catalogue, a basic set of Double Lock Handcuffs could be bought for \$4. □

## Dawes Black Horse Brewery advertising statue ►

ca. 1930s

Founded in 1826 in Lachine, Quebec, Dawes Brewery had several facilities. In 1931, the Dawes Draught Ale Brewery was given over to the production of Dawes Black Horse draft beer. In July 1952, the last Black Horse ale was brewed.

Artist **Ross Butler** was famous for his livestock paintings and his prints of "Standard Type" cattle and horses were distributed to schools across Canada. He was commissioned by the Dawes Black Horse Brewery to create a statue of a black Percheron horse to be used as their new logo for their top-selling Black Horse Ale. This is one of 2,500 plaster pieces made. □



## Raisin shredder ▲

Pat. Nov. 24, 1896  
*Landers, Frary & Clark*  
New Britain, Conn. USA  
*Embossed 'Wet the Raisins'*

Seedless raisins were more expensive that the seeded varieties. Therefore, varieties like muscat grapes were more popular for making raisins, being large, fruity, and having matching large seeds.

By popping the seeds out through the grape's skin first, these grapes were ready to become raisins. Since this process brought the fruit's sugar to the surface, it resulted in a sweet, sticky, raisin.

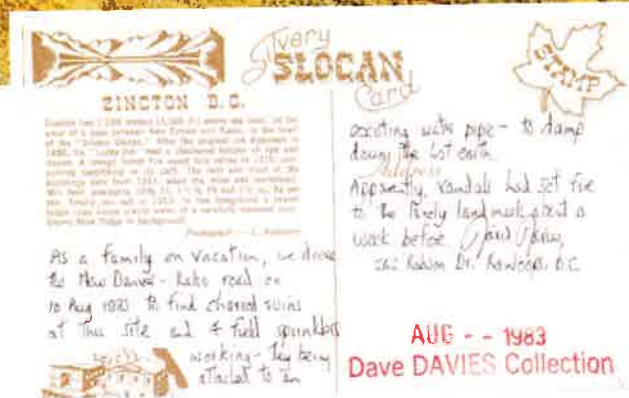
This type of raisin tended to transport poorly, so people often did the seed popping and raisin making themselves to reduce expense. One tedious method was to heat the grapes in water to plump them up and soften the skin before cutting them open and deseeding by hand.

This led to the invention of gadgets for deseeding grapes. For instance, one popular model worked by first having the cook feed the grapes into the hopper at the top of the device. As the handle was cranked, the grapes were forced through two teathed rollers, exposing the seeds and forcing them out one chute and the future raisin out another. □

# The end of ZINCTON

This well-known 1960s or '70s postcard by **Ellis Anderson** shows the remains of Zincton, a ghost town near Sandon. A copy showed up on eBay recently with a significant message on the back: it pins down the date of the fire that destroyed these mining buildings. Previously it was just said to have occurred in the late '70s or early '80s.

Kamloops photographer and postcard collector **Dave Davies** wrote on the reverse: "As a family on vacation, we drove the New Denver-Kaslo road on 10 Aug 1983 to find charred ruins at this site and four field sprinklers working – they being attached to an existing water pipe – to damp down the hot earth. Apparently, vandals had set fire to the lonely landmark about a week before." □



## Overhaul of museum garden planned

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visitors and our summer student was very busy accessioning and photographing artifacts. This job has needed doing for a very long time and, although we're a long ways from being finished, we got a good start.

As a result of having the walls painted, all of the displays were removed. This allowed us to begin anew and create entirely fresh displays.

These displays, consisting of sets of photographs and interpretation, show the communities in our catchment area and other subjects. They include New Denver, Three Forks, Silverton, Sandon, Mill Creek, pictographs, mining, and the glacier trail.

We have also set up displays of glass bottles and artifacts in the museum windows and established a database with information on our maps, of which there are 337.

We continue to work on our photo database. Photographs received from the now-defunct Silverton Historical Society have been shared with the UBC Okanagan digitization project and are available for online viewing.

Many other photographs need to be accessioned or have information on them in the database reviewed before they are shared online.

We received a grant to have archivist **Linda Wills** visit us for two weeks last year, but due to Covid-19, we were forced to postpone until this summer. Linda will help us with the archives and with long-term planning for the museum.

We are also working on our "places and things" files, to get those papers sorted properly so they can be used more easily for research.

We have been able to collect a number of large mining artifacts which we hope to use in our garden project.

These are safely stored for the moment. Having the tourist info centre in the building is an ongoing success.

### Plans for 2021

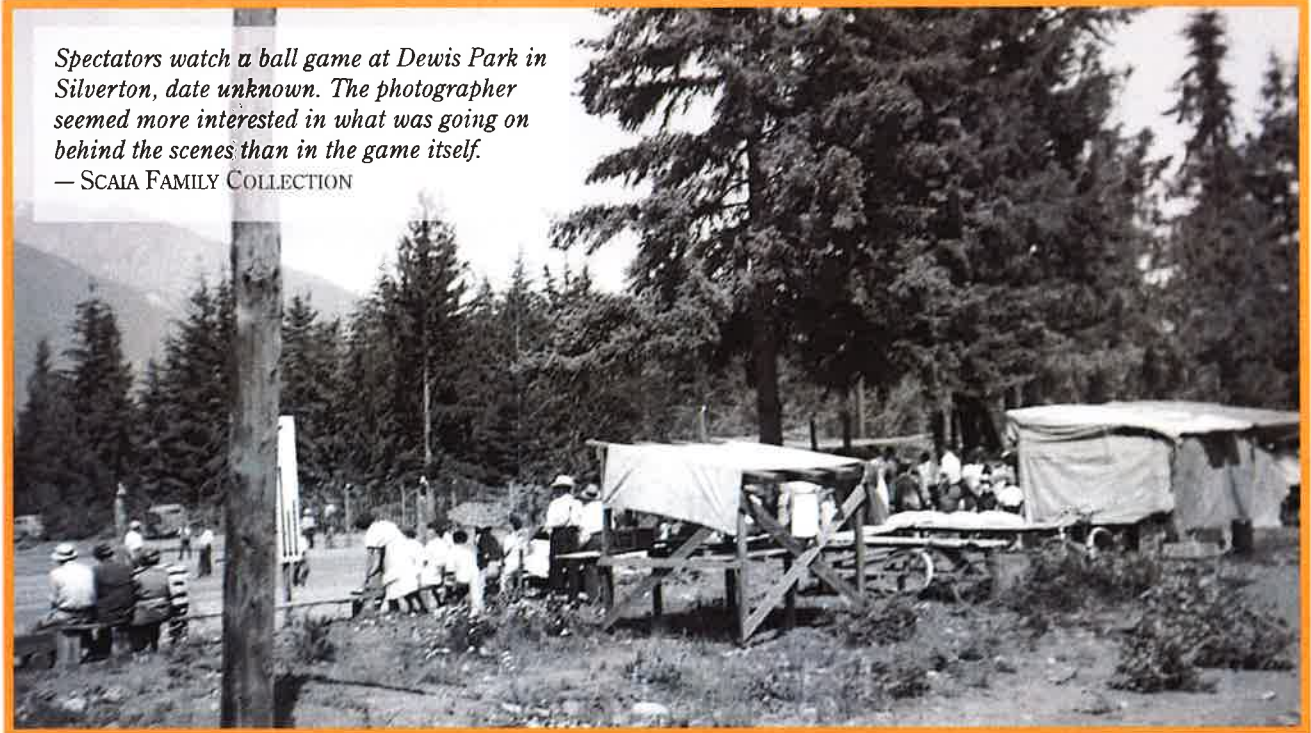
To mark our 50th anniversary, we have applied for a grant to redo the garden area on the west side of the museum, along Bellevue Street.

This would include replacing the plants with ones that require less water and lower maintenance, adding large historic artifacts to the garden that will attract tourists and let them know there is a museum in the building, and adding interpretive signage explaining the artifacts and reflecting on local history.

We hope to have the museum open this summer, but that all depends on Covid-19 restrictions. In the meantime, work on photograph and artifact databases continues along with work on displays, particularly those upstairs. □

*Spectators watch a ball game at Dewis Park in Silverton, date unknown. The photographer seemed more interested in what was going on behind the scenes than in the game itself.*

— SCAIA FAMILY COLLECTION



# Membership application (2021)

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

❖ 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)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address:

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THE CITY OF VICTORIA



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 31, 2021

The Honourable Harry Bains  
Minister of Labour  
PO Box 9064, Stn Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister Bains,

On behalf of Victoria City Council, I am writing today to request favourable consideration for the below motion passed at the March 11, 2021 Council meeting:

WHEREAS the covid pandemic has exacerbated existing inequalities and its social, health, and economic impacts are particularly devastating for women and racialized communities; and

WHEREAS the tourism and hospitality industries have been drastically impacted; and

WHEREAS of the 50 000 hotel workers that were laid of in March 2020, the majority are women and people of colour; and

WHEREAS the duration of the pandemic means that recall rights require extension; and

WHEREAS there are reports of hotels in British Columbia refusing to commit to bringing workers back to their jobs when business returns; and

WHEREAS the City of City of Victoria is committed to a COVID recovery plan that takes better care of people, the environment, and the community than the systems we had before the pandemic; and

WHEREAS the City of City of Victoria recognizes hotel workers and people who work in the tourism industry as valued and valuable members of our community;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of City of Victoria affirms that people should not lose their livelihoods due to the pandemic; and

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THAT the City of Victoria write to the Ministers of Labour and Tourism expressing our support for the right for laid off workers to return to their jobs when the pandemic eases; and

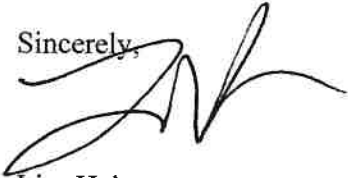
THAT this letter be forwarded to all BC municipalities asking to write their support; and

THAT the City of Victoria writes to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities.

Though not expressly in the resolution, the intention of this motion was to write to both the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities and the Union of BC Municipalities, encouraging them to host future conferences and events in venues that respect worker rights and pay at least a living wage. A copy has been sent to both organizations.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out should you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lisa Helps', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Lisa Helps  
Victoria Mayor

Cc: Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport  
The Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC)  
The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM)





## News Release

penticton.ca

### **Council seeks support from UBCM to help challenge Provincial Paramourncy**

(Penticton, BC – April 13, 2021) – On behalf of City Council, Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki, has sent a letter to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) President, Brian Frenkel, requesting UBCM prepare a letter to BC Premier, John Horgan, supporting Council's position that the Province's recent use of Paramourncy is a violation of two Council decisions and the City's zoning Bylaws.

"My letter to Mr. Frenkel made it very clear that the issue at hand is a matter of land use and cooperative planning between two levels of government," said Penticton Mayor, John Vassilaki. "The Attorney General and Minister Responsible for Housing, David Eby, would have British Columbians believe that the City of Penticton is not doing its part to support the housing crisis. This is simply not the case and information provided directly from the Minister shows that Penticton has the highest number of supportive housing beds per capita in the interior region. All of these beds were developed with Penticton Council's input and with respect for Council's role in the decision making process.

"Today our previous working relationship of bilateral cooperation has been replaced by a unilateral hammer that puts our residents at risk of having the Provincial Government plan our community. As such, Council has reached out to Mr. Frenkel and the UBCM membership at large to seek their support in reversing the Province's conduct towards Penticton, or any other community they disagree with."

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April 13, 2021

**President Brian Frenkel**  
c/o Union of British Columbia Municipalities  
525 Government Street  
Victoria, BC V8V 0A8

**Re: B.C. Government's Use of Provincial Paramountcy to Undermine Local Government Bylaws**

Dear President Frenkel:

On behalf of Penticton City Council, I am requesting the Union of British Columbia Municipalities write a letter to Premier John Horgan requesting the reconsideration of invoking Provincial Paramountcy as it relates to the violation of Penticton City Council's authority and the City of Penticton's Zoning Bylaws at 352 Winnipeg Street, Penticton, BC.

The following is a timeline of events:

- When COVID-19 struck in March, 2020 many facilities that provided showers, laundry services, and meals to our most vulnerable in our community had to close and/or adapt. The City via its Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), Emergency Management BC and BC Housing worked together to find a temporary "hygiene station" and isolation shelter for anyone that was needing to isolate during COVID.
  - 352 Winnipeg Street was not an ideal site for a hygiene station as it was adjacent to two seniors' homes. However, as the site contained a vacant and free standing building that could quickly be fitted for a hygiene station, the EOC supported and worked with BC Housing to quickly stand-up the hygiene station.
- In September, 2020 BC Housing approached the City to turn the isolation shelter into a 42 bed Temporary Emergency Winter Shelter. This use was contrary to City Zoning Bylaws and although met with trepidation from the neighbourhood, Council ultimately approved a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) for the isolation shelter to be converted and operate as Temporary Winter Shelter until April 1, 2021.
  - Video of the lengthy Council debates from our October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meetings can be found on our website to better understand how clear individual Council members were that this was not an appropriate location, but that in the midst of the pandemic, they would grant a TUP on this one occasion.

- In March 2021, BC Housing sought an extension to this TUP until March 31, 2022 in effect changing the use from a temporary, emergency winter shelter to a year round shelter. Council denied this request based on zoning bylaws and the previous clearly communicated unsuitability of this location.
  - Via resolution, Council further directed Penticton's Safety and Security Advisory Committee to develop location selection criteria for a new, permanent winter shelter for Penticton.
  - Council initially learned of the Province's interests in exploring the use of paramourncy via an interview on Global news with Minister David Eby, who had met with Council twice early in the year to discuss a supportive housing project at 3240 Skaha Lake Rd., Penticton, BC.
- Again in March, BC Housing stated their intention to continue operations of the facility "on a balance of convenience" and asked Council to reconsider. Having been presented no alternate location as requested or new information; based on zoning bylaws and the previously communicated unsuitability of this location Council did reconsider the request and again denied the request.
  - Via resolution, Council further directed staff to work with BC Housing to find alternate solutions.
- At the writing of this letter, 352 Winnipeg now operates in contravention of the City of Penticton bylaws as a newly established year round shelter following the threat of Provincial Paramourncy.

While the issue at hand is a matter of land use and planning, it is important to note according to data provided directly from the current Minister responsible for Housing to City Council, Penticton has the highest number of supportive housing beds per capita in the Interior region. Each of these beds was developed with Penticton City Council's input and with respect for their role in the local decision making process.

In closing, Penticton City Council is hoping Minister David Eby, whom has invoked paramourncy on behalf of the Province, or Premier John Horgan as the head of a Government that promised to work collaboratively with Local Governments, reconsiders their position and adheres to our City's bylaws. As this could happen to any one of the other 188 local governments in B.C., we ask that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, on behalf of its membership, request Premier John Horgan reconsider the use of Provincial Paramourncy with respect to 352 Winnipeg Street, Penticton, BC.

Yours truly,



John Vassilaki

Mayor

- cc. Penticton City Council  
 Donny van Dyk, Chief Administrative Officer  
 Dan Ashton, Member of Legislative Assembly  
 BC Local Government Elected Officials

**CITY OF KAMLOOPS**

RESOLUTION FROM THE MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KAMLOOPS, HELD IN THE VALLEY FIRST LOUNGE, 300 LORNE STREET, KAMLOOPS, BC

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**Support for Professional News Media**

WHEREAS a healthy, professional news media is essential for the proper functioning of civil society and democracy at the local, regional, federal and international levels; and

WHEREAS Canadians in 190 communities have lost the essential services provided through 250 established news outlets that closed or merged between 2008 and 2018 and the Canadian media industry has lost roughly 3,000 jobs due to temporary and permanent layoffs from the time the COVID-19 pandemic began and advertising revenues have plunged, prompting an emergency \$30-million advertising buy by the federal government; and

WHEREAS two-thirds of Canadians agree or somewhat agree that because of the COVID-19 outbreak the federal government should treat widespread media bankruptcies and layoffs as an emergency, according to a Nanos Research poll of April 2020; and

WHEREAS the news media in the Kamloops area have been instrumental during the pandemic, ensuring Kamloopsians have accurate information.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Council:

- a) recognize a healthy, professional news media is essential to the proper functioning of democracy in our city; urges nearby municipal councils and across Canada to recognize a robust news media is essential to the proper functioning of democracy in their jurisdictions; endorses legislation and regulations to support and rejuvenate news outlets across Canada; and urges the federal government to move quickly to pass legislation to ensure an ecosystem for a healthy news media to serve all Canadians;
- b) authorize the resolution be forwarded to local MP and MLAs, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Union of B.C. Municipalities.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that this is a true copy of a resolution from the minutes of a meeting of the Kamloops City Council held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

Dated at Kamloops, BC, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

  
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N. Garbay  
Corporate Officer



April 12, 2021

Dear BC Municipalities

**RE: Endorsement of 9-8-8 Crisis Line Initiative**

Please be advised that at a District of Clearwater Regular Council meeting held on April 6, 2021, myself and Council expressed appreciation for the initiative to create a 9-8-8 crisis line and passed the following resolution:

***“THAT Council direct Administration to provide a letter of support for the 9-8-8 Crisis Line Initiative to be addressed and distributed to BC Municipalities.”***

Council understands the critical significance of reducing the barriers that a person in crisis will face when seeking resources. Through unanimous consent, the District of Clearwater supports the creation of a national 3-digit suicide prevention hotline in Canada. This initiative is particularly timely given the considerable pressures on the mental health of Canadians that have manifested during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Yours truly,

Merlin Blackwell  
Mayor



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April 9, 2021

Hello Silverton Acting Mayor and Council,

I'm sending a copy of this letter to you in order to keep you informed as to the local opposition to the proposed Zincton All-Season Resort and the expansion of other recreational tenures in the 31 A Corridor. This letter to Katrine Conroy will also let you know what The Wild Connection is proposing to the provincial government in terms of land use planning for our area.

All best,

*Sally Hammond, Red Mtn. Road*

Sally Hammond, for The Wild Connection

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April 27/21



April 9, 2021

Honourable Katrine Conroy, MLA Kootenay West  
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development  
P.O. Box 9049, Station Provincial Government  
Victoria, B.C., V8W 9E2

RE: Land use planning urgently needed, request for commercial recreation moratorium in New Denver – Kaslo corridor

Dear Minister Conroy,

Congratulations on your new position as the leader of your ministry. We hope your fresh perspective will bring new energy and a progressive outlook to your department.

The Wild Connection is a local group of citizens who care about having healthy communities and ecosystems now and into the future. We are young people, families, and seniors. We are Indigenous people, settlers, and immigrants. We are recreationists – hikers, bikers, skiers, ATVers, and snowmobilers. We are scientists, researchers, educators and business owners. We are hunters, anglers, wildcrafters, photographers, and artists. We work with a number of partners and allies.

The Wild Connection was formed to oppose the Expression of Interest (EOI) filed with Mountain Resorts Branch by the Zincton All-Season Resort proposed for the corridor between New Denver (on Slokan Lake) and Kaslo (on Kootenay Lake). This area is known as piq ki?láwna?, the Sinixt word for “white grizzly”, a rare variant of the grizzly bear found here. The area is a critical wildlife connectivity corridor between Kokanee and Goat Range Provincial Parks, and the Zincton EOI proposed multiple ski lifts on Crown Land directly in the centre of it, plus an adjacent 300 housing-unit village on currently unoccupied private land. This is a critical corridor for grizzlies and wolverines that may be lost forever if permanent structures such as ski lifts, lodges, and other facilities are built.

The BC Government has a unique opportunity for landscape level planning and management because Crown Lands represent approximately 94% of the land base of the province. Few jurisdictions on the planet have this capability. There are critical wildlife biodiversity and connectivity corridors that are threatened in our region. Important research progress has been made by groups such as the Kootenay Conservation Program and their Kootenay Connect initiative. Work by the Kootenay Resilience project has demonstrated the need to manage



landscapes for resilience to climate change. It is critical that landscape planning and management be carried out at a regional and provincial scale, and that effects of individual project proposals, such as Zincton, must be viewed in this context.

We believe that updated land use planning is urgently needed in this region, especially in light of the growing commercial interests. We are advocating for a modernized land use plan that assesses the cumulative impacts of existing and proposed commercial and industrial tenures, including current and potential impacts on wildlife habitat and connectivity, community and socio-economic concerns, and Indigenous rights and interests. It is critical that the Province of BC place a moratorium on the granting of any new, or expansion of existing commercial recreation tenures in the New Denver – Kaslo corridor until there is a modernized regional land use plan in place.

We are advocating for a land use planning process and are requesting an interim moratorium for a number of reasons. The Zincton All-Season Resort proposal is the most immediate and greatest threat, but there are others, such as the nearby Mount Brennan Backwoods Recreation proposed tenure and the Retallack expansion, as well as the cumulative impacts of existing commercial and industrial tenures, such as logging. It is inappropriate that the Zincton proposal be considered through only the small lens of the Mountain Resorts Branch, rather than within the much larger and critical scope of land use planning and management. These proposals can no longer simply be reviewed individually as they are submitted, but must be reviewed against the backdrop of the much larger issues of cumulative effects, wildlife habitat and landscape level connectivity, long-term landscape carbon storage and resilience to climate change as well as social impacts on existing settlements. Not doing so is, in fact, a violation of your commitments to BC's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to meaningful land-based reconciliation.

A more all-encompassing process would consider the larger landscape over long time periods. The antiquated 1997 Kootenay Boundary land use plan needs to be updated. To address these types of concerns, we understand your government has launched a new modernized land use planning initiative (<https://landuseplanning.gov.bc.ca/modernizing>) which states:

*“However, many of B.C.’s existing land use plans are dated and no longer account for today’s land and resource management challenges. Further, many plans were developed with little involvement of Indigenous Peoples. Today’s land and resource management challenges require a renewed approach to land use planning.”*





Provincial government key drivers are stated to include:

- *Reconciliation with Indigenous communities and the B.C. government's commitment to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.*
- *Ensuring communities and stakeholders are engaged in land and resource planning.*
- *A growing economy and increased demand on natural resources and the need to balance economic, environmental, social, and cultural objectives.*
- *Increasing complexity as a result of climate change and factors that affect the land base, including species-at-risk management, wildfires, flooding, and drought.*
- *Addressing cumulative effects on natural resource values.*

*The B.C. government, led by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development and the Ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, is modernizing its approach to land use planning and is committed to increased collaboration in the stewardship of natural resources to reflect the diverse values and interests of British Columbians.*

We at The Wild Connection completely agree with your government's assessment and ask that you launch the new modernized land use planning process in our region. Until such a process is complete, we believe a moratorium on the granting of any new tenures in the New Denver – Kaslo corridor is critical. The moratorium must include the proposed Zincton All-Season Resort, the Mount Brennan Backwoods Recreation proposal, as well as any expansion of existing commercial recreation tenures in the corridor.

We look forward to your response and to being involved with you in a modernized land use planning process for our region.

Sincerely,

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**Regional District Central Kootenay, Area H**

**Administrative Report: Hillary Elliott, CAO**

Village of Silverton Council

**Regular Meeting – May 12, 2021**

This administrative report covers the period April 9, 2021 to May 7, 2021 as to the activities, functions, and meetings I have attended in my capacity as Chief Administrative 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 extension of the previous orders and its impacts on the Village operations/revenues, user groups, facilities, and By Election.

COVID 19 has been very disruptive to the Village and continues to be as we are now in the process for a By Election and nearing the completion of the 2021 budget process.

***Financial Operations/Capital Projects:***

Staff have been busy getting quotes, contacting professionals, working with the CFO for both 2020 year-end and 2021 budgets.

***Functions:***

The Election is underway, and the nomination period is open until the end of this week.

COVID 19 continues to impact the use of the Village facilities and all operations and functions of the Village. Staff are now working on the By Election and the numerous legislative deadlines and requirements.

Staff are busy preparing for the Tax Notices and the changes with the Home Owner Grant that has created IT problems and other issues to resolve.

The CAO is also trying to set up the Village of Silverton as a payee option at most Financial Institutions, which a very onerous and arduous task. However, this is an important function for the Village to offer.

The Campground online booking and payment system was set up this month. It is a “barebones” booking site, however, staff will continue to work on the website as time and resources allow.

***Projects:*****Propeller Update**

The propellor is installed!!!

Staff will paint the whole piece in the near future.

**Bylaw Officer Update**

Staff continue to work on this initiative collaboratively. Staff are hoping to have a report to Council for 2022 budget considerations.

*RDI Climate Adaptation Project*

Staff are continuing with monthly Zoom meetings with partners for peer learning and sharing to create sustainability of the initiatives connected with this project. We continue to work on this project and are developing the plan for the remainder of the project, and supports that could continue beyond the timeline and scope of the project (networking and resources). A couple of the main topics still are Natural Asset Management and Emergency Management.

While this phase is coming to a close, staff have opted into another project to help with capacity and bridging gaps in this innovative and important work.

*Asset Management Phase 3 and Climate Adaptation Initiatives:*

We were successful with our 2021 grant application and more partner communities have also received the good news. We continue to work with LandInfo Technologies for long-term solutions and staff will catch up on all the great work done this month regarding Phase 3 for capacity building, as well as, update our data. LandInfo Technologies will be working with us once again with other partners through the RDI project mentioned above and anything else that is appropriate for keeping this file up-to-date and viable.

*Fire Resiliency 2020-202 for Silverton, Slocan, and New Denver in Partnership with SIFCo*

The team continues to work on ramping up community engagement and services regarding this project. More news and information will be coming up **VERY SOON!!!** Staff have continued approving work plans this month for the spring and summer.

*Sidewalk Upgrade/Footbridge Upgrades*

Staff are continuing to address the challenges to prepping and repairing the sidewalks to be resurfaced on the west side of the highway for 2022.

There are still challenges regarding the Footbridge railing and staff continue to look for affordable solutions, which is proving quite challenging. This file is on hold while staff work on 2021 budget initiatives.

***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 2020 capital projects to compile all the different information and to meet with stakeholders. This also is on-going for the CAO and public works staff for 2020.

Staff have been busy with work on:

- Lakeside preparations for the 2021 camping season – almost done!
- The concrete pad and placement for the generator has been completed
- Sweeping street maintenance has been completed
- Equipment repairs
- Carrying out the 2021 work plan
- Starting preparations for the west side of the highway sidewalk for re-surfacing in 2022
- Compiling quotes and data for grant applications and capital projects in 2021
- Water capital projects; both the water main under the creek and the insulation of reservoir
- Planning and prepping for installation of bear proof garbage bins at the campground

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 “new normal”. **This is on-going and continuing to change.**

***Meetings:***

Meet with provincial and local government and other partners for our on-going 2021 capital projects while managing the projects and the funding

Had 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:***

None at this time.

Hillary Elliott, CAO