MAYOR'S MONTHLY UPDATE

Silverton Council

Community Newsletter

Welcome to Your Monthly Community Update

Dear Residents,

This month's newsletter provides a clear summary of Council's October meetings, election milestones, grant applications, policy updates, and upcoming civic events. Our goal is to keep you informed, engaged, and connected to the decisions shaping our community.

Council Highlights | October 2026

A month marked by elections, grant approvals, and continued investment in community safety and recreation. Council met on **October 14** for its regular meeting and on **October 16** for a special meeting. Key decisions and updates are summarized below.

Regular Council Meeting | October 14, 2026

Election Results Confirmed

Council received the Chief Election Officer's certified report confirming that all election procedures complied with the *Local Government Act*. Voting results have been forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs as required.

Welcoming Our New Council

We are pleased to announce the results of the 2026 local government election. Silverton's new Council is:

Mayor	Tanya Gordon (Incumbent)
Councillor	Troy Bennett-McCrea
Councillor	Don Broughton (Incumbent)
Councillor	Arlen Duquette
Councillor	Dustin Hill

Congratulations to all elected members - we look forward to the work ahead together.

Council extends heartfelt thanks to outgoing Councillors **Leah Main** and **Brian Mills** for their years of dedicated service to the Village of Silverton. Their contributions to our community have been greatly valued and will not be forgotten.

Inaugural Meeting | November 2, 2026

Council has scheduled the **Inaugural Meeting of the new Council term for Monday, November 2, 2026**. Newly elected and returning councillors will be formally sworn in. All residents are warmly welcome to attend this public ceremony. Details will be posted on the Village website.

Community Safety & Recreation

Danger Tree Update

Council received an update on ongoing danger tree assessments across forested slopes and roadside rights-of-way. A certified arborist has identified trees requiring removal, and work is progressing to complete outstanding safety actions. Council acknowledged staff's continued diligence on this long-term public safety initiative.

Arena Occupancy Agreement Updated

Council authorized the Chief Administrative Officer to sign an updated **Arena Occupancy Agreement** with **The Slocan Lake Arena Society**. The agreement sets out terms for how the arena is operated, managed, and maintained, including responsibilities, liability provisions, and annual reporting requirements. This supports continued skating and curling programming for area residents.

Canada Summer Jobs 2027 Application

Council approved applying to the federal **Canada Summer Jobs 2027** program. This program provides wage subsidies to help public sector employers and not-for-profit organizations create quality summer job placements for youth aged 15-30. If successful, funding will support seasonal municipal positions that directly benefit our community.

Grant Applications

Council approved three grant applications to strengthen accessibility, emergency response capacity, and hazard mitigation:

- **CBT Accessible Recreation Grant:** Application submitted to improve accessibility at local recreational facilities, ensuring inclusive access for residents of all ages and abilities.
- **RDCK Emergency Social Services (ESS) Grant:** Funding request to enhance Silverton's ability to activate and sustain ESS operations during emergencies, in partnership with the RDCK.
- **RDCK Disaster Risk Reduction Grant:** Application to support planning and mitigation work addressing wildfire, flooding, and landslide risks in the Slocan Valley.

Policy & Bylaw Updates

Facility Use Policy 2026 adopted. The updated policy replaces all previous versions and is available at the Village office and online. It includes:

- Clear booking procedures and priority scheduling categories
- Updated rental fees aligned with the Fees & Charges Bylaw
- Strengthened insurance and indemnification requirements
- Provisions for cancellations, maintenance closures, and Council-priority events

Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 564, 2026 adopted. Amendments update rental fees for Memorial Hall, the Gallery & Firehall, and outdoor spaces. The revised fee schedule reflects current service delivery costs and is now in effect.

Looking Ahead | Key Dates

- **October 28 & 29:** Fall Arbour Days (see website for details)
- **November 2, 2026:** Inaugural Meeting of the New Council Term
- **November 18, 2026:** Regular Monthly Council Meeting

All meetings are open to the public and held at **Silverton Memorial Hall**, unless otherwise noted. Agendas are posted online in advance.