



# Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Update

## May 2019

Updates from the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board and Committee meetings of May 2019

**Note from Chair Rainbow:** Bear Aware - This is a time of year when bears are in and around our communities and after a long winter, are hungry and searching for easy access to food. We have to accept that bears will be part of our lives in the Regional District and conduct ourselves in a manner which will keep people and the bears safe. RMOW and District of Squamish have excellent awareness programs and are designated as Bear Smart Communities. The rural areas are less organized and in one community this week, a sow and two cubs were killed by Conservation Officers. I encourage people living outside municipalities to educate themselves about bear behaviour and take steps to ensure that they are not attracting wildlife unnecessarily and that they know how to react when encountering a bear.

Please check out this link to Whistler's program which contains information and also further links:

<https://www.whistler.ca/services/environmental-stewardship/bears-and-wildlife/bears/bear-smart-community>

Also, here is a link to the BC Government page on Bear Smart which has good information plus directions of where to go for further assistance:

[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/plants-animals-and-ecosystems/conservation-officer-service/bearsmart\\_brchr.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/plants-animals-and-ecosystems/conservation-officer-service/bearsmart_brchr.pdf)

The Electoral Area Directors will be discussing Bear Smart to determine what we can do to assist smaller communities in the Regional District as the SLRD member municipalities undertake their own programs.

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### Pitch-In Week

SLRD staff, as well as staff from the member municipalities of Whistler, Squamish and Pemberton, participated in a 20-minute challenge during Pitch-In Week and together collected 1,120 lbs/508 kg of garbage!

### BYLAWS

The following bylaws were adopted:

- Bralorne Sewer System Local Service Conversion and Establishment Bylaw No. 585, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 1614-2019 to increase the maximum tax requisition amount to allow for the borrowing of up to \$300,000 from the Municipal Finance Authority for the purpose of completing the construction of the new Bralorne wastewater treatment system.
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1301-2014, Amendment Bylaw No. 1636-2019 to reflect a reduced fee structure for affordable housing.
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1613-2019 to incorporate the Agricultural Land

Commission changes regarding cannabis production in Electoral Area D.

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1610-2018 regarding amendments to short-term rentals and Bed & Breakfast zoning in Area D.

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area C Zoning Bylaw No. 765, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 1637-2019, to allow for a pension to accommodate 20 guests in 10 rooms plus an auxiliary unit for staff accommodations in the WedgeWoods Subdivision (Electoral Area C), was introduced and given first reading, and referred out for comment.

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Pemberton and District Transfer Station Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1567-2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 1640-2019 to make the previously approved borrowing for the new Pemberton & District Transfer Station non-site specific, was introduced and read a first, second and third time, and will be forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval prior to adoption.

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area C Zoning Bylaw No. 765, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 1612-2019 to incorporate the Agricultural Land Commission changes regarding cannabis production

in Electoral Areas C, was read a third time (as amended) and sent to the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure for their approval prior to adoption.

### **Short-Term Rentals and Bed & Breakfast Zoning Amendment Bylaws**

The Board received the results from the short-term rentals survey as well as the input received from the referral to chambers of commerce and tourism associations regarding changes to Bed & Breakfast zoning.

There will be further public meetings held for Electoral Area A, Electoral Area B and Electoral Area C regarding short-term rentals and Bed & Breakfast zoning amendment bylaws - Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 670, 1999, Amendment Bylaw No. 1607-2018, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area B Zoning Bylaw No. 1300-2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 1608-2018, and Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area C Zoning Bylaw No. 765, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 1609-2018.

An amendment to Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1301-2014 to reflect a reduced fee structure for short term nightly rental rezoning applications will be drafted.

### **Fine Peace Furry Creek Developments Comprehensive Rezoning, Electoral Area D**

The Fine Peace Furry Creek Developments Ltd. rezoning application was granted permission for staff to proceed with a review of their comprehensive zoning amendment application at Furry Creek, Electoral Area D.

### **Abolfathi, Squamish Valley (Electoral Area D) Non-Farm Use Application #7**

The SLRD did not support the Abolfathi, Squamish Valley (Electoral Area D) Non-Farm Use Application #7 to move the site of the current campground (on ALR land), however, the applicant was invited to submit for the Board's consideration a new application that includes a plan to put the land (from which the campground is being moved) into agricultural production.

### **T'it'q'et First Nation - 911 (Lillooet/Area B)**

The SLRD will engage with the T'it'q'et regarding 911 services in their community.

### **Pemberton & District Recreation Service Transfer**

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District entered into a 5-year Licence of Use agreement with the Village of Pemberton beginning June 1, 2019, regarding the Pemberton Community Centre Building (and Water Park), the Pemberton Youth/Seniors Centre and Gates Lake Community Park whereby the SLRD grants to the Village of Pemberton the right to use the aforementioned assets for public recreation and community use. This Licence is related to the Recreation Service Delivery Service Agreement between the SLRD and the Village for the transfer of the management of the joint SLRD Electoral Area C and Village recreation service from the SLRD to the Village effective June 1, 2019.

### **Revitalization of Northern Economic Development & Initiatives Committee**

The SLRD Northern Economic Development & Initiatives Committee will be reinvigorated and will meet on a quarterly basis.

### **LETTERS OF SUPPORT**

- **Blackwater Creek Elementary School Community Space** - to the Superintendent of School District No. 48 with respect to the project to renovate a building beside the Blackwater Creek Elementary School for a space for a library and after school programming, and as a community space for Poole Creek to D'Arcy residents.
- **Lillooet River Upper Reach Sediment Trap** - to the Pemberton Valley Dyking District for their long-term tenure application to secure sediment trap and deposit locations, such sediment removal which was recommended in the recently updated recommendations from the Lillooet River Sediment Management Plan.
- **Direct Air Capture** - for Huron Clean Energy and Carbon Engineering's application to the Canada Infrastructure Bank for financing their initial Direct Air Capture commercial facility to be located in BC.

**GRANTS IN AID****The following was granted from Area A Northern Area BC Hydro Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Funds Reserve:**

- \$16,580.51 to the Bridge River Valley Community Association (BRVCA) to support its Bralorne Church and Hall Foundation Repair and Revitalization Project, subject to the BRVCA receiving \$30,000.00 in grant funding from Northern Development Initiative Trust in respect of the Bralorne Church and Hall Foundation Repair and Revitalization Project.

**The following was granted from Area B Northern Area BC Hydro Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Funds Reserve:**

- \$6,250 to the Lillooet Agriculture & Food Society for the 2nd Quarter of 2019 for their coordinator's salary.

**The following was granted from Area C Amenity Funds:**

- \$5,000 to the Lillooet Lake Estates community for firefighting equipment.

**The following were granted from Area B Select Funds:**

- \$1,000 to the Lillooet & Community Bursary Fund Committee to enable young people in Lillooet and surrounding community to continue their education at Post-Secondary Institutes.
- \$1,000 to the St'at'imc Grad Committee for the 2019 St'at'imc graduates and the 21st Annual Graduation Ceremony event to be held on June 8th, 2019 at T'it'q'et Community Hall.

- Up to \$430 to Pemberton Wildlife Association and/or Coast to Cascades Grizzly Bear for the supply and installation of informational signage in proximity to the start of the Texas Creek Forest Service Road, Molybdenite Lake and Molybdenite Ridge (also known as Ochi Basin), to alert the public of the presence of grizzly bears in the area.

**The following were granted from Area C Select Funds:**

- \$1,250 to the Lílwat Nation, in the form a sponsorship, for their Annual Lílwat Nation Rodeo & Pow-wow held on May 18, 19 & 20, 2019 at the Lillooet Lake Rodeo Grounds in Mt. Currie.
- \$1,000 to the Pemberton & District Public Library Board towards the costs associated with their Oktoberfest fundraiser for the cost of smaller furnishings, sound baffles and upgraded audio-visual equipment for the Pemberton & District Public Library.
- \$150 to the Pemberton & District Public Library towards Marilyn Marinus's retirement celebration event and gift in recognition of her service to the community.

**The following was granted from Area D Select Funds:**

- \$2,000 to Howe Sound Secondary School for the Area D Annual Scholarship to a Howe Sound Secondary graduate.

