



# Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Update

## June 2019

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

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### **Note from Chair Rainbow:**

I am often asked, "What is the SLRD? What does the Regional District do?". These are good questions that deserve a clear answer. Those of us who work on the Board of the SLRD or are staff get very involved with the details and perhaps assume that what we do is known and understood by the communities that we serve. The fact that we get the questions reveals that this is not necessarily so.

The SLRD is like a federation with membership shared by directors appointed by the four municipalities in the region and by one director elected by each of the four Rural/Electoral Areas. Electoral Area Directors serve a four-year term but council appointees, who must be elected officials, serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and council and can be changed within the four-year electoral term. Municipal representation is determined by population and at the present time Lillooet and Pemberton each have one, and Squamish and Whistler each have two thus creating a board of ten Directors.

A look through the Update for this month provides an indication of the variety and range of decisions that are made. The list includes fire protection, wildlife awareness, the use of ALR land, applications for rezoning and funding for recreation. It deals with immediate concerns and with visionary planning for the future in the form of the Regional Growth Strategy. It deals with concerns that are specific to a particular electoral area and with things that have a wider regional perspective. The SLRD is a forum that allows municipalities to work cooperatively with the unincorporated rural areas that surround them.

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### **Northern Tour Dates**

The Board's July Northern Tour was postponed, and the July Board and Committee of the Whole meetings (July 24 & 25, 2019) will be held in Pemberton.

### **Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) - Call for Nominations for UBCM Executive**

Director Jen Ford was nominated by the SLRD for a Director at Large position on the 2019-2020 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Executive.

### **Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Reports - 2018**

The 2018 Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Statement of Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2018 was approved by the Board.

### **BYLAWS**

The following bylaws were adopted:

- Britannia Creek Debris Flood Works Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1639-2019 to establish the Reserve Fund for the Britannia Creek Debris Flood Works for the community of Britannia Beach.

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Pemberton and District Recreation Service Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1635-2019 to adjust existing fees and charges for the Pemberton and District Recreation Service to more accurately reflect costs and service levels, to be in effect September 1, 2019.

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, was read a second time and a public hearing will be held in Whistler on July 30, 2019.

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Area C Zoning Bylaw No. 765, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 1633-2019, to include private communications site as a permitted use on Faceless Mountain, was read a second time and a public hearing was waived pursuant to s. 464(2) of the Local Government Act.

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Seton Portage/Shalalth Fire Protection Financial Contribution Service Establishing Bylaw No. 480, 1992,

Amendment Bylaw No. 1641-2019 to align the bylaw with the service delivery method that is currently in place in the community of Seton Portage/Shalalth (i.e. a service being operated via financial contribution to the Seton Valley Volunteer Fire Department), was introduced and read a first, second and third time, and will be forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval prior to adoption.

#### **Temporary Use Permit #64 Work Camp - Britannia Beach South, Electoral Area D**

The applicant was informed that, as there is no user agreement between LandSea and Woodfibre LNG and/or FortisBC attached to the Temporary Use Permit #64 Work Camp at Britannia Beach South application, the applicant has not met the requirements as set out in the resolutions passed at the April 24 and 25, 2019 SLRD Board meeting.

#### **ALC Non-Farm Use Application #58955 (Jensen, Area C)**

Support for Agricultural Land Commission Non-Farm Use Application 58955 for a bed and breakfast establishment was granted and forwarded to the ALC for consideration.

#### **ALC Non-Farm Use Application 58633 (Lizzie Bay Logging Ltd., Area C)**

Support for Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) Non-Farm Use Application 58633 for a log sort was granted, subject to the following conditions, and forwarded to the ALC for consideration:

1. The applicant posts signage that is visible to all who enter the site that clearly states: "WARNING: THIS LAND IS IN AN AVALANCHE AND DEBRIS FALL SPLASH ZONE";
2. The applicant enters into the SLRD's standard "save harmless" covenant with an attached report prepared by a geotechnical engineer stating that the site is "safe for use intended";
3. No permanent structures be allowed;
4. No temporary residential uses or structures be allowed.

#### **Friendship Trail Bridge**

The estimated \$100,000 cost for the Friendship Trail Bridge Off-Ramp will be funded as follows:

- \$25,000 by the Village of Pemberton from their Community Works Funds Gas Tax Funds.
- \$25,000 by the SLRD Area C from Area C Community Works Funds Gas Tax Funds.
- The remainder (i.e. up to \$50,000) will be funded from the SLRD Sea to Sky Trails cost centre.

#### **Pemberton Outdoor Basketball Court (Signal Hill Elementary School)**

The preferred option for the proposed outdoor basketball court is that it be:

- located at Signal Hill Elementary School;
- synthetic tile court;
- 84 x 50 feet in size; and
- estimated budget of \$94,172.

The Village of Pemberton will explore grant funding opportunities for the Basketball Court.

#### **Public Safety Grant Funding Opportunities – 2019/20**

The Board approved applications to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) in 2019 and 2020, for evacuation route planning (Squamish Valley), emergency operations centre training and equipment, flood mitigation planning (Paradise Valley), and volunteer and composite fire department equipment and training (Garibaldi and Howe Sound Volunteer Fire Departments).

**Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service - Early Engagement on the Approach to Developing the Federal Grizzly Bear Management Plan**  
Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service will be asked to consider impacts on small communities in general (as they are more resource based) and hold open houses in small communities to gather feedback on the Grizzly Bear Management Plan.

**Bear Smart Community Program**

Funding for Bear Smart / WildSafeBC programming and education in the electoral areas will be considered in the 2020 budgeting process.

**Resolution of Support**

- The SLRD supported the Bridge River Valley Community Association's application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant of \$5,792 for its Bralorne Baseball Diamond Dugout Rebuild project.

**GRANTS IN AID****The following were granted from the Pemberton & District Community Fund:**

- \$2,000 to Pemberton BMX towards the cost of putting on the Pemberton BMX Race for Life fundraiser to support research for Leukemia and Lymphoma on July 8, 2019, and safety improvements to the Pemberton BMX track.
- \$2,000 to Peter Chrzanowski for the 2019 Pemberton Aerothon Event to be applied towards the setup costs (and not prizes, etc.) of putting on the 2019 Pemberton Aerothon event.
- Up to \$726 to the Stewardship Pemberton Society for 7 days of kitchen time at the Pemberton and District Community Centre kitchen to host 7 community canning workshops, with proceeds raised through these workshops to fund the SPS 2020 Feasting for Change Program.
- \$360.28 to the Pemberton Farmers' Market Association (PFMA) for the room rental fee at the Pemberton & District Community Centre (15 days at 1.5 hrs/day) for the PFMA's 2nd annual Bard in the Barn Fundraiser, for the Volunteer Community Theatre Group to practice.

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

- \$37,000 to the Britannia Beach Volunteer Fire Department for the completion of their project to build a shelter and undertake site works for the new fire vehicle / trailer purchased in 2018.

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

- \$2,500 to the Bralorne Community Advisory Committee (committee of the Bridge River Valley Community Association) for food purchases, prizes, rentals, etc. for the Bralorne Family Day on July 20, 2019.
- \$1,000 to the Bridge River Valley Community Association (BRVCA) towards the costs of the BRVCA's 3-day Youth Summer Camp Program for three consecutive weekends throughout the summer of 2019 which will be open to youths of all ages for day camp adventures and activities.

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

- \$2,250 to the Wellness Bursary Fund as a grant to fund 3 additional bursaries (3 x \$750) for 2019.
- \$262.08 to Ian Robertson for the cost of a battery as part of the annual maintenance of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) located in D'Arcy.

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

- \$3,500 to the Squamish Arts Council (SAC) towards SAC's ArtWalk event taking place over the month of September 2019 for the sourcing out of art from artists, coordinating venues and setup pop-up galleries within Electoral Area D, and assisting with program materials such as maps and guides







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#### Note from Chair Rainbow:

We have had a wetter summer so far than was expected with fewer wild fires throughout the Regional District and throughout BC in general. However, there have been some and we have also experienced some structure fires which serves to underline the fact that our communities need to continue to be vigilant about fire protection. As individual home owners we can assess our property and make sure that we are being "Fire Smart". There are simple inexpensive measures that you can take to help protect your home in the event of a wildfire and the time to do that is when there is less likelihood of a fire. If you are not sure what to do, call your local volunteer fire service or the SLRD: there is literature available and our local firefighters / staff will be happy to advise you. By taking responsibility for our own properties, we help to protect the community as a whole. And if you want to do more, why not think about becoming a volunteer firefighter? Did you know that across Canada, almost 85% of all firefighters are volunteers? If you need more information on any aspects of firefighting, call your Municipal Hall or in the rural areas, call the SLRD.

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#### BYLAWS

The following bylaws were adopted:

- Electoral Area D Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1135-2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 1555-2018 and Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1556-2018 to enable development at Britannia Beach pertaining to Britannia Beach Oceanfront's Developments Corporation's rezoning application for a new development on land located at the entry to Britannia Beach North at Copper Drive and Highway 99. There will be no building permits issued other than building permits for up to 6 townhouse units, nor finalization of any building permits until:
  - a) the Heritage Revitalization Agreement and statements of significance with respect to the existing structures to be maintained on the property are approved; and
  - b) approval of the proposed flood and debris control regime by the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board, as well as access and tenure issues associated thereto.

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Area C Zoning Bylaw No. 765, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 1633-2019, to include private communications site as a permitted use on Faceless Mountain.
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Development Approval Information, Fees and Notification Procedures Bylaw No. 1301-2014, Amendment Bylaw No. 1642-2019 for the update of separate fees for Short-term Rentals, Bed and Breakfasts, Pensions, Residential Tourist Accommodations and Work Camps.
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1645-2019 (District of Squamish) regarding financing with the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia on behalf of the District of Squamish for capital purposes.

The following bylaws were given third reading:

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Pemberton and District Arts, Culture and Recreation Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1643-2019 and Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Pemberton and District Economic Development Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1644-2019, regarding arts, culture and recreation and economic development funding for the Village of Pemberton and portion of Electoral

Area C, were introduced and read a first, second and third time, and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval prior to participating area approval for both service establishing be sought by way of an Alternative Approval Process.

#### **Temporary Use Permit #64 Work Camp - Britannia Beach South, Electoral Area D**

There will be no further SLRD staff time spent on processing the Temporary Use Permit #64 Work Camp - Britannia Beach South, Electoral Area D (TUP #64) application until such time as discussions with Woodfibre LNG / FortisBC regarding the Community Services and Infrastructure Plans (CSIP) which are part of the Environmental Assessment office's certificate process is underway so that the SLRD Board has additional information for discussion and the following condition was added as being required prior to any issuance of TUP #64:

- TUP #64 not be considered for issuance by the Board until consultation on the CSIP is complete to the satisfaction of the SLRD and the District of Squamish.

#### **Temporary Use Permit #65 – Tiger Bay (Area D)**

The Board did not approve Tiger Bay Development Corporation's request for Temporary Use Permit No. 65 to allow for the retail sale of fireworks in Britannia Beach for a one-week period in a calendar year.

#### **ALC Non-Adhering Residential Use Application #59345 (Sturdy, Area C)**

The SLRD supported Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) Non-Adhering Residential Use Application #59345 (Sturdy, Area C) submitted for 1888 Sea to Sky Highway 99, Pemberton, BC for an additional residence for farm use (temporary farm worker accommodations) and has forwarded the application to the ALC for its consideration.

#### **Pilchuck Bridge, Upper Squamish Valley**

The SLRD will discuss the erosion of the banks adjoining the Pilchuck Bridge in the Upper Squamish Valley with the Squamish Nation, and will send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting immediate action to deal with this situation before it becomes an emergency.

#### **Rural Dividend Grant Program Applications**

The following applications were made to the Rural Dividend Grant Program:

**Haylmore Heritage Site Business Plan (Area A)** for \$10,000 to fund a business plan to support the further development of the Haylmore Heritage Site into a small/to scale Heritage Attraction, to grow visitation to the area

**Heritage Protocol (Area B)** for \$10,000 to fund the development of a Heritage Protocol, to provide better understanding of mutual needs and objectives (SLRD and First Nations) to work towards developing joint park spaces and co-tourism management and marketing of these assets.

**Lillooet River Sediment Feasibility Study (Area C)** for \$10,000 to conduct a feasibility study for developing a sustainable business case for the sale of Lillooet River Sediment required to be removed for flood protection purposes.

#### **Friendship Trail (Part of Sea to Sky Trail) Funding**

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District approved a contract amendment to the original approved agreement with Daniel Schranz Contracting Ltd. for the construction of a gravel crush multi-use trail (Portion of the Friendship Trail, Pemberton and District Area), to increase the total amount to from approximately \$119,750 to approximately \$176,250.

#### **Public – Rail Safety Week**

The SLRD proclaimed the week of September 23 to 29, 2019 as "Rail Safety Week" in the SLRD.

#### **Letters of Support Provided**

- To the Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to support the three proposed name changes as requested by the Líl'wat Nation: Lillooet River to "Líl'wat River", Lillooet Lake to "Líl'wat Lake" and Lillooet Glacier to "Líl'wat Glacier".
- On behalf of the Lillooet Agriculture & Food Society (LAFS) for their application to the BC Community Gaming Grant program to support LAFS in continuing to offer free agriculture and food related workshops, as well as promote

education and outreach programs, for the benefit of the community of Lillooet and surrounding area.

- On behalf of the Britannia Mine Museum for their grant application to the Rural Dividend Grant Program, regarding assistance with leasing a vehicle so that the Museum can pilot a 2-year carpooling initiative / work with TELUS on providing the Museum with private fiber optic service to provide commercial level broadband internet.
- To the Premier, Minister of Education, MLA Jordan Sturdy (West Vancouver-Sea to Sky) and MLA Jackie Tegart (Fraser-Nicola) requesting the restoration of library funding to a level that reflects both inflationary cost increases since 2009 and the value of this system to the Province.
- To the Ministry of Agriculture in support of non-regional district boundaries being utilized for the new Class D regions / sub-regions and designation of new regions / sub-regions with respect to Meat Inspection Program Class D Licenses.

#### GRANTS IN AID

##### **The following were granted from the Area B Northern Area BC Hydro Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Fund**

- Up to \$30,000 to the Seton Valley Volunteer Fire Department towards the cost of replacing 8 sets of self-contained breathing apparatuses and turn out gear for firefighters' safety.
- \$12,500 to the Lillooet Agriculture & Food Society (LAFS) for the LAFS coordinator's salary for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2019.

##### **The following was granted from Area C Community Works Gas Tax / Area C Amenity Funds:**

- Up to \$65,000 towards the testing, design and construction of a potable water system for Gates Lake Community Park.

##### **The following was granted from Area D Amenity Funds:**

- \$25,000 to the Ashlu Creek Foundation towards the cost of building a children's playground in the Cloudburst Park, Upper Squamish Valley.

##### **The following were granted from Area A Select Funds:**

- \$20,000 to Minto Communications Society for improvements to three of their high-speed internet communications tower sites (Zorba, Bralorne and Pearson) servicing the residents in the Bridge River Valley, increasing the longevity of the batteries, preventing snow accumulation and reducing potential service outages.
- \$2,500 to the Bridge River Valley Community Association (BRVCA) to support the Bralorne Baseball Diamond Dugout Rebuild project, subject to the BRVCA receiving \$5,792 in grant funding from the Northern Development Initiative.

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

- \$2,500 to the Bridge River Indian Band towards the cost to operate the Bridge River-Lillooet Community Link Bus service for 6 days per week, Monday to Saturday, for 8 weeks from July 6 to September 5, 2019 (total cost estimated at \$25,250).
- \$2,500 to the Society for Wellness, Instruction and Mobility through Swimming towards the cost of equipment upgrades, training and swimming programs, as well as leveraging dollars for their grant funding application to the Canadian Experiences Fund.

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

- Up to \$5,000 for "porta-potties" and up to \$1,000 for signage to the Furry Creek Community Association, to lessen any negative impacts to residents, the environment, and others who enjoy the waterfront during the biennial salmon fish run which attracts heavy foot and vehicle traffic.







# Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Update

## August 2019

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

#### **Note from Chair Rainbow:**

The Board of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District endorsed the week of October 21-27, 2019 as “Waste Reduction Week in Canada”. What does this mean to us as individuals? The handling and management of waste is not something that local governments can do alone and we need citizens to actively engage in efforts to reduce waste. There are some simple things that homeowners can do to limit what goes into the landfill site. We should be diligent about sorting our waste so that as much as possible can be recycled. We should ensure that nothing other than organic material is put in our green (compost) bins so that this material can be composted and kept out of the landfill. Glass and nothing else should be placed in glass collection bins (i.e. no cardboard boxes, no plastic bags). If we all accept personal responsibility for waste reduction we are contributing in a positive way to measures that help counteract climate change.

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#### **Northern Economic Development and Initiatives Committee**

Director Birch-Jones was appointed as Chair of the Northern Economic Development and Initiatives Committee (NEDIC), and Director Courchesne and Director Busse as Co-Vice-Chairs.

The NEDIC meetings for 2019 are scheduled as follows:

- October 16, 2019 at 10:30 AM
- December 3, 2019 at 10:30 AM

#### **Waste Reduction Week - October 21 - 27, 2019**

The SLRD Board proclaimed the week of October 21-27, 2019 as “Waste Reduction Week in Canada” in the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District.

#### **Bylaws**

The following bylaws were adopted:

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Pemberton and District Transfer Station Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1567-2018, Amendment Bylaw No. 1640-2019 to delete the specific location of 1950 Venture Place in Pemberton and include more general language regarding the siting of the new Pemberton and District Transfer Station.
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1647-2019 to exempt the Pemberton Wildlife Association Shooting Range from taxation for the year 2020.

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Procedure Bylaw No. 1499-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1648-2019 to reflect that the Chair will approve delegations to SLRD Board meetings.

The following bylaw was given third reading and forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for approval prior to adoption of the bylaw:

- 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.

#### **Zoning Amendment Application, Short-Term Rental Use, Area D**

The Zoning Amendment Application for short-term/nightly rental use at 1090 Goat Ridge Drive, Britannia Beach was not approved by the Board.

#### **Woodfibre LNG Draft Community Services and Infrastructure Management Plan Referral**

The SLRD advised the Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) that the Woodfibre LNG Draft Community Services and Infrastructure Plan (CSIMP) merely restates information and actions outlined in the original Environmental Assessment Application, and fails to include a plan to adaptively manage workforce housing and accommodation needs

during the construction phase of the project. The SLRD requested the EAO to require Woodfibre LNG to engage in meaningful consultation with the SLRD and District of Squamish in developing the CSIMP.

#### **Northern Development Initiative Trust Capacity Building Grant**

The Economic Development Assessment, Strategy and Action Plan (December 2012) regarding SLRD Electoral Areas A and B and the District of Lillooet will be updated.

#### **Letters of Support /Endorsement**

- On behalf of the Lillooet Regional Invasive Species Society (LRISS) for their application to the 2019 Community Gaming Grants, Outreach & Education Program Grant for funding of approximately \$8,000 towards the cost of delivering outreach programs.
- To the Minister of Environment to request that Packaging and Printed Paper (PPP) from the Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional (ICI) sector be added to the Recycling Regulation, so as to: create a single recycling program in the province for all PPP; standardize the amount of recycling content used to make new products; ban or severely limit the use of plastics that are not recyclable; expand Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs to other waste streams (mattresses, etc.); and ensure EPR programs cover the full cost to recover materials.
- The SLRD endorsed the Howe Sound Biosphere Region Initiative Society's nomination to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the Atl'ka7tsem/Howe Sound Biosphere Reserve and submission to the Canadian Commission for UNESCO.