



Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Update

December 2019

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

Note from Chair Rainbow: One of the responsibilities of the Regional District is to be a liaison between our residents and the Provincial Government. We work closely with our two local M.L.A.s and appreciate the support that we receive from them. We also work directly with various ministries of the Provincial Government to advocate for projects within the region. In 2020 we will be focusing much of our efforts on the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) on two major issues. First, we are pushing for better regular maintenance of roads in the three electoral areas A, B and C. Our concerns include paving that is long overdue, winter snow clearance, and spot maintenance of potholes throughout the year. Our second issue is the need for transit service throughout the Sea to Sky corridor from Mount Currie south to Vancouver which the provincial government, while stating that they think it is a necessity, to date has refused to assist with what we regard is a reasonable funding model. You can expect to be hearing more on both of these topics during the year.

2020 SLRD Electoral Area Directors Committee

Area C Director Russell Mack was acclaimed and continues as Chair of the 2020 Electoral Area Directors Committee and Area B Director Vivian Birch-Jones was acclaimed and also continues as Vice-Chair.

2020 Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District Board

Director Jen Ford was acclaimed and continues as Chair of the 2020 Sea to Sky Regional District Board and Director Russell Mack was acclaimed and also continues as Vice-Chair.

SSRHD meeting dates, along with SLRD Board and Committee meeting dates, are available on the SLRD meeting calendar at www.slrd.bc.ca.

BYLAWS

The following bylaws were adopted:

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1650-2019 to amend the bylaw for a housekeeping discrepancy (the commercial gross floor maximums in the CD2 zone) for the Britannia Oceanfront Development.
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District WedgeWoods Estates Fire Protection Contribution Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1646-2019 to establish a local service within a

portion of Electoral Area “C” for the purpose of providing a financial contribution for fire prevention services to the WedgeWoods Estates community.

Sea-to-Sky Regional Transit Services

Another letter requesting a meeting with Premier John Horgan regarding transit services in the Sea to Sky Corridor will be sent.

Sea to Sky Trail Grant Application - Rock Garden Section

A grant application will be submitted to Trans Canada Trail in the amount of \$120,823 to construct the Rock Garden section of the Sea to Sky Trail with additional funding in the amount of \$233,971 to be provided by the SLRD to construct the Rock Garden section of the Sea to Sky Trail.

Infrastructure Planning Grants

Grant applications for up to \$10,000 for each of the following projects will be submitted to the Infrastructure Planning Grant Program:

1. Feasibility Study regarding the sale of Lillooet River sediment removed from the river
2. Feasibility Study for an Electric Vehicle Charging Station at the SLRD office
3. Bralorne Water System – Watermain Replacement Feasibility Study

4. Pinecrest Water Alternate Water Source Feasibility Study
5. Bralorne, Gold Bridge and Pinecrest Water and Sewer Services Mapping Feasibility Study
6. Asset Management Strategy and Framework

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Grant Program

An application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program: Environmental Quality Program & Infrastructure Planning Grant Program will be submitted for the Pemberton North Water System - Watermain Replacement Project for Collins Road.

Road Maintenance in the SLRD

A letter will be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure to advocate for improved road maintenance (to adequate standards) in all Electoral Areas of the SLRD.

Board Policy No. 15-2019 - Reserve Funds Guidelines

The Board approved SLRD Policy No. 15-2019 - Reserve Funds Guidelines - a new policy that provides staff and Directors with guidance on the development, maintenance and use of reserve funds in support of sustainable budgeting practices.

GRANTS IN AID

The following was granted from Area B Northern Area BC Hydro Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Fund:

- \$25,000 to the Lillooet Agricultural Food Society towards administrative costs for 2020.

The following were granted from Area B Select Funds:

- \$400 to the District of Lillooet towards the cost of preparing a joint application (District of Lillooet / Electoral Area B) to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for funding

from the Community Child Care Planning Program.

- up to \$333 for lunch costs at the next Area B Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting and for reimbursement of printing costs.

The following were granted from Area C Select Funds:

- \$4,500 to the Spirit of BC Community Committee, Pemberton Valley for the 2020 Winterfest event for the Pemberton and surrounding community on December 31, 2019, matching the grant from the Village of Pemberton's Community Initiative and Opportunity Fund.
- \$4,000 for 1/3 of the annual costs for the 2019 Wellness Almanac project of the Winds of Change Steering Committee.
- \$2,000 to the Whistler Adaptive Sports Program towards the cost of planning, training staff, mileage, etc. to implement the Pemberton and District Leisure Buddy Program to enable Pemberton and area residents to access adaptive sports programs.
- \$1,481.17 to the Pemberton Valley Dyking District for 25% of the 2019 costs associated with the monitoring / infrastructure of the Lillooet River Early Warning System.
- \$1,000 to the Pemberton Animal Well-Being Society (PAWS) towards their local animal shelter costs.
- \$500 towards an 'end of construction' party for SLRD staff.

The following was granted from Area D Select Funds:

- up to \$40,000 to the Britannia Beach Volunteer Fire Department to replace and upgrade self-contained breathing apparatus sets and to purchase face masks.