



Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Update

June 2018

Updates from the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board and Committee meetings of June 2018

Note from Chair Crompton: Summer is finally here! The Board is on tour as SLRD offices are being renovated. Lillooet in May. Mount Currie in June. Whistler in July. It has been wonderful to see more of the region and hear from residents. There is 3 months left in this term and much left to accomplish. If you have comments please email us or call me directly on 1-604-902-8747. May your summer be warm and your drinks cold!

Regional Transit Memorandum of Understanding

The SLRD has signed a Memorandum of Understanding between the Lil'wat Nation, Squamish Nation, District of Squamish, Village of Pemberton, Resort Municipality of Whistler and Squamish-Lillooet Regional District with respect to the administration of a new Regional Transit System in the Sea-to-Sky Corridor.

2018 UBCM Convention - Ministry Meetings

The following Ministry meetings were requested to be held during the 2018 UBCM Convention:

1. Premier John Horgan to:
 - a. Request an update on the ongoing upgrades to the Ten Mile Slide area of Highway 99.
 - b. Discussion on replacement of / solutions to the "backwards underpass" on Hwy 99 north of Lillooet.
 - c. Discuss how transportation infrastructure upgrades in and around the District of Lillooet fit in with improvements made to other regional highways and modes of transportation.
2. Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Claire Trevena, on Highway Upgrades - see topics in 1. above.
3. Minister of Health Adrian Dix on Dental Care and Fluoridation, regarding:
 - a. Adding basic dental care to the Medical Service Plan coverage; and
 - b. Mandating a provincial requirement of all public water source treatment to include fluoridation where naturally occurring levels do not meet the minimum suggested level of 0.07mg/L.

2018 UBCM Convention - BC Hydro Meeting

A meeting was requested with BC Hydro senior management, to be held during the 2018 UBCM Convention, regarding:

- Assistance regarding the proposed Lillooet Lake Estates mitigation structure;
- Cell service on the Highway 40 "reservoir" corridor; and
- Observations of driving behaviors by BC Hydro staff.

CN Rail and Trail Access in Pemberton

A request was made to CN Rail for a meeting at the 2018 UBCM Convention to discuss trail access and safe use of the railway bridge crossing on the Lillooet River.

Sea To Sky Clean Air Society

The SLRD will request a meeting with the communities surrounding Howe Sound at the 2018 UBCM Convention to discuss ongoing program support for the Sea to Sky Clean Air Society.

BC Rural Dividend Program - 2018/19 Intake

Applications will be submitted to the fifth intake of the BC Rural Dividend Grant Program regarding the following projects:

1. Grant of up to \$10,000 on behalf of Electoral Area A to convene and facilitate a community engagement process to explore housing issues, including identifying needs and issues related to housing supply and affordability in Electoral Area A, and to develop a housing action plan.
2. Grant of up to \$10,000 on behalf of Electoral Area D to undertake a feasibility study regarding a proposed community health enhancement facility in Britannia Beach.

3. Grant of up to \$10,000 on behalf of Electoral Area C to undertake a Grade Crossing Safety Assessment at Gates Lake Community Park, the first step in the process of creating a safe rail crossing there.
4. Grant of up to \$100,000 on behalf of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District to undertake a housing needs assessment for the 4 electoral areas.

BYLAWS

The following schedule of events will be undertaken regarding the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area C Zoning Bylaw No. 765, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 1549-2017:

- Draft bylaw amendment to be provided to the SLRD Board, and to the Area C Agricultural Advisory Committee for comments
- July 11, 2018 - 2 Public Information meetings to be held
- July 25, 2018 - Board considers second reading of the bylaw
- August 15, 2018 - Public Hearing
- August 29, 2018 - Board considers third reading of the bylaw
- September 26, 2018 (or October 24, 2018) - Board considers adoption (after Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure approval)

The following bylaws were read a third time and adopted, regarding the construction of a wastewater treatment plant on a portion of a property near Bralorne:

- Land Use Contract Authorization Bylaw No. 143, 1978, Discharge Bylaw No. 1578-2018
- Upper Bridge River Valley Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 608, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 1580-2018
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 670, 1999, Amendment Bylaw No. 1579-2018

The following bylaws were read a first, second and third time, and adopted:

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1585-2018 (Pemberton and District Transfer Station Service) for a loan of \$200,000 to begin the process of creating the

new Pemberton and Area Transfer Station (preliminary design and site works)

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1587-2018 (Administrative Building Renovation) for a loan of \$1,000,000 to build the addition / renovations to the SLRD office building
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1588-2018 (Pinecrest Estates Wastewater Collection and Treatment Service) for \$86,432 to provide final funding for the construction of the new Pinecrest Estates Wastewater Treatment Plant
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1589-2018 (District of Squamish) for capital loans for the District of Squamish

The following bylaws, to reflect changes to Development Permits, agricultural policies and housekeeping matters, were read a first time and referred to the appropriate First Nations, municipalities and provincial agencies for comment:

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area A Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 608, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 1526-2018 (and to include all of Electoral Area A in the bylaw)
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area B Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1073, 2008, Amendment Bylaw No. 1528-2018

Bralorne Sewer System Local Service Conversion and Establishment Bylaw No. 585, 1995, Amendment Bylaw No. 1586-2018 regarding increasing the maximum requisition limit for this service to accommodate an upper limit for repayment of short-term loan financing for the new Bralorne Sewer System, was read a first, second and third time, and was forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval.

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, regarding the Britannia Oceanfront Developments Corporation rezoning application were read a third time.

Temporary Tourist Accommodations

Options for dealing with illegal short-term rentals / temporary tourist accommodations are being developed, appropriate for each community, including:

- strong enforcement;
- enforcement options;
- details of how other regional districts have effectively enforced their regulations regarding short-term rentals / temporary tourist accommodations;
- the removal of Bed and Breakfasts use by default in SLRD zoning bylaws.

SLRD Temporary Use Permit Policy - Work Camps and Community Contributions

Board Policy 4.7 Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Temporary Use Permits Policy was updated to add additional language around work camps and community contributions, as well as housekeeping amendments.

Temporary Use Permit #58 - Helicopter Operations Britannia Beach South (Area D)

Temporary Use Permit #58 regarding the Sky Helicopters and Taicheng application for helicopter tour operations at Britannia Beach South was not approved.

Wildfires in the SLRD

A letter to be sent to Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRO) Doug Donaldson and a copy to MLA Jordan Sturdy (West Vancouver - Sea-to-Sky) and MLA Jackie Tegart (Fraser - Nicola) with respect to communication issues regarding wildfires in the SLRD and to request that FLNRO establish a consistent communication process (including establishing communications early on in an event) and that FLNRO consult with end users of information, specifically local governments, in establishing such a process.

SLRD Emergency Preparedness

The SLRD has adopted a near term approach focused on emergency preparedness for communities at risk, coupled with advocacy for hazard monitoring and the completion of a non-quantitative geohazard inventory within all electoral areas.

The SLRD determined not to adopt a risk tolerance threshold for geohazards in new and existing developments in the four electoral areas due to the multiple and diverse risks in each electoral area.

The SLRD will not undertake any further geohazard quantitative risk assessments until such time as the provincial and/or federal governments put in place funding programs for comprehensive geohazard mitigation programs.

SLRD Geographic Information System

A Geographic Information System (GIS) consultant will be engaged to review the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District's GIS system in terms of emergencies and mapping Crown tenures, with funding of up to \$10,000 coming from the SLRD Planning service.

Public Awareness Campaign - FireSmart Program

The following resolution was sent to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities with a copy to other local governments regarding awareness of the FireSmart Program:

Encourage the provincial government to lead the development of, with partners such as local government, the insurance companies, broadcasters of BC and any others with direct interest, of a provincial level – all channel – public awareness campaign; and

Encourage the change of attitudes towards responsibility on one's own property to FireSmart and to provide clear information on how to FireSmart to the public.

FireSmart Grant Funding from UBCM:

\$2,500 each from the \$10,000 grant was allocated to each Electoral Areas (A, B, C and D) for FireSmart projects in their electoral areas.

SLRD Statement of Financial Information 2017

The SLRD Board approved the 2017 Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Statement of Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Elimination of the Elected Official's Tax Exemption

In order to address the elimination by the Government of Canada of the tax exemption on 1/3 of the remuneration paid to local government elected officials effective January 1, 2019, an

amendment to Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No. 1501-2016 to be brought forward to increase SLRD Directors' remuneration effective January 1, 2019, so as to reflect the loss of the 1/3 tax exemption utilizing a tax rate of 30%.

Avino Gold Mines Memorandum of Understanding

The SLRD supports in principle a Memorandum of Understanding between Avino Gold Mines and the SLRD setting out the principles and values that will be used in working together with respect to the redevelopment of the Bralorne Gold Mines by Avino.

Call for Nominations UBCM Executive

Director Jen Ford was nominated for a Director at Large position on the 2018-2019 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Executive.

Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada Consultation - Rural Broadband Services

A letter was sent to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada to support the efforts of rural service providers across Canada to preserve rural broadband services.

Funding Criteria for Non-Profit Societies - Select Funds

A Grant-in-Aid policy to be prepared for Select Funds, to incorporate criteria for the granting of funds.

Pemberton Soccer Field

The soccer field being built on the Village of Pemberton Recreation Lands was added to the Pemberton and District Recreation Service as a recreation amenity.

GRANTS IN AID

The following were granted from Area C Gas Tax Community Works Fund / Area C Amenity Funds:

- \$500,000 to the Village of Pemberton towards capital costs of the outdoor soccer field project at the Pemberton recreation site lands located on Pemberton Farm Road East.
- Up to \$175,000 to the Village of Pemberton towards incurred capital costs of the Friendship Trail Bridge spanning the Lillooet River.
- Up to \$50,000 towards the design build of the picnic shelter project for Gates Lake Community Park.

The following was granted from Area C Amenity Funds:

- Up to \$10,000 to the Devine Water Service to complete a water system assessment to determine the appropriate reservoir, watermain and system requirements to meet current regulatory standards and identify system deficiencies.

The following were granted from the Pemberton & District Community Fund:

- \$4,250 to the Pemberton Canoe Association towards the purchase of two used 10-man dragon boats and associated equipment.
- \$5,137.06 previously allocated to Seed to Table Programs at the Youth Centre be redirected to youth outreach programs and events organized by the Pemberton and District Youth Centre.
- \$6,007.60 to the Pemberton and District Recreation Service for the purchase of shatterproof mirrors and portable ballet barres for the Pemberton and District Community Centre.
- \$7,000 to the Sea to Sky Putting Children First Initiative towards the cost of a Child Care Needs Assessment and Strategy project for Pemberton, Mt. Currie and N'Quatqua areas.

The following were granted from Area A Select Funds:

- \$500 to the Bridge River Valley Community Association towards the costs of putting on the 2018 Canada Day event in Gold Bridge.
- \$4,176 to the Bridge River Valley Community Association for fire and safety training courses and workshops to advocate, train and support the community in fire prevention, other safety training and general knowledge workshops, that directly aid in personal and community safety, for the 2018 calendar year.

The following was granted from Area B Select Funds:

- \$500 to the Lillooet Secondary School, to increase the Area B bursary to accommodate 5 Lillooet Secondary School graduates that Area B recognises for this bursary.

The following were granted from Area C Select Funds:

- \$508.97 to the Birken Fire Protection Society for a replacement battery for the Birken Fire Protection Society's Automated External Defibrillator .
- \$2,500 to the Rotary Club of Pemberton and Pemberton & District Chamber of Commerce for a Gold Sponsorship to their 2018 joint golf tournament fundraiser.
- \$4,250 to the Pemberton Canoe Association, matching the \$4,250 granted by the Pemberton and District Community Fund, towards the purchase of two used 10-man dragon boats and associated equipment.
- \$5,000 to the Ponderosa Strata Community to continue implementing forest management tasks as outlined in the community's Forest Fire Management plan for 2018.

The following were granted from Area D Select Funds:

- \$500 to the Britannia Beach Community Association for the maintenance of 2 bus shelters in Britannia Beach.
- \$2,000 to the Britannia Beach Community Association for trail maintenance in Britannia Beach.
- \$2,500 towards sourcing art from artists in SLRD Electoral Area D, coordination of venues and setup of pop-up galleries, and to assist with program materials for The Squamish ArtWalk 2018 event to be held over the month of September.
- \$12,000 to the Squamish Food Policy Council for the District of Squamish / Area D Agricultural Plan.