



# Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Update

## October 2018

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

**Note from Chair Crompton:** I was wrong... my previous note was not my last note. In that note, I asked you to send me feedback on these RD Updates... I received none! Either that means you didn't read it or you are perfectly happy with what you did read. I will assume the latter. The Board will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair on Wednesday, November 28th... so there will be an announcement coming shortly!

Thanks for the privilege of serving as Chair of this tremendous organization.  
May your winter be full of joy.

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### BYLAWS

The following bylaws were adopted:

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1605-2018 to provide a property tax exemption for Pemberton Wildlife Association's Shooting Range in Pemberton for 2019.
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Directors Remuneration Bylaw No. 1501-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1606-2018 to increase the Directors' remuneration to offset 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.

The following bylaws were introduced and read a first, second and third time, and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval; upon receipt of such approval, the SLRD will undertake an Alternative Approval Process (AAP):

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Britannia Creek Debris Flood Works, Town Center, Operations and Maintenance Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1600-2018, to establish a service for the purpose of operating and maintaining debris flood works (Geobrug Debris Flood Net) on Britannia Creek for the Town Centre area within the community of Britannia Beach (via Petition versus AAP). The Britannia Beach Oceanfront Development Corporation will be required to contribute its \$25,680 (80%) share of the 2019 annual operations and maintenance costs associated with this bylaw as the bylaw will not be

in place until 2020, in addition to its \$285,000 reserve contribution.

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Britannia Creek Debris Flood Works Operations and Maintenance Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1601-2018 to establish a service for the purpose of operating and maintaining debris flood works (as above) for Britannia Beach outside of the town centre.
- Gun Lake Fire Protection Contribution Local Service Establishment Bylaw No. 559, 1994, Amendment Bylaw No. 1604-2018 to increase the maximum annual requisition limit in order to meet the Society's request to develop a long-term, sustainable model for the provision of and improvement to, wildfire suppression and prevention services to the Gun Lake community.

Squamish-Lillooet Regional Growth Strategy Amendment Bylaw No. 1062, 2008, Amendment Bylaw No. 1562-2018 (RGS Review) was given second reading and referred to each member municipality for comments.

### Garibaldi At Squamish - Environmental Assessment

The SLRD did not support the request by Garibaldi at Squamish to the BC Environmental Assessment Office for a three-year extension of several conditions that are part of their Environmental Assessment Certificate.

### Community Amenity Contributions Policy

Policy No. 12-2018 - Board Policy for Community Amenity Contributions to provide guidance for the

provision of Community Amenity Contributions (CACs) in the SLRD through a fair and equitable approach. was approved. This policy as well as other policies of the SLRD can be view on the SLRD website at: <https://www.slrld.bc.ca/about-us/regional-district-board/board-policies>

### **Current Pemberton Transfer Station Relocation**

The SLRD has received feedback from area resident and businesses, and continues to explore options for the relocation of the current Pemberton Transfer Station.

### **Britannia Beach Dock**

An application to the Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operation and Rural Development for a lease/tenure for the Britannia Beach Dock will be undertaken.

### **Garibaldi Volunteer Fire Department - BC Emergency Health Services First Responder Program**

The Garibaldi Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) has enrolled in the BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) Emergency Medical Assistance First Responder program.

### **Public Safety Grant Funding Opportunities - 2018/19**

The following funding applications were supported by the SLRD Board:

- Community Resiliency Investment Program for FireSmart activities of up to \$100,000 towards completing FireSmart treatments at SLRD-managed spaces.
- Applications to the Forest Enhancement Society of British Columbia Wildfire Fuel Management Program in 2018 and 2019 for wildfire fuel management activities.
- Applications to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund in 2018 and 2019, for evacuation route planning (Pemberton Valley and Upper Squamish Valley), emergency operations centre training and equipment (staff training and field communications equipment), flood risk assessment, flood mapping & flood mitigation planning (Pemberton Valley Integrated Flood Response Plan – GIS work), and structural flood mitigation (small scale improvements to Pemberton Valley Dyking District infrastructure within the SLRD).
- Application regarding Lillooet Lake Estates' Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Rural

and Northern Communities Stream for geohazard and flood mitigation funding for a debris flow mitigation structure at Catiline Creek.

### **Farm Adaptation Innovation Program**

An Expression of Interest application will be submitted to the BC Agriculture & Food Climate Action Initiative *Farm Adaptation Innovator Program (2018-2023) for the Pemberton Valley and Flooding: Farm Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies* project with objectives that may include the assessment of overall economic value of agricultural production in the Pemberton Valley, evaluate potential costs associated with flood events, and identify flood mitigation and farm adaptation strategies.

### **Radon Gas Initiatives in the SLRD**

The SLRD has requested 2 sets of 100 Radon Testing Kits to take part in the *Take Action on Radon* challenge to be distributed to citizens in communities within the SLRD Electoral Areas to test their home for potential elevated radon levels.

### **Soccer Field - Pemberton Recreation Lands**

The SLRD requested that the Village of Pemberton review the feasibility of a Community, Culture and Recreation grant regarding amenities and for a second soccer field on the Pemberton Recreation Lands, and that the Village undertake community consultation regarding turf versus natural grass for the second soccer field.

### **Grouse Creek Fire - Thank You**

Thank you letters to be sent to persons who assisted in the fighting of the Grouse Creek wildfire

### **2019 Slow Food Cycle Sunday - Tourism Events Program Grant**

A letter of support was provided to Pemberton Tourism for their grant application to Destination British Columbia's Tourism Events Program for the 2019 Slow Food Cycle Sunday event.

### **GRANTS IN AID**

#### **The following were granted from the Pemberton and District Community Fund (SLRD Area C / Village of Pemberton):**

- \$8,000 to the Pemberton Farmers' Market Association for operating costs of running the Pemberton Farmers' Market for 2019.

- \$1,313 to the Pemberton Children's Centre to cover the cost of renting the venue, insurance and table rentals for the Pemberton Children's Centre Christmas Bazaar fundraiser to be held on December 1, 2018 at the Pemberton and District Community Centre.

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

- \$9,000 to the Bridge River Valley Community Association to support additional activities / expenses regarding the 2018 Northern Development Initiative Trust Economic Capacity Building Grant activities.
- \$500 to the Bridge River Valley Community Association (BRVCA) to help with BRVCA's 2018 Remembrance Day event to be held in Gold Bridge.
- \$260 to the Bridge River Valley Community Association to help with costs of hosting the 2018 District Election All Candidates meeting held at the Gold Bridge Community Club on October 8, 2018.

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

- \$1,500 to the Lillooet Pound Dogs to cover costs of their 25th Annual Arts and Craft Fair on Sunday, November 18, 2018 to raise funds for the medical needs of dogs and cats.
- \$1,000 to the Lillooet Public Library towards the cost of organizing the Literacy Outreach Coordination's "At the Table Lillooet" event to be held on Sunday, November 4, 2018. This event will be an opportunity to assess the health of the non-profit sector in Lillooet, to share visions and to network.
- \$476 to the Royal Canadian Legion (Lillooet) for the fabrication of a cabinet to house War Veteran's medals, pictures and uniform to be placed in the Legion in honor of Mr. Arthur Philbrooke.
- \$4,000 to the Lillooet Regional Invasive Species Society for an inflatable (Zodiac style) boat, engine and equipment for the purpose of water sampling and water travel to invasive sites to follow-up after treatment.

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

- \$5,000 to McGillivray Falls Recreation Retreat Ltd., upon the confirmation of their appropriate corporate status, to purchase proper fire equipment and to carry out thinning and surface

fuel removal in a perimeter around the residential area.

- \$2,000 to the Village of Pemberton, contingent on the Village of Pemberton provide matching funds, for the purchase of fireworks for the 2018 Halloween night fireworks festivities in the Village of Pemberton.
- \$500 for 2018 and \$2,500 for 2019 to the Pemberton and District Chamber of Commerce to pay for Secretariat services to support the Pemberton and Area Economic Development Collaborative (EDC) for the remainder of 2018 and the 2019 calendar year, with the understanding that other parties to the EDC will take their turn in providing funding for Secretariat services after 2019.