



Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Update

December 2018

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

Note from Chair Rainbow: We closed out 2018 saying goodbye to members of our Board: Mickey Macri, long time Director from Area B; Debbie Demare, two-term Director from Area A; Marg Lampman, who had represented Lillooet as Mayor; and Patti Heintzman who retired as Mayor of Squamish. On behalf of the residents of the Regional District, I thank them for their service to our communities. Welcome to new Directors on our Board: Vivian Birch-Jones from Area B; John Courchesne from Area A, Peter Busse, new Mayor of Lillooet; and Karen Elliott, new Mayor of Squamish. Returning for another term is Russell Mack, Area C. Also returning as appointees of their councils are Mike Richman, Mayor of Pemberton; Doug Race, Squamish Councillor and Jen Ford, Whistler Councillor. Finally, thanks to Jack Crompton for his four years of leadership as Chair and welcome back as the new Mayor of Whistler. I look forward to working with this team to deal with issues that have been on our work plan for some time and to grapple with new challenges that are arising.

2019 SLRD Electoral Area Directors Committee

Area C Director Russell Mack was acclaimed as Chair of the 2019 Electoral Area Directors Committee and Area B Director Birch-Jones was acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

2019 Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District Board

Director Jen Ford was acclaimed as Chair of the 2019 Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District Board (SSRHD) and Director Russell Mack was acclaimed as Vice-Chair.

The SSRHD has adopted the 2019 Provisional Budget [Bylaw No. 39-2018], the Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District Directors Remuneration [Bylaw No. 40-2018] and approved the 2019 Meeting Schedule of the regular Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District meetings. The SSRHD meetings dates are available on the SLRD meeting calendar at www.slrld.bc.ca.

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Rural and Northern Communities Program Funding Application - Jack Webster Bridge

The SLRD will apply for grant funding through the 2019 Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Rural and Northern Communities Program grant to fund the replacement of the Jack Webster Bridge in the Upper Paradise Valley of SLRD Electoral Area D.

Road Maintenance in the SLRD

A letter will be sent to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the standards of snow clearing

maintenance being provided by the contracted service providers in Electoral Areas A, B and C.

Texas Creek Regional Park (Area B)

The SLRD will research and review the feasibility of declaring a unique geological and environmental area along Texas Creek Road as a Regional District Park as it is one of the only public access areas that is commonly used for locals to go for walks, and features access to river frontage with sandy areas and existing trails, including a view over the Fraser River and the Texas Creek slide.

Owl Ridge Woodlot 49 (Area C)

A letter will be sent to Lífwat Forestry Ventures LP, to request details of how the organization plans to address concerns raised by Owl Ridge residents regarding logging operation impacts on potable well water.

Blackcomb Helicopters Heli-Biking Tenure Application (Area C)

The SLRD will undertake research regarding the proposed heli-biking tenure application by Blackcomb Helicopters as to the relationship of the proposed trails vis a vis the Pemberton Creek Watershed Management Plan.

Longboarding Issue on Copper Drive, Britannia Beach (Area D)

A letter will be sent to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting that appropriate measures be put in place to discourage longboarding activities on

Copper Drive in Britannia Beach, including the installation of traffic calming devices (i.e. rumble strips).

SLRD Cannabis Regulations

The Board supported the Cannabis Regulatory Updates proposed for 2019, generally described as:

- Revise cannabis production regulations (ALR only) to align with new ALR regulations in which only soil-based cannabis production is considered a farm use;
- Develop a policy for Micro Cannabis Production (micro processing and cultivation) in order to support the review of site-specific zoning requests; and
- Maintain the current approach for cannabis retail, in which a site-specific zoning amendment is required.

Sea to Sky Gondola LP (Area D) DVP Application #144

The SLRD approved the issuance of a development variance permit for Sea to Sky Gondola LP to vary the allowable height of an accessory building in order to allow for a proposed observation structure.

Non-Farm Use Application - Rock Processing Facility (Area D)

The non-farm use application for a rock processing facility located on Agricultural Land Reserve land in Area D was not supported.

100th Anniversary Commemorative Tree Planting and Local Government Awareness Week - May 19-25, 2019

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District proclaims that Local Government Awareness Week be held May 19-25, 2019 in the SLRD.

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District will hold a tree planting ceremony at the Aster Street Administration Office building site in recognition and celebration of the work of local government professionals during Local Government Awareness Week, May 19-25, 2019 and in honor of Local Government Management Association's 100th anniversary.

Britannia Beach and Furry Creek Residential Curbside Refuse Collection

The SLRD has entered into a 5-year agreement with GFL Environmental Inc., for residential curbside refuse, recycling and organics collection for the communities of Britannia Beach and Furry Creek with a contract value of approximately \$101,058 per year.

Recreation Service - Management Services Agreement

The SLRD has entered into a Recreation Service Delivery Service Agreement with the Village of Pemberton for the transfer of management services of the joint SLRD Electoral Area C and Village of Pemberton to the Village of Pemberton for a period of 5 years effective June 1, 2019.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Village of Pemberton - provided for the Village's application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - British Columbia - Community, Culture and Recreation Program for Phase II of the Pemberton Soccer Field Project which includes the construction of a second playing field, amenity building, and parking lot at the recreation site, located on Pemberton Farm Road East.

Lillooet REC Centre - for their grant funding application to the joint federal-provincial Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Rural and Northern Communities Infrastructure program, for a new, safer Freon plant at the REC Centre in Lillooet.

GRANTS IN AID

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

- \$1,235.25 to the Pemberton Canoe Association to cover the cost of room rental fees at the Pemberton & District Community Centre for 9 hours a week for 9 weeks of dry land training.

The following were granted from Area C Select Funds:

- \$5,000 to Tourism Pemberton towards the cost of the Economic Impact Study of Tourism in Pemberton and District.
- \$4,000 to Tourism Pemberton, matching the Village of Pemberton Community Initiative & Opportunity Fund funding for a part-time marketing coordinator.
- \$3,000 to the Young Life Pemberton Committee to help support their youth programs provided to young people in the Sea to Sky communities.

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New Year