



# Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Update

## January 2019

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

**Note from Chair Rainbow:** 2019 has really started with a bang with some exciting projects underway. We are moving closer to seeing major development at Britannia Beach with a mix of residential and commercial properties. This has passed First Reading and if Second Reading is successful at the February meeting, there will be a Public Hearing on March 14th. The Sea to Sky Gondola has received approval to go ahead with raised wooden pathway ending at a 34 metre tower with 360 degree views of the Sound and mountains. It will be the first such structure in B.C., probably in Canada. If you have questions then please contact me at 604 317 7220 or call the director responsible for your area. Contact numbers for all of our ten directors can be found on our website: [slrd.bc.ca/About Us/Regional District Board](http://slrd.bc.ca/About%20Us/Regional%20District%20Board).

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### 2019 SLRD Board and Committee Appointments

The 2019 SLRD Board and Committee Chairs/Vice-Chairs are:

SLRD Board	Chair: T. Rainbow Vice-Chair: J. Ford
Electoral Area Directors Committee	Chair: R. Mack Vice-Chair: V. Birch-Jones
Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District Board	Chair: J. Ford Vice-Chair: R. Mack
Pemberton Valley Utilities & Services Committee	Chair: R. Mack Vice-Chair: R. Zant

For external organizations and other appointments, please go to [SLRD Boards & Committees](http://slrd.bc.ca/Boards%20and%20Committees) on the SLRD website.

### BYLAWS

The following bylaw was adopted:

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 670, 1999, Amendment Bylaw No. 1602-2018 for a private communications site on an unsurveyed parcel of Crown land.

The following bylaw was read a second time and public meetings will be scheduled and advertised:

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1610-2018 regarding changes to Bed & Breakfast zoning.

The following bylaws regarding changes to Bed & Breakfast zoning will be referred to tourism organizations and chambers of commerce in the region before the Board considers second readings:

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District [Electoral Area A] Zoning Bylaw No. 670, 1999, Amendment Bylaw No. 1607-2018

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area B Zoning Bylaw No. 1300-2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 1608-2018
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area C Zoning Bylaw No. 765, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 1609-2018

Staff will also develop a communication plan to obtain input from residents regarding the above proposed bylaws regarding Bed and Breakfasts, and regarding short-term rentals.

The Bylaw Enforcement Plan regarding short-term rentals was amended to change enforcement from a proactive/compiling information basis to enforcement on a complaint basis only.

The following bylaws were amended and re-read a first time to address the proposed application changes by the Britannia Beach Oceanfront Developments Corporation pertaining to their rezoning application for a new development on land located at the entry to Britannia Beach North at Copper Drive and Highway 99:

- Electoral Area D Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1135-2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 1555-2018
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1556-2018

### Sea to Sky Gondola - Elevated Tree Walk Structure

The Board approved the issuance of a Development Permit to Sea to Sky Gondola LP for an Elevated Tree Walk Structure.

### **Britannia Beach Crown Tenure Application for Community Use**

The SLRD will apply for tenure over crown land at Britannia Beach for community purposes.

### **BellaRock Enterprises Inc., Electoral Area D**

The SLRD provided the following comments to the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources regarding BellaRock Enterprises Inc.'s Mines Act Permit application for bulk sampling of rock near Ring Creek (Area D):

That if the BellaRock Enterprises Inc. Mines Act Permit application is approved by the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, that the following conditions be a requirement of any approval:

- a. the annual volume of minerals extracted by limited to 900 tonnes;
- b. the Mines Act permit should expressly restrict the volume of material processed annually to 900 tonnes using the hand splitting methods described in the application;
- c. a condition be included in the Mines Act Permit that no further processing beyond that necessary for transportation of the materials to the production facility shall be permitted. Any processing such as use of a stone cutting saw requires a zoning amendment;
- d. if any application is made to increase the scale or scope of the mining operation, at a minimum, a referral be sent to the SLRD with adequate time to review and comment;
- e. inconsistencies identified by Cascade Environmental Resource Group ("Cascade Environmental") regarding the principal individuals associated with the application should be clarified by the Chief Inspector of Mines;
- f. concerns about the adequacy of the access road, including geotechnical considerations, proximity to nearby residences and impact on old growth trees, outlined by Cascade Environmental should be addressed by the province and a geotechnical assessment should be undertaken if considered necessary;
- g. the Chief Inspector of Mines confirm with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

that bridges on public roads are designed to handle the loads associated with dump trucks loaded with stone;

- h. the Chief Inspector of Mines require a gate at an appropriate location to prevent unauthorized vehicular road access to the site and beyond;
- i. the Chief Inspector of Mines consider the comments submitted by Cascade Environmental regarding site reclamation and decommissioning and include conditions and/or requirements in the permit as considered necessary; and
- j. the use of explosives in the mining operation be prohibited.

### **Ride Hailing Services**

A response letter was sent to the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations with the following points regarding Ride Hailing Services:

1. The Provincial government should provide protections for rural areas to ensure that ride hailing services are actually available in rural areas and not just pulled to larger urban areas (i.e. not delivering services in the rural areas that need these services).
2. Class 4 driver licenses for all drivers providing ride hailing services should be a requirement for safety reasons.
3. The data that the Provincial government collects regarding ride hailing services is to be made public.
4. Ride hailing services should be required to develop and implement a system for measuring their greenhouse gas emissions as well as their impact on traffic congestion.
5. The Provincial government should provide a level playing field for the taxi industry and ride hailing services.

### **Pemberton Meadows Fields**

The SLRD will pursue a long-term lease extension with School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) for the Pemberton Meadows Fields site, for a minimum of 5 years, starting on January 1, 2021.

### **SLRD 50th Anniversary Time Capsule Project**

A memorabilia case to display items commemorating the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District's 50th

anniversary will be placed in the new foyer of the SLRD office.

### **Squamish Public Library Funding**

A one-time payment of \$20,000 be made from Southern Area BC Hydro Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Funds Reserves to the Squamish Public Library for long-term planning purposes.

### **Invasive Species Disposal Bin at Sea to Sky Soils Facility**

Funding for an Invasive Species Disposal Bin to be placed at the Sea to Sky Soils Facility was directed to come from the SLRD's Regional Invasive Species Management & Control Cost Centre.

### **Northern Development Initiative Trust: Grant Writing Support - 2019 Funding Opportunities**

The SLRD will apply to the 2019 Grant Writing Support program for a grant available through Northern Development Initiative Trust to assist with writing grants regarding Electoral Area A and Area B.

### **GRANTS IN AID**

#### **Pemberton and District Community Fund (SLRD Area C/Village of Pemberton):**

- The \$8,000 previously requested and granted to the Pemberton Farmer's Market from the Pemberton & District Community Fund in October 2018 for operating costs for running the 2019 Pemberton Farmer's Market was returned to the available pool of funding, as it will not be required in 2019.

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

- \$5,000 to the Lillooet Area Library Association for a Community Coordinator position as one of five priority actions to increase the health of the non-profit sector in Lillooet.
- \$1,000 to the Society of Wellness, Instruction and Mobility through Swimming (SWIMS) for administration foundation strengthening (purchase of a laptop, printer and office supplies) to help expand / gain access to fundraising opportunities to assist in SWIMS' mission to promote wellness in the community of Lillooet.

- \$1,000 to the Lillooet Agriculture & Food Society towards the rental cost of space at the Lillooet REC Centre for the 2019 Annual Seedy Saturday event in partnership with Lillooet Food Matters.
- \$1,000 to the Whistler Centre for Sustainability (WCS) for 2019 costs to support the WCS Food Task Force.

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

- \$3,000 to the Pemberton Farmers' Market Association, matching the grant from the Village of Pemberton's Community Initiative & Opportunity Fund, towards the operating cost of running the Pemberton Farmers' Market for 2019.
- \$3,000 to the Pemberton Secondary School for each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 for scholarships and bursaries that will be offered to the 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 Graduates of Pemberton Secondary School.
- \$1,000 in the form of a Platinum Sponsorship, to support the PLC 2019 Dine and Dance in the Dark event raising funds to go to a number of recognized charities that support the visually impaired (i.e. CNIB programs and the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides program).
- \$1,000 to the Whistler Centre for Sustainability (WCS) for 2019 costs to support the WCS Food Task Force.
- \$377.90 to the Pemberton Valley Dyking District for 25% of the amounts outstanding from 2018 regarding the Lillooet River Early Warning System.

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

- Up to \$5,000 was allocated for engineering costs associated with bringing a propane truck over the Jack Webster Bridge to deliver propane to the residents, and to update the estimate of the cost of construction of a new Jack Webster Bridge.
- \$1,000 to the Whistler Centre for Sustainability (WCS) for 2019 costs to support the WCS Food Task Force.