

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER
ANNUAL REPORT
For the year ended December 31, 2019

1. Audited Financial Statements

The 2019 Audited Financial Statements are included as Appendix A to this Annual Report

2. Statement of Property Tax Exemptions

The Village of New Denver did not provide any permissive tax exemptions in 2019

3. Declaration and Identification of Disqualified Council Members

No Council Members are/have been disqualified

4. Report Respecting Municipal Services and Operations (Prior Year)

- Mayor's Message
- Progress on 2019 Municipal Priorities
- Municipal Priorities for 2020
- Municipal Priorities for 2021

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It has been a challenging year to say the least. I'm pleased to say that the Council, staff and residents of the Village of New Denver have risen to the task, and I am proud of what has been accomplished in our community.

The office staff has stepped up to the challenges that have been put in front of them, from all of our staff changes to the unprecedented COVID-19 crisis and the additional workload it has caused. They were able to write an impressive amount of grant applications and were very successful in receiving funding from that hard work. They were able to move forward on the Denver Siding boundary extension proposal, and move forward on an affordable housing project for New Denver. They've made sure the campground continues to bring much needed revenue, and the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre also remains open. So, thank you inside staff!

Our Public Works staff also had its COVID-19 challenges to overcome in order to do their work. They managed to do the repairs on the Silvery Slocan Museum building and start the work on the Knox Hall, coming up with a redesigned plan to make the building look like something the community can be proud of, and that is no small feat! The crew has been working really hard to clean up the public spaces after a very damaging winter, and improving maintenance in the parks, the cemetery and the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre. Thank you outside staff!

To solve our staffing challenges and get the expertise that the Village needs to be successful, we've contracted with the City of Nelson for finance support, and TRUE Consulting for our engineering needs. These arrangements are helping us with the day to day operations and also to move special projects forward. To our staff that have retired or moved on to further careers, I wish you all the best. Thank you for your years of service!

New Denver is lucky to have many residents who continue to volunteer their time in service to our community. As always, appreciation and recognition are due to those organizations and individuals for all they do to make our Village the best place it can be. Thank you for your contributions!

Your Council has worked hard over the last year to deliver on some changes, and they have been standing up for New Denver (even if that means a lot of sitting in meetings). The pace of government is slow, but we have been able, with staff's help, to move a lot of things forward in a year of uncertainty. Thank you Council for your persistent efforts!

To the residents and electors, thank you for your understanding and patience over the past year. Remember that we are all trying to get through life as best we can, and life is not perfect. So please, play safe and be kind to others.

Mayor Leonard Casley
August 2020

PROGRESS ON 2019 MUNICIPAL PRIORITIES

OBJECTIVE	STRATEGIES	MEASURES	STATUS
ADMINISTRATION			
RFP Engineering Services	Hire engineering firm to assist with projects	Contract in place for as-needed engineering services	Complete
Fill Senior Staff Positions	Recruit/hire candidates for senior staff positions	Senior Management Team in place	Complete
Renew Union contract	Collective bargaining process	Union contract in place for coming years	Complete
Obtain additional grant funding	Identify and apply for grant funding	Secure grant funding for municipal projects	Complete
COMMUNITY SERVICES			
Knox Hall Renovations	Spend grant funding to improve Knox Hall	Renovated hall available for public use	Underway
Silvery Slocan Museum Stabilization	Spend grant funding to stabilize Museum	Second floor of Museum re-opened to public	Underway
Plan for Centennial Park Improvements	Centennial Park concept planning & consultation	Council adoption of Master Plan for Centennial Park	Planned for 2020
Preserve 1957 Shack (NIMC)	Replace damaged shingles, wall/ceiling coverings	New exterior shakes and interior wall/ceiling coverings	Complete
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES			
Boundary Expansion	Extend municipal boundaries to include Denver Siding	New letters patent for municipality	Underway
PUBLIC WORKS			
Improve Orchard water pressure	Identify constriction and repair	Adequate water pressure to meet fire flows in Orchard	Planned for 2020
Water Master Plan	Create model and master plan for improvements	Council adoption of water system Master Plan	Underway

2020 MUNICIPAL PRIORITIES

OBJECTIVE

MEASURES/STRATEGIES

ACHIEVEMENTS/OUTCOMES

ADMINISTRATION

Improved HR practices	Develop employment contracts and performance monitoring processes	Employment contracts in place and scheduled performance reviews for all staff
Obtain short-term control of Lots 1-12, Block 50	Seek Licence of Occupation from Crown for recycling facility purposes	Licence of Occupation over Crown Lands issued to the Village
IT equipment that meets business needs	Work with consultant to review existing equipment, purchase new as required, optimize configurations	Updated hardware and software installed and connected to network
Increase Asset Management Activities	Work with consultant to seek funding for asset management work	Funding in place to develop municipal asset management program

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Silvery Slocan Museum Stabilization	Hire contractors and spend grant funding to stabilize Silvery Slocan Museum	Museum building stabilized and available for public use
Knox Hall Renovations	Hire contractors and spend grant funding to improve Knox Hall for community use	Renovated hall available for public use
Centennial Park Master Plan	Hire consultant to engage with public and develop plan to guide future amenity development	Park Master Plan presented to Council

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Boundary Expansion	Extend municipal boundaries to include Denver Siding	New letters patent for municipality
Modernize development processes	Hire consultant to establish development servicing standards, providing clarity to potential investors	Servicing standards bylaw adopted by Council
Denver Siding boundary extension	Obtain provincial consent to extend municipal boundaries to include Denver Siding	New Letters Patent for the municipality

2020 MUNICIPAL PRIORITIES CONTINUED

OBJECTIVE

MEASURES/STRATEGIES

ACHIEVEMENTS/OUTCOMES

PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Set Fire Department Service Levels	Council to set Service Level for Fire Department response as required by provincial regulation	Service Levels set by Council and forwarded to the Office of the Fire Commissioner
Modernized Fire Department bylaw	Review and update bylaw to clarify services provided by the Fire Department	Council adoption of updated Fire Department Bylaw

PUBLIC WORKS

Improve water pressure to Orchard	Develop plan for the upgrade of water mains crossing Carpenter Creek	Issue tender for replacement of lines or directional drilling work
Improved management of water distribution system	Develop model of water system and master plan for improvements	Presentation of final report to Council
Improved maintenance of public spaces	Hire additional summer staff to assist with grounds maintenance and vegetation removal	Reduced fire hazard and greater civic pride

2021 MUNICIPAL PRIORITIES

OBJECTIVE	MEASURES/STRATEGIES	ACHIEVEMENTS/OUTCOMES
ADMINISTRATION		
Evaluate financial sustainability of specific municipal services	Review municipal service fees and costs to determine if revenues cover expenses	Report to Council regarding financial sustainability of municipal services
Improve access to municipal documents and information	Develop retention and management policies for paper and digital records	Adoption of policy by Council
COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre boardwalk repairs	Secure grant funding to replace boardwalk structure	New boardwalk available for public use
Improve amenities in Centennial Park	Seek grant funding for priority amenities identified in Master Plan	Construction underway for new amenities
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES		
Update Official Community Plan (OCP) & Zoning Bylaw	Review and update OCP/Zoning in consultation with the community	Council adoption of updated OCP & Zoning bylaws
Create Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP)	Develop ATNP in consultation with the community	Council adoption of ATNP
PROTECTIVE SERVICES		
Modernize Fire Department policies	Review and update Fire Department policies	Council adoption of updated Fire Department policies
Modernize Emergency Program	Hire consultant to update Emergency Program documentation	Updated Emergency Program presented to Council
PUBLIC WORKS		
Improve water pressure to Orchard	Install new water mains to serve the Orchard	New water mains installed and operational
Fewer dead-end water lines	Install hydrants, stand-pipes or loops as needed	Hydrants or stand pipes installed at dead-ends
Upgrade Denver Siding Water System	Expend grant funds to upgrade Denver Siding water system and connect to existing municipal system	Denver Siding water system connected to Village wells

Appendix A:
Financial Statements