



AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER:**

**INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:** - Resolution required to add late items, if any

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** - Resolution to adopt the Agenda for the February 11, 2020, Regular Meeting.

**MINUTES:**

- Resolution to adopt the Minutes of the January 28, 2020, Regular Meeting
- Resolution to adopt the Minutes of the January 29, 2020, Committee of the Whole Meeting

**PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:**

Juliet Craig, Program Manager - Kootenay Conservation Program

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:**

-

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION:**

- Nil

**STAFF REPORTS:**

- Resolution to receive the following items for information:
  - Knox Hall Update (*Greg McTaggart, Facilities Supervisor*)
  - Economic Development Progress Reports – Dec. 2019 and Jan. 2020 (*CFCK - Ron LeBlanc, Slocan Valley Economic Development Coordinator*)

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Verbal Reports -

Regional District of Central Kootenay -

West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District -



- Recreation Commission #6 -
- Economic Development Commission -
- Rosebery Parklands & Trail Commission -
- Treaty Advisory Committee -
- Fire Department Committee -
- Health Advisory Committee -

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- UBCM CEPF Emergency Social Services Grant Application
- Canada Summer Jobs 2020 Grant Application
- Active Transportation Network Plan grant application
- TeraSpan Networks - Elena Kinakin, CEO - TeraSpan FTTH - Request for Letter of Support

**ADJOURNMENT:**

- Resolution to adjourn the meeting at \_\_\_\_ p.m.





MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: January 28, 2020  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Council Chambers

PRESENT:

- Mayor Leonard Casley
- Councillor John Fyke
- Councillor Vern Gustafson
- Councillor Colin Moss
- Councillor Gerald Wagner
- Catherine Allaway, CAO
- Press: Valley Voice
- Guests:

CALL TO ORDER:

- Mayor Casley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

**RESOLUTION #15**

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the agenda for the January 28, 2020 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

**RESOLUTION #16**

- Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that the Minutes of the January 14, 2020 Regular Meeting be adopted as read.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #17**

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the Minutes of the January 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted as read.

CARRIED

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

- Nil

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

- George Meier from the New Denver & Area Housing Society spoke about the need for clarity regarding the Society's role in the proposed affordable housing project.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR  
INFORMATION:**

**RESOLUTION #18**

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the following correspondence be received for information:
    - Re: 5G Protests (*Norbert Duerichen, New Denver*)
    - Consultations on amending Species at Risk (*Canadian Wildlife Service - Celina Willis, Conservation Project Development Officer*)
    - Chamber of Commerce Strategic Plan (*Slocan Valley Chamber of Commerce - Jessica Rayner, Manager*)
    - ASTA Survey (*Arrow Slocan Tourism Association - Megan Chadwick, Executive Director*)
    - Support for Postal Banking (*Village of Canal Flats - Sylvie Hoobanoff, Corporate Officer*)
- CARRIED

**STAFF REPORTS:**

**RESOLUTION #19**

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the following report be received for information:
    - Slocan Valley Agricultural Action Plan (*Community Futures of Central Kootenay - Ron LeBlanc, Economic Development Coordinator*)
- CARRIED

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| Verbal Reports                                    | - Councillor Moss complimented the New Denver Hospice Society on their recent work |
| Regional District of Central Kootenay             | - Councillor Moss reported on RDCK affairs   |
| West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District | - Councillor Moss reported on WKBRHD affairs                                       |
| Recreation Commission #6                          | - Nil  |
| Economic Development Commission                   | - Nil  |
| Rosebery Trails & Parklands Commission            | - Nil  |

- |                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Treaty Advisory Committee | - Nil |
| Fire Department Committee | - Nil |
| Health Advisory Committee | - Nil |

**NEW BUSINESS:****RESOLUTION #20**

New Denver Boundary Extension Area

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that Council approve proceeding with a Village of New Denver boundary extension proposal for the properties outlined in the *Proposed New Denver Extension Area* maps.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #21**CBT CIP 2020 (*RDCK - Nancy Kalawsky, Grants Coordinator*)

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the 2020/2021 CBT Community Initiatives applications be presented to the Village of New Denver's Local Selection Committee on Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

CARRIED

Mayor Casley declared a conflict of interest in the matter at hand and left the meeting at 7:31 p.m. as the request is coming from a member of his immediate family.  
Acting Mayor Moss assumed the role of Chair.

**RESOLUTION #22**Rescue Boat Donation (*New Denver Rescue Society - Mercedes Casley, Chairperson*)

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the Village of New Denver accept the donation of the rescue boat from the New Denver Rescue Society.

CARRIED

Mayor Casley returned to the meeting at 7:38 p.m. and resumed the role of Chair.

**RESOLUTION #23**2020 WildSafeBC Program (*BC Conservation Foundation – Trina Radford, A/Regional Manager*)

- Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that the Village of New Denver provide a minimum of \$1000 cash plus \$500 of in-kind support towards the 2020 WildSafe BC program.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #24**Request for Letter of Support – Vancouver Foundation Investment Readiness Program, Affordable Housing Feasibility) (*New Denver & Area Housing Society – Jan McMurray, Chair*)

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the Village of New Denver provide a letter in support of the New Denver & Area Housing Society's application to the Vancouver Foundation for Investment Readiness Program funding to assist with the development of an affordable housing project in New Denver.

CARRIED

**MOTION TO EXCLUDE:**

**RESOLUTION #25**

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the public interest requires that, as per section 90(1) (l) of the *Community Charter*, persons other than members of Council and the CAO be excluded from the meeting as it pertains to the strategic planning discussions relating to the preparation of the Annual Report.

RECONVENE IN CAMERA:

**RESOLUTION #26**

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that Council recess and reconvene in camera at 8:18 p.m.  
CARRIED

RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING:

**RESOLUTION #31**

- Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that Council reconvene in open meeting at 9:40 p.m.  
CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT  
FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA:

- Nil

ADJOURNMENT:

**RESOLUTION #32**

- Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:40 p.m.  
CARRIED

---

MAYOR CASLEY

---

CORPORATE OFFICER





MINUTES  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

DATE: January 29, 2020  
TIME: 4:00 p.m.  
PLACE: Council Chambers

PRESENT:

- Mayor Leonard Casley
- Councillor John Fyke
- Councillor Vern Gustafson
- Councillor Colin Moss
- Councillor Gerald Wagner
- Catherine Allaway, CAO
- Jessica Rayner, Community Planner
- Press: Nil
- Guests: Richard Toperczer, Jessica Collins, Ron LeBlanc, James Kay

CALL TO ORDER:

- Mayor Casley called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

**RESOLUTION #33**

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the agenda for the January 21, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted as presented.  
CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Land Use Planning for Investment  
Readiness

- Council discussed which elements proposed in the 2019 Rural Dividend application should be given priority in order to improve the Village's ability to attract investment and create growth.

ADJOURNMENT:

**RESOLUTION #34**

- Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 12:00 p.m.  
CARRIED

---

MAYOR CASLEY

---

CORPORATE OFFICER

# Local Conservation Funds in British Columbia

A guide for Local Governments and Community Organizations



## Executive Summary

**A conservation fund is a local government service that is funded through a dedicated tax or fee and used to support environmental conservation and community sustainability projects.**

The regional district or municipality that holds the conservation fund decides which projects to support according to criteria in the fund's terms of reference.

Conservation funds support projects that reflect local priorities, such as:

- Protecting clean water sources.
- Conserving natural areas for people to enjoy.
- Restoring fish and wildlife habitat.
- Strengthening community vitality by taking care of ecosystems and the benefits they provide.

## Three Good Reasons to Support Conservation Funds

1. **Ecosystem services** – A healthy environment provides us with clean water, pure air, and many other natural resources. It can be very expensive to try to make things right after we have damaged our environment. It's smart to take care of what we've got.
2. **A healthy environment supports a healthy economy** – Robust property values; attractive, investable, safe communities; tourism, agriculture, and other renewable resource sectors all rely on a functioning environment.
3. **Local control** – Funds are generated locally and directly benefit the community.

## A Group Effort

Establishing a conservation fund is a big job that requires cooperation for success. Conservation groups usually initiate the process; however, local government staff and elected officials play an essential role. Cultivating community connection and collaboration is also necessary to create a conservation fund that meets residents' needs and addresses local environmental priorities.

## Community Vision

Conservation funds are forward looking. They show that communities can work together to protect local environments and steward the natural resources that support their lives and livelihoods. Conservation funds empower communities to improve on past decisions and give future generations a leg-up.

## Existing Conservation Funds

### Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund

- Subregional fund established by Regional District of East Kootenay in 2008.
- Established by assent vote (referendum) in the participating areas.
- Property owners in the service area pay a parcel tax of 5¢ per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value, up to a maximum of \$230,000 annually (this works out to about \$20 per parcel).
- Fund themes: Conservation of water, wildlife, habitat, and open space.
- Funded 69 projects totalling \$1.7 million (2010-2017).



Columbia Wetlands Stewardship Partners work to re-establish the northern leopard frog in the Columbia marshes.

### Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund

- Subregional fund established by Regional District of Central Kootenay in 2014.
- Established by assent vote (referendum) in the participating areas.
- Property owners in the service area pay an annual parcel tax of \$15 per parcel of land. All parcels are taxed at the same rate, regardless of assessed value.
- Fund themes: Conservation of water and aquatic systems, wildlife, and habitat.
- Funded 10 projects totalling just over \$108,000 (2016-2017).



BC Wildlife Federation provides education and on-the-ground support to improve grizzly bear/human coexistence.

### South Okanagan Conservation Fund

- Subregional fund established by Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen in 2016.
- Established by alternative approval process.
- Property owners in the service area pay a property value tax of 3.72¢ per \$1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements, to a maximum of \$450,000 annually.
- Fund themes: Conservation, protection, enhancement, and restoration of valuable natural areas, including water and land based ecosystems, wildlife, and habitat.
- The first round of applications to the fund opened in September 2017.



Working to protect the yellow-breasted chat, an endangered species in B.C.

Find this guide, terms of reference for the existing B.C. conservation funds, and other resources online:  
[soscip.org/conservationfundguidebc/](http://soscip.org/conservationfundguidebc/)

# Local Conservation Funds in the Kootenays: Frequently Asked Questions

*Summary, February 2020*

---

## What is a Local Conservation Fund (LCF)?

**A Local Conservation Fund is a local government service that is funded through a dedicated tax and used to support environmental conservation and community sustainability projects.**

- Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund (CVLCF) was the first of its kind in Canada. It was established in Areas F and G as well as the municipalities of Canal Flats, Invermere and Radium as an RDEK Service in 2008. Residents pay a parcel tax of \$20 per parcel per year towards a dedicated conservation fund.
- Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund (KLLCF) was established in Electoral Areas A, D and E as a RDCK Service in 2014. Residents pay \$15 per parcel per year in tax towards conservation.
- These Funds support conservation of fish, wildlife, habitat, water, and open spaces.

## What are benefits of Local Conservation Funds?

**LCFs fund projects that support the health of natural ecosystems and wild spaces, which in turn support healthy communities.**

- Way of Life Insurance
- Clean Water, Wildlife, Open Spaces
- A healthy, prosperous community relies on a healthy local environment.

## Are there economic benefits?

**For every dollar acquired by tax, Local Conservation Funds leverage at least 2:1 and up to 9:1 additional dollars that support local communities.**

- Over 10 years, the \$1.8 million raised by the Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund has helped leverage an additional \$17 million for the approved projects, including land acquisition.
- In the first four years of the KLLCF, the taxpayer contribution of \$223,000 has leveraged an additional \$532,000 in cash.
- Funds are spent locally, which creates added economic benefit (through the purchase of materials/supplies, work for a broad range of contractors/businesses).
- Broader granting programs look more favourably on projects with a local funding contribution.

## Have LCFs in the Kootenays been successful?

**Local Conservation Funds have been established in the East and West Kootenay and Okanagan and continue to spread.**

- Local Conservation Funds in the Kootenays have supported over 100 projects.
- Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen established Local Conservation Fund in 2016 based on the Columbia Valley and Kootenay Lake examples utilizing the Alternative Approval Process.
- Regional District of North Okanagan established a Local Conservation Fund in 2019.

## What types of projects do LCFs fund?

**LCFs are dedicated to conservation and ensure that local priority issues can be addressed.**

**Taxpayers see tangible results at the local level:**

- Citizen-science wildlife population monitoring
- Monitoring local water quality
- Functioning wetlands, creeks, and grasslands that improve water quality
- Restored natural recreation areas
- Improved local fish and wildlife habitat and species at risk conservation
- Funding for local farmers to manage natural assets on their lands
- Fewer invasive plants and improved forage for ungulates
- Creation of wildflower meadows to promote pollinators
- Reduction in human-wildlife conflict and protection of grizzly bears
- Economic opportunities for jobs, contracts, materials and supplies
- Land acquisition of ecologically significant properties

## How are projects chosen?

**LCF project proposals are reviewed by a panel of technical experts before being decided on by local elected officials.**

- The Panel (known as the Technical Review Committee) is made up of local biologists, professors, foresters, etc.) who review and rank proposals.
- Based on Technical Review Committee recommendations, elected officials ultimately decide which projects receive funding and for how much in any given year.

## KCP Contact Information

Juliet Craig, Program Manager, Kootenay Conservation Program

[juliet@kootenayconservation.ca](mailto:juliet@kootenayconservation.ca)

250-352-2260

For more information see: <https://kootenayconservation.ca/conservation-funds/> and <https://soscp.org/about-soscp/conservationfundguidebc/>





# What We Heard: Summary of Local Conservation Fund Market Research Results

January 2020

Juliet Craig, KCP Program Manager, [juliet@kootenayconservation.ca](mailto:juliet@kootenayconservation.ca), 250-352-2260

## Background

A **Local Conservation Fund (LCF)** is a local government service funded by taxpayers as a property tax line item and used to support environmental conservation and community sustainability projects within the area that the funds were collected.

There are currently two Local Conservation Funds operating in the Kootenays: the **Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund (CVLCF)**, administered by the Regional District of East Kootenay (RDEK) and includes the entire Columbia Valley sub-region (District of Invermere, Village of Radium Hot Springs, Village of Canal Flats, Electoral Areas F and G); and the **Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund (KLLCF)**, administered by the Regional District of Central Kootenay and includes Electoral Areas A, D and E.

Both Funds were developed based on local values and priorities identified through market research polling and focus groups. The Kootenay Conservation Program (KCP) worked closely with the two regional districts to establish the Funds and, through an agreement, assists with administration of the fund on their behalf.

Table 1: Existing Local Conservation Funds in the Kootenays

Columbia Valley Local Conservation Fund	Kootenay Lake Local Conservation Fund
Established 2008	Established 2014
\$20 parcel tax per year	\$15 parcel tax per year
Generates ~ 200,000 annually for allocation	Generates ~\$65,000 annually for allocation

With conservation demands growing in response to the impacts of climate change, changing land uses and management of species at risk, **each year there are more requests for LCF funding than what the Funds can accommodate**. Because of this clearly demonstrated need and the success of these two conservation fund initiatives, KCP is actively looking at expanding the Local Conservation Fund concept to other areas.

## Market Research: Methods

In November 2018, KCP engaged NRG Research Group to conduct a telephone survey of **900 adult residents of the RDEK and RDCK** (excluding the regions with existing LCFs) using questions similar to those used in the 2006 and 2012 surveys for establishing the CVLCF and KLLCF. To strengthen the analysis, municipalities and electoral areas were grouped into subregions. The data were additionally weighted to reflect the actual population distribution (based on Census data).

Table 2: West Kootenay Subregions for Market Research Polling

Regional District	Subregion	Includes
RDCK	Kootenay Lake*	City of Nelson, Village of Kaslo, RDCK Area F
RDCK	Slocan Valley	Village of New Denver, Village of Silverton, Village of Slocan, RDCK Area H
RDCK	Arrow Lakes	Village of Nakusp, RDCK Area K
RDCK	Creston/Yahk	Town of Creston, RDCK Areas B and C
RDCK	Lower Arrow	City of Castlegar, RDCK Areas I and J
RDCK	Rural Salmo	Village of Salmo, RDCK Area G

\* Not including Electoral Areas A, D and E, which already have the KLLCF.

The questionnaire was comprised of 24 questions. These included broader questions like ‘what do you consider to be the most important issues facing your community?’, ‘what are the most valuable assets of your region contributing to quality of life’, and ‘how concerned are you about environmental issues’?

The questions about support for a Local Conservation Fund were asked in three ways:

1. Do you support the **idea** of a fund?
2. Do you support the idea of **contributing** financially?
3. Do you support the establishment of a **mandatory** levy?

## Market Research: General Regional Results

- **80%** of residents supported<sup>1</sup> the **idea** of creating a dedicated conservation fund
- **65%** of residents say they would be willing to **contribute financially** to a conservation fund
- **58%** of residents supported a **mandatory** conservation levy on landowners
- **96%** of residents supported (a) restoring fish and wildlife habitats and (b) protecting aquatic systems as the most important conservation priorities.

## Market Research: Slocan Valley Results

- **77%** of residents support the **idea** of a dedicated conservation fund, consistent with most other sub-regions.
- **67%** of residents are **willing to contribute financially** to a dedicated conservation fund (higher than the average willingness across all other sub-regions).
- **67%** of residents are open to a **mandatory** levy to be used for conservation initiatives (tied with Kootenay Lake for the highest willingness across the polled sub-regions)
- **66%** of Slocan Valley residents rate the **conservation of private land in valley bottoms as very important** (relative to 55% of residents throughout Kootenays)
- **Residents of the Slocan Valley are significantly more likely to be concerned about conservation issues** (such as climate change, the availability of locally grown food products, and water shortage or drought) than residents of most other sub-regions.

<sup>1</sup> Support includes both the categories of ‘strongly support’ and ‘somewhat support’.



## The Corporation of the Village of New Denver

P.O. Box 40, New Denver, BC V0G 1S0 • office@newdenver.ca

PHONE (250) 358-2316 • FAX (250) 358-7251

---

TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: Corporate Officer  
SUBJECT: Request for Information  
DATE: February 7, 2020

---

### RECOMMENDATION:

That the following items be received for information:

- Knox Hall Update (*Greg McTaggart, Facilities Supervisor*)
- Economic Development Progress Reports - Dec. 2019 & Jan. 2020 (*CFCK - Ron LeBlanc, Slocan Valley Economic Development Coordinator*)



**SUBMITTED BY:** Greg McTaggart  
Facilities Supervisor  
**SUBJECT:** KNOX HALL PROJECT UPDATE

**DATE:** February 6, 2020

**PURPOSE:** To provide Council with an update on the Knox Hall renovation project



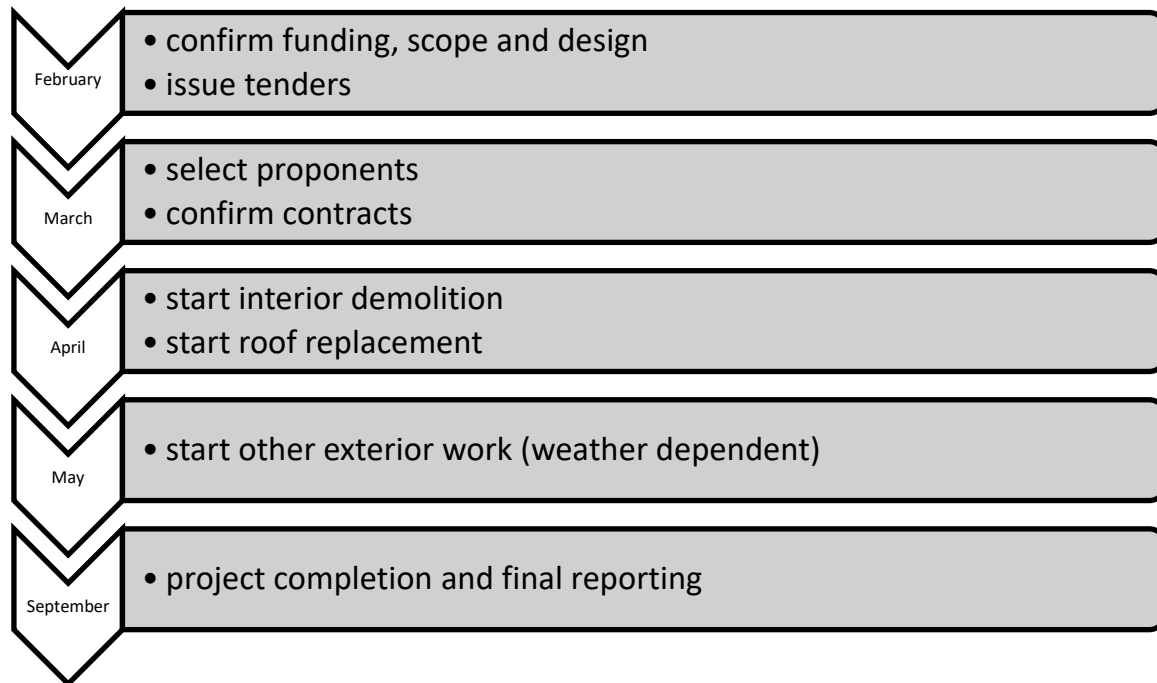
#### **BRIEF SCOPE OF WORK**

- New roof over hall (trusses)
- Porch and addition roofs
- New siding and soffit throughout
- Repair damaged sections of library floor and resurface
- Repair damaged sections of library walls, insulate/fire rate ceiling
- Refinish existing wood floor in main hall
- Demolish and rebuild entry vestibule
- Relocate main doors to vestibule, install new doors to main hall
- Replace hall and library windows
- Remove false ceilings in main hall, repair/refinish original ceiling
- Gut interior walls, remove hazardous material, insulate and finish/paint/trim
- Replace interior doors to meet accessibility requirements
- Renovate existing washrooms to meet accessibility requirements
- Renovate kitchen, replace cupboards, counters & appliances
- New LED lighting throughout building
- Replace and separate heating/ventilation systems
- Add drainage and landscaping around building exterior
- Stabilize and repair chimney
- Refinish existing interior stairs, install fire doors as needed

### PROPOSED APPROACH:

The Village (Greg) will act as the General Contractor and sub out all the trades including framing, exterior finishes, interior finishes, drywall and paint, flooring, electrical and mechanical. We order the special materials such as the windows, doors, hardware, cabinets and flooring. This will reduce costs by avoiding contractor markups.

### PROPOSED TIMELINE:



### COMMENTS:

After extensive investigation I concluded the hall is in very good shape structure wise (other than the main hall roof and front entry) for being 127 years old. I noticed poor or no insulation, drafty doors and windows, incomplete heating system, and poor site drainage. I haven't seen any rot at this point other than a small section in the library floor. I feel we should upgrade the insulation and heating/ventilation to modern standards and install new windows, doors and flashings to keep wind and moisture out. Also, proper site drainage will help as I believe the basement water penetration is 99% surface water and can easily be diverted without re-doing a new foundation or a deep perimeter drain.

The ultimate goal would be to give Knox Hall a new roof, very well insulated throughout, and a dry basement with minimal engineering, while maintaining the original look and feel. Basically, to update it as per the BC Building Code. This includes a new truss system, thickening the walls, providing for radon escape and proper ventilation. With this work, it's possible we can get another 100 years of life for this building.

**AVAILABLE FUNDING:**

Two grants have already been obtained for the project – the confirmed funding sources are the CBT Built Heritage Program and the CBT Community Technology Program

**BUILT HERITAGE PROGRAM - \$200,000**

The Built Heritage program provides up to 80% of eligible expenses related to the preservation and rehabilitation of designated heritage structures. \$200,000 has been secured to fund the following items:

- Perimeter drainage and foundation stabilization
- Roof replacement (covering and underlay only, no trusses)
- Building envelope improvements
- Rehabilitation of interior finishes
- Chimney stabilization
- Restoration of original windows
- Refinishing of exterior siding
- Rehabilitation of front porch/vestibule
- Electrical system upgrades and repairs
- Mechanical system upgrades and repairs

The original estimates for this work were for \$263,367 with \$63,367 coming from Village funds.

The following components were proposed as part of the original project, but were not eligible for funding through the Built Heritage program:

- Bathroom remodel – renovate and upgrade upstairs and downstairs washrooms to meet code
- Kitchen remodel – renovate existing kitchen, replace counters, cupboards, upgrade appliances
- Replace flooring in kitchen and upstairs bathroom
- Improve insulation and lighting in reading centre
- Improve main hall storage capacity

The approximate cost for this work was \$60,700, with the Village as the only source of funding.

**COMMUNITY TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM - \$14,000**

The CBT Community Technology Program has provided an additional \$14,000 to fund the following items:

- 4 computer workstations
- Scanner
- Flat screen tv for remote learning
- Digital editing software
- Workshop delivery costs

The Youth Centre has agreed to contribute \$500 to this project and the Village of New Denver has committed to providing an additional \$6,150 from municipal sources.

**FUNDING SHORTFALLS:**

Since the original funding applications were submitted, there has been some new information that has been discovered, and this has led to proposed changes to the scope of the project, as follows:

- Need for new roof trusses rather than simply repair of the existing roof structure
- Need for replacement rather than patching and repainting of the exterior siding
- Removal of hazardous material identified in main hall (lead paint)
- Need to provide radon remediation measures



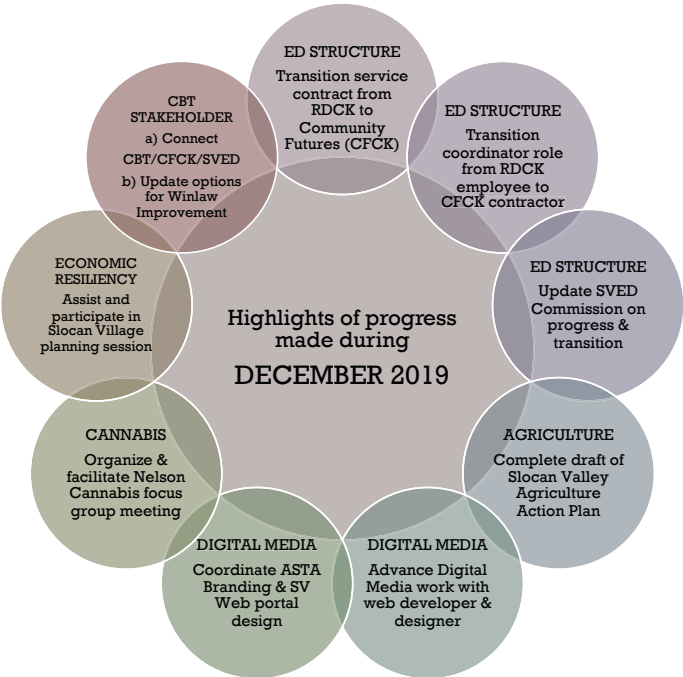
These additional elements will require additional funds in order to be completed. To address this, the Village is exploring additional sources of funding for the project. Staff has contacted BC Hydro to determine if the proposed work would qualify for any of the available rebate programs. Staff has also had discussions with CBT, and have been advised that additional funding might be available through the Community Development program. Preliminary discussions have identified the following components for further cost-sharing:

- Kitchen and bathroom renovations
- Main hall storage improvements
- Roof trusses
- Hardiboard siding
- Radon remediation
- Hazardous material removal
- Fire separations

If additional sources of funding can not be secured, Council will be required to determine whether they wish to reduce the scope of the project and remove elements from the current phase of the project, or whether they wish to fund the shortfall from municipal sources.



# SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



# SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Highlights of progress made during [DECEMBER 2019](#)

- **ED STRUCTURE** Transition service contract from RDCK to Community Futures (CFCK)  
 Status: Work in progress  
 Notes: Transfer of budget information and final service contract from RDCK to be completed.
- **ED STRUCTURE** Transition coordinator role from RDCK employee to CFCK contractor  
 Status: Complete  
 Notes: Coordinator role now operational under CFCK.
- **ED STRUCTURE** Update SVED Commission on progress & transition  
 Status: Complete  
 Notes: SVED Commission on hold while new Advisory Committee is formed.
- **AGRICULTURE** Complete draft of Slokan Valley Agriculture Action Plan  
 Status: Complete  
 Notes: Draft being revised and the Action Plan to be released in January.
- **DIGITAL MEDIA** Advance Digital Media work with web developer & designer  
 Status: Work in progress  
 Notes: Developer and Designer working towards a version for review by stakeholders in February.
- **DIGITAL MEDIA** Coordinate ASTA Branding & SV Web portal design  
 Status: Work in progress  
 Notes: Ensuring there is communication and cooperation between the two processes.

3

# SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Highlights of progress made during [DECEMBER 2019](#)

- **CANNABIS** Organize & facilitate Nelson Cannabis focus group meeting  
 Status: Complete  
 Notes: Gathered local entrepreneurs, CF and FLNRD staff to prepare for a second Health Canada engagement process in Nelson during February.
- **ECONOMIC** Assist and participate in Slokan Village planning session
- **RESILIENCY**  
 Status: Complete  
 Notes: Planning session complete. Follow up work to be done, but off to a great start.
- **CBT**
- **STAKEHOLDER** a) Connect CBT/CFCK/SVEDP b) Update options for Winlaw Improvement  
 Status: Complete, Work in progress  
 Notes: a) Relationship between CF & CBT discussed in context of the SVED project.  
 b) Options explored to advance Winlaw Improvement relating to a previous CBT COR grant application.

4

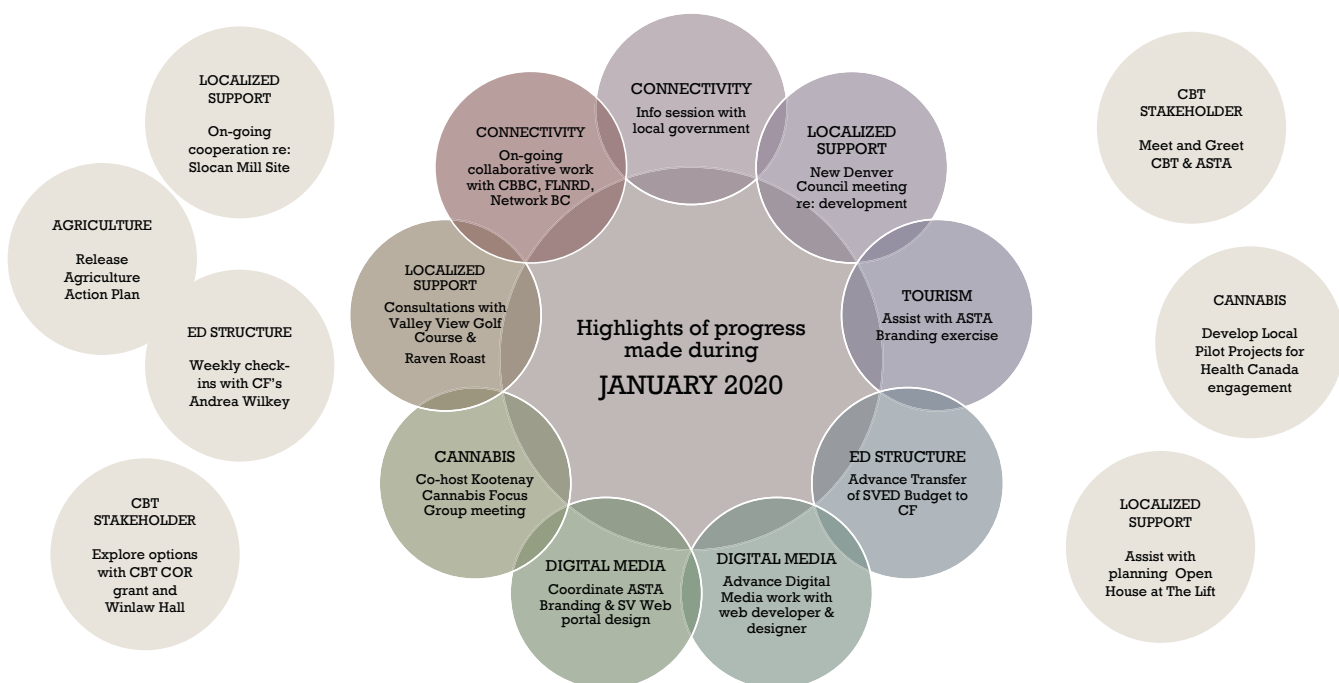




# SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Progress Report – January 2020

## SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



# SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Highlights of progress made during JANUARY 2020

- **ED STRUCTURE** Advance transfer of SVED budget to Community Futures (CFCK)
  - Status: Work in progress
  - Notes: Transfer of budget information and final service contract from RDCK to be completed.
- **ED STRUCTURE** Weekly check-in meetings with Andrea Wilkey (CFCK)
  - Status: On-going
  - Notes: Updates and planning
- **AGRICULTURE** Complete draft of Slokan Valley Agriculture Action Plan
  - Status: Complete
  - Notes: Release Slokan Valley Agriculture Action Plan.
- **DIGITAL MEDIA** Advance Digital Media work with web developer & designer
  - Status: Work in progress
  - Notes: Stakeholders review initial website design elements.
- **DIGITAL MEDIA** Coordinate ASTA Branding & SV Web portal design
  - Status: Work in progress
  - Notes: Ensuring there is communication and cooperation between the two processes.

3

# SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Highlights of progress made during JANUARY 2020

- **CANNABIS** Co-host Kootenay Cannabis focus group meeting
  - Status: Complete
  - Notes: Gathered local entrepreneurs, CF and FLNRD staff to prepare for a second Health Canada engagement process in Nelson during February. This was the second such meeting in a month with 50 participants
- **CANNABIS** Develop Local Cannabis Pilot Projects for Health Canada engagement
  - Status: Work in progress
  - Notes: Developing concepts for Health Canada to consider as pilot projects locally, eg Co-op Processing Facility
- **CBT**
- **STAKEHOLDER** Explore options with CBT Community Outdoor Revitalization grant and Winlaw Hall
  - Status: Work in progress
  - Notes: Shelve previous Winlaw Planning proposal in favour of COR grant options for Winlaw Hall.
- **CBT**
- **STAKEHOLDER** Meet and Greet CBT & ASTA
  - Status: Complete
  - Notes: Arranged a Meet & Greet with ASTA Executive Director and Kelvin Saldern of CBT
- **CONNECTIVITY** Info session with local government
  - Status: Complete
  - Notes: Met with local government reps, CBBC FLNRD & Network BC to update and explore broadband options

4



# SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Highlights of progress made during JANUARY 2020

- **CONNECTIVITY** On-going collaborative work with CBBC, FLNRD & Network BC  
Status: Work in Progress  
Notes: Frequent planning conference calls aimed at crafting a process for rolling out backbone and exploring last mile delivery options
- **LOCALIZED SUPPORT** Support for Slocan Mill site development  
Status: Work in Progress  
Notes: Discussions with Slocan Mayor Lunn
- **LOCALIZED SUPPORT** Consultations with Valley View Golf Course and Raven Roast  
Status: Work in Progress  
Notes: Business retention and expansion work
- **LOCALIZED SUPPORT** New Denver council meeting re: development  
Status: Complete, Work in Progress  
Notes: Land use planning for investment readiness, housing
- **LOCALIZED SUPPORT** Assist with planning Open House at The Lift in Silverton  
Status: Work in Progress  
Notes: Helping event with representation from stakeholder groups

5

# SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Highlights of progress made during JANUARY 2020

- **TOURISM** Assist with ASTA branding exercise  
Status: Work in Progress  
Notes: Sitting on the ASTA branding committee, participating in a branding exercise

6

---

**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION**

---

**SUBMITTED BY:** Catherine Allaway, CAO

**DATE:** February 6, 2020

**SUBJECT:** UBCM CEPF Emergency Social Services Grant Application

---

**PURPOSE:** To seek Council approval for a grant application

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Council of the Village of New Denver supports an application to the UBCM CEPF Emergency Social Services funding stream, and further; that the Village of New Denver agrees to provide overall grant management for the project.

**ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:**

If the Village does not apply for funding assistance through this program, the costs associated with updating the emergency social services framework will be borne by the taxpayers.

**ANALYSIS:**

**A. Background:** The UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) provides grants to local governments to enhance resiliency. The Emergency Social Services (ESS) funding stream aims to build local capacity to deliver emergency social services and support the modernization of ESS programs. The application deadline is February 14, 2020.

**B. Discussion:** The proposed grant application would see the acquisition of laptops and accessories to conduct online registration and reporting during an emergency, as well as a satellite phone for use during telecommunications outages. Consultant fees to revise and update the relevant sections of the Village's emergency plan are also included.

The RDCK is also applying for funds to purchase IT kits for the regional emergency program, but this equipment will be located in Nelson, Naksup and Creston. By submitting an independent application, the Village will be able to acquire equipment that will be housed locally, and can be readily deployed when needed. Staff has worked with the RDCK to ensure compatibility.

**C. Legislative Framework:** Emergency Program Act, RDCK Emergency Services Program (Bylaw 1388 and amendments thereto)

**D. Attachments:** Nil

**E. Council Strategic Priority:** Nil

**F. Communication Strategy:** Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The program provides 100% funding to a maximum of \$25,000 per community. Preference is given to applications that include a cash or in-kind contributions from the applicant. Staff recommends that the Village contribute a maximum of \$1500 towards the project.

**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION**

---

**SUBMITTED BY:** Catherine Allaway, CAO

**DATE:** February 6, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Canada Summer Jobs 2020 Grant Application

---

**PURPOSE:** To seek Council approval for a grant application

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Council of the Village of New Denver authorize an application to the 2020 Canada Summer Jobs Program.

**ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:**

If the Village does not apply for funding assistance through this program, the cost of hiring summer students will need to be funded through taxation or other sources. Without financial support from the CSJ program the Village of New Denver does not always have the resources to hire summer students to work in the Public Works department.

**ANALYSIS:**

- A. Background:** The Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program provides financial assistance to employers with the aim of providing quality work experiences for youth and improving labour market access for young people. The program targets those aged 15-30. The application deadline for the program is February 24, 2020.
- B. Discussion:** The Village of New Denver has accessed the CSJ program for many years, to offset costs associated with hiring summer students to work at the Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre (NIMC) and in the public works department. The proposed application will seek funding for up to 3 NIMC positions and 2 summer groundskeeper positions.
- C. Legislative Framework:** Nil
- D. Attachments:** Nil
- E. Council Strategic Priority:** Nil
- F. Communication Strategy:** The positions will be advertised in accordance with the requirements of the funding agreement.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The CSJ program provides funding for up to 50% of the minimum wage for public sector employers like the Village. For NIMC positions, the Village has also sought funding through the Young Canada Works program which can be combined with CSJ funding to cover up to 100% of wage costs. The Village will be required to cover at least 50% of the costs associated with the 2 summer groundskeeper positions, estimated at approximately \$4,000 per position or \$8,000 in total.

**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION**

---

**SUBMITTED BY:** Catherine Allaway, CAO

**DATE:** February 6, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Active Transportation Network Planning Grant Application

---

**PURPOSE:** To seek Council approval for a grant application

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Council of the Village of New Denver support an application to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's Active Transportation Network Planning Grant program.

**ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:**

If the Village does not apply for funding assistance through this program the costs associated with the development of an Active Transportation Network Plan will need to be funded through taxation or other sources. Without an Active Transportation Network Plan, the Village is unable to access the Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program which provides up to 70% funding for capital projects in small communities.

**ANALYSIS:**

- A. Background:** Network planning grants help communities with a population under 25,000 to develop plans that support active transportation for all ages and abilities. The application deadline is February 20, 2020.
- B. Discussion:** The proposed project includes public consultation as well as professional design components. Activities will include design and cost estimates for a sidewalk along the north side of Hwy 31A between the main intersection and Kootenay streets, as well as preliminary design and costing for a covered stair or ramp along Kootenay Street between Lucerne Elementary Secondary School and Newmarket Foods. Preliminary feasibility and design work for a footbridge across Carpenter Creek will also be included. The Active Transportation Network Plan will identify gaps in pedestrian and active transportation routes within the community, opportunities for connections to routes beyond the municipal boundaries and areas for future improvements.
- C. Legislative Framework:** Nil
- D. Attachments:** Nil
- E. Council Strategic Priority:** Nil
- F. Communication Strategy:** A public consultation component will be included in the proposed project activities and will be advertised in accordance with Council policy.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The program provides 50% funding to a maximum of \$50,000 per community. Staff is proposing a maximum project budget of \$60,000 which would require the Village to contribute \$30,000 towards the project. Gas Tax funds can be used for the Village's contribution.

---

**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION**

---

**SUBMITTED BY:** Catherine Allaway, CAO

**DATE:** February 7, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Request for Letter of Support – TeraSpan

---

**PURPOSE:** To obtain Council's support for an application to install last mile fibre optic service

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a decision regarding the request from TeraSpan for a letter of support be deferred to allow staff to gather additional information about possible options.

**ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:**

If Council provides a letter of support at this time, TeraSpan could apply to the first intake of provincial funding, with a February 15, 2020 application deadline.

If Council wishes to defer a decision at this time, the proposed project could still proceed if it can meet the March 27 deadline for federal funding, accessing the second intake of provincial funding which has a June 15, 2020 application deadline. This would allow additional time to explore options.

**ANALYSIS:**

- A. Background:** TeraSpan is an experienced provider of last mile fibre optic service. They are seeking to access federal and provincial funding in order to build on the CBBC fiber backbone project and deliver "Fibre to the Home" last mile and ISP service (in partnership with Urban Fibre) to buildings in New Denver and other local communities. Federal funding for up to 50% of project costs is available with an application deadline of March 27. Provincial funding for up to 25% of project costs is available with an application deadline of February 15<sup>th</sup> for the first intake, or June 15<sup>th</sup> for the second intake.
- B. Discussion:** The provision of last mile fibre service is a complex issue with many options. TeraSpan has a proven track record and its proposal is attractive, as it offers a solution at no cost to residents with appealing timelines for completion. However, there have been concerns raised about having last mile infrastructure owned by a private-sector entity. With some more time, it might be possible to work with TeraSpan and other area local governments to find an optimal solution that is acceptable to all parties.
- C. Legislative Framework:** Nil
- D. Attachments:** Letter from TeraSpan, dated Feb. 6, 2020
- E. Council Strategic Priority:** Nil
- F. Communication Strategy:** Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** The proposal under consideration will not involve any direct cost to the Village. TeraSpan is proposing to fund the 25% of the project that is not supported by grant funding, and intends to recover this investment through eventual profitable operation of the system, by billing customers directly for ISP service, or selling bandwidth to other ISPs.

TeraSpan Networks Inc.  
6870 Palm Avenue  
Burnaby, BC V5J 4M3



February 6, 2020

Catherine Allaway  
Chief Administrative Officer  
Village of New Denver  
P.O. Box 40 | New Denver, BC | V0G 1S0

Dear Ms. Allaway,

Re: Request for Letter of Support for TeraSpan's Proposal for FTTH project funding

TeraSpan Networks Inc. ("TeraSpan") is currently working on a funding proposal to support the construction of a fiber to the home / fiber to the business network in the Village of New Denver and surrounding areas. We are hoping to receive funding from both the provincial government and the CRTC for this project.

Our objective is to fund the construction of last mile (FTTH) networks that would connect to previously constructed backhaul networks. The ultimate objective is to provide fiber-based internet connectivity to your residents and businesses using this infrastructure.

There is still a fair bit of work to do before we can solidify our plan and we will communicate more as things progress. However, the provincial government funding deadline is looming and we are hoping to get a submission done for this current round if possible.

A requirement for the provincial government funding is support from communities by way of a letter of support. We are requesting letters of support from the Village of New Denver and other municipalities in your region. Please let me know if you are able to provide us with a letter of support prior to the current funding submission deadline of February 15, 2020.

Thank-you for your time and please feel free to contact me anytime if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

TeraSpan Networks Inc.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Elena Kinakin', is written over a horizontal line.

Elena Kinakin  
Chief Executive Officer

**TeraSpan Networks Inc.**

6870 Palm Avenue, Burnaby, BC V5J 4M3 | Tel: 604.684.8711 | Fax: 604.633-9091 | Toll Free: 1-877-VI-FIBER | [www.teraspan.com](http://www.teraspan.com)