



AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 14, 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 April 14, 2020, Regular Meeting.

**MINUTES:**

- Resolution to adopt the Minutes of the March 24, 2020, Regular Meeting
- Resolution to adopt the Minutes of the March 27, 2020, Special Meeting

**PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:** - Nil

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:** -

**OLD BUSINESS:** - Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION:**

- Resolution to receive the following items for information:
  - BC Hydro Response to COVID-19 (*BC Hydro - Mary Anne Coules, Stakeholder Engagment Advisor*)
  - CBT CIP/AAP 2020 (*RDCK - Nancy Kalawsky, Acting Grants Coordinator*)
  - Columbia River Treaty Update (*Columbia River Treaty Local Government Committee*)
  - Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action Lawsuit (*City of Prince George - Mayor Lyn Hall*)

**STAFF REPORTS:**

- Resolution to receive the following items for information:
  - Slocan Valley Economic Development Progress Report March 2020

**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:**

New Denver Hospice Society - Colin - Request for Grant in Aid  
Moss, Director

Tom Taylor, New Denver - Request for Changes to Garbage Collection Schedule

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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





MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: March 24, 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: Nil

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

**RESOLUTION #72**

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the agenda for the March 24, 2020 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

**RESOLUTION #73**

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the Minutes of the March 10, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting Regular Meeting be adopted as read.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #74**

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the Minutes of the March 10, 2020 Regular Meeting be adopted as read.

CARRIED

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

- Nil

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

- Nil

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nil

CORRESPONDENCE FOR  
INFORMATION:

**RESOLUTION #75**

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the following correspondence be received for information:

- Supporting Small Businesses in light of COVID-19  
(*Canadian Federation of Independent Business - Samantha Howard, Senior Director*)
- AKBLG 2020 Convention Cancellation (*AKBLG - Roly Russell, President*)
- Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP) Update (*Carmen Proctor, REEP Program Manager*)
- New CEO Announcement (*Southern Interior Development Initiative Trust - Chris Pieper, Media Contact*)
- Letter to Federal Gov't RE: National Pharmacare Program (*City of New Westminster - Jonathan Cote, Mayor*)

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS:

- Nil

COUNCIL REPORTS:

## Verbal Reports

- Councillor Moss reported on his participation in the virtual meeting with local citizens to discuss a coordinated volunteer response
- Mayor Casley reported on his ongoing participation in conference calls with provincial representatives regarding the COVID-19 response.
- Mayor Casley reported that he met with the Fire Chief and CAO to discuss modifications to emergency response protocols in light of COVID-19 and source the required supplies to ensure the safety of emergency personnel.

## Regional District of Central Kootenay

- Councillor Moss reported on Regional District affairs

## West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District

- Nil

## Recreation Commission #6

- Nil

## Economic Development Commission

- Nil

## Rosebery Trails &amp; Parklands Commission

- Nil

## Treaty Advisory Committee

- Nil

- Fire Department Committee - Nil
- Health Advisory Committee - Nil

**NEW BUSINESS:****RESOLUTION #76**

Request for Letter of Support (*Powell Street Festival Society – Emiko Morita, Executive Director*)

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the Village of New Denver provide a letter of support for the Powell Street Festival Society's proposal to bring Japanese Canadian artists to the New Denver area for a multi-generational exploration of historic internment sites.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #77**

EOC Activation Wage Reimbursement Policy

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the Village of New Denver Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) Activation Wage Reimbursement Policy be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTION #78**

Village of New Denver Emergency Program Bylaw No. 727, 2020

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that Village of New Denver Emergency Program Bylaw No. 727, 2020 be given first, second and third reading.

CARRIED

Funding Request – Winlaw Boardwalk replacement project (*Regional District of Central Kootenay – Walter Popoff, Director Area H/Slocan Valley*)

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the Village of New Denver contribute \$2,500 toward the Boardwalk Replacement Project at the Winlaw Regional Nature Park.

DEFEATED

**RESOLUTION #79**

Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the Village of New Denver not make any additional cash contribution to the Boardwalk Replacement Project at the Winlaw Regional Nature Park.

CARRIED

**ADJOURNMENT:****RESOLUTION #80**

- Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

CARRIED

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MAYOR CASLEY

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CORPORATE OFFICER

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MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING

DATE: March 27, 2020  
TIME: 1:45 p.m.  
PLACE: Council Chambers

PRESENT:

- Mayor Leonard Casley
- Councillor John Fyke (via phone)
- Councillor Vern Gustafson
- Councillor Colin Moss
- Catherine Allaway, CAO
- Press: Nil
- Guests: Nil

Regrets: Councillor Gerald Wagner

CALL TO ORDER:

- Mayor Casley called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

**RESOLUTION #81**

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the agenda for the March 27, 2020 Special Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION #82**

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that Village of New Denver Emergency Program Bylaw No. 727, 2020 be finally adopted.

**RESOLUTION #83**

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the Village of New Denver apply for a CIBC Visa Classic credit card.

ADJOURNMENT:

**RESOLUTION #84**

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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MAYOR CASLEY

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CORPORATE OFFICER



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TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: CAO  
SUBJECT: Communications for Information  
DATE: April 9, 2020

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### RECOMMENDATION:

That the following correspondence be received for information:

- BC Hydro Response to COVID-19 (*BC Hydro - Mary Anne Coules, Stakeholder Engagement Advisor*)
- CBT CIP/AAP 2020 (*RDCK - Nancy Kalawsky, Acting Grants Coordinator*)
- Columbia River Treaty Update (*Columbia River Treaty Local Government Committee*)
- Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action Lawsuit (*City of Prince George - Mayor Lyn Hall*)

## **BC Hydro response to COVID-19**

Dear Mayor and Council,

First off, thank you for all that you and your staff are doing to help get us all through this difficult time. I want to provide you with an update on how BC Hydro is responding during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **COVID-19 Relief Fund**

Today we introduced a new COVID-19 Relief Fund to help customers who are facing financial challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The COVID-19 Relief Fund program provides bill relief for eligible customers:

- Residential customers that have lost their income as a result of COVID-19 will be able to apply for a bill credit of three times their average monthly bill.
- Small business customers that are currently closed as a result of COVID-19 measures can apply to have their electricity use charges waived for up to three months.
- In addition, eligible large industrial customers can apply to defer payment of 50% of their electricity use charges for three months.

The application form and more information on the COVID-19 Relief Fund will be available next week at [bchydro.com/covid19relief](https://bchydro.com/covid19relief). Customers will have until June 30, 2020 to apply.

The COVID-19 Relief Fund is the latest in a series of measures BC Hydro has taken to help support its customers through this challenging period, including:

- The [COVID-19 Customer Assistance Program](#) which allows residential and business customers, who are experiencing financial hardship during the Coronavirus outbreak, the option of deferring bill payments or arranging for flexible payment plans with no penalty. Customers are encouraged to call our customer service team at 1 800 BCHYDRO (1 800 224 9376) to discuss bill payment options;
- Suspending [disconnections](#) for non-payment; and
- Suspending non-urgent planned power outages that would impact our residential customers in recognition that our customers are spending more time at home, and many are working from home.

Effective today, electricity rates will decrease by 1% following BC Hydro's update to its Revenue Rate Application that was approved by the BC Utilities Commission.

In addition, some residential customers facing temporary hardship due to job loss, illness, or loss of a family member may also be eligible for our Customer Crisis Fund which provides a grant of up to \$600 to help with their electricity bill.

## **Staying safe and adjusting operations to maintain reliable supply**

We recognize the critical role we have in the province to deliver safe and reliable power, and we implemented precautionary measures early on to help prevent cases of COVID-19 at our facilities, and among our employees.

Where possible, we have staff working from home. We've also adjusted our operations to focus on critical work and taken steps to ensure our frontline crews remain healthy and able to respond should we face emergency situations.

New customer connections and reconnections will continue through our normal processes; however, optional upgrades or alterations will not be completed at this time.

We continue to monitor the situation closely and will implement new measures as required.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or if I can provide you with any assistance. I can be reached at 260-608-1885 or by email at [maryanne.coules@bchydro.com](mailto:maryanne.coules@bchydro.com).

All the best,

Mary Anne

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April 1, 2020

## COVID-19 Relief Fund

BC Hydro recognizes the financial impacts the COVID-19 pandemic is having on its customers. In order to support our customers during this time, BC Hydro has created the COVID-19 Relief Fund.

The COVID-19 Relief Fund program provides targeted bill relief for eligible residential and small business customers:

- Residential customers that have lost their income as a result of COVID-19 will be able to apply for a bill credit of three times their average monthly bill.
- Small business customers that are currently closed as a result of COVID-19 measures can apply to have their electricity use charges waived for up to three months.

In addition, eligible large industrial customers can apply to defer payment of 50% of their electricity use charges for three months.

### When does the program start, and how do customers apply?

- Eligible residential customers will be able to apply for the COVID-19 Relief Fund starting April 10 and small business customers will be able to apply online starting the week of April 14.
- Customers have until June 30, 2020 to apply for bill relief.
- For further details on the COVID-19 Relief Fund and to access the online application form, please visit [bchydro.com/covid19relief](https://bchydro.com/covid19relief).

### Residential customers

#### Who is eligible?

- Applicants must be a BC Hydro account holder prior to March 15, 2020.
- For residential customers, the account holder or partner/spouse must provide proof of loss of income, or they are unable to work due to COVID-19.
- This includes:
  - workers, including the self-employed, who are taking care of a family member who is sick with COVID-19; and,
  - parents with children who require care or supervision due to school or daycare closures, and are unable to earn employment income (EI), irrespective of whether they qualify for EI or not.

#### How much will the average residential customer receive?

- The amount received will be based on the individual customer's average monthly bill amount over the past 12-months (or the amount of time they have been at their premise if less than 12 months).
  - For the average apartment dweller, this is around \$135.
  - For the average single-family home, this is around \$335.

**How is this program different from the Customer Crisis Fund?**

- This program focuses on helping customers experiencing loss of income as a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- The Customer Crisis Fund is offered year-round and was created for residential customers that are facing a significant financial hardship and possible disconnection of their service due to a life crisis such as job loss, injury, illness or loss of a family member.
- Some customers that are eligible for the relief under the COVID-19 Relief Fund may also be eligible to access grants of up to \$600 through our Customer Crisis Fund to help cover arrears incurred prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**How is this program different from the COVID-19 Customer Assistance Program?**

- On March 13, BC Hydro introduced the COVID-19 Customer Assistance Program to provide all residential and commercial customers the option to defer payments, or arrange a flexible payment plan to help pay their BC Hydro bills.
- All residential and commercial customers are eligible and can make individual payment arrangements with our customer team.
- Customers can call 1-800-BCHYDRO (1-800-224-9376) to discuss their options.

**Small businesses****What businesses are eligible?**

- Business customers must be a business account holder under the Small General Service Rate prior to March 15, 2020.
- Customers must show they are currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, either ordered by government or due to reduced transactions/revenues or employee safety protection, but continue to have an active BC Hydro account and consume electricity.

**How much will the average small business customer receive?**

- Small business customers that have closed their business as a result of COVID-19 will be able to apply to have their electricity costs waived for up to three months.
- Savings will depend on the size and type of the business as well as how it is heated.

## Catherine Allaway

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**From:** Colin Moss <CMoss@rdck.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 31, 2020 6:31 PM  
**To:** Catherine Allaway  
**Subject:** FW: Columbia Basin Trust CIP/AAP - Resolution

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**From:** Nancy Kalawsky <NKalawsky@rdck.bc.ca>  
**Sent:** March 30, 2020 1:13 PM  
**To:** GRP\_Directors <GRP\_Directors@rdck.bc.ca>  
**Cc:** Stuart J. Horn <SHorn@rdck.bc.ca>; Mike Morrison <MMorrison@rdck.bc.ca>  
**Subject:** Columbia Basin Trust CIP/AAP - Resolution

Good afternoon Directors,

I hope you are all keeping well. I wanted to give you a quick update on our progress regarding the below resolution passed at the March 19, 2020 Board meeting:

### **Resolution 215/20**

**That all public meetings related to the Columbia Basin Trust Affected Areas and Community Initiatives grant programs scheduled for April 2020 be postponed indefinitely; AND FURTHER, that staff be directed to develop a scope and methodology for receiving community input on grant applications by online means, for Board consideration at the April 2020 Board meeting. Carried**

The Columbia Basin Trust has graciously agreed to develop an online public engagement tool for us. They are working quickly and diligently and we hope to have an update on their progress very soon. Once we have all the information – including scope, methodology, and timelines – it will be presented to you for consideration. And while I understand that each Area is unique in its public engagement needs, it is my hope and the CBT's hope that, in this extraordinary time, a unanimous decision can be made so that we can move forward as efficiently as possible. My main goal is to ensure that the grant monies are delivered to our communities with as little delay as possible.

In the meantime, this process is effectively on hold. That means I am not in a position to discuss alternative processes that fall outside of the above resolution. The distribution of full application packages are also on hold until a decision has been made regarding a process to move forward.

I appreciate your continued patience as we work through this challenging time together.

Take care,  
Nancy

*Acting Grants Coordinator*

**Regional District of Central Kootenay**  
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# COLUMBIA River Treaty



Date: March 19, 2020

To: Columbia River Treaty Region Elected Officials

From: Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee

## **Re: Committee Decision Not to Seek Negotiations Observer Status at This Time**

The Columbia River Treaty (CRT) Local Governments Committee (the Committee) was created in 2011 by the local governments in the region impacted by the Treaty. The primary purpose of the Committee is to assist local governments and region residents to engage in decisions around the future of the Treaty.

From 2011 through 2017 the Committee worked closely with the BC CRT Team to consult with residents and local governments in the region to fully understand the concerns and issues related to the Treaty.

In 2013 the Committee provided recommendations to the provincial and federal governments regarding the process for making changes to the Treaty, desired improvements to the content of the Treaty and domestic issues that require resolution. These recommendations were based on the input from the local governments and residents of the region. We are in the process of updating these [recommendations](#).

Early in 2018, when it became clear that negotiations to modernize the Treaty would be initiated by Canada and the U.S., the Committee evaluated a number of options for the Committee to engage in these negotiations, including seeking observer status 'in the room'. The Committee sought the advice of a number of academics and others who are familiar with or have lead the development of international water related treaties who consistently confirmed that local governments, which are a creation of higher levels of government (e.g. the provincial government in BC), have never been directly engaged in these international negotiations. Based on this advice, and the ongoing open, productive relationships with the BC CRT Team and the federal agencies who would be involved in the negotiations, the Committee decided not to seek observer status.

Instead the Committee established a formal Communications and Engagement Protocol with the Canadian CRT Negotiating Team, which was signed in the fall of 2018. This Protocol allows the Negotiating Team to keep the Committee as informed as possible as negotiations proceed, while recognizing confidentiality limitations, and commits the Team to engage with the Committee if negotiations are moving in a direction that is not consistent with the Committee's recommendations.

Treaty negotiations began in November 2018 and are continuing – for more information see the [BC CRT website](#). In May 2019, the federal government granted observer status to the three regional Indigenous Nations. The Committee acknowledges and supports this decision as it is consistent with the views stated by many Basin residents during the 2018 and 2019 CRT community meetings throughout the region. The Treaty Negotiating Team is led by Global Affairs Canada and includes representatives from federal and provincial agencies. There are intentionally no elected officials on the team or amongst the Indigenous Nations' observers. That is also the case for the U.S. negotiating team.



In the last few months, prompted by questions from a few constituents and others, the Committee has reconsidered whether it should request observer status at the negotiations. After gathering and thoroughly considering updated information, the Committee has decided not to pursue observer status at this time. If circumstances change in the future, the Committee may revisit this decision.

Significant factors in this decision were that there are no elected officials present in the negotiations to date, and as in 2018, there are no precedents for the local governments being involved in international water-related Treaty negotiations. These factors make it very unlikely that a request for observer status from the Committee would be granted.

As well, the Committee appreciates the ongoing, open, timely communications with the Negotiating Team through our Communications and Engagement Protocol. We are confident that the interests of Basin residents and local governments are front and centre in the negotiations at this time, as even the U.S. Lead Negotiator mentions the interests of Canadian residents as a factor in the discussions.

The Committee has established regular contact with the regional Indigenous Nations involved in the negotiations, with ongoing discussions about our shared interests in the future of the Treaty.

As well, we are very mindful of the public commitments by the BC CRT Team to bring any elements of a negotiated agreement that impact the region back to residents and local governments for review before negotiations are finalized.

However, the Committee is aware that as negotiations evolve, conditions may change or different outcomes that do not align with our recommendations may be considered. We are prepared to respond swiftly and strongly should this develop.

We look forward to continuing to work with regional elected officials, in non-partisan ways, to support the CRT Negotiating Team to secure the best possible agreement for our region. We are very encouraged by the invitation from the BC CRT Team to begin discussions with the province about a governance framework for a modernized Treaty that includes local governments and others. We believe this offers a long-term, inter-generational solution to the historical limited role of regional interests in decisions about Treaty-related hydro-electricity development and operations on the Kootenay and Columbia rivers.

Regional and community-based issues that can be solved domestically continue to a top priority for us. The Committee will continue to work with the BC CRT Team, elected officials, Indigenous Nations and others to explore and implement solutions.

Please contact us if you have any questions about the important work of this Committee.

On behalf of the CRT Local Governments Committee:



Linda Worley, Chair, Regional Director  
Appointed by the Regional District of Kootenay  
Boundary

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Stan Doehle, Vice-Chair, Regional Director  
Appointed by the Regional District of East  
Kootenays

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**CRT Local Government Committee members:**

Linda Worley, Chair, Regional Director, Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Stan Doehle, Vice Chair, Regional Director, Regional District of the East Kootenays

Aimee Watson, Regional Director, by Regional District of Central Kootenay

Ramona Faust, Regional Director, Regional District of Central Kootenay

Diane Langman, Mayor, Village of Warfield and appointed by Regional District of Kootenay Boundary

Jane Walter, Regional Director, Regional District of the East Kootenays

Ron Oszust, Mayor, Town of Golden and appointed by Columbia-Shuswap Regional District

David Brooks-Hill, Regional Director, Columbia Shuswap Regional District

Donnie MacLean, Councillor, Village of Valemount

Ange Qualizza, Mayor, City of Fernie and appointed by Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments

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March 24, 2020

*Via email*

Dear Mayor and Council:

At the City of Prince George regular Council meeting held March 9, 2020, Council endorsed the following resolution titled **Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action Lawsuit** for submission to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration at their annual convention this year.

**Sharing Payments from Opioid Class Action Lawsuit**

**WHEREAS** under the Opioid Damages and Health Care Costs Recovery Act (the "Act") the provincial government may sue a manufacturer or wholesaler of an opioid product to recover the costs of health care benefits on an aggregate basis, for a population of persons who have suffered damage caused or contributed to by the use of or exposure to an opioid product;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to the Act and other legislation, the provincial government has launched a class action lawsuit on behalf of all federal, provincial and territorial governments to recover the costs of health care benefits from manufacturers and wholesalers of opioid products, whose marketing practices have had devastating impacts on the lives of thousands of British Columbians;

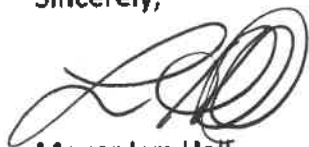
**AND WHEREAS** the definition of "health care benefits" under the Act includes "other expenditures by the government, made directly or through one or more agents or other intermediate bodies, for programs, services, benefits or similar matters associated with disease, injury or illness" and local governments have faced substantial "health care benefits" costs due to the opioid crisis;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that UBCM advocate to the provincial government to share any recovery of damages from the class action lawsuit with local governments, to further enable local governments to continue offering services and support programs that aim to reduce harm and stigma, address the root causes of the opioid crisis, and support people struggling with mental health and addiction.

On behalf of Prince George Council, I am requesting your favourable consideration and support for this resolution should it be accepted for debate at the 2020 Annual Convention of UBCM.

If you have any questions or would like more information please feel free to contact my office at [Mayoradmin@princegeorge.ca](mailto:Mayoradmin@princegeorge.ca) or 250-561-7609.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Lyn Hall', written in a cursive style.

Mayor Lyn Hall

c.  
North Central Local Government Association (NCLGA)  
The Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Annual Convention  
British Columbia Municipalities and Regional Districts  
Shirley Bond, MLA  
Mike Morris, MLA



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TO: Mayor and Council  
FROM: CAO  
SUBJECT: Reports for Information  
DATE: April 9, 2020

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### RECOMMENDATION:

That the following staff reports be received for information:

- Slokan Valley Economic Development Progress Report March 2020



# SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Progress Report – **March 2020**

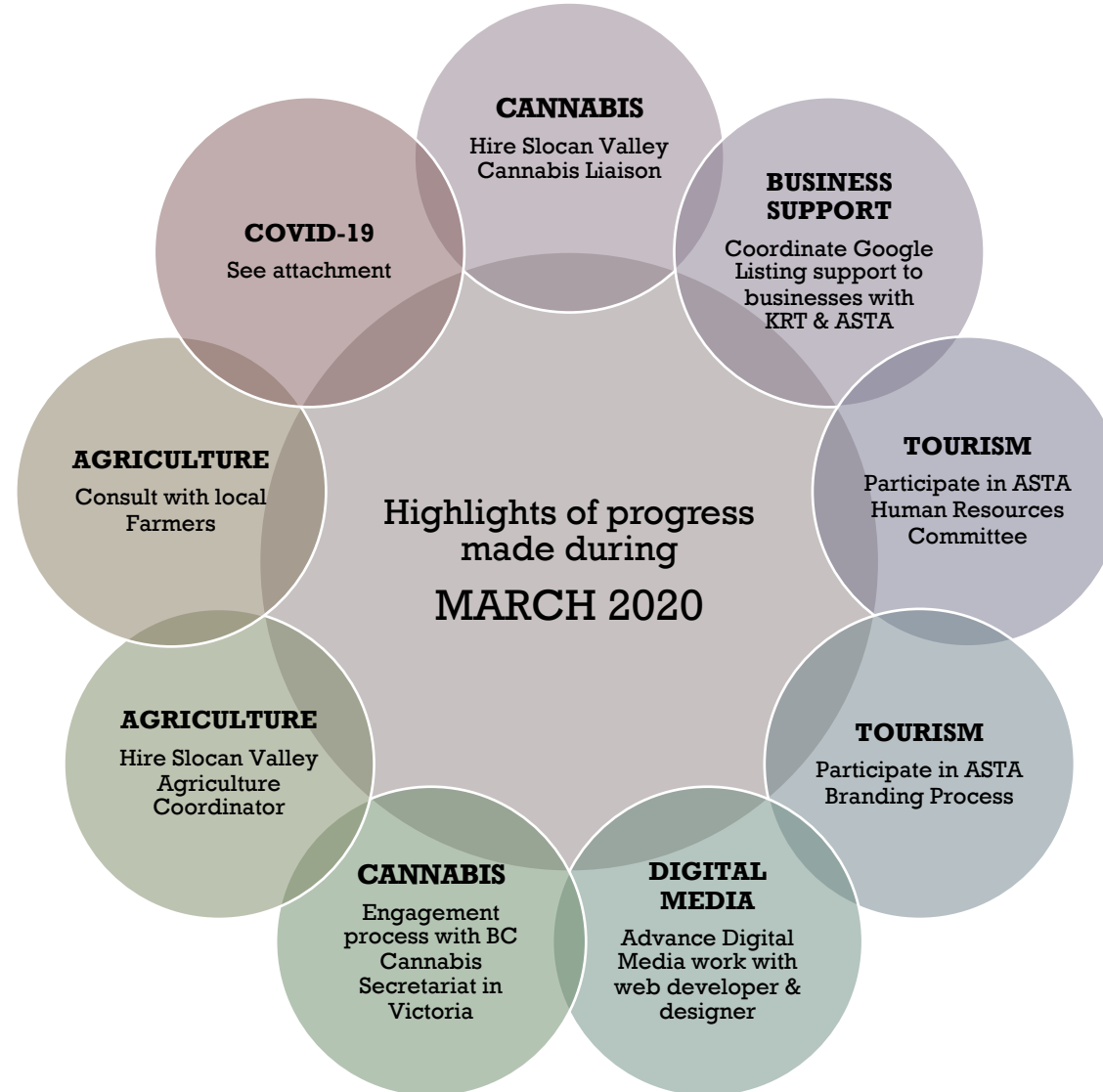


# COVID-19 SLOCAN VALLEY RESPONSE

Here are some things that we are doing regarding COVID-19;

- Attend weekly roundtable with West Kootenay businesses.
- Network with the Economic Development Practitioner's Network. A regional economic recovery plan is in the works.
- Work with ASTA to identify needs/supports for tourism businesses.
- Work with Community Futures to promote online webinars for business.
- Field enquiries from local residents and businesses.
- Refer businesses in need to the Basin Business Advisors program.
- Share information through social media. Create a Facebook page ("Covid-19 Slocan Valley Economic Development Response") – a source of news, resources, support and connection.
- Compile a master list of business contact info for resiliency planning and communicating out pertinent information.
- Work with the West Kootenay Permaculture Co-op to address food security issues in the valley.
- Stay informed on Federal and Provincial developments regarding small business.
- Advance the Slocan Village resiliency plan.
- Assist with the Slocan Valley production of hand sanitizer.

# SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT





# SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Highlights of progress made during MARCH 2020

- **COVID-19** Priority- pivoting workplan to provide assistance to local businesses and economy  
Status: Work in progress  
Notes: See attachment.
- **AGRICULTURE** Hire Slocan Valley Agriculture Coordinator  
Status: Complete  
Notes: Slocan Valley Agriculture Workplan being implemented.
- **AGRICULTURE** Consult with local farmers  
Status: Complete  
Notes: Engagement process with local farmers to check-in on how this year's season is looking.
- **DIGITAL MEDIA** Advance Digital Media work with web developer & designer  
Status: Nearing completion  
Notes: On-going work on design, content and web development. Goal is to soft launch in April.
- **BUSINESS**
- **SUPPORT** Coordinate Google Map Listing support to businesses  
Status: Work in Progress  
Notes: Shifting this project to enrol businesses online. ASTA and Kootenay Rockies Tourism to assist.

# SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Highlights of progress made during MARCH 2020

- **CANNABIS** BC Cannabis Secretariat stakeholder engagement
  - Status: Complete
  - Notes: Slocan Valley Cannabis Liason attended provincial engagement on “Farm Gate”, “Direct Delivery” and related Cannabis policy.
- **CANNABIS** Hire Slocan Valley Cannabis Liason
  - Status: Complete
  - Notes: Slocan Valley Cannabis Strategy being implemented.
- **TOURISM** Participate in ASTA Human Resources Committee
  - Status: Complete
  - Notes: The purpose of sitting on the HR Committee is to ensure ASTA retains their current Executive Director.
- **TOURISM** Participate in ASTA Branding Process
  - Status: Work in progress
  - Notes: Developing a Brand proposition, design elements and logo for ASTA.

**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION**

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Catherine Allaway, CAO

**DATE:** April 19, 2020

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR GRANT-IN-AID – New Denver Hospice Society

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**PURPOSE:** To seek Council support for the issuance of a grant-in-aid

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Village of New Denver provide in-kind assistance to the New Denver Hospice Society for their COVID-19 Community Action Fund project.

**ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:**

1. Receive the request and take no further action
2. Provide a grant-in-aid of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the New Denver Hospice Society for this project

**ANALYSIS:**

- A. Background:** An informal group composed of area citizens has been meeting weekly since mid-March 2019 to discuss possible actions that could be taken locally to assist residents and address community needs arising as a result of COVID-19. The group includes Colin Moss, Leah Main, Leslie Beare, Dean Spankie, Therese Descamp, Paula Shandro, Nick Graves, Janice Gustafson and Ana Bokstrom.

The New Denver Hospice Society has received \$9500 in funding from the Columbia Basin Trust to assist with community-level response to the COVID-19 pandemic, guided by the priorities set by the Covid-19 Action Committee. Additional grants are being sought, as well as private donations.

- B. Discussion:** The Village of New Denver is supporting community-level response to the COVID-19 pandemic by modifying municipal operations to prioritize the delivery of essential services (fire/rescue, waste collection, drinking water), adjusting work environments to ensure the safety of staff, and sharing information about health protection and available supports with local residents. Ads have been placed in the Valley Voice, notices have been posted to the municipal website and signage has been installed around town.

The Village of New Denver is also working with the RDCK and Emergency Management BC to secure funding assistance for a community outreach worker who will educate residents, visitors and business owners about the provincial and federal orders related to COVID-19.

In-kind assistance to the local Covid-19 Action Committee could take the form of advertising, photocopying or staff time.

- C. Legislative Framework:** Village of New Denver Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw

- D. Attachments:** New Denver Hospice Society Covid-19 Budget; Email from Colin Moss dated April 6, 2020; Email from Colin Moss dated April 7, 2020

- E. Council Strategic Priority:** Nil

- F. Communication Strategy:** To be determined

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** Any grant-in-aid provided must be included in the Village's Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw. The 2020 bylaw is still being prepared. At present, the budget includes the following grant-in-aid amounts:

- Citizen of the Year - \$100
- Poppy Fund - \$50
- LACE - \$2600 for annual Bosun Hall hydro costs
- SLUGS - \$1500 for Kohan Garden employee wages
- Chamber of Commerce - \$2500 (business licence revenue)

There is a shortfall in the draft 2020 budget, and additional revenues must be sought or expenses must be reduced in order to ensure a balance budget as required by legislation. Given the uncertain economic impact of COVID-19, staff recommends limiting grants-in-aid, reducing non-essential expenditures and not implementing a tax increase for 2020.

## Catherine Allaway

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**From:** Colin Moss <Moss@newdenver.ca>  
**Sent:** April 6, 2020 9:57 PM  
**To:** Catherine Allaway  
**Cc:** Leonard Casley; John Fyke; Vern Gustafson; Gerald Wagner  
**Subject:** Village funding

Hi Catharine:

New Denver Hospice Society has been given \$9500 by CBT for Covid related use.

Our newly formed Community Covid response group will put together projects and Hospice will fund them from funds raised.

I spoke with Walter Popoff today and he said he would contribute 'matching funds' to those donated to Covid relief efforts by Silverton and New Denver.

Leah and I have agreed to each ask our respective Councils to contribute \$1500 to the program . . . thereby resulting in an additional \$4500 to our funding.

We have already decided on a mask and nurses' head cover project. Kathy Provan has agreed to co-ordinate local people already making masks. Idea being to give masks away to the public for a small donation going to this year's graduating class.

Another project is one copying the City of Victoria's box lunch program where local restaurants make box lunches for vulnerable or at risk people. I have spoken with the Appletree Restaurant, Nurus and Newmarket . . . they are all on board. Next step is to speak with Sue Davies and possibly co-ordinate our efforts with her Community Food Bank program.

We also have a sizeable volunteer list of local residents willing to help out in various ways -- delivering groceries, prescriptions, box lunches, etc.

So, I would like to include on our next agenda my request for a Village of New Denver contribution of \$1500 to our Community Covid Response Group's efforts.

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Councillor Colin Moss  
Village of New Denver

## Catherine Allaway

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**From:** Colin Moss <Moss@newdenver.ca>  
**Sent:** April 7, 2020 9:07 AM  
**To:** Catherine Allaway  
**Subject:** Funding request update . . .

Hi Catherine:

Just got a call from Walter Popoff and he's agreed to up his funding contribution to our community Covid response group from \$1500 to \$3000.

I'd still like to ask Council for a \$1500 contribution and Leah's going to do the same in Silverton.

In order to give his funding Walter still wants to see some kind of contribution from the Villages.

I think this is a golden opportunity for the Village to show community support for a small dollar amount -- lots of mileage to be made here for little financial outlay.

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Councillor Colin Moss  
Village of New Denver

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**REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION**

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**SUBMITTED BY:** Catherine Allaway, CAO

**DATE:** April 9, 2020

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR CHANGES TO GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

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**PURPOSE:** Request for Council direction to amend garbage collection policy

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the request from Tom Taylor regarding garbage collection start times be received for information.

**ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:**

1. Direct staff to prepare a report to Council regarding possible amendments to the garbage collection policy that would address the issues raised by Mr. Taylor

**ANALYSIS:**

- A. Background:** The Village of New Denver Solid Waste Management Bylaw No. 581, 2004 states that no garbage shall be placed curbside for collection prior to 6:00 a.m. on collection days. The Public Works crew starts work at 7:00 a.m. on regular workdays, but does not commence residential waste collection prior to 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings. Some residents feel that this start time is too early.
- B. Discussion:** The current schedule has been in place for over a decade and allows the Public Works crew to complete garbage collection in a single day, even during seasons of peak volume. It also allows for emptying of the commercial bins prior to the start of the business day, to limit conflicts with parked vehicles or other traffic. Delaying collection start times would increase the risk of these conflicts.

As the amount of garbage placed curbside varies from one week to the next, collection time at a given address also varies. In order to minimize labour and fuel costs, the public works crew has been directed to pursue efficiency in their garbage collection route and avoid revisiting neighbourhoods more than once per collection day. Accommodating different collection times would increase the time required for collection and result in additional costs to taxpayers.

Improvements or modifications to the garbage collection process should involve input from residents, in order to ensure that the new system meets community needs. The COVID-19 pandemic is limiting the feasibility of traditional public participation methods, as well as placing additional burdens on staff resources as attempts are made to adapt municipal business to comply with provincial orders. Staff recommends deferring reconsideration of garbage collection processes until the COVID-19 situation is resolved.

- C. Legislative Framework:** Solid Waste Management Bylaw No. 581 and amendments thereto.
- D. Attachments:** Email from T. Taylor dated April 7, 2020
- E. Council Strategic Priority:** Nil
- F. Communication Strategy:** Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:** To be determined

## Catherine Allaway

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**From:**  
**Sent:** April 7, 2020 4:14 PM  
**To:** office@newdenver.ca  
**Subject:** Garbage collection

Mayor & Council,

Today our garbage didn't get picked up! This is not the first time. Your rule that it has to be out by 8:00 a.m. is difficult for me because it means that I must get up at 7:00 a.m. to get it collected and out for pick-up by your deadline. I am almost 87, I don't get up that early any more, and I don't think I should have to! We retired here to relax and enjoy the peace and quiet, not to face deadlines!

Please reconsider this policy, at least for your older villagers.

Thank you,  
T V. Taylor



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