



AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 9, 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 June 9, 2020, Regular Meeting.

MINUTES: - Resolution to adopt the Minutes of the May 26, 2020, Regular Meeting

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS: - Nil

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: -

OLD BUSINESS: - Nil

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION: - Resolution to receive the following items for information:

- Child and Youth in Care Week (*Hon. Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development*)
- 2020 Poverty Reduction Planning & Action Program (*UBCM - Sasha Prynne, Program Officer*)

STAFF REPORTS: - Resolution to receive the following items for information:

- West Kootenay Renewable Energy Plan Update (*Jessica Rayner, Community Planner*)
- May SVEDC Report (*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:

- Lucerne Association for Community Education – Lora Lee Brekke, President - Request for Grant-in-Aid
- Carpenter Creek Last Wishes Society – Kay Costley-White, Chair - Carpenter Creek Green Burial Ground
- Province of BC - Referral Request - Alpine Skiing Expression of Interest

ADJOURNMENT:

- Resolution to adjourn the meeting at ____ p.m.



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: May 26, 2020
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers

PRESENT:

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

CALL TO ORDER:

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #125

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the agenda for the May 26, 2020 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #126

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the Minutes of the May 12, 2020 Regular Meeting be adopted as read.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #127

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the Minutes of the May 14, 2020 Special Meeting be adopted as read.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #128

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the Minutes of the May 22, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted as read.

CARRIED

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

- Nil

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

- Nil

OLD BUSINESS:

- Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR
INFORMATION:**

RESOLUTION #129

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the following correspondence be received for information:
 - ESS Modernization 2020 Grant (*UBCM, Rebecca Bishop, CEPF Program Officer*)
 - Columbia River Treaty Update (*CRT Local Governments Committee - Linda Worley, Chair*)
 - Infrastructure Planning Grant (*BC Infrastructure & Engineering - Renee Audy, Acting Director*)
 - Slocan Valley Wildfire Resiliency Program 2020-22 (*SIFCo - Stephan Martineau, Manager*)
 - SVCC Regular Meeting Minutes (*Slocan Valley Chamber of Commerce - Emma Beaton, Manager*)
 - Wildfire News (*BC Wildfire Services - Ashley Davidoff, Southeast Fire Centre Information Team*)
 - Supporting Businesses by Making Liquor Licensing More Flexible (*City of North Vancouver - Linda Buchanan, Mayor*)
 - Healthy Communities Newsletter (*Interior Health*)
 - Request for Proposals for the Community Housing Fund (*BC Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Selina Robinson, Minister*)

CARRIED

STAFF REPORTS:

- Nil

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Verbal Reports

- Councillor Moss reported on the recent activities of the Community COVID Action Team

Regional District of Central Kootenay

- Councillor Moss reported on recent RDCK affairs

West Kootenay Boundary Regional
Hospital District

- Nil

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 #130

Request for Temporary Road Closure

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that LACE be granted permission to close Bellevue Street in front of Bosun Hall on June 13 and 14, 2020, subject to their submission to the Village of as safety plan outlining the policies, guidelines and procedures that have been put in place to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.

CARRIED

MOTION TO EXCLUDE:

RESOLUTION #131

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the public interest requires that, as per section 90(1) (a) of the *Community Charter*, persons other than members of Council and the CAO be excluded from the meeting.

CARRIED

RECONVENE IN CAMERA:

RESOLUTION #132

- Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that Council recess and reconvene in camera at 7:44 p.m.

CARRIED

RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING:

RESOLUTION #135

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that Council reconvene in open meeting at 8:40 p.m.

CARRIED

**RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT
FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA:**

- Nil

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION #136

- Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.
CARRIED

MAYOR CASLEY

CORPORATE OFFICER

DRAFT



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: Correspondence for Information
DATE: June 5, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following items be received for information:

- Child and Youth in Care Week (*Hon. Katrine Conroy, Minister of Children and Family Development*)
- 2020 Poverty Reduction Planning & Action Program (*UBCM - Sasha Prynn, Program Officer*)



May 13, 2020

Ref: 249732

His Worship Mayor Leonard Casley
Village of New Denver
Box 40
New Denver BC V0G 1S0

Dear Mayor Casley:

This year, June 1-7 marks British Columbia's Child and Youth in Care Week. I invite you and your community to join British Columbians in celebrating the strength, creativity, resilience and tenacity of young people who are in or have been in care.

Child and Youth in Care week is a chance to break the stigma that these youth face. Sadly, the stories told of young people in care are often ones of tragedy and broken commitments, but British Columbia's children and youth in care are so much more than these stories. They are artists, athletes, storytellers, caregivers, and activists. They are our province's future teachers, mechanics, doctors, researchers, parents and leaders. Join us in offering an alternative story and elevating the voices of children and youth. With their unique lived expertise, young people who are in or have been in care deserve to be celebrated and honoured for the love and diversity they bring to all our communities.

We hope that you will find time over Child and Youth in Care Week to spread a message of awareness and care in your communities. Face-to-face events will not be taking place this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but I encourage you to visit the Web site for tips and ideas for virtual events and other creative ways to celebrate at www.bcchildandyouthincareweek.com. You can also help promote this message of celebration using the Web site's social media tools.

Thank you for your support of British Columbia's children and youth in care. If you have any questions or require more information, please contact the Federation of BC Youth in Care Networks at info@fbcyicn.ca.

Sincerely,

Katrine Conroy
Minister of Children and Family Development

May 14, 2020

Catherine Allaway, CAO
Village of New Denver
PO Box 40
115 Slocan Avenue
New Denver, BC V0G 1S0
via email cao@newdenver.ca

RE: 2020 Poverty Reduction Planning & Action program – Approval Agreement & Terms of Conditions of Funding – IN CONFIDENCE

Dear Ms. Allaway,

Thank you for submitting an application under the 2020 Poverty Reduction Planning & Action grant program.

I am pleased to inform you **in confidence** that the Evaluation Committee has approved funding for your project, *Stream 1 - New Denver Poverty Reduction Plan*, in the amount of \$16,885.

A payment in the amount of \$8,442.50 will follow by electronic funds transfer after the signed Approval Agreement has been returned to UBCM. This amount represents 50 percent of the total approved grant. The remaining 50 percent, or eligible final payment, will be available after a satisfactory final report and financial summary have been submitted to UBCM.

The Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction has provided funding for this program and the general Terms & Conditions are attached. In addition, in order to satisfy the terms of the contribution agreement, we have the following requirements:

- (1) This approval agreement is required to be signed by the CAO or designate and returned to UBCM;
- (2) To provide the Province of BC with the opportunity to make announcements of funding approvals under this program, please keep information regarding this funding approval **in confidence until June 5, 2020**;
- (3) The funding is to be used solely for the purpose of the above-named project and for the expenses itemized in the budget that was approved as part of your application;
- (4) All expenditures must meet eligibility requirements as defined in the Program & Application Guide;
- (5) All project activities must be completed within one year of the date of this approval agreement and no later than May 14, 2021;

The Poverty Reduction Planning & Action Program is funded by the Province of BC

- (6) The Final Report Form is required to be submitted to UBCM within 30 days of project end date and no later than June 14, 2021;
- (7) Any unused funds must be returned to UBCM within 30 days following the project end date.

Please note that descriptive information regarding successful applicants will be posted on the UBCM and/or provincial government websites, and all final report materials will be made available to the provincial government.

On behalf of the Evaluation Committee, I would like to congratulate you for responding to this opportunity to reduce poverty at the local level and to support the Province's poverty reduction strategy.

If you have any questions or if your approved application includes a component that may be affected by COVID-19 restrictions, please contact Local Government Program Services at 250.952.9177 or sprynn@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,



Sasha Prynn
Program Officer

Approval Agreement (to be signed by the CAO or designate)

I, _____, have read and agree to the general Terms & Conditions and the requirements for funding under the 2020 Poverty Reduction Planning & Action program.

Signature

Date

Please return a scanned copy of the signed Approval Agreement to lgps@ubcm.ca



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

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Corporate Officer
SUBJECT: Reports for Information
DATE: June 5, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following items be received for information:

- West Kootenay Renewable Energy Plan Update (*Jessica Rayner, Community Planner*)
- May SVEDC Report (*Ron LeBlanc, Slocan Valley Economic Development Coordinator*)

SUBMITTED BY: Jessica Rayner, Community Planner

DATE: June 5, 2020

SUBJECT: West Kootenay Renewable Energy Plan Update

PURPOSE: To provide Council with an update on the EcoSociety-led Regional Energy Leaders Working Group and the development of a West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan.

ANALYSIS:

A. Background:

At their January 22, 2019 Regular Meeting, the Council of the Village of New Denver adopted Resolution #25 that the Village of New Denver commits to transition to 100% renewable energy no later than 2050; and further, that staff be directed to present Council with options for the establishment of a Committee which includes community representatives, to work towards this goal.

At their July 9, 2020 Regular Meeting, the Council of the Village of New Denver adopted Resolution #260 that the Village of New Denver sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the West Kootenay EcoSociety to join the Regional Energy Leaders Working Group to ensure that the needs of New Denver residents and property owners are considered in the development of plans and strategies. Other participants in this working group include the Regional District of Central Kootenay and the municipalities of Castlegar, Kaslo, Nelson, Rossland, Silverton, Slocan, and Warfield.

Terms of Reference for a Sustainability Advisory Committee were adopted by the Council of the Village of New Denver at Council's Regular Meeting of April 9, 2019.

Over the past year, the West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan has been developed by the Regional Energy Leaders Working Group consisting of staff and elected leaders from the partner local governments, facilitated by the West Kootenay EcoSociety with support from Community Energy Association and Renewable Cities. This working group has been meeting every 1-2 months since April 2019 and has participated in webinars with experts leading in renewable energy, energy efficiency, and low-carbon community planning.

Community engagement around the development of the West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan took place between November 2019 and March 2020 in Rossland, Silverton/New Denver, Slocan, Castlegar, Nelson, and Warfield. A survey asking community members to share their ideas, priorities and concerns about a transition to 100% renewable energy is open until June 6, 2020; input collected through the survey will be integrated into the plan.

The draft West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan will be released to local government partners early summer. Once released, participating local governments will be asked to review the draft Plan and provide feedback, particularly regarding community specific information in Part 3: Local Government Actions. Local experts from across the region in the energy and electrification, transportation, buildings, waste, and worker transition sectors will be convened from June through November to review the draft plan, make suggestions, and develop next steps toward implementation. A revised draft plan will be distributed for public comment before the plan is finalized. A final plan is intended to be distributed by December 1, 2020.

A. Discussion: Through upcoming review of the draft West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan by the EcoSociety and the Working Group, community members and key stakeholders across the region will further

be engaged, using adaptations as required to accommodate Covid-19 health and safety precautions, to review the draft plan and provide further input. The Council of the Village of New Denver will be invited to contribute feedback and distribute the draft plan to the public for review.

The Village of New Denver's Sustainability Committee is well positioned to participate in the review of the draft plan and provide recommendations about the West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan to Council.

B. Legislative Framework: Nil

C. Attachments: Nil

D. Council Strategic Priority: Nil

E. Communication Strategy: Nil

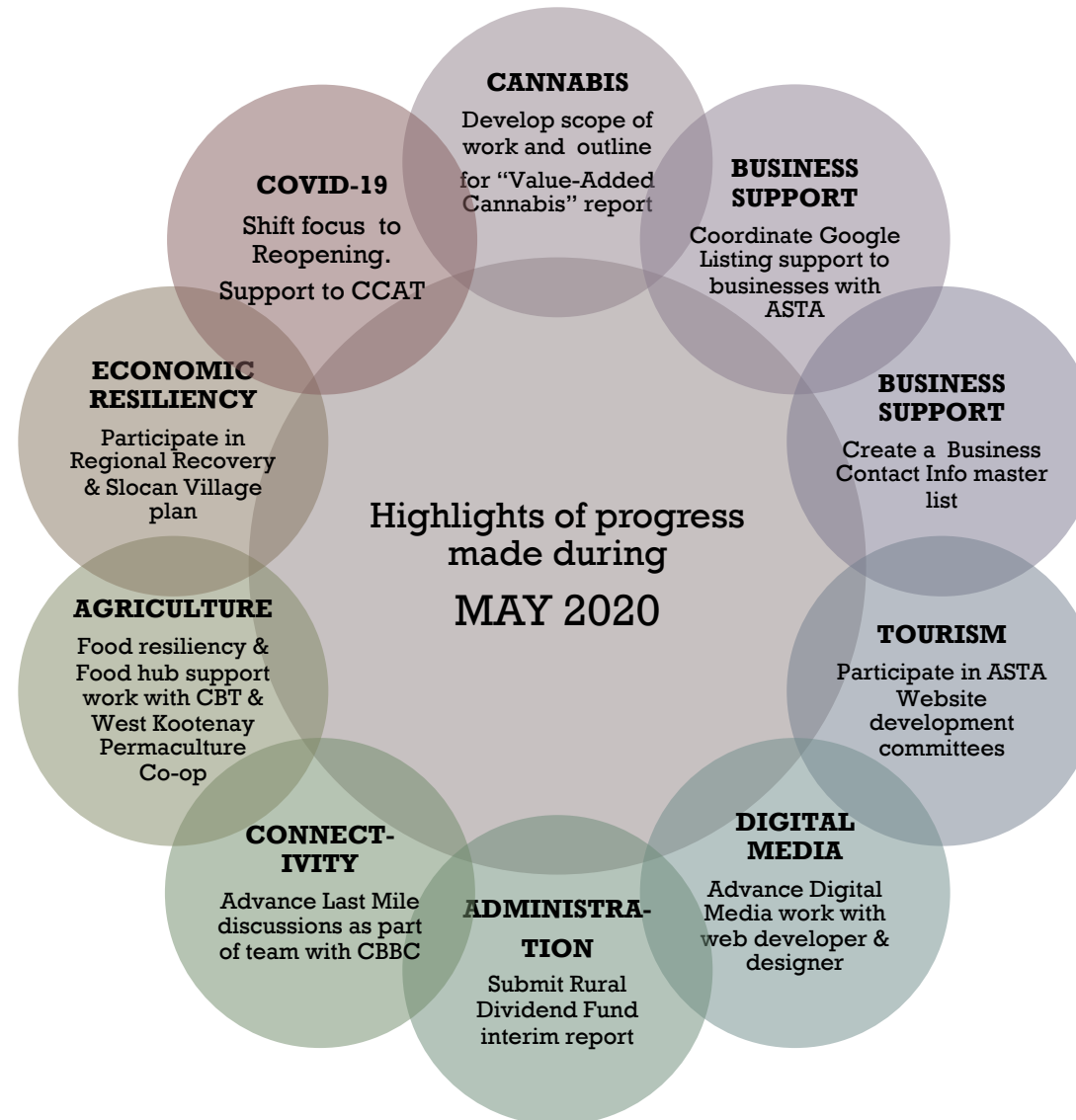
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Nil



SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Progress Report – May 2020

SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Highlights of progress made during MAY 2020

- **COVID-19** Shift focus to Reopening. Engage with CCAT (North Valley Covid response team)
 - Status: Work in Progress
 - Notes: Share info on COVID-19 Fed/BC/local resources & initiatives to Slocan Valley businesses/residents.
- **CONNECTIVITY** Advance Last Mile discussions with CBBC & the Province
 - Status: Work in Progress
 - Notes: Moving the dialogue along for cooperation with valley partners and last mile models
- **AGRICULTURE** Food security work
 - Status: Work in Progress
 - Notes: Working with CBT & WK Permaculture Co-op on food resiliency/food hub/food bank support.
- **ECONOMIC**
- **RESILIENCE** Participate in EDPN Regional Recovery & SFU/Selkirk Economic Resilience planning for Slocan Village
 - Status: Second phase complete for Slocan Village
 - Notes: EDPN- examining gaps in economic response/recovery supports. Regional action.
- **DIGITAL MEDIA** Advance Digital Media work with web developer & designer
 - Status: Plan for review by SVEDC June 5
 - Notes: On-going work on design, content and web development.

SLOCAN VALLEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Highlights of progress made during MAY 2020

- **CANNABIS** Develop scope of work and outline for “Value-Added Cannabis” report
 - Status: Outline complete, report research begun (Damon lead, Ron support)
 - Notes: Collaborate with CF Cannabis Business Transition initiative & BC Ministries (FLNRORD/JEDC/AGRI/PSSG) to create a made-in-Slocan approach to Cannabis Edibles, Extracts & Topicals opportunities
- **TOURISM** Participate in ASTA Website Development Committee
 - Status: Work in Progress
 - Notes: Working on developing tourism tools for when the recovery phase of the pandemic opens up.
- **ADMINISTRATION** Submit Rural Dividend Fund interim report
 - Status: Complete (submitted to Lisa Rein, RDCK Grants Coordinator)
 - Notes: Lisa was to complete some financial info from the RDCK SVEDC accounts before submitting it to RDF
- **BUSINESS**
- **SUPPORT** Coordinate Google Map Listing support to businesses
 - Status: Work in Progress
 - Notes: Shifting this project to enrol businesses online, ASTA is assisting.
- **BUSINESS**
- **SUPPORT** Create a Business Contact Info master list
 - Status: Work in Progress
 - Notes: Compiled a master list of SV business contact info. ASTA is assisting to verify & fill gaps. Additional help enlisted to phone businesses without email addresses available.

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

SUBMITTED BY: Catherine Allaway, CAO
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR GRANT-IN-AID

DATE: June 5, 2020

PURPOSE: To seek Council authorization to issue a Grant-in-Aid to the Lucerne Association for Community Education

RECOMMENDATION:

That a grant in aid of \$2500 be provided to the Lucerne Association for Community Education, to cover the cost of hydro for the Bosun Hall.

ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:

1. ***Provide a grant-in-aid. A cheque will be issued to LACE so that they can pay BC Hydro.***
2. ***Do not provide a grant-in-aid. LACE will be required to pay the hydro costs for the Bosun Hall***

ANALYSIS:

- A. Background:** The Lucerne Association for Community Education (LACE) operates the Bosun Hall on behalf of the Village of New Denver, providing a venue for community events such as May Days, memorials, weddings, Girl Guides, the Food Hamper program and other activities. LACE funds much of this work with proceeds from the Donation Store. With the temporary closure of the Donation Store due to the COVID-19 pandemic, LACE is facing financial shortfalls. They are seeking a grant-in-aid from the Village to cover the annual BC Hydro charges for the facility. Annual BC Hydro costs for the Bosun Hall amount to approximately \$2500.
- B. Discussion:** As the owner of the building, the Village is ultimately responsible for the maintenance of the Bosun Hall. The Village already covers the cost of BC Hydro service for all the other municipal facilities that are operated by local volunteer groups. The request for a grant-in-aid was received in 2019 and was considered during budget discussions. Now that budget has been adopted, a Council resolution is required to authorize the issuance of the grant-in-aid.
- C. Legislative Framework:** Nil
- D. Attachments:** Letter from LACE dated October 23, 2019
- E. Council Strategic Priority:** Nil
- F. Communication Strategy:** Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The \$2500 grant-in-aid to LACE was included in the amounts budgeted for grants-in-aid in the Village's Five Year Financial Plan bylaw.



Lucerne Association for Community Education
PO Box 208
New Denver BC
VOG 1S0

Village of New Denver
PO Box 40,
New Denver, BC
VOG 1S0

October 23, 2019

Dear Mayor and Council Members:

The Lucerne Association for Community Education is requesting assistance from the Village to help with the payment of BC Hydro bills for Bosun Hall.

This will help with the recent increase in Hydro rates that BC Hydro has announced.

Thank you.

Lora Lee Brekke
President
LACE

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

SUBMITTED BY: Catherine Allaway, CAO

DATE: June 5, 2020

SUBJECT: CARPENTER CREEK GREEN BURIAL GROUND

PURPOSE: To seek direction from Council about whether to explore options for green burials in the New Denver Cemetery

OPTIONS:

1. *Direct staff to meet with the Carpenter Creek Last Wishes Society to discuss the matter and refine the request.*
2. *Advise the Carpenter Creek Last Wishes Society the Village is not interested at this time. No further action will be taken.*

ANALYSIS:

- A. Background:** The New Denver Cemetery is owned and operated by the Village of New Denver. It is licenced through Consumer Protection BC and must comply with the provincial Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act and the Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Regulation.
- B. Discussion:** Currently the Village of New Denver does not allow burial in a shroud, requiring a rigid container, as per S. 9(d) of the Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Regulation. However, green burials are not prohibited in BC. Changes to existing policy and practice will be explored at Council's direction.
- C. Legislative Framework:** Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act and the Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Regulation.
- D. Attachments:** Excerpts from the Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act and the Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Regulation; letter from Carpenter Creek Last Wishes Society.
- E. Council Strategic Priority:** Nil
- F. Communication Strategy:** Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Staff time only

Carpenter Creek Last Wishes Society

Box 231
New Denver
BC V0G 1S0



Walter Popoff, RDCK Area H, Box 590 202 Lakeside Drive, Nelson
Mayor and Council, Village of New Denver Box 40, New Denver
Mayor and Council, Village of Silverton Box 14, Silverton

May 28, 2020

Dear Leonard & New Denver Council

Re: Carpenter Creek Green Burial Ground

Across Canada there is widespread interest in green burial, as a way of returning human remains to the earth in an environmentally sustainable way.

The Carpenter Creek Last Wishes Society is planning to create a green burial ground, with burials in a shroud or other fully biodegradable materials. We plan to do some landscaping with native plants, both on the graves and in the designated area, to create a beautiful natural environment.

We would like to explore if this is possible in part of the New Denver Cemetery, and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely

Kay Costley-White

Chair, Carpenter Creek Last Wishes Society

Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act

Containers for interment or cremation

11 Unless permitted by the regulations, a funeral provider and an operator must not refuse to accept or handle a container to enclose human remains that

- (a) is supplied by a person other than the operator and the funeral provider, and
- (b) meets the requirements of the regulations and any requirements under the [*Public Health Act*](#).

Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Regulation

Requirements for containers referred to in section 11 of the Act

9 A container referred to in section 11 of the Act must meet the following requirements:

- (a) it must have sufficient strength to contain and move human remains;
- (b) it must be capable of being closed so that the public is not able to see the human remains;
- (c) it must be constructed so that it does not leak or otherwise cause a hazard to any person's health;
- (d) it must be rigid.

SUBMITTED BY: Jessica Rayner, Community Planner

DATE: June 5, 2020

SUBJECT: Province of BC Referral Request on an Alpine Skiing Expression of Interest

PURPOSE: To provide Council with information for use in responding to an Expression of Interest submitted to the Mountain Resort Branch of the BC Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (MFLNRORD) for the development of a year-round lift-accessed ski resort to be located east of New Denver.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Council of the Village of New Denver direct staff to respond to the referral from BC's Mountain Resort Branch indicating an interest in being involved and informed should the proposal proceed.

ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:

1. That Council request staff respond in greater detail regarding the land or related concerns based on the proposed development of a resort. This would require additional staff time and direction from Council.
2. That Council not provide a response to the Zincton EOI referral request. This may result in the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development inferring that the Village is not concerned with providing input into this proposed.

ANALYSIS:

A. Background:

Expression of Interest Review & Referral

An Expression of Interest (EOI) means a written statement of interest from a proponent or prospective applicant to Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development (FLNRORD) identifying the area of interest, the nature and scale of proposed development, and general information on management structure, technical design and financial capability to carry out the project. This referral from the Mountain Resorts Branch (MRB) of MFLNRORD ('the Ministry') is preliminary in nature, as the Ministry has not formally accepted the EOI being considered.

MRB has requested comments from the Village of New Denver on interests on the land itself or any related concerns based on the proposed development of a resort. Following the receipt of all comments and identification of any land-use conflicts, included those provided by the public in response to advertising this EOI, feasibility of the project will be determined. If feasible, a Formal Proposal would be submitted and if accepted by the Ministry would initiate a more intensive and detailed review and planning process consistent with the ASRP and the All-Seasons Resort Guidelines. For this reason, no detailed project design has been included with the referral.

Zincton Expression of Interest, May 2020

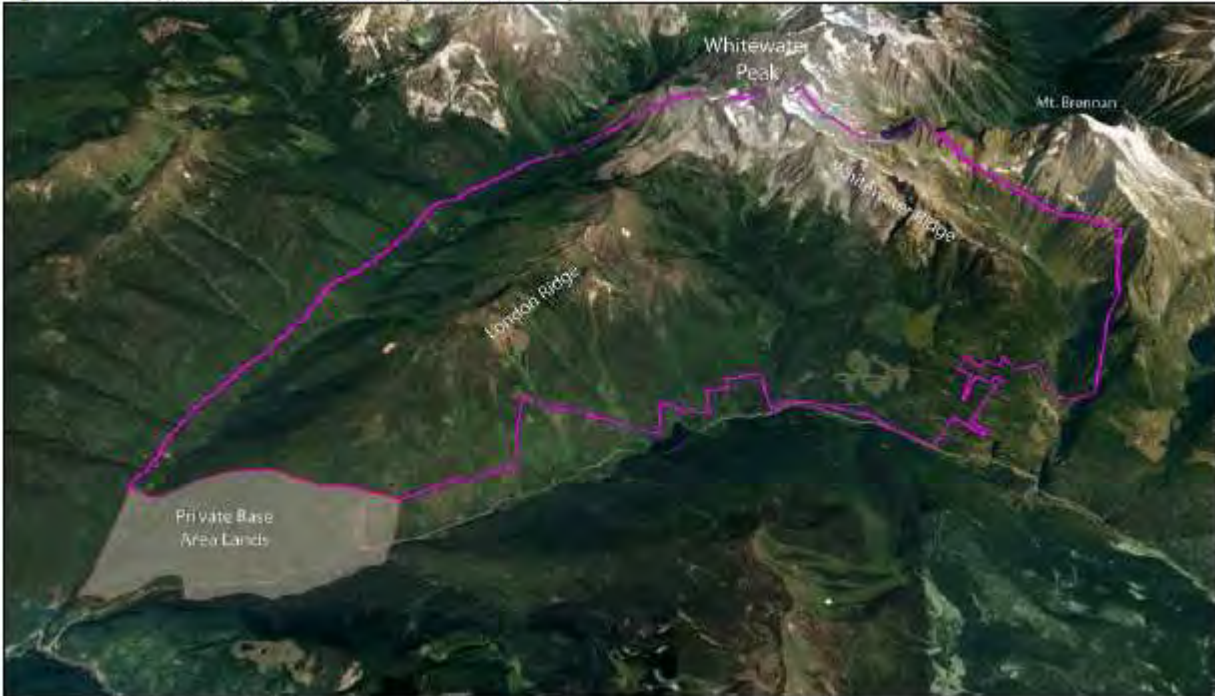
The Zincton EOI was submitted to the Province in May 2020 by Brent Harley and Associates Inc. (BHA) on behalf of David Harley, to develop an all-season resort along London Ridge and Whitewater Ridge, near New Denver. The Zincton all-season resort would be accessed from Highway 31A near Three Forks, approximately 8km east of New Denver.

The EOI Executive Summary indicates that: "The Mountain Village and a portion of the recreation facilities (e.g. ski trails, mountain bike trails) will be developed on private land adjacent to the proposed Controlled

Recreation Area. Combined with lift-serviced skiing at either end, guests will create their own personal mix of accommodation between the Mountain Village and the remote Backcountry Lodge, and lift-serviced and backcountry recreation experiences, both guided and unguided.” The EOI addresses Crown land and is separate from the proposed Zincton development on Private Land, presented to Council in April 2020.

The following aerial photo and study area boundary is extracted from the Zincton EOI Executive Summary:

Figure E-2. Proposed Zincton EOI Study Area Boundary



The 68-page EOI touches on considerations such as existing commercial recreation interests, overlapping public recreation, existing resource interests, ski slope analysis, mountain bike slope analysis, elevation analysis, aspect analysis, base slope analysis, climatological analysis, terrain capacity analysis, existing environmental conditions, and visual impact. Detailed analyses of these considerations are not provided at this early stage.

Discussion:

The May 13, 2020 invitation by MRB to comment on the Zincton EOI has generated a fair amount of public interest and discussion. A variety of media outlets have published stories on the subject and local residents have posted public comments, online and in the local newspaper, regarding the proposal. Opinions are mixed. Some area residents are in support of the proposal, some are opposed, and some await additional studies and reports to make an informed decision. Both benefits and concerns have been identified.

A non-exclusive Licence of Occupation for an Extensive Use Area, under the Adventure Tourism Policy, is a standard form of tenure for adventure tourism operators conducting guiding activities in the area. This type of use does not exclude public access from the tenured Crown land. Public access within Controlled Recreation Areas on the other hand, is managed by the operator under agreement with the Province.

Should the Zincton proposal proceed, proposed development would have an impact on local services in New Denver. Given this, along with the potential for restricted access to popular recreational land in the area and the need for further studies, it would be of benefit for the Village to remain informed and involved.

Legislative Framework: BC's Land Act and Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing Act.

The Province of BC's All-Seasons Resort Land Use Operational Policy applies to All-Seasons Resort Development projects that take place on Crown upland and/or aquatic land, including Alpine Ski Resorts. Crown land requires removal from the Provincial Forest prior to disposition under the Ministry of Lands, Parks and Housing Act.

A. Attachments: Nil

B. Council Strategic Priority: Nil

C. Communication Strategy: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Nil

Catherine Allaway

From: FrontCounterBC@gov.bc.ca
Sent: May 21, 2020 9:08 AM
To:
Subject: Province of BC Referral Request on an Alpine Skiing Expression of Interest

Village of New Denver
Bruce Woodbury

All Seasons Resorts/Alpine Skiing
Referral Number: 122621936 - 012
Reference Number: 4406015
Request Sent: May 21, 2020
Response Due: June 20, 2020

You are invited to comment on the following Expression of Interest. A response is optional. If no response is received by the deadline, the Expression of Interest process will move ahead.

Mountain Resorts Branch (MRB) has received an Expression of Interest (EOI) under the All-Seasons Resort Policy (ASRP) for developing for a year-round lift-accessed ski resort located east of New Denver, BC. The area under investigation covers approximately 5,500 ha. Identification of values and interests will inform further phases of the review process.

Please note, this referral is preliminary in nature, as our Ministry has not formally accepted this EOI. We request your comments on interests on the land itself or any related concerns based on the proposed development of a resort. Following the receipt of all comments and identification of any land-use conflicts, including those provided by the public in response to advertising this EOI, feasibility of the project will be determined. If feasible, a Formal Proposal would be submitted and if accepted the Ministry would initiate a more intensive and detailed review and planning process consistent with the ASRP and the All-Seasons Resort Guidelines. For this reason, no detailed project design is being included with this referral. If you would like more information on the process please go to <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/resort-development>.

The Zinton EOI can be viewed on the MRB website: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/natural-resource-use/resort-development/proposed-approved-resort-master-plans/list-of-proposed-plans>

The Zinton EOI proposed location can be viewed spatially here: Geomark:
<http://apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/geomark/geomarks/gm-F7DBDBDCD80B4E2D8372AC3D16C95407>

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