



AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 24, 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 November 24, 2020, Regular Meeting.

MINUTES: - Resolution to adopt the Minutes of the November 10, 2020, Regular Meeting

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

New Denver & Area Housing Society - Dion Whyte, Consultant - Affordable Housing Proposal Update

Healthy Community Society - Mick Wilson, Director - Community Garden Proposal

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS: -

OLD BUSINESS: - Nil

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

- 2020 Merchants' Night (*Slocan Valley Chamber of Commerce - Emma Beaton, Manager*)
- 2020 Enabling Accessibility Fund Small Projects Component (*Employment and Social Development Canada - National Grants and Contributions Delivery Centre*)
- Call for Nominations (*AKBLG - Linda Tynan, Administrative Coordinator*)

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

- 3rd Quarter Financial Report (*Colin McClure, CFO*)

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 -
- Sustainability Advisory Committee -

NEW BUSINESS:

- Fire Department Bylaw No. 731, 2020
- Healthy Community Society - Julia Greenlaw, Organic Waste Ambassador - Organic Waste Diversion Project
- Healthy Community Society - Dean Spankie, Chair - Community Garden Proposal
- Silvery Slocan Historical Society - Henning von Krogh, President - Silvery Slocan Museum Garden Proposal
- North Slocan Trails Society - Abi Marsh, Communications Secretary - Request for Letter of Support - Community Gaming Grant

MOTION TO EXCLUDE:

- Moved by Councillor _____ and seconded that the public interest requires that, as per section 90(1) (c) of the *Community Charter*, persons other than members of Council and the CAO be excluded from the meeting as it pertains to personnel matters.

RECONVENE IN CAMERA:

- Moved by Councillor _____ and seconded that Council recess and reconvene in camera at _____ p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING:

- Moved by Councillor _____ and seconded that Council reconvene in open meeting at _____ p.m.

**RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT
FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA:**

- Moved by Councillor _____ and seconded that Resolution#_____ be brought forward to the public portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

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



MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING

DATE: November 10, 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: Megan Chadwick (ASTA) dep. 7:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS:

- Nil

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RESOLUTION #233

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the agenda for the November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

MINUTES:

RESOLUTION #234

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that the Minutes of the October 27, 2020 Regular Meeting be adopted as read.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #235

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that the Minutes of the October 30, 2020 Committee of the Whole Meeting be adopted as read.

CARRIED

PETITIONS & DELEGATIONS:

Update on ASTA Activities (*Arrow Slocan Tourism Association – Megan Chadwick, Executive Director*)

- Ms. Chadwick shared information about ASTA and its activities with Council.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS & COMMENTS:

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OLD BUSINESS:

- Nil

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION:**RESOLUTION #236**

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the following correspondence be received for information:
 - Update on Slocan Lake "Application Only Area" (*Slocan Lake Stewardship Society - Sally Hammond, Director*)
 - Notice of Grant Funding (*CBT - Will Nixon, Senior Manager Delivery of Benefits*)
 - COVID-19 Safe Restart Grants for Local Governments (*Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Kaye Krishna, Deputy Minister*)

CARRIED**STAFF REPORTS:****RESOLUTION #237**

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that the following reports be received for information:
 - Kyowakai Book Project Update
 - Expression of Interest - CBT Community Wildfire Innovation Grant

CARRIED**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

Verbal Reports

- Nil

Regional District of Central Kootenay

- Nil

West Kootenay Boundary Regional
Hospital District

- Nil

Recreation Commission #6

- Councillor Fyke reported on his meeting with RDCK staff regarding the requirements for reopening the fitness centre.

Economic Development Commission

- Councillor Fyke advised that a questionnaire for businesses regarding the impact of COVID-19 will be distributed soon.

Rosebery Trails & Parklands
Commission

- Councillor Wagner reported on the recent plans for repairs and improvements to the Galena Trail.

Treaty Advisory Committee

- Nil

Fire Department Committee

- Nil

- Health Advisory Committee - Nil
- Sustainability Advisory Committee - The draft minutes of the November 2, 2020 meeting were presented for Council's information.

NEW BUSINESS:**RESOLUTION #238**

Recreation Commission #6 Appointments
(RDCK - Angela Lund, Deputy Corporate Officer)

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that Tamara Barkowsky be appointed as the Village of New Denver Community Representative to Recreation Commission #6; and further,
That Councillor Gerald Wagner be appointed as the Village of New Denver Council Representative to Recreation Commission #6; and further,
That Councillor John Fyke be appointed as the alternate Village of New Denver Council Representative to Recreation Commission #6.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #239

Sustainability Advisory Committee
Terms of Reference

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that no changes be made to the Terms of Reference for the Sustainability Advisory Committee at this time.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #240

West Kootenay EcoSociety 100%
Renewable Energy Plan

- Moved by Councillor Gustafson and seconded that Council direct Village of New Denver staff to provide recommended edits on the draft West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan to the West Kootenay EcoSociety and the Renewable Kootenays Working Group, including priorities recommended by the Village of New Denver Sustainability Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

RESOLUTION #241

Fire Department Bylaw No. 731, 2020

- Moved by Councillor Moss and seconded that Village of New Denver Fire Department Bylaw No. 731, 2020 be given first, second and third reading.

CARRIED

MOTION TO EXCLUDE:**RESOLUTION #242**

- 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 as it pertains to personnel matters.

CARRIED

RECONVENE IN CAMERA:

RESOLUTION #243

- Moved by Councillor Fyke and seconded that Council recess and reconvene in camera at 8:55 p.m.
CARRIED

RECONVENE IN OPEN MEETING:

RESOLUTION #246

- Moved by Councillor Wagner and seconded that Council reconvene in open meeting at 9:14 p.m.
CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS BROUGHT
FORWARD FROM IN CAMERA:

- Nil

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION #247

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

MAYOR CASLEY

CORPORATE OFFICER



602 Slocan Avenue

Affordable Housing Development

November 2020



NCD | Project partner

About Us

- New Commons Development (NCD) is a non-profit real estate development company focused on building and preserving affordable housing
- NCD works across Canada with co-operatives, non-profits, faith-based groups and municipalities to create and renew Canada's social purpose real estate
- The team brings highly skilled real estate and affordable housing development expertise and capacity

- Development teams in **Toronto and Vancouver**
- \$4 million** in working capital
- 16 active projects with non-profits, co-ops and community groups**
 - 6 of these in **small/rural BC communities**
- 1600 units** in development pipeline
- Impact target – **1750 units** with rents affordable on average **<80% of median income**



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Design | Project overview

Location: 602 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, BC

Site area: 16,501 SF

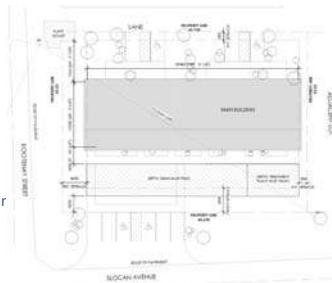
Building area (indoor): ~7,795 SF

Total unit count: 10

Proposed Parking: 4 stalls (2 standard + 2 HC)

Potential Parking Expansion: +6 stalls (street parkir

Storage: ~485 SF



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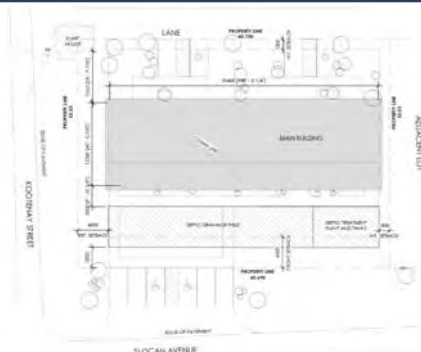
Design | Unit Mix

UNIT MIX SUMMARY	Units	% of Total Units	Avg. Area (sq. ft.)
Studio	2	20%	403
1 Bedroom	2	20%	500
2 Bedroom	4	40%	793
3 Bedroom	2	20%	1,015
TOTAL	10	100%	674



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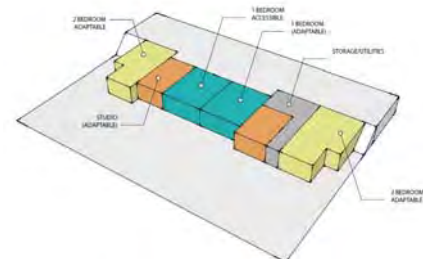
Design | Proposed Site Plan



- On site septic (type 3 system)
- South facing orientation
- On site parking off lane
- Potential for additional parking in Slocan Ave. ROW

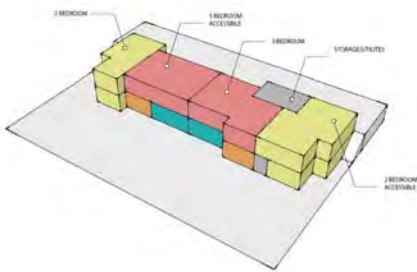


Design | Massing Diagram Lower Level



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Design | Massing Diagram Upper Level



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Design | Upper Level



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- Four ground oriented units
- North facing private patios and south facing balconies
- Additional common storage area
- Communal outdoor area
- On site parking off lane

Design | Lower Level



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- Six ground oriented units
- South facing private patios
- Additional common storage area
- Potential for "off site" parking in ROW on Slocan Ave.

Design | Unit Layouts



Adaptable Studio
(lower level)



Studio
(lower level)



Accessible 1-Bed
(lower level)



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Design | Unit Layouts



Adaptable 2-Bedroom
(lower level)



2-Bedroom
(upper level)

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Accessible 2-Bedroom
(upper level)



Design | Unit Layouts



3-Bedroom
(upper level)



Accessible 3-Bedroom
(upper level)



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Design

View from Slocan Avenue



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Design

Bird's Eye View (north and south)



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Design

Human's Eye View (southwest corner)



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Next Steps

Milestones

NEW DENVER DRAFT SCHEDULE											
Updated: 2020-11-17											
	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
PHASE A: Schematic Design											
Board Approval for Project to Proceed											
Submitted to BC Housing and CMHC Funding Opportunities											
Anticipated Response from BC Housing and CMHC											
PHASE B: Design Development											
Final Application Public Consultation											
Development Period / Recurring Application Submission											
Public Information Meeting											
City Council Meeting - 1st and 2nd Reading											
Public Hearing and 3rd Reading											
City Council Meeting - Final 4th Reading											
PHASE C: Building Permit/Construction Starts											
Construction Commencement Being Completed											
Building Permit Application											
Building Permit Issuance											
PHASE D: Construction											
IBC - 15 Months											



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The Ask

Requests for Village of New Denver

- Village feedback** on proposed design scheme (comments and/or concerns) and preferred parking solution:
 - Option 1:** relaxation of parking requirements (4 stalls proposed, or 0.4 stalls per unit), with potential for overflow parking along Slocan Ave. public Right of Way
 - Option 2:** dedication of additional parking for residents along Slocan Ave. Right of Way to secure 10 stalls (1.0 stalls per unit)
- Confirmation of Village's conditional support to commit the land for development of affordable housing:
 - Immediate Requirement (by Dec. 31, 2020): **Letter of Support** to accompany BC Housing application



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November 17, 2020

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

Throughout the last decade, the Healthy Community Society (HCS), has become more and more involved in issues around food security in the North Slokan Lake area. Our Food Program includes: the garden and greenhouse at the school; lunch program and breakfast program at the school (with a component for seniors); Friday Market food coupon program and salad bar; events such as the Harvest Dinner, Harvest Festival, Seedy Saturday and Earth Day; Community Composting; and the Culinary Tool Library. Part of our mandate for some time has been working towards cooperating with a community food hub or similar undertaking.

As another building block in the work towards local food security, we are interested in creating a Community Garden in New Denver and have been working on this for some time. As the land we were hoping to use is zoned core commercial, we now have to look elsewhere to do this. Community gardens are an idea whose time has come. They are sprouting up everywhere, and we believe strongly it is time this Village joined this growing trend.

In a conversation between CAO Catherine Allaway and HCS board member (and garden organizer) Mick Wilson, the possibility came up of the Village letting us use some land on the north side of Carpenter Creek, west of the bridge. Ms. Allaway indicated she thought the Village might well be supportive of this idea, particularly since it fits in so well with the OCP and the Food Charter (Appended).

To begin, we were thinking something less than a quarter acre would be a good size, with the intention of expansion as more land is needed. If the village wants to start with a one-year agreement with the option to look towards a longer and more formal agreement in the future, that would be agreeable to us. Ms. Allaway also suggested that perhaps the village would be willing to supply us with water (install a standpipe / hydrant) as part of this arrangement, and we would really appreciate that being the case. We would have our own Jorocan on site and would tie in to the HCS system. We would clean up the gardens in time for Arbour Day and might ask the village to take away the larger trimmings on that date unless we could incorporate them into another composting project somewhere off site.

Our intention is to start in the first year by turning over some of the land to see what the soil is like (we have someone who has agreed to do this for us), and by planting a communal crop of potatoes to be shared by everyone who participates in the project. This will get a core group established and will give us time to do a good job of planning and setting up the garden. The communal aspect would probably continue even once individual beds were established.

We would be working towards having several raised beds, a couple of which might be gardened by HCS, others by individuals. We already have several individuals interested in these beds. We have been asked, by someone interested in working on this, if one of the beds could be cultivated as a community herb garden for both healing and culinary herbs, and this seems like a very good and workable idea. A section of the garden would be specifically designed for persons with mobility difficulties, and all the beds would be senior-friendly.

Our intention is to set up electric fencing to take care of any concerns about wildlife. We already have agreements from both the Valhalla Wilderness Society (VWS) and Grizzly Bear Solutions (GBS) to assist

us in this part of the project. VWS would advise us as well as underwrite part of the cost of the fencing, and Gillian Sanders from GBS will lend us her considerable expertise.

We also intend to supply starts for some of the gardening from the greenhouse at LESS, and we have community members who are also willing to provide some starts for us. We also see collaborating with the village in whatever food projects you get underway, and we are talking to the New Denver and Area Hamper Society about their possible participation.

We have considerable enthusiastic support in the community for this idea, and have collected numerous signatures of people who want to participate in some capacity. Fortunately, not all these people want to garden there, as it would be too mammoth an undertaking to accommodate all of them! However, we can use all the volunteer help we can get and we are hoping this will be the beginning of cooperative ventures in mentorship, including workshops. Other community gardens, such as Nakusp, have many more members than on-site gardeners, who volunteer and mentor to support the existence of the gardens.

We want to stress this project will be under the umbrella of the Healthy Community Society. The Society will take an active role in securing funding for all aspects of it and for making sure the garden is an asset to the community in every way, both in terms of sustainability and also of aesthetics. It will become a jewel in our community.

We are excited at the prospect of creating this beautiful contribution to community self- sufficiency. We hope you will join with us to make this happen.

Sincerely,

Dean Spankie, Chair of HCS
Mick Wilson, HCS Gardening Committee
Moe Lyons, HCS Gardening Committee



The Corporation of the Village of New Denver

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

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Corporate Officer
SUBJECT: Correspondence for Information
DATE: November 20, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following items be received for information:

- 2020 Merchants' Night (*Slocan Valley Chamber of Commerce - Emma Beaton, Manager*)
- 2020 Enabling Accessibility Fund Small Projects Component (*Employment and Social Development Canada - National Grants and Contributions Delivery Centre*)
- Call for Nominations (*AKBLG - Linda Tynan, Administrative Coordinator*)

DISCUSSION:

2020 Merchants' Night

The Village of New Denver has purchased solar powered lights to decorate trees on main street for the holidays. Public Works staff will install the lights before December 4, 2020. The recent announcements from the Provincial Health Officer relating to COVID-19 restrictions and the prohibition of public gatherings will impact Merchants' Night activities this year.

2020 Enabling Accessibility Fund

The Knox Hall renovation project will proceed without the accessibility components that were proposed as part of the Village's application to the 2020 Enabling Accessibility Fund program. The construction of a new entrance ramp, installation of automatic door openers and improvements to the vestibule will be postponed as staff seeks alternative grant streams for funds to complete this work.



Dear Village of New Denver Council,

The Slocan Valley Chamber of Commerce has been in conversation with Gerald Wagner regarding our interest and intent to light up Main Street this year as part of our Merchants Night.

We wish to have holiday lights strung by the Village along 6th Ave, or Main Street New Denver. Our vision is to have residents and businesses turn on their Lights December 4th at 5pm. This is a concept we came up with while attempting to create community spirit in light of COVID-19.

We will be asking businesses to be open that evening and exercising their COVID regulations. We will be hosting a basket raffle from businesses as well as a coloring contest for the local youth. We will not be hosting an event or gathering this year due to COVID-19.

We hope we can count on the Village to help us exercise this vision.

Thank you!

Emma Beaton

Chamber Manager

Slocan Valley Chamber of Commerce

Catherine Allaway

From: NC-HIP-PIP-EAF_ODI-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca
Sent: November 16, 2020 7:29 AM
To: NC-HIP-PIP-EAF_ODI-GD@hrsdc-rhdcc.gc.ca
Subject: 2020 Enabling Accessibility Fund Small projects Component - Fonds pour l'accessibilité 2020 - Composante projets de petite envergure

Importance: High

English follows French

Cher demandeur,

Nous vous écrivons pour vous informer du résultat de l'examen de votre proposition soumise dans le cadre de l'appel de propositions du Fonds pour l'accessibilité 2020 - Composante projets de petite envergure

En raison du grand nombre de proposition reçues, nous ne sommes pas en mesure d'aller de l'avant avec votre proposition pour le moment. Toutefois, si des fonds sont disponibles d'ici le 25 janvier 2021, nous communiquerons peut-être avec vous afin de savoir si vous souhaitez toujours recevoir du financement.

Nous vous encourageons à visiter la page des programmes de financement du site Web d'Emploi et Développement social Canada pour obtenir des renseignements sur le Fonds pour l'accessibilité. Nous vous remercions de votre intérêt à l'égard de ce programme.

Centre national de prestation des subventions et des contributions
Emploi et Développement social Canada

Dear applicant,

We are writing to notify you of the result of the review of your proposal submitted under the – 2020 Enabling Accessibility Fund Small projects Component.

Due to a large number of proposals received, we are not in a position to move forward with your proposal at this time. However, if funds become available by January 25, 2021, we may contact you to discuss your continued interest for funding.

We encourage you to visit the [Funding Programs](#) page of the Employment and Social Development Canada website for information on the **Enabling Accessibility Fund**.
Thank you for your interest in this program.

National Grants and Contributions Delivery Centre
Employment and Social Development Canada



CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR OPEN AKBLG EXECUTIVE POSITION

Now that it is official that Roly Russell has been successful in the provincial election, he has resigned as President of the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Government and will no longer hold a Director position on the AKBLG Board. In accordance with AKBLG Bylaws, Clara Reinhardt (previous Vice President) will become President. The Board has voted that Adam Casemore be elected Vice President for the remainder of this term.

There is now a vacancy for a Director at Large on the Board for the remainder of the 2020/2021 year. The Nominations Committee is taking nominations and would like to hear from YOU! Deadline for online nomination submissions is **December 10, 2020** accepted by email to nominations@akblg.ca.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE:

- The candidate must be an elected official of an AKBLG local government member
- The candidate must be nominated by two elected officials of an AKBLG local government member.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

The Nomination Committee is made of three (3) AKBLG members and is supported by the Administrative Coordinator. Inquiries to the Nominations Committee may be sent to nominations@akblg.ca. You may also contact the committee members directly if you have questions:

Rob Gay, Chair	RDEK Chair (Area C)	rob11gay@gmail.com
Cyra Yunkws	Councillor, Village of Warfield	cyra.yunkws@warfield.ca
Keith Page	Councillor, City of Nelson	kpage@nelson.ca

Submit the following to the Nominations Committee at nominations@akblg.ca

- Your Name and Electoral Area/Municipality you are elected to
- Name the two elected officials you have been nominated by
- A few sentences outlining why you are interested in a position as Director for the AKBLG
- Brief biography

INFORMATION SESSION:

On **Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 6:00pm PT/7:00pm MT**, the AKBLG Executive will host a virtual information session for anyone thinking about the opportunity but would like more information on the role. This is an optional session and current Board members will be available to answer your questions. If you are interested in attending the session, please contact Linda at admin@akblg.ca for the link to the Zoom meeting. The Board has also recently developed a Board Handbook which is available on the website or by contacting Linda at admin@akblg.ca for an emailed copy.

Deadline for Nomination package submission: Monday, December 14, 2020
Submit to: nominations@akblg.ca



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TO: Mayor and Council
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SUBJECT: Reports for Information
DATE: November 20, 2020

RECOMMENDATION:

That the following items be received for information:

- 3rd Quarter Financial Report (*Colin McClure, CFO*)

VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS - OPERATING FUND

For the Period Ended September 30, 2020

	YTD Actual	2020 Total Budget	Balance Remaining	% Rem	YTD Actual	2019 Total Budget	Balance Remaining	% Rem
REVENUES								
Taxes	\$ 298,712	\$ 298,698	\$ (14)	- %	\$ 301,800	\$ 296,409	\$ (5,391)	(2)%
Sales of Services	185,729	171,458	(14,271)	(8)%	189,384	166,850	(22,534)	(14)%
Other revenue	54,897	57,050	2,153	4 %	68,743	61,958	(6,785)	(11)%
Investment income	2,792	5,500	2,708	49 %	7,521	300	(7,221)	407)%
Grants - unconditional	357,636	347,616	(10,020)	(3)%	347,616	347,000	(616)	- %
Grants - conditional	344,950	745,874	400,924	54 %	208,384	599,509	391,125	65 %
Water user fees	157,660	160,320	2,660	2 %	157,660	156,942	(718)	- %
Total revenue	<u>1,402,376</u>	<u>1,786,516</u>	<u>384,140</u>	<u>22 %</u>	<u>1,281,108</u>	<u>1,632,468</u>	<u>351,360</u>	<u>22 %</u>
EXPENSES								
General Government	268,314	498,268	229,954	46 %	222,407	397,075	174,668	44 %
Protective services	76,421	131,723	55,302	42 %	55,831	137,855	82,024	60 %
Transportation services	170,611	284,424	113,813	40 %	157,376	280,004	122,628	44 %
Environmental health services	33,628	56,368	22,740	40 %	40,295	68,105	27,810	41 %
Public health and welfare services	11,862	11,000	(862)	(8)%	7,458	13,122	5,664	43 %
Recreation and cultural services	147,093	171,150	24,057	14 %	184,545	626,222	441,677	71 %
Interest and other debt charges	15,255	15,255	-	- %	15,255	15,255	-	- %
Water utility operations	77,644	177,600	99,956	56 %	55,420	157,837	102,417	65 %
Total expense	<u>800,828</u>	<u>1,345,788</u>	<u>544,960</u>	<u>40 %</u>	<u>738,587</u>	<u>1,695,475</u>	<u>956,888</u>	<u>56 %</u>
NET REVENUE (EXPENSE)	<u>601,548</u>	<u>440,728</u>	<u>160,820</u>	<u>36 %</u>	<u>542,521</u>	<u>(63,007)</u>	<u>605,528</u>	<u>961)%</u>
CAPITAL								
General	306,532	446,000	139,468	31 %	9,949	-	(9,949)	N/O %
Water	-	160,000	160,000	100 %	-	200,000	200,000	100 %
	<u>306,532</u>	<u>606,000</u>	<u>299,468</u>	<u>49 %</u>	<u>9,949</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>190,051</u>	<u>95 %</u>
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ 295,016</u>	<u>\$ (165,272)</u>	<u>\$ 460,288</u>	<u>279 %</u>	<u>\$ 532,572</u>	<u>\$ (263,007)</u>	<u>\$ 795,579</u>	<u>302 %</u>

NOTES

Revenues

- Please note that revenues are budgeted to occur evenly through the year. This has resulted in some favourable/unfavourable revenue variances due to timing differences. It is anticipated that these timing differences will be resolved prior to year end.
- Taxes have been billed and collected as expected and budgeted.
- Sales of Services revenue is slightly lower than last year but over what was budgeted, which is great news and shows what a fantastic year the campground had even with its late and partial/gradual opening in 2020 due to Covid.
- Other revenue is lower than last year but close to budget with lower Nikkei centre revenue being the major factor. On a positive note the Village received additional summer student grant funding than had been expected or budgeted to assist in particular with the cost of staffing the centre.
- Investment revenue is higher than prior year because a number of term GIC's in the water reserve matured in April last year.
- The small community unconditional grant is higher by over \$10,000 more than had been expected or budgeted which is great news.
- Conditional grants are inline with the previous year and it is expected will end up close to budget by yearend. Many of the grants require the Village to incur the cost of the related project and then provide a final report before the funding is released to the municipality. Some exciting news is that the Village was successful in their active transportation grant application. In addition, the Village received grant funding approval that had been applied for projects related to poverty, fire equipment & emergency services.
- All other revenues appear to be in line with budget expectations and consistent with prior years.

Expenses

- Overall the Village is managing the expense portion of the operating budget within the expected parameters.
- General government expenses are higher than last year but are looking to be under budget by year end. The expenses are higher as the Village paid the first of 2 annual \$19,000 payments to CBBC for their portion of the fibre project. In addition, the village has planning staff in place this year where last year this position was vacant. This is partially offset with drop in travel expense for Council and staff as COVID 19 shut down many of those opportunities. The reason this expense category is under budget currently is there are a number of planning activities (active transportation, poverty and parks) that the Village has received funding for but work on some of these projects have only recently started.
- Protective services is lower than what was budgeted thus far this year with the lack of being able to train due to pandemic restrictions being one reason. Another reason it is currently underbudget is because the Village's grant funded Emergency management plan has not been undertaken yet.
- Transportation services expense are a higher when compared to prior year due to additional snow removal required this winter as well as staff dealing with hauling brush and taking on additional drainage work.
- Public health and welfare services expenses are higher than last year and over what was budgeted with the cost of danger tree removal being the main factor.
- Recreation and cultural services expenses is lower than at this time last year because of the lower operating costs related to the gradual and late opening of both the campground and the Nikkei centre.
- The Water utility operations budget and expenses are higher than last year due to the some emergency watermain repair work that was required earlier this year. In addition, the Village has paid for a portion of the contract work on the grant funded water distribution system asset review.
- Other than the items noted above, there are no significant variances to report at the end of September, 2020.

Capital

- Knox Hall upgrade is almost complete with the expectation it will be able to open by the end of the year.
- The Museum building upgrade is finished and it looks like this project will be slightly over budget.
- The new loader forks have been purchased.

- The Fire department is reviewing their long term capital plan and from that they may change the timing of the currently planned and budgeted SCBA equipment purchase as other pressing needs may need to be addressed.
- The Village is having the engineer review the current proposed plan of using directional drilling to get the watermain under the creek in order to confirm it is the best approach. If that is confirmed as the best option then the Village can issue an RFP for this work.

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

SUBMITTED BY: Catherine Allaway, CAO

DATE: November 20, 2020

SUBJECT: Fire Department Bylaw No. 731, 2020

PURPOSE: To update the Fire Department Bylaw

RECOMMENDATION: That Village of New Denver Fire Department Bylaw No. 731, 2020 be finally adopted

Final adoption of the proposed bylaw will be scheduled for the November 24, 2020 Council Meeting.

ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:

1. Refer the draft bylaw to the Fire Department Committee for review. *A Committee meeting will be scheduled and recommendations brought forward to Council.*
2. Request additional changes to the proposed Fire Department Bylaw. *Staff will make amendments to the proposed bylaw and bring it back to Council for consideration at a future meeting.*

ANALYSIS:

- A. Background:** Updates to the Fire Department Bylaw were discussed at the December 12, 2019 Fire Department Committee Meeting. Staff has prepared a draft bylaw that reflects these discussions. The bylaw was given three readings at the November 10, 2020 Regular Meeting.
- B. Discussion:** The revised bylaw provides section headings for ease of use, and increases the penalty for violations from \$2,000 to \$2,500. It also allows a department member other than the Fire Chief to act as the Local Assistant to the Fire Commissioner (LAFC), which will benefit the Village in circumstances where the Office of The Fire Commissioner is not offering LAFC training, as occurred this year during the COVID-19 pandemic. The revised bylaw clarifies the intent to provide emergency medical assistance outside of the First Responder framework.
- C. Legislative Framework:** The proposed bylaw will replace Village of New Denver Fire Bylaw No. 575, 2004
- D. Attachments:**
 - Fire Department Bylaw No. 731, 2020
- E. Council Strategic Priority:** Review and update of Fire Department bylaw to clarify services provided by the Fire Department was identified as a 2020 Priority in the Village's most recent Annual Report.
- F. Communication Strategy:** Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There are no hard costs associated with the adoption of the proposed bylaw.

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER
BYLAW NO. 731, 2020

A bylaw to continue the operation and regulation of a fire department.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Village of New Denver, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

- 1.1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “Village of New Denver Fire Department Bylaw No. 731, 2020”.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. In this bylaw:

Administrator means the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) of the Village of New Denver

Apparatus means any vehicle provided with machinery, devices, equipment or materials for fire protection and assistance response as well as vehicles used to transport fire fighters or supplies;

Council means the Council of the Village of New Denver;

Equipment means any tools, contrivances, devices or materials used by the Fire Department to combat an incident or other emergency;

Fire Chief means the Member appointed by Council, as head of the Fire Department;

Fire Protection means all aspects of fire safety including but not limited to fire prevention, fire fighting or suppression, pre-fire planning, fire investigation, public education and information, training or other staff development and advising;

Incident means a fire or a situation where a fire or explosion is imminent;

Mayor means the Mayor of the Village of New Denver;

Member means any person or Officer that is duly appointed by the Fire Chief or Council as a member of the Fire Department;

Officer means a Member appointed by Council and given specific authority to assist the Fire Chief in their duties

3. ADMINISTRATION

- 3.1. Council shall determine the remuneration for all members of the Fire Department.
- 3.2. The Fire Chief shall be appointed by a resolution of Council.
- 3.3. The Fire Chief may recommend to Council the appointment of a qualified person or persons as a Deputy Chief or Deputy Chiefs for the Department.
 - 3.3.1. The Deputy Chief shall report to the Fire Chief and carry out the orders of the Fire Chief and, in the absence of the Fire Chief, has all the power and shall perform the duties of the Chief.
- 3.4. Other Officers and Members, as the Fire Chief deems necessary, may be appointed by Council

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- 3.5. A person is qualified to be appointed a volunteer Member of the Department for fire fighting duties who:
- i. Is of legal age;
 - ii. Is of good character;
 - iii. Passed tests as may be required by the Fire Chief; and
 - iv. Is medically fit to be a member.
- 3.6. A person appointed as a volunteer Member of the Department for fire fighting duties shall be on probation for a period of at least three months during which period he shall take such special training and examinations as may be required by the Fire Chief.
- 3.7. A person is qualified to be appointed as a Junior Volunteer Member of the Department for training purposes only, who:
- i. Is at least 16 years of age;
 - ii. Has not reached 18 years of age;
 - iii. Is of good character;
 - iv. Has passed tests as may be required by the Fire Chief; and
 - v. Is medically fit to be a member.
- 3.8. A Junior Volunteer member is authorized to attend the scene of an incident, on the direction of the Fire Chief or designate, for assistance purposes only but is not authorized to fight fires.

4. DUTIES & AUTHORITY OF THE FIRE CHIEF

- 4.1. The Fire Chief may appoint Officers to act as Fire Chief on their behalf.
- 4.2. The Fire Chief shall have the management, control and supervision of the Fire Department and the care, custody and control of all buildings, apparatus and equipment of the Fire Department and shall be directly responsible to the Administrator for efficient management of the Fire Department and the condition of all buildings, apparatus and equipment under their control.
- 4.2.1. The Fire Chief, or in their absence the senior ranking member present, shall have control, direction and management of all Fire Department apparatus, equipment and manpower assigned to an incident and where a member is in charge they shall continue to act until relieved by a senior officer.
- 4.3. The Fire Chief may from time to time make such rules and regulations for the proper and efficient administration and operation of the Fire Department and for the discipline of its members and may vary, alter or repeal such rules and regulations as they shall from time to time deem fit and necessary.
- 4.3.1. All members of the Fire Department shall comply with all rules and regulations from time to time made pursuant to Section 4.3 and any failure to comply with the said rules and regulations by a member of the Fire Department shall be dealt with and disposed of by the Fire Chief in such a manner as he shall deem fit.
- 4.4. The Fire Chief or their designate shall take all proper measures for the prevention, control and extinguishment of fires and for the protection of life and property and exercise the powers and duties imposed upon them by the Fire Services Act.

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- 4.5. The Fire Chief shall be required to carry out all fire protection and assistance response activities and such other activities as Council directs including but not limited to:
- i. Rescue operations
 - ii. Medical emergencies
 - iii. Other incidents
 - iv. Pre-fire planning
 - v. Disaster planning
 - vi. Public services
- 4.6. The Fire Chief or any members of the Fire Department authorized by Council, may at any reasonable time enter any premise for the purpose of fire prevention inspections.
- 4.7. The Fire Chief or any member of the Fire Department authorized by Council may require an owner or occupier of real property to undertake any actions for the purpose of removing or reducing any thing or condition that person considers is a fire hazard or increases the danger of fire.
- 4.8. The Fire Chief or any other member in charge at a fire is empowered to cause a building, structure, or thing to be pulled down, demolished or otherwise removed if they deem it necessary to prevent the spread of fire to other buildings, structures or things.
- 4.9. The Fire Chief or any other member in charge at an incident is empowered to enter premises or property where the incident occurred and to cause any member, apparatus, or equipment of the fire Department to enter, as they deem necessary, in order to combat, control or deal with the incident.
- 4.10. The Fire Chief or the member in charge at an incident is empowered to enter, pass through or over buildings or property adjacent to an incident and to cause members of the Fire Department and the apparatus and equipment of the Fire Department to enter or pass through or over buildings or property, where they deem it necessary to gain access to the incident or to protect any person or property.
- 4.11. The Fire Chief or the member in charge of an incident may request persons who are not members to assist in removing furniture, goods and merchandise from any building on fire or in danger thereof and in guarding and securing same and in demolishing a building or structure at or near the fire or other incident.
- 4.12. The Fire Chief or the member in charge of an incident is empowered to commandeer privately owned equipment which they consider necessary to deal with an incident
- 4.13. The Fire Chief, or the member in charge at an incident may at their discretion establish boundaries or limits and keep persons from entering the area within the prescribed boundaries or limits unless authorized by the Fire Chief or member in charge.
- 4.13.1. The Fire Chief or the member in charge at an incident may request peace officers to enforce restrictions on persons entering within the boundaries or limits outlined in Section 4.13
- 4.14. The Fire Chief may obtain assistance from other officials of the municipality as they deem necessary in order to discharge their duties and responsibilities under this bylaw.

4.15. The Fire Chief shall provide a Fire Department Report to Council on an annual basis.

5. REGULATIONS & PROHIBITIONS

- 5.1. No persons shall enter the boundaries or limits of an area prescribed in accordance with Section 4.13 unless they have been authorized to enter by the Fire Chief or member in charge.
- 5.2. No person at an incident shall impeded, obstruct or hinder a member of the Fire Department or other person assisting or acting under the direction of the Fire Chief or the member in charge.
- 5.3. No person shall damage or destroy Fire Department apparatus or equipment.
- 5.4. No person at an incident shall drive a vehicle over any equipment without permission of the Fire Chief or member in charge.
- 5.5. No person shall falsely represent themselves as a Fire Department member.
- 5.6. No person shall obstruct or otherwise interfere with access roads or streets or other approaches to any fire incident, fire hydrant, cistern or body of water designated for fire fighting purposes.
- 5.7. The Fire Department shall not respond to a call with respect to a fire or emergency outside the municipal limits except:
 - i. With permission from the Administrator or Mayor; or
 - ii. For emergencies where response is on behalf of Emergency Management BC or the BC Wildfire Service; or
 - iii. By the express authorization of a written contract or agreement providing for the supply of fire fighting and assistance response services outside the established boundaries.

6. PENALTY

- 6.1. Every person who violates any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who does any act or thing or omits any act or thing thus violating any of the provisions of this bylaw, shall be deemed to have committed an offense, and upon a summary conviction is liable to imprisonment for a term of not more than six (6) months or to a fine of not more than two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$2,500) or to both fine and imprisonment.

7. REPEAL

- 7.1. Village of New Denver Fire Bylaw No. 575, 2004 is hereby repealed.

8. GENERAL

- 8.1. Any enactment referred to herein is a reference to an enactment of British Columbia and regulations thereto, as amended, revised, consolidated or replaced from time to time.
- 8.2. If any part, section, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the decision that it is invalid shall not affect the validity of the remainder which shall continue in full force and effect and be construed as if the bylaw had been adopted without the invalid portion.

9. EFFECTIVE DATE

9.1. This bylaw shall take effect upon adoption.

READ A FIRST TIME this 10th day of November, 2020.

READ A SECOND TIME this 10th day of November, 2020.

READ A THIRD TIME this 10th day of November, 2020.

RECONSIDERED AND FINALLY ADOPTED this ____ day of ____, 2020.

MAYOR

CORPORATE OFFICER

Certified to be a true copy of “Village of New Denver Fire Department Bylaw No. 731, 2020”.

CORPORATE OFFICER

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

SUBMITTED BY: Catherine Allaway, CAO

DATE: November 19, 2020

SUBJECT: Healthy Community Society Organic Waste Diversion Pilot Project

PURPOSE: To seek Council direction regarding the Village's role in the organics diversion project

RECOMMENDATION: That the RDCK be asked to work with the Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley to ensure the continuation of the Organic Waste Diversion Pilot Project in New Denver to keep food waste out of the landfill in a manner consistent with the Village's status as a designated BearSmart community; and further,

That the RDCK be asked to seek funding for this initiative or for alternative organic waste collection initiatives at the New Denver Depot, in their application to the Clean BC Organics Infrastructure and Collection Program.

The Village's request will be forwarded to RDCK.

ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:

1. Direct staff to explore a management agreement with HCS for delivery of a community composting program

Additional resources will need to be allocated towards this project in 2021.

2. Receive the correspondence from the HCS and Cathy Bazay for information.

No further action will be taken.

ANALYSIS:

- A. Background:** The Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley (HCS) has been operating a very successful backyard composting pilot project in New Denver and Silverton, diverting food scraps from the waste stream and reducing pressure on landfill space as well as reducing greenhouse gas emissions. The use of Joracan units to keep compost from becoming a wildlife attractant meets municipal bylaw requirements and is consistent with the Village's designation as a BearSmart community.

The pilot project began in 2018 and involved a partnership between the HCS and the RDCK, with additional financial contributions from Columbia Basin Trust and the participating municipalities. New Denver contributed \$2,151 towards the project in 2018 and \$1,630 in 2019. In the fall of 2020, the HCS approached the Village to determine if municipal land might be available for the continuation of the project. Staff met with Cathy Bazay and representatives of the HCS on October 9, 2020 to review their requests and explore options.

- B. Discussion:** The HCS pilot project has been very successful, but not without challenges – a tremendous amount of volunteer effort has been contributed by community members and a great deal of learning has taken place. At present, the program is operated largely by volunteers, with some paid support. It is popular with residents and there are no known unresolved complaints. It has been noted that some of the equipment is beginning to show signs of age, and there is currently demand for expansion.

Operating an enterprise on municipal property requires a formal arrangement to ensure transparency, provide clarity to all parties and confirm that municipal interests are protected. In this case, HCS could seek

a temporary licence of occupation for the composter units. In accordance with Village policy, fees would apply and liability insurance would be required. It is possible that grant funding could cover these costs.

A second option would involve the HCS delivering a service (organics composting) on the Village's behalf, as formalized in a management agreement specifying the roles and responsibilities of each party. This would be similar to arrangements with the Slocan Lake Garden Society, the Slocan Lake Boating Association, the Lucerne Association for Community Education or the Silvery Slocan Historical Society. In some cases, the Village covers the cost of liability insurance for the project.

Prior to taking on an expanded role in the delivery of organics waste management, the Village would require more information about the operation of the program, in order to budget sufficient time and money. It is likely that if the Village is to take on a role in the delivery of waste management, additional staff would be required to provide the necessary capacity and expertise.

Ideally, the RDCK will be able to secure grant funding through the upcoming intake of the Clean BC Organics Infrastructure and Collection Program to take this initiative from a pilot project to a permanent and sustainable program. This will demonstrate the commitment to waste reduction in small municipalities, diverting food scraps from the waste stream, reducing GHG emissions and bringing the area closer to the goal of zero waste.

C. Legislative Framework: Nil

D. Attachments:

- New Denver/Silverton Organics Diversion Update – Sept 2020
- Letter from HCS dated Sept 1, 2020 RE: Organic Diversion Pilot Program
- Letter from Cathy Bazay dated Sept 2, 2020 RE: Joracan placement in the Orchard

E. Council Strategic Priority: Nil

F. Communication Strategy: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: The Village of New Denver contributes to the RDCK Waste Management Service through their annual requisition. Any cost increases that result from the expansion of waste diversion programs will be borne by the service participants (in proportion to property value assessments) unless they can be offset by grants, cost savings or revenues from other sources.

If the Village takes on waste management activities, additional funds will be required to cover the associated gaps in staff capacity and expertise, and resources will need to be allocated accordingly in the 2021 budget.

New Denver/Silverton Organics Diversion Update- Sept 2020

- 9 Joracan 401L units being used at full capacity between ND and Silverton
- 5 families have purchased their own smaller Joracan 271L units they like the process so much and have larger quantities to deal with. They can also mix some yard waste into these units.
- One local restaurant is purchasing a Joracan and another restaurant is considering the same.
- We have demand for the service in Rosebery and also more demand in New Denver for at least two more units.
- The local issue of rats and bears in our community has increased the demand for this type of composting of food waste.
- Roughly 40 residents in the Orchard have pitched in \$20 per adult to purchase another unit for their neighbourhood and came out to a "Compost Wine and Cheese Party" to learn more about the do's and don'ts of composting with these units and learned more about emptying procedures.
- We taped hand sanitizer to each unit and sent out information on Covid safe practices
- With an increasingly encompassing database/email list of members we have been able to keep in easy communication with users when we have any issues. (ie) folks not cutting small enough or certain foods which do not compost.
- This neighbourhood has committed to self-management of their two unit some assistance with carbon feedstock supplies and some troubleshooting. They have signed their names onto a roster to take turns emptying the unit once the product is finished every 3-4 weeks and then cure it in their back yards. This roster will be posted by the units and two lead "compost super hosts" will make sure the unit is emptied if someone is away or forgets.
- We are aiming to transition most of the units to this neighbourhood controlled and serviced model.
- This first two years of the program have taken many hours to promote, educate, fundraise, service and administrate but we see these hours decreasing already and with more self-maintained units the time and money needed to run this project will drop off substantially.
- Wildsafe BC continues to promote these units, Kaslo is also researching using them to some degree and there has also been interest in Winlaw and Nakusp.
- We have had some issues with the foam expanding and contracting on the older units and this causes food to get trapped down the inside. The distributor has sent us extra bolts and new foam to help deal with this.
- In Silverton the units are on Village property and we now have a need to use some Village land in New Denver to locate the units.



Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley
Box 98, New Denver, B.C.,
VOG 1S0

New Denver Mayor and Council

Sept 1, 2020

Re: Organic Diversion Pilot Program

Dear Mayor Casley and Council,

Composting organic waste is an age-old process and has been a traditional part of New Denver culture for its obvious benefits of diverting waste from the landfill and building topsoil. Ironically, just as the Province of BC is mandating organic waste diversion across the province, backyard composting has become challenging due to issues with bears and rats as well as an influx of people without the skills to do so.

The HCS Organic Waste Diversion Pilot project has become very popular in our area as it offers neighbourhoods a safe and convenient way to process food waste and get topsoil back. It has also become a powerful tool to connect neighbours who take pride in working together to reduce waste being hauled to the landfill. We have now diverted close to 40,000 Litres of food waste through this pilot project and the demand for the service is beyond our current capacity with six Joracan units in New Denver, three in Silverton and larger quantities of waste processed in our Magic Box batch style composter. Four households liked this system so much they have bought their own smaller Joracans,

The Orchard community took the initiative to collectively buy a second Joracan composter to meet the increasing demand as New Denver 2020 budget did not allow for this requested purchase. Each adult chipped in \$20 and the neighbourhood got together for a compost wine and cheese party to celebrate the new composter and to learn more about how they could manage the system independently. We had never imagined composting would be such a community building experience but this event brought unfamiliar neighbours together in an exceedingly positive way all working toward a common "green" goal.

The only problem with this new composter is that we cannot find an appropriate site on private property to provide access to the whole neighbourhood. There are currently 20 individuals using this unit with room for several more. As the HCS does not have ongoing funding to manage this project we are so pleased that these neighbours are willing to manage their own two composters and will encourage other neighbourhoods to do the same in the future. Our society would continue to help supply carbon feedstocks and hand sanitizer at each station. We have an organized database of contacts to facilitate communications for things such as Covid safe procedures and proper methods for

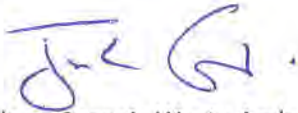
optimum decomposition. Orchard residents have all agreed to share their contact information with each other so that the neighbourhood leads can maintain contact and ensure that emptying roster is working well.

In conjunction with the Orchard residents, the Healthy Community Society requests that council allow the new composter to be placed in the back lane behind the Nikkei Centre on Village property. All immediate neighbours have agreed to this placement. This location could be a test site that could be reconsidered after one year if it is causing any issues.

Village support for this project would augment New Denver's carbon neutral goals, lessen waste being picked up and hauled to the landfill and make garbage bags lighter, less smelly and less attractive to wildlife.

Our Society has appreciated working with New Denver since the inception of this pilot project in 2017. New Denver assistance with the development of the brochure was particularly helpful. We hope that by training residents to compost their food waste safely and independently we can help sustain the program into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Julia Greenlaw'.

Julia Greenlaw- Organic Waste Ambassador, Healthy Community Society of the NSV

Laura Stewart- HCS Compost Manager



Cathy Bazay

New Denver, B.C.
VOG ISO

Sept 2, 2020

Subject: Joracan placement in the Orchard

Discussion: New Business

Attention: Mayor Casley & Council

I am writing on behalf of compost users in the Orchard neighbourhood of New Denver. Together we recently purchased a second Joracan to accommodate the increased use of the composting program. We have a total of 40 enthusiastic users including children and a second unit was necessary to ensure proper time is given to break down the material before emptying. This program is training folks to compost their food waste safely and properly, providing a valuable service to the community.

We are asking permission to place the second unit in the alley behind the Nikkei Centre. (see photo) This area is tucked away out of site, centrally located to all users. We have not been able to find a location on a private lot. All immediate neighbours are happy with this location.

My husband Lloyd and I have volunteered to oversee the maintenance of the unit and ensure it is emptied when necessary and all users get their share of refined compost. We will use Covid safety measures and leave a supply of hand sanitizer with the unit. We will communicate with the users regularly and ensure everyone is following the guidelines. This unit will be available to all local residents however we request that they register prior to use.

We are hopeful council will consider this as a pilot location and waive license and insurance fees.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Bazay". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Cathy Bazay

SUBMITTED BY: Catherine Allaway, CAO

DATE: November 20, 2020

SUBJECT: Community Garden Proposal by the Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley

PURPOSE: To review the Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley (HCS) proposal to create a community garden on Village owned property, north of Carpenter Creek and west of Union Street.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council direct staff to consult with the Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley on development of a pilot project proposal, including a maintenance plan, for a community garden to be located on Village property north of Carpenter Creek and west of Union Street.

ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:

1. That Council approve the Healthy Community of the North Slokan Valley developing a community garden on Village property north of Carpenter Creek and west of Union Street with the following amendments: *(to be cited by Council).*

Implications of this alternative arise from amendments Council may identify. If necessary, staff would report back on any implications of concern.

2. That Council approve the Healthy Community of the North Slokan Valley developing a community garden on Village property north of Carpenter Creek and west of Union Street

A plan has not been provided to ensure ongoing maintenance of the community garden by the HCS. Associated costs, roles and responsibilities are not clear.

3. That Council not support the Healthy Community of the North Slokan Valley developing a community garden on Village property north of Carpenter Creek and west of Union Street.

The project cannot proceed.

ANALYSIS:

A. Background & Discussion:

Current Situation

In 2010 the Village of New Denver supported community gardens through a grant application for the development of a community greenhouse on Lucerne School property, to serve the school and the community. The Village received a 'School Community Connections – Supporting Neighbourhood Learning Centres' grant, through UBCM and the British Columbia School Trustees Association, which paid for the construction of the greenhouse entitled the 'Lucerne Greenhouse Learning Centre.' The Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley (previously the Healthy Housing Society) has used and maintained the community greenhouse since.

There are currently no community gardens in New Denver aside from the Lucerne Greenhouse Learning Centre located on Lucerne School property. There is, however, a high percentage of residents with individual gardens on private property within the Village. This year, to further support private gardening in the area, the Community Covid Action Team (CCAT) distributed 44 raised garden beds / boxes along with soil to 25 households from Silverton to Rosebery. While plants were not supplied, some plant starts were shared by

volunteers. Success of this program has not been reported to the Village. At this time the Village does not have a firm understanding of the need for additional garden space.

Location

The land on which the HCS is proposing a community garden is designated P1 Parks and Open Space by New Denver Zoning Bylaw No. 612, 2007. A community garden would be considered an accessory use to open space in this location and therefor meets the requirements of the Village's Zoning Bylaw. The proposed location is currently grassy open space improved by the Mori Trail, public benches, a public vault toilet, and limited landscaping.

Addition of a community garden that could serve as a community gathering space in this location would increase the function of this land, as well as traffic to it.

Community Gardens

Community gardens can help improve food security by increasing physical and economic access to healthy food. They can contribute to a healthy lifestyle by providing gardening opportunities and healthy food, provide opportunities for social interactions that help build a sense of community and belonging, offer a venue for learning and knowledge sharing, and more. The presence of a community garden brings life and activity to a space, adding vibrancy and potentially reducing criminal behaviour and vandalism. Community gardens can be used to increase individual and community self-sufficiency, providing access to fresh healthy food for all demographics.

Proposal

Organization: As noted in their submission, the Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley is an active, local, non-profit society involved in a wide variety of local food initiatives such as the Lucerne School lunch and breakfast program, Harvest Festival, a community-wide harvest dinner, seed swaps, an organics diversion pilot program, and more. They are a well-established organization.

Participants: The HCS community garden proposal indicates a collection of numerous signatures of individuals interested in participating in the project in some capacity. In order to ensure long-term viability, it will be important to understand who will use, maintain, and benefit from the community garden on an ongoing basis. These details are not yet available.

Wildlife: Wildlife management is an important factor to consider when addressing agriculture on Village property. Electric fencing has been proposed to address wildlife access to the community garden and composting proposed to deal with garden waste. No further details around wildlife management have been addressed at this time.

Model: Proceeding with a community garden on public land, as an accessory use to open space, would not allow for sales or an allotment style community gardens where individuals pay to maintain their own garden space, as purchase of space or items would not be permitted. The HCS would need to determine their preferred community garden model.

If Council wishes to pursue this initiative, staff can find out what arrangements are proving successful in other communities. Parameters around the HCS proceeding with a community garden would be determined and a maintenance plan developed. Details and a proposal would be reported back to Council once established.

B. Legislative Framework: Nil

C. Attachments:

- Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley community garden proposal
- Food Charter
- Map of the public land on which the community garden is proposed

D. Council Strategic Priority: Nil

E. Communication Strategy: Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There is no request for financial assistance from the Village of New Denver at this time. Installation of a water standpipe would have financial implications if costs were to be incurred by the Village.

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Healthy Community Society of the North Slokan Valley

Box 98

New Denver, B.C. V0G 1S0

Sept. 23, 2020

To: New Denver Village Council

Dear Mayor and Councillors:

We are requesting to be on the agenda of the next New Denver Council meeting, which we understand to be on October 13. We are prepared to send two of our board members to answer any questions you might have.

As part of our ongoing work around local food security, we are planning to put in a community-run potato plot on a portion of the vacant land directly across from the Bosun Hall. We have permission from the owner, Con Diamond, to do so.

This fall, our plan is to uproot the broom and remove it. This will be a benefit to the Village, as we understand you have wanted this invasive plant to be removed for some time. Then we will put in a fall/winter cover crop. In the spring, a number of community members will till this crop into the soil and plant potatoes. Everyone who works on this will be entitled to a share of the potato crop. If this all works out as we envision it, we would like to continue to grow vegetables there until the land is put to some other use.

This land does not belong to the organization, nor would we ever be able to afford to buy it. What we have is an agreement for the use of the land in the interim until the property owner either sells it or develops it. The designation of the land as core commercial need not change, as the owner will at some point want to do something more than what we plan to do in the short term. We are putting the land to good use as a service to the community until such time as the owner is prepared to do something else with it.

This project is the seed of a community garden project. Ultimately we would like to have a piece of land dedicated to a full-fledged community garden. If what we are setting out to do here works, we will have a dedicated core group go on to establish something like Nakusp and Kaslo already have, a flourishing community garden.

We hope you will give us your blessing to proceed with this. We aren't asking for any legal changes or variances or assistance, we just want to be cooperative and let you in on what we have been working on for some time and hope to bring to fruition in the near future.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

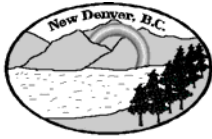
Sincerely,

Dean Spankie, Chair, Healthy Community Society



Mick Wilson, for the Community Gardening Committee (earthlypleasures@hotmail.com)





The Corporation of the Village of New Denver

Food Charter

The Village of New Denver recognizes that food security contributes to the health and well-being of residents and that people have the right to be free from hunger.

Council, to promote food security, may:

- Champion the importance of food security to federal, provincial and regional government partners;
- Champion the right of all residents to have access to adequate amounts of safe, nutritious food without the need to resort to emergency food providers;
- Partner with local producers, community, cooperative, business and government organizations to increase the availability of healthy local foods;
- Support events that highlight the regions diverse food resources;
- Support food safety programs and services;
- Advocate for the protection of local producers and agricultural lands and support agriculture through initiatives that highlight the importance of our farmers by working toward an equitable economy that values food producers and the land they grow food on;
- Foster policies that encourage and assist Village residents to produce their own food in their own gardens;
- Recognize that water is an intricate and essential element to a healthy community and advocate for responsible use;
- Work with community agencies, residents' groups, businesses and other levels of government to achieve these goals.



Community garden proposed location / property



Community garden proposed location / property and neighbouring area

SUBMITTED BY: Jessica Rayner, Community Planner

DATE: November 17, 2020

SUBJECT: Silvery Slokan Historical Society – Proposed Boulevard Garden Renovation at 202 – 6th Ave

PURPOSE: To review the Silvery Slokan Historical Society’s proposal to renovate the garden in the boulevard between Bellevue Street and 202 6th Avenue from a rose garden to a low-maintenance garden featuring historical artifacts.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council authorize the Silvery Slokan Historical Society to proceed in proposed garden renovation on the boulevard west of Bellevue Street and 202 6th Avenue.

And further, that Council request a maintenance plan for the boulevard garden, to be prepared to a standard acceptable to staff.

And further, that Council refer the request for irrigation for the boulevard garden to 2021 budget deliberations.

ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:

1. That Council approve the proposed garden renovation by the Silvery Slokan Historical Society between Bellevue Street and 202 6th Avenue with the following amendments: *(to be cited by Council)*.

Implications of this alternative arise from amendments Council may identify. If necessary, staff would report back on any implications of concern. This may delay the Historical Society in submitting grant applications to pay for the proposed work.

2. That Council request additional information before making a decision.

Staff will obtain additional information for Council’s consideration. This may delay the Historical Society in submitting grant applications to pay for the proposed work.

3. That Council not support the proposed garden renovation by the Silvery Slokan Historical Society between Bellevue Street and 202 6th Avenue.

Maintenance of the existing boulevard garden would need to be discussed; the Historical Society has indicated they are having difficulty maintaining the garden in its current state.

ANALYSIS:

- A. Background:** The Village of New Denver owns 202 6th Avenue. The Silvery Slokan Historical Society operates the Silvery Slokan Museum out of 202 6th Avenue and the Slokan Valley Chamber of Commerce operates the Visitor Information Centre out of the same building.

The garden in the boulevard between Bellevue Street and 202 6th Avenue was constructed in 1998 or 1999 as part of Silvery Slokan Museum renovations at 6th Avenue (Building Permit 513 / 1999 provided for the construction of an accessory building and outdoor display area to the east of the museum building). Photos of the making of the garden were submitted by the Silvery Slokan Historical Society as part of the garden renovation proposal and are attached to this report. In the original garden design, the landscaped boulevard was largely covered with mulch and rock with roses planted intermittently and historical artifacts displayed.

The Silvery Slokan Historical Society proposed, designed, and built the boulevard garden and is responsible for its maintenance. It is the Society’s responsibility to maintain the garden to a standard acceptable to the

Village. The boulevard garden is currently overgrown, as illustrated in photos submitted by the Historical Society (attached).

The Historical Society is proposing garden renovations as part of their 50th anniversary celebrations in 2021. Additional, larger display artifacts are proposed for inclusion in the garden in combination with a mixture of low maintenance plants. A concrete crush is proposed below the artifacts with 3-4 inches of high-grade soil covered by 4" of ground cedar mulch dressing the remainder of the garden.

- B. Discussion:** Renovating and revitalizing the garden as proposed by the Silvery Slocan Historical Society would result in an enhanced experience for New Denver residents and visitors. The Historical Society is proposing a garden that is of low maintenance for museum volunteers so they can focus on working with their collections, that requires very low water use over the summer, that is attractive to the public, and that helps to identify the museum's presence.

The proposed garden plan submitted by the Historical Society includes a large number of plants that will require maintenance. No maintenance plan has been submitted at this time. Members of the society have indicated they would like the Village to provide irrigation to the boulevard garden to assist in its maintenance. Village Public Works staff have indicated they would be able to explore providing irrigation in this location.

The Silvery Slocan Historical Society intends to apply for grant funds to aid in paying for the proposed boulevard garden renovations. Council's decision will affect the Historical Society's ability to apply for such grants.

- C. Legislative Framework:** Nil

D. Attachments:

- Silvery Slocan Historical Society Boulevard Garden Renovation Proposal

- E. Council Strategic Priority:** Nil

- F. Communication Strategy:** Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There is no request for financial assistance from the Village of New Denver at this time. Installation of irrigation for the boulevard garden would have financial implications if costs were to be incurred by the Village.

Development Permit Application

#6. Description of the proposed development

The garden area on the west side of the museum building lot needs work to rejuvenate it.

We would like the garden area to serve two purposes:

1. To better reflect that there is a museum in the building.
2. To be a more attractive area to the public and the tourist Information centre. A museum neighbour has said to us that the museum building is very frequently photographed by tourists.

To this end, we have asked local gardening contractor, Simon Lindley, to outline a plan for the project. We asked that the garden:

1. Require low maintenance
2. Require minimal watering
3. Display some large historic artifacts
4. Be a location for a number of historic interpretive signs.

Simon's plan of the garden is in the attached document, **Figure 1.**

We would like to add a few comments to Simon's plan regarding the artifacts and safety:

1. The complete mining car on the right will be on a track
 - a. The car will be tack-welded to the track to secure it
 - b. The track will be attached to 2 or 3 concrete 'ties' to secure it
2. The "Display Artifact - freestanding" on the sketch, will be the longer mining car that was used to carry timbers into a mine. We will attach timbers to it (like the car on the Silverton northern entrance). It will be attached to track as described in #1.
3. The "Display Artifact," on the left side of the sketch, will be the wheels of a side or rear dumping ore car. We don't have the box to go with it, but we will have a sign and photo to explain its use. It will be attached to track as described in #1.
4. The box, top and centre, has three tram buckets in it. These buckets would be anchored with steel in a concrete footing.

Figure 2 Photos of the making of the original garden.

Figure 3 Photos of the garden area today.

Figure 4 Location on lot plan.

Plants:

- Berberis
- Blue Oak Grass
- Mesochorus Grass
- Salvia
- Shalecrop
- Sedum (yellow)
- Rudbeckia
- Ben wood
- Dwarf Blue spruce
- Gum Spruce
- Geranium
- Creeping Juniper
- Heather (early + late)
- Lavender
- Camerocypus

Features

- Boulders
- Rock garden
- Rectified stone (from top of wall)
- 3/4 concrete curb, down
- Railroad tie raised box
- Mining track

- 1 The entire area needs 3-4" high grade soil dressing
- 2 Other than gravel/crusher areas, surface to be covered in 4" of ground cedar mulch
- 3 Artifacts will need to be secured.

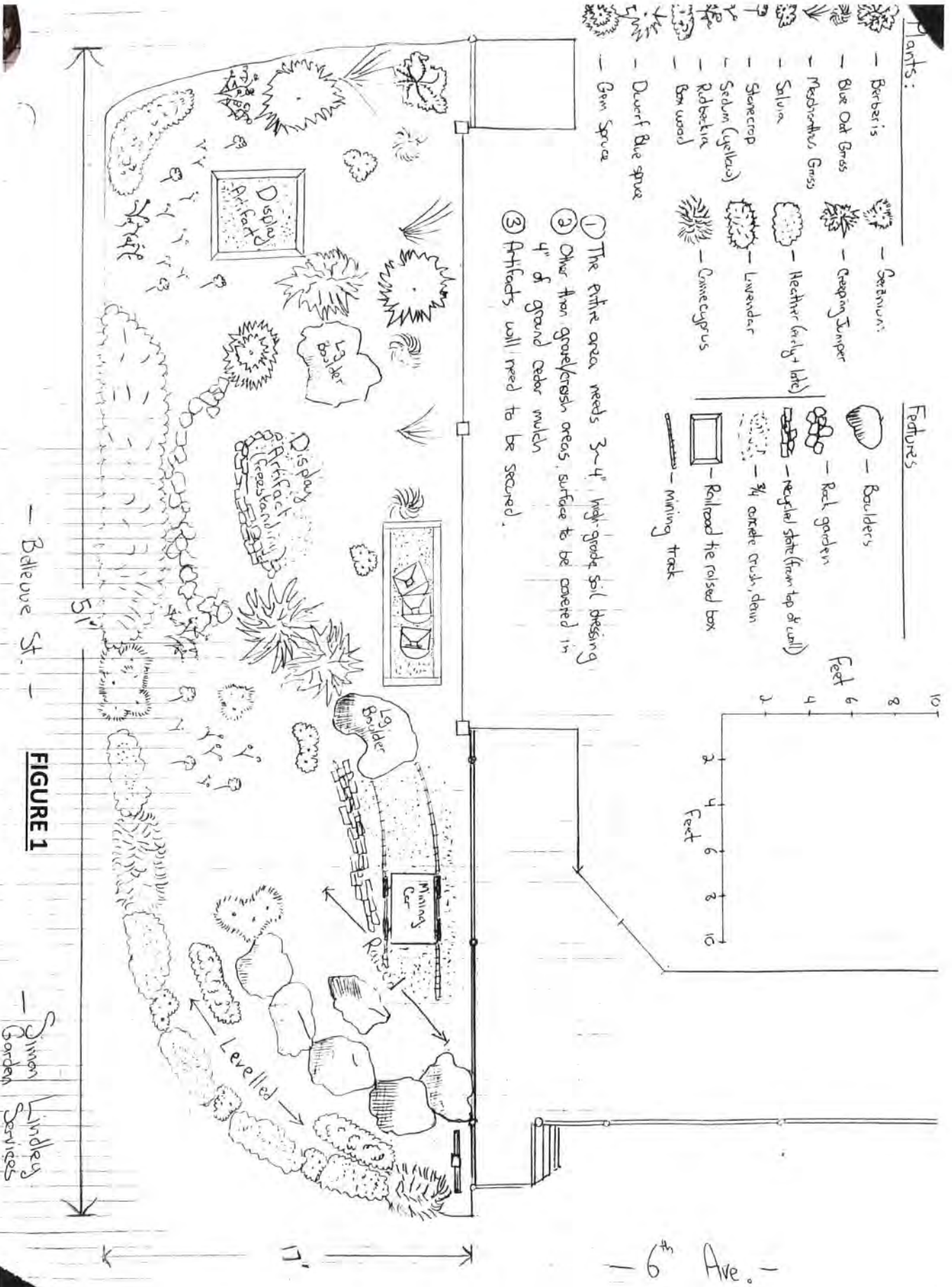


FIGURE 1

Simon Lindley
Garden Services



Making the garden – in 1998



The garden area was constructed as part of the museum renovations, in 1998. It was named the 'Centennial Rose Garden' in honour of the Bank of Montreal building's 100th anniversary. It was later dedicated to the memory of Jean Markin, Society Director who passed away in November 2000. These photos show it at that time.

Left: top – The garden as construction began.

- Centre – Work on the rock wall begins.

- Bottom – An artifact is displayed, with a mulch and rock background.

Above: The centre of the garden with rocks, mulch and plants.

Right: The completed garden.

The proposed renovations bear a strong similarity to the originally designed garden in 1998.



FIGURE 2

The garden area today

Late summer 2020



Early fall 2020



As can be seen, the garden area at present is very mature and overgrown with plants.

FIGURE 3

Silvery Slocan Historical Society

Silvery Slocan Historical Society was founded in 1971. Next year will be the 50th anniversary of the Society. We hope the renovation of the garden area will be a part of our 50th Anniversary. We would like a garden that is:

- Of low maintenance as museum volunteers are busy working with our collections.
- Of very low water use over the summer.
- Attractive to the public
- Clearly identify that there is a museum in the building

Thank you.

Henning von Krogh,

President, Silvery Slocan Historical Society

7. Features of the proposed development to Satisfy Development Permit Guidelines:

In scanning the Community Plan, a few sections were identified that pertain to this project.

8.1.1 To retain and improve parkland, open space and trails to serve the local residents and tourists.

A renewed garden area will serve tourists and local residents with a scenic area in front of the Museum/Tourist Information building.

8.2.7 Council's policy is to continue to provide informative signs along the trail system.

With the garden area will be a number of interpretive signs explaining both the artifacts and the historic Slocan area.

8.2.8 Council's policy is to develop a plan for providing interpretive facilities, improve park facilities, and public amenities along the waterfront and creekfront areas.

The garden area, with artifacts and interpretive signs, will attract people to visit our museum during the summer. In the off-season, it will provide an introduction to our historic area.





12.2.7 Council policy is to encourage the use of local materials and natural/green building techniques.

An important aspect of the new garden area is to address climate change by:

- 1. Requiring low maintenance*
- 2. Requiring minimal watering*



Legend

-  Electoral Areas
-  RDCK Roads
-  Cadastre
-  Civic Address



Map Scale:

1:400

Date:

October 29, 2020

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OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY
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The mapping information shown are approximate representations and should be used for reference purposes only.

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KDCK Map

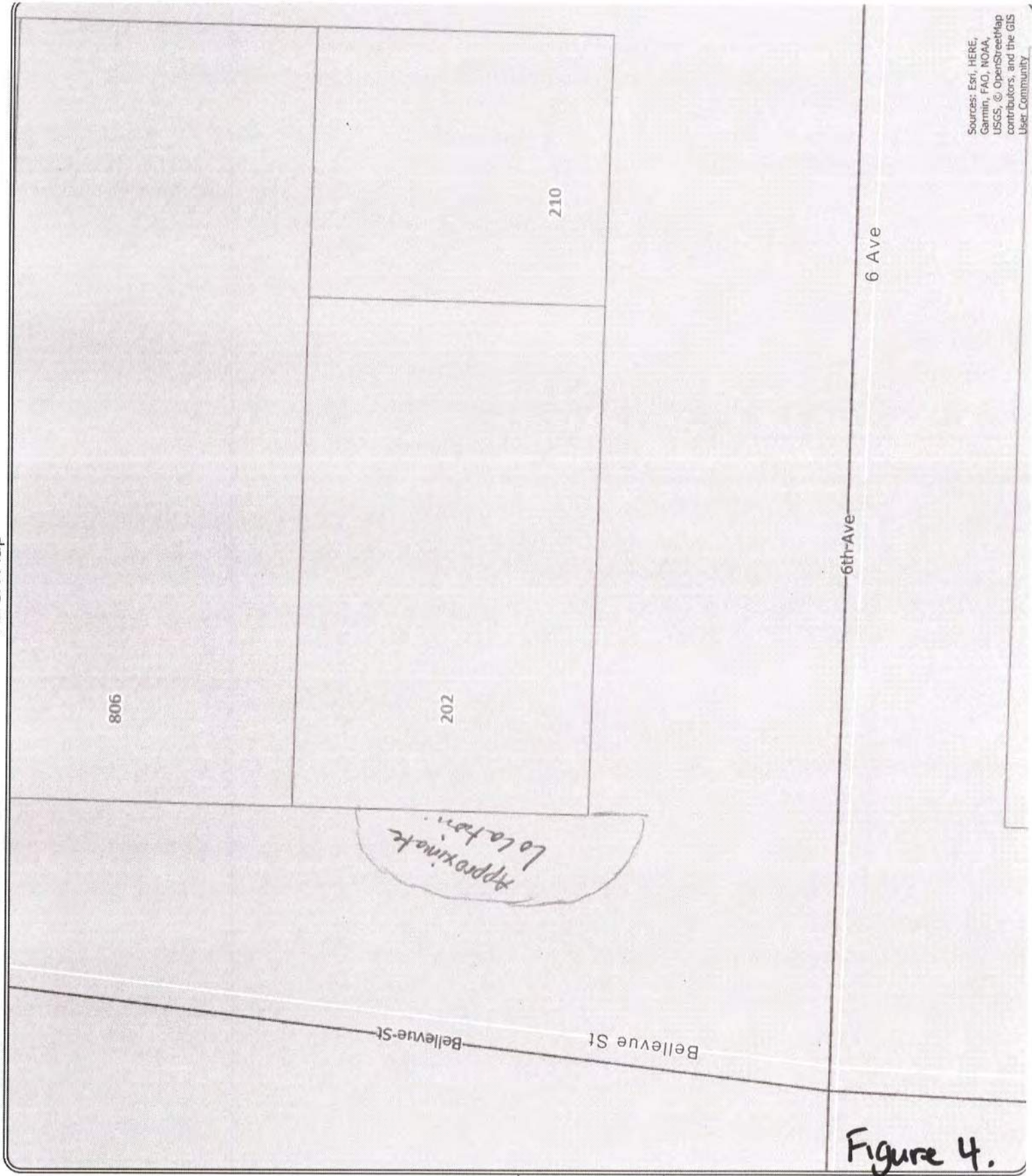


Figure 4.

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL DECISION

SUBMITTED BY: Catherine Allaway, CAO

DATE: November 20, 2020

SUBJECT: North Slokan Trails Society – Request for Support of Community Gaming Grant Application

PURPOSE: To seek Council's support for an application for Community Gaming Grant funding

RECOMMENDATION: That the Village of New Denver provide a letter in support of the North Slokan Trails Society's application for funding for developing a winter community recreational facility in Sandon.

A letter of support will be provided to the society for inclusion in their grant submission.

ALTERNATIVES & IMPLICATIONS:

1. Do not provide a letter of support. *The North Slokan Trails Society will be advised that New Denver does not support the proposal.*
2. Provide a conditional letter of support. *A letter of support will be provided to the North Slokan Trails Society if they make the changes to their proposal as specified by Council.*

ANALYSIS:

- A. Background:** The North Slokan Trails Society (NSTS) is a well established, New Denver and area based non-profit organization that has worked to improve trail related infrastructure in the North Slokan Valley for several years now. The society has a substantial volunteer base and community support and has demonstrated a commitment to the area's recreational and economic development.

They are wanting to develop a winter community recreational facility in Sandon. They are hoping to secure funding for their project through the Human & Social Services stream of the Community Gaming Grant program, to deliver programmes that improve the quality of life in the community.

- B. Discussion:** The Village regularly offers support for projects initiated by non-profit societies that would benefit the community. The creation of additional recreational amenities in the New Denver area has been identified as an effective resident attraction strategy and economic driver. The proposed project is located outside the New Denver's municipal boundaries, in RDCK Electoral Area H. Staff has confirmed that Area H Director Walter Popoff is supportive of the proposed project.

- C. Legislative Framework:** Nil

D. Attachments:

- Letter from NSTS dated November 19, 2020

- E. Council Strategic Priority:** Nil

- F. Communication Strategy:** Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: There is no request for financial assistance from the Village of New Denver at this time.

November 19, 2020

Dear Mayor and Council:

The North Slocan Trails Society is requesting the support of the Village of New Denver for an application for a Community Gaming Grant to develop winter community recreation facility in Sandon.

The North Slocan Trails Society is a not for profit society dedicated to promoting and managing human powered recreational trail use in the North Slocan Valley. We manage the K&S Historical Rail Trail and the replica rail station in Sandon for year-round recreational use. As part of our management program, we maintain 6 kms of historic rail trail for xc ski and snowshoe use in the winter and provide use of the Sandon station as a warming shelter. We have logged 1000 plus users with visitors from the local villages of Hills, Rosebery, New Denver, Silverton and Slocan as well as from Castlegar, Nelson and Kaslo.

We plan on developing this winter recreational program in the ghost town of Sandon by revitalising old infrastructure and installing new facilities. This will provide a much-needed meeting place for social interactions while safely meeting distancing regulations. Our small lakeside villages struggle through the winters under low clouds and can go for days without seeing the sky. These villages have a demographic of 60% over 60 and many of the local businesses and services close for the winter months. There are no organised recreational activities in the area and so our project is aimed at mental health along with physical. This improved program will not only inspire locals of all ages and abilities to become more active, but it also helps to foster a sense of community health and well-being via outdoor recreational activity.

Once this facility is set up, it will be self-sustaining with donations and volunteer labour.

The existing replica station building has been used as a warming shelter for cross-country skiers and occasional snowshoers since 2015 and, with rapidly increasing visitor numbers, needs improvement to provide a better service.

The first step will be to employ a local contractor to upgrade the aging cedar shake roof of the existing warming shelter to a new tin roof, making it easier to maintain and more efficient for snow removal. This indoor space will be open to all visitors year round but we will also create an outdoor firepit area where trail users can warm up, eat lunch and safely social distance during the winter months. This area can be used to host events such as Nordic ski demos, AST1 avalanche courses and loppets. We also intend to make some capital purchases that are central to the program. In previous years, one wonderful volunteer has provided his own snowmobile and done all track-setting. By purchasing our own machine, we can create a volunteer schedule sharing the responsibility and providing a

regular service. A donations box will be ordered and attached to the wall of the warming shelter - these funds will be used to cover fuel and maintenance.

To inform more 'communities' in the area about our facility, we will use a professional designer to create and print brochures for distribution in surrounding villages. New signage will be installed along the trails with maps and also at sites of historic interest. A trail crew will be hired locally for two weeks to upgrade the trail to allow for safe track-setting.

Finally, we plan on holding a recognition event when all works are complete and our enhanced facility is operational!

We feel that the proposed project will be of benefit to the New Denver area and look forward to receiving your support. A copy of the project budget is attached for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Abi Marsh, Communications Secretary
North Slokan Trail Society

North Slocan Trail Society
Project Budget

<u>Revenue</u>	
Community Donations (confirmed)	\$2,000.00
Community Gaming Grant (unconfirmed)	\$3,000.00
Slocan Valley Legacy Fund (unconfirmed)	\$30,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$35,000.00
<u>Expense</u>	
Signage/Maps	\$600.00
Donations Box	\$100.00
Roof Materials and Build	\$9,187.00
Brochure Design & Print	\$1,300.00
Trail Crew	\$5,400.00
Advertising Budget	\$450.00
Recognition Event	\$340.00
Firepit Area	\$300.00
Track-setting Snowmobile	\$16,693.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$35,000.00