Updates from the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board and Committee meetings of September 2018

**Note from Chair Crompton:** This will be the last update I write for this term. It has been an extremely high privilege to serve as Chair of this great organization. My time in this role has further impressed on me the tremendous professionalism and enthusiasm delivered every day by the team at the SLRD. Thank-you to all of you who keep the wheels turning. I also want to thank the residents of this region. Your passion for this place is infectious. I have loved agreeing and disagreeing with you and how you have done both with respect. I intend to be back on the SLRD Board so this is not good-bye but I do want to mark the end of the term and say thank you. Text me on 1-604-902-8747 if you have read the notes from the Chair over the years... love to hear if these are valuable and how they can be improved.

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**Funding for New Sea to Sky Regional Transit System**

A letter was sent to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Minister of Finance advising that the SLRD supports a Regional Transit System for the Sea-to-Sky Corridor and the implementation of a motor fuel tax in the Sea-to-Sky corridor in order to assist with the funding of a Regional Transit system, and requesting that the Province implement this tax on the effective date of a Sea-to-Sky Regional Transit System. The Sea-to-Sky communities are supportive of a Commission Model of Governance for the Regional Transit System in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Lil’wat Nation, Squamish Nation, District of Squamish, Resort Municipality of Whistler, Village of Pemberton and SLRD.

**Regional Transit Operational Funding for 2019 District of Squamish**

The SLRD will provide up to $50,000 from the Operational Surplus Reserve in the Regional Transit Planning and Infrastructure service for the Sea to Sky communities to engage someone or an entity to further the work on the Regional Transit System - the Sea to Sky Corridor funding model / MOU (noted above). The scope / Terms of Reference for this work would be agreed upon by the parties to the MOU.

**BYLAWS**

The following bylaws were adopted:

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area C Zoning Bylaw No. 765, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 1549-2017, to amend the Agriculture zone and related agricultural and general regulations and definitions and for housekeeping issues.

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Devine Transfer Station Fees and Charges Regulation Bylaw No. 1597-2018, to provide for the operational alignment with other regional waste transfer stations.

Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Zoning Bylaw No. 670,1999, Amendment Bylaw No. 1602-2018, to include a private communications site on an unsurveyed parcel of Crown land in the Gun Lake vicinity, was given first reading and will be referred to the appropriate First Nations, municipalities and provincial agencies for comment.

**Regional Geohazard Monitoring**

A meeting with the Minister of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development, and the Minister of Public Safety (EMBC), will be requested to seek provincial support and participation to establish a regional geohazard monitoring program for the SLRD.

**Operational Communications with Wildfire Centres**

A meeting will be set up with the Coastal and Kamloops Fire Centres Managers to discuss communication issues between the Fire Centres and the SLRD.

**Community to Community (C2C) Forum Funding**

The SLRD will apply for up to $5,000 in funding from the 2018/2019 Regional Community to Community Forum Program on behalf of the Nuk̓w7ƛ̓antw̓ał Intergovernmental Relations Committee to support the delivery of the third annual Nuk̓w7ƛ̓antw̓ał Leadership Gathering, with matching funds of up to $5,000 being provided by the SLRD.
Pemberton Valley Agricultural Land Use Inventory
The SLRD will allocate $5,000 plus in-kind support in the SLRD 2019 Budget to update the Pemberton Valley Agricultural Land Use Inventory (ALUI), and an application will be made to the BC Investment Agriculture Foundation Agriculture Area Plan Program for a match-funding grant to support the Pemberton Valley ALUI update.

ALUIs collect detailed data about land use and land cover in agricultural areas. The updated land use inventory for the Pemberton Valley will support agriculture and regional food production as well as overall regional food security.

Forest Stewardship Plan Correspondence
A letter will be sent to the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development asking that local governments be:
- recognized as a stakeholder in forestry matters; and
- added to referral lists on a province-wide basis for all forestry related matters.

Squamish Hospital - Orthopedic Surgeon
A request to look at orthopedic surgeon’s hospital privileges at the Squamish Hospital was referred to Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District Chair Patricia Heintzman for follow-up.

ALC Non-Farm Use Application - Second Dwelling in the ALR (Area C)
The SLRD did not support Agricultural Land Reserve Non-Farm Use Application No 57544 (Second Dwelling).

Temporary Use Permit No. 59 - Temporary Tourist Accommodation 1715 Reid Road (Area C)
The SLRD denied a Temporary Use Permit regarding Tourist Accommodation at 1715 Reid Road.

GRANTS IN AID

The following was granted from Area A Northern Area BC Hydro (PILT) Funds Reserves:
- $53,000 to the Bralorne Pioneer Museum Society for professional services for code compliance and project advancement for the Bralorne Pioneer Mines Office Rehabilitation Project.

The following was granted from Area B Northern Area BC Hydro (PILT) Funds Reserves:
- An additional $20,000 to the District of Lillooet to assist with the $200,000 roof replacement project for the Lillooet REC Centre that was completed in 2018.

The following was granted from Area C Gas Tax Community Works Fund / Area C Amenity Funds:
- $50,000, as part of the 2019 budget, to the Village of Pemberton towards the One Mile Lake Boardwalk Improvement project, which has an estimated total cost of $150,000.

The following were granted from Area D Amenity Funds:
- $5,000 for the SLRD Engineering Department to undertake improvement works on the Britannia Beach trail and install a bench.
- $5,000 to the Squamish Public Library towards improvements for a seating area.

The following were granted from Area B Select Funds:
- $2,500 to the Bridge River Indian Band to help with the cost of operating the Bridge River-Lillooet Link Bus for community members and visitors for 6 days per week, Monday to Saturday, for 8 weeks, from July 9, 2018 to September 1, 2018.
- $10,000 to the Pavilion Lake Residents and Property Owners Association to fund the ongoing operations expenses.

The following were granted from Area C Select Funds:
- $1,750 to the Lower St'lat'imx Tribal Council (LSTC) for a Silver Package sponsorship for LSTC's Fifth Annual Golf Tournament at the Meadows Golf Course in Pemberton, with proceeds from this tournament to go towards furthering educational capacities available within the LSTC's five member nations: Samahquam, Skatin, X'a'xtsa, Lil'wat and N'Quatqua.
- $2,500 to the Rotary Club of Pemberton & the Lions Club of Pemberton for a Gold sponsorship to help cover costs for the 18th Pemberton Barn Dance fundraising event held on Saturday, September 22, 2018 at the “Downtown Barn” with proceeds from this event to go towards the Pemberton Community Agricultural Initiative or the Pemberton Youth Soccer Field House.