Note from Chair Rainbow:

I am often asked, “What is the SLRD? What does the Regional District do?”. These are good questions that deserve a clear answer. Those of us who work on the Board of the SLRD or are staff get very involved with the details and perhaps assume that what we do is known and understood by the communities that we serve. The fact that we get the questions reveals that this is not necessarily so.

The SLRD is like a federation with membership shared by directors appointed by the four municipalities in the region and by one director elected by each of the four Rural/Electoral Areas. Electoral Area Directors serve a four-year term but council appointees, who must be elected officials, serve at the pleasure of the Mayor and council and can be changed within the four-year electoral term. Municipal representation is determined by population and at the present time Lillooet and Pemberton each have one, and Squamish and Whistler each have two thus creating a board of ten Directors.

A look through the Update for this month provides an indication of the variety and range of decisions that are made. The list includes fire protection, wildlife awareness, the use of ALR land, applications for rezoning and funding for recreation. It deals with immediate concerns and with visionary planning for the future in the form of the Regional Growth Strategy. It deals with concerns that are specific to a particular electoral area and with things that have a wider regional perspective. The SLRD is a forum that allows municipalities to work cooperatively with the unincorporated rural areas that surround them.

Northern Tour Dates
The Board’s July Northern Tour was postponed, and the July Board and Committee of the Whole meetings (July 24 & 25, 2019) will be held in Pemberton.

Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) - Call for Nominations for UBCM Executive
Director Jen Ford was nominated by the SLRD for a Director at Large position on the 2019-2020 Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Executive.

Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) Reports - 2018
The 2018 Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Statement of Financial Information for the year ended December 31, 2018 was approved by the Board.

BYLAWS
The following bylaws were adopted:
- Britannia Creek Debris Flood Works Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw No. 1639–2019 to establish the Reserve Fund for the Britannia Creek Debris Flood Works for the community of Britannia Beach.
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Pemberton and District Recreation Service Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 1635-2019 to adjust existing fees and charges for the Pemberton and District Recreation Service to more accurately reflect costs and service levels, to be in effect September 1, 2019.
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area C Zoning Bylaw No. 765, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 1637-2019, to allow for a pension to accommodate 20 guests in 10 rooms plus an auxiliary unit for staff accommodations in the WedgeWoods Subdivision, was read a second time and a public hearing will be held in Whistler on July 30, 2019.
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area C Zoning Bylaw No. 765, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 1633-2019, to include private communications site as a permitted use on Faceless Mountain, was read a second time and a public hearing was waived pursuant to s. 464(2) of the Local Government Act.
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Seton Portage/Shalalth Fire Protection Financial Contribution Service Establishing Bylaw No. 480, 1992,
Amendment Bylaw No. 1641-2019 to align the bylaw with the service delivery method that is currently in place in the community of Seton Portage/Shalalth (i.e. a service being operated via financial contribution to the Seton Valley Volunteer Fire Department), was introduced and read a first, second and third time, and will be forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval prior to adoption.

**Temporary Use Permit #64 Work Camp - Britannia Beach South, Electoral Area D**

The applicant was informed that, as there is no user agreement between LandSea and Woodfibre LNG and/or FortisBC attached to the Temporary Use Permit #64 Work Camp at Britannia Beach South application, the applicant has not met the requirements as set out in the resolutions passed at the April 24 and 25, 2019 SLRD Board meeting.

**ALC Non-Farm Use Application #58955 (Jensen, Area C)**

Support for Agricultural Land Commission Non-Farm Use Application 58955 for a bed and breakfast establishment was granted and forwarded to the ALC for consideration.

**ALC Non-Farm Use Application 58633 (Lizzie Bay Logging Ltd., Area C)**

Support for Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) Non-Farm Use Application 58633 for a log sort was granted, subject to the following conditions, and forwarded to the ALC for consideration:

1. The applicant posts signage that is visible to all who enter the site that clearly states: “WARNING: THIS LAND IS IN AN AVALANCHE AND DEBRIS FALL SPLASH ZONE”;
2. The applicant enters into the SLRD’s standard “save harmless” covenant with an attached report prepared by a geotechnical engineer stating that the site is “safe for use intended”;
3. No permanent structures be allowed;
4. No temporary residential uses or structures be allowed.

**Friendship Trail Bridge**

The estimated $100,000 cost for the Friendship Trail Bridge Off-Ramp will be funded as follows:

- $25,000 by the Village of Pemberton from their Community Works Funds Gas Tax Funds.
- $25,000 by the SLRD Area C from Area C Community Works Funds Gas Tax Funds.
- The remainder (i.e. up to $50,000) will be funded from the SLRD Sea to Sky Trails cost centre.

**Pemberton Outdoor Basketball Court (Signal Hill Elementary School)**

The preferred option for the proposed outdoor basketball court is that it be:

- located at Signal Hill Elementary School;
- synthetic tile court;
- 84 x 50 feet in size; and
- estimated budget of $94,172.

The Village of Pemberton will explore grant funding opportunities for the Basketball Court.

**Public Safety Grant Funding Opportunities – 2019/20**

The Board approved applications to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) in 2019 and 2020, for evacuation route planning (Squamish Valley), emergency operations centre training and equipment, flood mitigation planning (Paradise Valley), and volunteer and composite fire department equipment and training (Garibaldi and Howe Sound Volunteer Fire Departments).

**Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service - Early Engagement on the Approach to Developing the Federal Grizzly Bear Management Plan**

Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service will be asked to consider impacts on small communities in general (as they are more resource based) and hold open houses in small communities to gather feedback on the Grizzly Bear Management Plan.
Bear Smart Community Program
Funding for Bear Smart / WildSafeBC programming and education in the electoral areas will be considered in the 2020 budgeting process.

Resolution of Support
- The SLRD supported the Bridge River Valley Community Association’s application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant of $5,792 for its Bralorne Baseball Diamond Dugout Rebuild project.

GRANTS IN AID
The following were granted from the Pemberton & District Community Fund:
- $2,000 to Pemberton BMX towards the cost of putting on the Pemberton BMX Race for Life fundraiser to support research for Leukemia and Lymphoma on July 8, 2019, and safety improvements to the Pemberton BMX track.
- $2,000 to Peter Chrzansowski for the 2019 Pemberton Aerothlon Event to be applied towards the setup costs (and not prizes, etc.) of putting on the 2019 Pemberton Aerothlon event.
- Up to $726 to the Stewardship Pemberton Society for 7 days of kitchen time at the Pemberton and District Community Centre kitchen to host 7 community canning workshops, with proceeds raised through these workshops to fund the SPS 2020 Feasting for Change Program.
- $360.28 to the Pemberton Farmers’ Market Association (PFMA) for the room rental fee at the Pemberton & District Community Centre (15 days at 1.5 hrs/day) for the PFMA’s 2nd annual Bard in the Barn Fundraiser, for the Volunteer Community Theatre Group to practice.

The following was granted from Area D Amenity Funds:
- $37,000 to the Britannia Beach Volunteer Fire Department for the completion of their project to build a shelter and undertake site works for the new fire vehicle / trailer purchased in 2018.

The following were granted from Area A Select Funds:
- $2,500 to the Bralorne Community Advisory Committee (committee of the Bridge River Valley Community Association) for food purchases, prizes, rentals, etc. for the Bralorne Family Day on July 20, 2019.
- $1,000 to the Bridge River Valley Community Association (BRVCA) towards the costs of the BRVCA’s 3-day Youth Summer Camp Program for three consecutive weekends throughout the summer of 2019 which will be open to youths of all ages for day camp adventures and activities.

The following were granted from Area C Select Funds:
- $2,250 to the Wellness Bursary Fund as a grant to fund 3 additional bursaries (3 x $750) for 2019.
- $262.08 to Ian Robertson for the cost of a battery as part of the annual maintenance of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) located in D’Arcy.

The following was granted from Area D Select Funds:
- $3,500 to the Squamish Arts Council (SAC) towards SAC’s ArtWalk event taking place over the month of September 2019 for the sourcing out of art from artists, coordinating venues and setup pop-up galleries within Electoral Area D, and assisting with program materials such as maps and guides.