Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Update
July 2019

Updates from the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board and Committee meetings of July 2019

Note from Chair Rainbow:
We have had a wetter summer so far than was expected with fewer wild fires throughout the Regional District and throughout BC in general. However, there have been some and we have also experienced some structure fires which serves to underline the fact that our communities need to continue to be vigilant about fire protection. As individual home owners we can assess our property and make sure that we are being “Fire Smart”. There are simple inexpensive measures that you can take to help protect your home in the event of a wildfire and the time to do that is when there is less likelihood of a fire. If you are not sure what to do, call your local volunteer fire service or the SLRD: there is literature available and our local firefighters / staff will be happy to advise you. By taking responsibility for our own properties, we help to protect the community as a whole. And if you want to do more, why not think about becoming a volunteer firefighter? Did you know that across Canada, almost 85% of all firefighters are volunteers? If you need more information on any aspects of firefighting, call your Municipal Hall or in the rural areas, call the SLRD.

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BYLAWS

The following bylaws were adopted:
- Electoral Area D Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1135-2013, Amendment Bylaw No. 1555-2018 and Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area D Zoning Bylaw No. 1350-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1556-2018 to enable development at Britannia Beach pertaining to Britannia Beach Oceanfront’s Developments Corporation’s rezoning application for a new development on land located at the entry to Britannia Beach North at Copper Drive and Highway 99. There will be no building permits issued other than building permits for up to 6 townhouse units, nor finalization of any building permits until:
  a) the Heritage Revitalization Agreement and statements of significance with respect to the existing structures to be maintained on the property are approved; and
  b) approval of the proposed flood and debris control regime by the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board, as well as access and tenure issues associated thereto.

- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Area C Zoning Bylaw No. 765, 2002, Amendment Bylaw No. 1633-2019, to include private communications site as a permitted use on Faceless Mountain.


- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Security Issuing Bylaw No. 1645-2019 (District of Squamish) regarding financing with the Municipal Finance Authority of British Columbia on behalf of the District of Squamish for capital purposes.

The following bylaws were given third reading:
- Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Pemberton and District Arts, Culture and Recreation Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1643-2019 and Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Pemberton and District Economic Development Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1644-2019, regarding arts, culture and recreation and economic development funding for the Village of Pemberton and portion of Electoral...
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Area C, were introduced and read a first, second and third time, and forwarded to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval prior to participating area approval for both service establishing be sought by way of an Alternative Approval Process.

Temporary Use Permit #64 Work Camp - Britannia Beach South, Electoral Area D
There will be no further SLRD staff time spent on processing the Temporary Use Permit #64 Work Camp - Britannia Beach South, Electoral Area D (TUP #64) application until such time as discussions with Woodfibre LNG / FortisBC regarding the Community Services and Infrastructure Plans (CSIP) which are part of the Environmental Assessment office’s certificate process is underway so that the SLRD Board has additional information for discussion and the following condition was added as being required prior to any issuance of TUP #64:
- TUP #64 not be considered for issuance by the Board until consultation on the CSIP is complete to the satisfaction of the SLRD and the District of Squamish.

Temporary Use Permit #65 – Tiger Bay (Area D)
The Board did not approve Tiger Bay Development Corporation’s request for Temporary Use Permit No. 65 to allow for the retail sale of fireworks in Britannia Beach for a one-week period in a calendar year.

ALC Non-Adhering Residential Use Application #59345 (Sturdy, Area C)
The SLRD supported Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) Non-Adhering Residential Use Application #59345 (Sturdy, Area C) submitted for 1888 Sea to Sky Highway 99, Pemberton, BC for an additional residence for farm use (temporary farm worker accommodations) and has forwarded the application to the ALC for its consideration.

Pilchuck Bridge, Upper Squamish Valley
The SLRD will discuss the erosion of the banks adjoining the Pilchuck Bridge in the Upper Squamish Valley with the Squamish Nation, and will send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure requesting immediate action to deal with this situation before it becomes an emergency.

Rural Dividend Grant Program Applications
The following applications were made to the Rural Dividend Grant Program:

Haylmore Heritage Site Business Plan (Area A) for $10,000 to fund a business plan to support the further development of the Haylmore Heritage Site into a small/to scale Heritage Attraction, to grow visitation to the area

Heritage Protocol (Area B) for $10,000 to fund the development of a Heritage Protocol, to provide better understanding of mutual needs and objectives (SLRD and First Nations) to work towards developing joint park spaces and co-tourism management and marketing of these assets.

Lillooet River Sediment Feasibility Study (Area C) for $10,000 to conduct a feasibility study for developing a sustainable business case for the sale of Lillooet River Sediment required to be removed for flood protection purposes.

Friendship Trail (Part of Sea to Sky Trail) Funding
The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District approved a contract amendment to the original approved agreement with Daniel Schranz Contracting Ltd. for the construction of a gravel crush multi-use trail (Portion of the Friendship Trail, Pemberton and District Area), to increase the total amount to from approximately $119,750 to approximately $176,250.

Public – Rail Safety Week
The SLRD proclaimed the week of September 23 to 29, 2019 as “Rail Safety Week” in the SLRD.

Letters of Support Provided
- To the Ministry of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development to support the three proposed name changes as requested by the Líl̓wat Nation: Lillooet River to “Líl̓wat River”, Lillooet Lake to “Líl̓wat Lake” and Lillooet Glacier to “Líl̓wat Glacier”.
- On behalf of the Lillooet Agriculture & Food Society (LAFS) for their application to the BC Community Gaming Grant program to support LAFS in continuing to offer free agriculture and food related workshops, as well as promote
education and outreach programs, for the benefit of the community of Lillooet and surrounding area.

- On behalf of the Britannia Mine Museum for their grant application to the Rural Dividend Grant Program, regarding assistance with leasing a vehicle so that the Museum can pilot a 2-year carpooling initiative / work with TELUS on providing the Museum with private fiber optic service to provide commercial level broadband internet.

- To the Premier, Minister of Education, MLA Jordan Sturdy (West Vancouver-Sea to Sky) and MLA Jackie Tegart (Fraser-Nicola) requesting the restoration of library funding to a level that reflects both inflationary cost increases since 2009 and the value of this system to the Province.

- To the Ministry of Agriculture in support of non-regional district boundaries being utilized for the new Class D regions / sub-regions and designation of new regions / sub-regions with respect to Meat Inspection Program Class D Licenses.

GRANTS IN AID

The following were granted from the Area B Northern Area BC Hydro Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Fund:
- Up to $30,000 to the Seton Valley Volunteer Fire Department towards the cost of replacing 8 sets of self-contained breathing apparatuses and turn out gear for firefighters’ safety.
- $12,500 to the Lillooet Agriculture & Food Society (LAFS) for the LAFS coordinator's salary for the 3rd and 4th quarters of 2019.

The following was granted from Area C Community Works Gas Tax / Area C Amenity Funds:
- Up to $65,000 towards the testing, design and construction of a potable water system for Gates Lake Community Park.

The following was granted from Area D Amenity Funds:
- $25,000 to the Ashlu Creek Foundation towards the cost of building a children's playground in the Cloudburst Park, Upper Squamish Valley.

The following were granted from Area A Select Funds:
- $20,000 to Minto Communications Society for improvements to three of their high-speed internet communications tower sites (Zorba, Bralorne and Pearson) servicing the residents in the Bridge River Valley, increasing the longevity of the batteries, preventing snow accumulation and reducing potential service outages.
- $2,500 to the Bridge River Valley Community Association (BRVCA) to support the Bralorne Baseball Diamond Dugout Rebuild project, subject to the BRVCA receiving $5,792 in grant funding from the Northern Development Initiative.

The following were granted from Area B Select Funds:
- $2,500 to the Bridge River Indian Band towards the cost to operate the Bridge River-Lillooet Community Link Bus service for 6 days per week, Monday to Saturday, for 8 weeks from July 6 to September 5, 2019 (total cost estimated at $25,250).
- $2,500 to the Society for Wellness, Instruction and Mobility through Swimming towards the cost of equipment upgrades, training and swimming programs, as well as leveraging dollars for their grant funding application to the Canadian Experiences Fund.

The following was granted from Area D Select Funds:
- Up to $5,000 for "porta-potties" and up to $1,000 for signage to the Furry Creek Community Association, to lessen any negative impacts to residents, the environment, and others who enjoy the waterfront during the biennial salmon fish run which attracts heavy foot and vehicle traffic.