Updates from the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board and Committee meetings of January 2020

Note from Chair Rainbow: The big news in the Regional District this month is that our Chief Administrative Officer, Lynda Flynn, is leaving us. Lynda told us at the end of January that she and her husband would be re-locating to the Okanagan in March. She is looking forward to living much closer to her parents who will appreciate the support that she will be able to give them.

Lynda has been with the SLRD as Chief Administrative Officer for over eight years and she has proved to be an excellent manager and team builder. We will miss Lynda no doubt, but she can leave us knowing that she has left a very solid and capable team behind. Our challenge as a Board is now to search for a capable person who will be able to lead the SLRD and build on the foundation that Lynda leaves behind.

We wish Lynda happiness in her new home and success in whatever she chooses to do next. Retire maybe? Thank you Lynda and good luck.

2020 SLRD Board and Committee Appointments

The 2020 SLRD Board and Committee Chairs / Vice-Chairs are:

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For external organizations and other appointments, please go to SLRD Boards & Committees on the SLRD website.

Squamish Valley Agricultural Plan (SVAP), SLRD Electoral Area D and District of Squamish

The SLRD received the Squamish Valley Agricultural Plan (SVAP) and endorsed in principle the proposed implementation framework in which the Squamish Food Policy Council takes the lead role in overseeing and coordinating the SVAP implementation. The SVAP is a joint project of the SLRD and the District of Squamish, with support from the Squamish Food Policy Council and funding, in part, from Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the Government of British Columbia through programs delivered by the Investment Agriculture Foundation of B.C.

Housing Study

The SLRD approved the Housing Need and Demand Study by Urban Matters. The Study provides critical information for supporting, evaluating, and enhancing the provision of affordable housing across the Regional District and establishes a framework for future regional cross-jurisdictional collaboration around housing initiatives.

New BC Emergency Program Act - Consultation Feedback

The Board made a submission pertaining to the modernization proposals for the Emergency Management Act legislation. The SLRD’s submission focuses on the potential impacts to the SLRD in terms of the following main areas of change:

1. local authority responsibility,
2. regulatory impacts, and
3. financial implications.

Lower Mainland Local Government Association - 2020 Call for Resolutions

The SLRD will send the following resolutions to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association for their consideration to forward them on to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM):

- asking the provincial government to work with BC Transit to develop a regional transit
model that includes revenue from property tax requisitions, customer fares, and motor vehicle drivers; and

• the SLRD will co-sponsor the Village of Pemberton’s resolution regarding the improvement of existing dykes that do not meet current seismic standards.

IAP2 Training for Decision-Makers
The SLRD Board will be undertaking IAP2 training for Elected Officials (IAP2 For Decision-Makers).

Third Party Internet Access
A letter was sent to Innovation, Science and Economic Development with respect to the public consultation on Third Party Internet Access to support Shaw Communications Inc.’s appeal to the federal cabinet to direct the CRTC to reconsider its decision on wholesale [broadband internet] resale rates so not to adversely impact investments required to keep Canada in the top ten internet speeds on world indices as it is critically important for our communities to have access to high-speed internet.

ALC Non-Adhering Residential Use Application
#59445 (White, Electoral Area C)
The SLRD supported application #59445 (White, Electoral Area C) for an Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) Non-Adhering Residential Use to temporarily retain an existing mobile home on the property for approximately 1 year while a larger 2 storey house is constructed on the same property.

Black Tusk Village Wastewater Integration Project - Investing in Canada Infrastructure Grant - Declined
As the owners of Black Tusk Village Strata Corporation have withdrawn their support for the wastewater integration project to the SLRD, rejecting the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - Green Infrastructure - Environmental Quality Project #IG0047 - Black Tusk Village Wastewater Integration Project grant of up to $4,508,328 (the “Grant”), as awarded to the SLRD in August 2019, the SLRD has respectfully declined the Grant.

Clover Road Access to the Lillooet River (Area C)
Staff will work with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to create public access to the Lillooet River, for the construction of a recreational trail access to the public land at the end of Clover Road.

Blacktail Meadows (Area C) Access
An application under section 57 of the Forest and Range Practices Act for construction of a recreational trail and a tenure application for a proposed parking lot area near the intersection of Wilson Road and Meadows Road will be initiated by the SLRD in order to formalize public access to the Blacktail Meadows trail. The SLRD will work with owner(s) of the adjacent property to minimize any impacts to their property as a result of the formalization of this public access.

Northern Development Initiative Trust: Grant Writing Support
An application will be submitted for the 2020 Northern Development Initiative Trust Grant Writing Support grant for Electoral Area A and Area B with staff resources allocated for grant administration.

GRANTS IN AID
The following were granted from Area A Select Funds:
- $4,000 to the Bridge River Valley Community Association for extra hours for a grant writer for Area A.
- $1,250 to the Bridge River Valley Community Association representing 50% of the minimum community contribution of $2,500 for the Northern Development Initiative Trust 2020 Grant Writing Support grant.
- $2,500 to the Bridge River Valley Snowmobile Club towards costs of operations (to manage trails, promote trail safety, user education and responsible stewardship of the trail in the area) for 2020.
- $500 to the Bralorne Community Advisory Committee, a committee of the Bridge River
Valley Community Association towards the cost of hosting (i.e. food for the BBQ, beverage supplies, activities and prizes) the Bralorne day of the Bridge River Valley WinterFest weekend held in February 2020.

The following were granted from Area B Select Funds:
- $1,250 to the Bridge River Valley Community Association representing 50% of the minimum community contribution of $2,500 for the Northern Development Initiative Trust 2020 Grant Writing Support grant.
- $1,000 to the Whistler Centre for Sustainability for 2020, for the Squamish-Lillooet Regional Food project, to continue to host and facilitate two Food Task Force meetings; assist and support partners with implementation of actions; support implementation partners by assisting them to apply for grant funding for their action items if and as required; and track and report on implementation progress.

The following was granted from Area C Select Funds:
- $1,000 to the Whistler Centre for Sustainability for 2020, for the Squamish-Lillooet Regional Food project (see above).

The following was granted from Area D Select Funds:
- $1,000 to the Whistler Centre for Sustainability for 2020, for the Squamish-Lillooet Regional Food project (see above).