Updates from the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Board and Committee meetings of July 2017

Note from Chair Crompton: I write to you from a hazy Howe Sound. For those of you facing the fires and the impacts of the fires our hearts go out to you. Please do keep the SLRD in mind if you need help during this difficult time. Please have a look at the meetings the board is proposing to have with British Columbia's new government. If you have questions or comments we would love to hear them. I am on 1-604-902-8747.

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Meetings

Please note that the August 24, 2017 SLRD Committee of the Whole meeting has been cancelled.

2017 UBCM Convention Ministry Meetings

The SLRD will be requesting meetings with the relevant Ministries regarding the following subjects during the 2017 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Annual Convention in September:

- **Illegal Dumping** - Ministry of Environment & Climate Change Strategy; Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development regarding initiating and establishing a province wide action plan, such as a public awareness campaign, regarding illegal dumping to communicate, educate and persuade.

- **Tourism Infrastructure** - Premier; Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development; Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure; Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture (Joint meeting with all four member municipalities) regarding the lack of tourism infrastructure and the related impacts, cycling infrastructure, resources for parks and wildfire impacts.

- **Regional Road Infrastructure** - Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (Joint meeting with the District of Squamish)

- **SLRD Introduction** - Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing - Introduction of the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District and discussion of the SLRD Regional Growth Strategy and Garibaldi at Squamish.

- **Public Safety and Volunteer Fire Societies** - Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General & Emergency B.C. regarding concerns with the new Fire Safety Act effectively eliminating, or creating liability for, society operated volunteer fire services in BC.

- **Passenger Rail Service** between North Vancouver and northern communities - Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure.

- **Funding for First Nations Reconciliation** - Ministry of Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation.

BC Hydro Invitation to 2017 UBCM Convention

A meeting will be arranged with BC Hydro at the 2017 UBCM Convention to discuss the Jack Webster (Cheakamus) Bridge ownership/funding, Highline Road traffic impacts, infrastructure at Lillooet Lake Estates, and community impacts (i.e. to Seton Portage, Ts'alalh, Lillooet) and opportunities related to the additional workforce required for BC Hydro’s Bridge River-Seton system upgrades, and the provision of resources by BC Hydro thereto.

Resolution for 2017 UBCM Convention

The resolutions for the 2017 UBCM Convention from the District of Squamish regarding compensation
for staff time spent on environmental assessments, improvements to the provincial environmental assessment process, and improved funding and access for forensic Sexual Assault Evidence Kits were supported.

**IRONMAN Canada (Whistler) Routing**

Responding to a request from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure as to potential routes for IRONMAN Canada (Whistler), the SLRD believes that full closures of Highway 99 are detrimental to communities within the SLRD and that routing options for IRONMAN Canada (Whistler) enabling Highway 99 to remain open are potentially supportable by the SLRD.

**Bylaws - First Reading and Referrals**

The following bylaws were introduced, read a first time and referred to the appropriate First Nations, municipalities and provincial agencies for comment.

- Electoral Area D Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1524-2017 and Electoral Area D Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1525-2017 regarding changes required as a result of changes to the Agricultural Land Act and other agricultural changes, changes to the Riparian Protection and Comprehensive Permit Areas, and housekeeping issues.

- Electoral Area A Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1532-2017 regarding rezoning to provide for a private communications tower on crown land on Mt. Penrose to support the Jamie Creek Hydroelectric Facility.

**Bylaws - Second Reading and Public Hearing**

The following bylaws were read a second time and public hearings thereon will be scheduled.

- Electoral Area C Official Community Plan Bylaw 1484-2017 and Zoning Bylaw 1485-2017 to replace the existing Bylaws for Electoral Area C.

- Electoral Area D Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1522-2017 to redesign land uses on the property of Brew Creek Centre.

- Electoral Area D Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1523-2017 for a rezoning of Black Tusk Helicopters’ Echo Lake satellite camp for a small cabin and two camping pads.

**Bylaws - First/Second Readings and Waiver of Public Hearings**

The following bylaws were read and public hearings were waived.

- Pinecrest Estates Land Use Contract Discharge Bylaw No. 1374-2017 (Area D) was read a first and second time to remove the land use contract from 58 of 75 strata lots at Pinecrest Estates, allowing the Area D zoning bylaw to become applicable for these properties.

- Electoral Area C Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1520-2017 was re-read a second time to add a sales centre as a permitted use for WedgeWoods Estates.

**Continental Pole Rezoning (Area C)**

The Continental Pole Area C Zoning Amendment application for a subdivision of a property was withdrawn by the applicant.

**ALC Non-Farm Use Application - North Arm Farm**

The Board unanimously offered unconditional support for the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) Non-Farm Use Application 55184 (North Arm Farm) for additional commercial wedding events; the application will be forwarded to the ALC for their consideration.

**SLRD Administrative Building Renovation Loan Authorization**

The SLRD Administrative Building Renovation Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1519-2017 to provide for financing of up to $1,000,000 over a 15-year period for renovations to the SLRD office.
building was adopted as electorate approval for this loan was received.

**2016 - 2020 Financial Plan Amendment Bylaw**

The SLRD 2016-2020 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1476-2016, Amendment Bylaw No. 1533-2017 to reflect the required changes to the SLRD’s 2016-2020 Financial Plan for actual results for 2016 was adopted.

**BC Timber Sales Replacement Forest Stewardship Plan - Cascades Natural Resource District**

The SLRD will forward comments to BC Timber Sales with a copy to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development regarding the BC Timber Sales Replacement Forest Stewardship Plan – Cascades Natural Resource District.

**Pinecrest Estates Wastewater Treatment Plant Construction**

Acres Enterprises Ltd. was awarded the contract to construct a new wastewater treatment plant for the Pinecrest Estates Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades project for a value of $2,189,268 plus GST.

**Catiline Creek Debris Flow Mitigation Structure**

The SLRD Board agreed:

- to own and maintain the potential Catiline Creek debris flow mitigation structure(s) which will protect the communities of Lillooet Lake Estates and Heather Jean Properties (the “Works”), and establish itself as the diking authority for the Works,

- to establish a service area for the construction, maintenance and operations of the Works, subject to receipt of a sufficient petition from the shareholders of LLE (and potentially Heather Jean Properties) whereby at least 75% of the shareholders of LLE approve the service establishment, and

- to provide loan financing of up to $8,000,000 for the construction, maintenance and operation of the Works, subject to at least 75% of the shareholders of LLE approving the loan financing and subject to the registration of a mortgage on terms satisfactory to the SLRD over the parcels of land known as DL4901 and Parcel A.

**Jack Webster Bridge (Upper Cheakamus)**

A meeting will be arranged with the Upper Cheakamus [Tunnel Station] residents to discuss/determine critical issues regarding access to their properties. The SLRD will continue to explore funding opportunities for potential replacement of the Jack Webster Bridge with other partners.

**Anderson Lake Docks Funding**

The Board approved the allocation of funding for additional upgrades to the Anderson Lake Dock at D’Arcy.

**Blacktail Meadow Trail System (Area C)**

The possibility of securing access and use of the Blacktail Meadow Trail System (in Pemberton Meadows) will be researched.

**Lease of a Portion of the Seton Firehall to BC Emergency Health Services**

Negotiations on the renewal of the long-term lease of a portion of the Seton Fire Hall to BC Emergency Health Services are underway.

**Improved Broadband Connectivity - BC Coast Communities**

Communications will be undertaken with the Strathcona Regional District about the work they are doing to improve broadband connectivity for BC Coastal Communities.
Grants in Aid

The following were granted from the Area A Northern Areas BC Hydro Payment in Lieu of Taxes Reserve Fund:

- $5,000 to the Bralorne-Pioneer Museum Society to help support collection management.
- $6,000 to the Area A Asset Preservation Service (along with $3,000 donated by BC Hydro) for a generator.
- $6,000 for the removal of the oil tank at the Bralorne Boulbee Memorial Church (as well as funding from Area A Gas Tax Community Works Funds) and to assist with the oil tank removal at the Bridge River Valley Community Association building.

Pemberton and District Community Fund (Electoral Area C and the Village of Pemberton):

- $1,084.27 was granted to Kolton Goochey to help cover his travel costs related to attending the 2017 IDBF World Nations Dragon Boat Championships in France as part of the Dragon Boat Canada U18 National Team.

The following were granted from Area A Select Funds:

- $5,000 to the Bralorne-Pioneer Museum Society to help support summer operations of the museum
- $3,832.50 to the Lajoie Lake Residents Association towards the cost of Cascade Environmental Resource Group Ltd. undertaking a Lajoie Lake Limnology Study.
- $5,000 to the Bralorne Community Advisory Committee to support a contract coordinator to assist with the Sunshine Mountain Adventure Tourism Section 57 application to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development as well as events in the Bralorne Recreational Area.

The following were granted from Area B Select Funds:

- $2,000 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 9 weeks, from July 6, 2017 to September 5, 2017.
- $5,000 to the Lillooet Agriculture and Food Society to continue moving forward with the Buy Local project goals and activities.
- $2,000 to the Lillooet Hops and Grapes Society for the entertainment portion of the 2017 Harvest Festival.
- $1,500 to the Lillooet Elks 467 to provide free food and entertainment to children at the 2017 Apricot T'saqwem Fest.

The following was granted from Area C Select Funds:

- $1,500 to the Lions Club of Pemberton for the 2017 Show and Shine Car Show fundraiser for the Lions Club of Pemberton’s many community projects such as school bursaries, athletic sponsorships, women’s shelter support and school lunch programs.