**Note from Chair Crompton:** Back to school for our kids and back to work for most of us. This month’s SLRD meeting was focused on establishing long-term actions on invasive species, internet in underserved areas and SLRD tourism. If any of those are issues you have comments on, please email us at board@slrd.bc.ca. As usual I am available to chat on 1-604-902-8747.

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**Destination BC - Sea to Sky Destination Development Planning Process**

The Board appointed Chair Crompton as the SLRD’s representative in the Sea to Sky Destination Development Planning Process, and also allocated staff resources to this process.

**Howe Sound Community Forum**

The SLRD signed the Howe Sound Community Forum’s revised Principles of Cooperation, which more fully recognize and include First Nations historical presence and present day importance in the region.

**Internet Service to Underserved Areas**

The Board has asked staff to bring forward a report regarding regional district provision of internet services.

The following topic was added to the meeting with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing at the 2017 UBCM Convention:

- The Provincial Government to consider an amendment/update of section 275(a) of the Local Government Act to specifically list “telecommunications” as a utility for which a regional district may operate the service of providing capital financing.

**Bylaws**

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Invasive Species Management and Control Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1541-2017, to establish a service area intended to contribute annually to the Lillooet Regional Invasive Species Society and Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council was read a first, second and third time, and referred to the Inspector of Municipalities for approval. Upon approval of the Inspector, an Alternative Approval Process to request support of the electorate (the entire SLRD) will be undertaken.

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Noxious Weeds Control Bylaw No. 1542-2017 to establish an invasive species management and control service to require persons to keep their properties cleared and free of noxious weeds was read a first, second and third time.

The Squamish-Lillooet Regional District Electoral Area C Zoning Bylaw No. 1485-2017 was read a second time, as amended, to reflect changes to the Rural Resource 2, Rural Resource Management and Ponderosa Community zones.

**Garibaldi Volunteer Fire Department**

The Garibaldi Volunteer Fire Department received approval to purchase a 2006 Pierce Kenworth Pumper for up to $179,163 as a replacement primary fire apparatus, using a combination of funds gifted from the Garibaldi Fire Protection Society and funds from the SLRD Capital Works and Equipment Reserve set aside for the Garibaldi Fire Protection Service.