



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO **REPORT FROM MAYOR/DIRECTOR**

MAYOR/DIRECTOR LOCKWOOD

Mayor/Director Report for Council Meeting held on March 8, 2022.

March 8, 2022, Salmo and Area G will be having our budget meeting at the “Salmo Valley Youth Community Center” at 5:30 pm on the stage. It would be great to have people come out to hear it and to ask questions about the budgets.

EXTERNAL AGENCIES:

Area G Emergency Preparedness: TBA

Alternate – Ktunaxa Kinbasket Local Government Treaty:

PORTFOLIOS/LIAISONS:

Citizen Engagement: Reading the two stories in the Salmo Valley Newsletter, one from a Salmo resident and one Area G resident, about what us as local government are or are not doing is somewhat frustrating. If we as local government could put a piece of machinery in the creek to clear it out, we would be happy to do just that. As it was said, this would save the town. Unfortunately, we are in 2022 and I believe all the taxpayers would not be happy with the fines we would endure because we did not follow protocol and the mountain of paperwork that comes with it all. The Provincial Government is aware of our frustration and understands it will be because of the paperwork if we have a situation here in Salmo. We are even being told we are responsible for the portion of the dike on Erie Creek outside of the Village limits.

Economic Development: Having Canada Days go forward this year will help with groups and businesses start on a path of economic health and prosperity.

Fire Department:

Budgets/Utilities: Utility bills are out and paying before April 19 you receive 10% discount.

RDCK:

Board:

Joint Resource Recovery Committee:

Community Sustainable Living Advisory Committee

All Recreation: March 30, 2022

Recreation Commission:

West Kootenay Transit Committee: I hold the Vice-Chair seat for this committee. BC Transit spoke about Nelson and Trail's new exchange areas. Challenges for transit are getting drivers. The need to have a casual list is so important to keep the flow of the buses going but people would like or need to have full time employment. They are going forward with electronic fare collection systems but keeping a cash payment system also. BC Transit have made commitments to not purchase any more fossil fuel buses.

West Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital District: Next meeting March 23

Other meetings of note:

Mayor's and Chairs Highway 3 Coalition: Work has continued with the S corners just before Ymir. This is the committee I sit on that got this work started.

Southeast Regional Meetings: Nathan Cullen is the new Municipal Affairs Minister. He was joined by Minister Beare. Connectivity was a large part of the conversation and how we move forward connecting people. The Provincial Government has budgeted \$1Billion for climate action, \$30 Million for active transportation, and \$673 Million for Homeless and Affordable Housing.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor/Director Lockwood