



Setting Priorities for the Slocan Valley Directed Fund

To support a legacy of social, economic, cultural and environmental development for the Slocan Valley for present and future generations by helping to develop projects and initiatives that provide benefit to the Slocan Valley as a whole. There is an overarching strategic desire to create sustainable communities by supporting projects that enhance opportunities in the Slocan Valley.

What's this all about?

1. What is the Slocan Valley Community Directed Fund?

The Slocan Valley Directed Fund (the Fund) is a partnership between Columbia Basin Trust (CBT) and the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) to support delivery of some CBT funds in the Slocan Valley. Community Directed Funds are a new and cooperative model for sub-regions (a group of communities from a recognized area) to come together to plan, set priorities and allocate CBT funds for the betterment of the area as whole. The Slocan Valley will receive \$300,000 in the first three years with the hope that the program continues into the future beyond that.

2. Who is organizing this work in the Slocan Valley?

The already-existing Slocan Valley Economic Development Commission (SVEDC) is leading this work, and will do the planning, make funding allocations and manage the funds over time. The Commission is an RDCK-regulated body representing Area H, Slocan, Silverton and New Denver. The eleven members include four elected officials and up to seven other Valley residents.

3. What is new about this?

Funds are given to the area over a period of time, allowing money to be used strategically (for a small number important long-term impacts). This does not replace the Community Initiative Program (CBT funds given to each municipality and electoral area to allocate locally each year) or the CBT Community Development Program (accessed through CBT staff for local projects).

4. How will the Commission decide how to spend the money?

The Commission will develop a small number of priorities for the next few years. These projects or activity areas will all have impact on the whole Valley in some way. They have contracted Withinsight Services (of Nelson) to help them by:

- Reviewing 30 existing plans related to the Slocan Valley and its communities – to look for common themes or priorities;
- Seeking input from residents and organizations through open meetings and an online questionnaire; and
- Helping the Commission develop project criteria and a sound fund allocation method.

5. What is the timing for this?

The research, public meetings and questionnaire will take place in September and October 2014 (meeting schedule on the reverse). By December the Commission will have its priority plan and approach to spending finalized and will begin investing funds in 2015.

6. How can I get more information?

The best way to participate and get information at this stage is to attend a meeting. You may also contact The Commission via email at slocanvalleyedc@gmail.com. **NOTE: The Commission is not soliciting funding requests.**

How can I participate and have my voice heard?

1. Attend a meeting

There are two types of meetings and you are welcome to both.

- **Sessions with specific themes** for organizations and individuals interested in that theme to join a facilitated discussion on what priorities might be addressed that will have a valley-wide impact.
- **Open public sessions** for anyone interested to join a broad discussion on priorities that might be addressed for the whole Valley.

Date and Time	Meeting Focus	Location
Saturday, Sept. 27 1:00 to 3:00 pm	Open Session	Slocan: Legion Hall
Sunday, Sept. 28 1:00 to 3:00 pm	Tourism and Recreation	Silverton: Memorial Hall
Wednesday, Oct. 1 7:00 to 9:00 pm	Social, Education and Health	Slocan: Legion Hall
Thursday, Oct. 2 7:00 to 9:00 pm	Environment: Use and protection	Winlaw: Vallican Whole
Saturday, Oct. 4 1:00 to 3:00 pm	Open Session	Crescent Valley: Crescent Valley Hall
Sunday, Oct. 5 1:00 to 3:00 pm	Open Session	Winlaw: Winlaw Hall
Wednesday, Oct. 8 7:00 to 9:00 pm	Business and Economic	Slocan: Legion Hall
Wednesday, Oct. 15 7:00 to 9:00 pm	Open Session	Slocan Park: Slocan Park Community Hall
Thursday, Oct. 16 7:00 to 9:00 pm	Arts, Culture and Heritage	Winlaw: Winlaw Hall
Saturday, Oct. 18 1:00 to 3:00 pm	Open Session	New Denver: Bosun Hall

2. Complete an online (or written) questionnaire

If you are unable to attend a meeting, please send your ideas to the Commission by completing the questionnaire you will find at this internet link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LMNBW8T>

If you would like to have a paper version sent to you to complete and return, email slocanvalleyedc@gmail.com or phone (250) 226-0064.

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