



Message from SLRD Board Chair, Tony Rainbow

October 23, 2020

Following our March SLRD Board meeting, and in light of the pandemic, we had to move quickly to get our staff members out of the office and set up to work remotely, while also finding a way to deliver our monthly meetings.

It's been seven months and we've hosted all of the SLRD Board and Committee of the Whole meetings virtually. Additionally, the Pemberton Valley Utilities and Services Committee, Electoral Area Directors Committee, the Sea to Sky Regional Hospital District Board and the Northern Economic Development and Initiatives Committee meetings have also taken place virtually.

There have been some "oops, you're on mute" moments, a few microphone gaffs and the occasional technical glitch, but we're certainly getting better with the technology and with navigating these previously uncharted waters. And while the Zoom meetings do not offer the same level of public participation in the meetings, they do provide a greater opportunity for members of the public to watch our meetings, and stay on top of the issues before the SLRD, and the discussions had, and decisions made, on those issues. It's not "business as usual" but, it is business and it is continuing, and I wanted to remind our constituents of the ways they can stay informed of SLRD news and activities during the pandemic.

The agendas for our Board and committee meetings are posted on our website prior to the meetings at: <https://www.slrd.bc.ca/inside-slrd/meetings-agendas> and the meetings can be watched in real time at: <https://www.slrd.bc.ca/inside-slrd/meetings-agendas/watch-meetings>

Alternatively, you can watch the recording of the meeting at a time that is preferable to you, as the recordings are housed on the website following the meeting.

We continue to have most of our staff working remotely, while a small core team is working out of the SLRD office in Pemberton. As of September 15, the SLRD administration office has been open to the public for limited front counter services. Office hours are 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (closed for lunch from 1 p.m. – 2 p.m.). The partial re-opening of the office is to facilitate pickup and drop off services only and COVID-19 safety protocols, including physical distancing, are in place.

Our staff are available by phone or email, and a complete staff directory with this contact information is available on our website: <https://www.slrd.bc.ca/about-us/board-staff-directories/slrd-staff>

General enquiries can also be made at: 604-894-6371 or info@slrd.bc.ca

And, if you want to connect with a Board member, you'll find our information on the website too: <https://www.slrd.bc.ca/about-us/board-staff-directories/slrd-board>

The SLRD is committed to ensuring that services to the community continue, while taking the necessary measures to protect the health and safety of our employees and the public. We appreciate the understanding and cooperation that has been shown toward our team.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Rainbow". The signature is stylized and includes a horizontal line underneath the name.

Tony Rainbow
Chair, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District