



Regional District of Central Kootenay
SLOCAN VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Open Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Time: 7:00 pm

Directors will have the opportunity to participate in the meeting electronically. Proceedings are open to the public.

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1. ZOOM REMOTE MEETING INFO

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7:00 p.m. PDT

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2. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lunn called the meeting to order at [Time] p.m.

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional

lands we are meeting today.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION:

The agenda for the May 27, 2026 Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting be adopted as circulated.

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The February 26, 2026 Slocan Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

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6. DELEGATE

There are no Delegates scheduled for this Committee meeting.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Service Case Analysis: North Slocan Lake Library Service

The Committee Report dated April 16, 2026 from Tom Dool, Research Analyst, re: Service Case Analysis: North Slocan Lake Library Service, has been received.

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8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Galena Trail Management

Director Popoff to provide the Committee with a discussion re: Galena Trail Management by the North Slocan Valley Trails Society.

8.2 Process of Slocan Valley Services Committee Agenda Items

Director Popoff to provide a discussion with the Committee re: the process of Slocan Valley Services Committee Agenda Items being brought forward for future agendas.

8.3 Shared Services Contribution Funding Process

Tanya Gordon, Mayor of Village of Silverton to provide the Committee with a discussion re: Accountability and Transparency within Contribution Services.

9. PUBLIC TIME

The Chair will call for questions from the public and members of the media at _____ p.m.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

RECOMMENDATION:

The Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at [Time].



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY

**SLOCAN VALLEY SERVICES COMMITTEE
OPEN MEETING AGENDA**

**7:00 p.m.
February 26, 2026**

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member Casley	New Denver
Committee Member Gordon	Silverton
Committee Member Lunn	Slocan
Committee Member Popoff	Area H

STAFF

Trisha Davison	General Manager of Community Services
Cary Gaynor	Regional Parks Manager
Alana Jenkins	Meeting Coordinator

4 out of 4 voting Committee members were present – quorum was met.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR

As per the Board Resolution:

611/25 That the Board direct staff to prepare an amendment to Sub-regional Services Committees Bylaw No. 2242, 2014 that includes the Chair of the Slocan Valley Services Committee rotate on a yearly basis among the members.

Committee Member Lunn, Slocan assumed the role of Chair of the Slocan Valley Services Committee for the year of 2026 and the Committee advised the Silverton representative to chair in 2027, New Denver in 2028.

Carried

3. TRADITIONAL LANDS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge and respect the Indigenous peoples within whose traditional lands we are meeting today.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Agenda for the February 26, 2026 Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting, be adopted as circulated.

Carried

5. RECEIPT OF MINUTES

The November 18, 2025 Slocan Valley Services Committee minutes, have been received.

6. DELEGATE

6.1 There are no Delegates scheduled for this Committee meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

7.1 The Request for Financial Support from the Silverton Gallery has been received.

8. STAFF REPORTS

8.1 Regional Facilities Report

The Committee Report dated February 26, 2026, from Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services, re: Regional Facilities Report has been received.

Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services reviewed the report and the options available to the Committee.

STAFF DIRECTION: That the Committee direct Staff to coordinate a workshop as soon as possible to identify the criteria for funding grants in the service area of the Village of New Denver and Silverton and Portion of Electoral Area H Recreational Program S229.

8.2 Summit Lake Ski Hill Bylaw Amendment

The Committee Report dated February 26, 2026, from Joe Chirico, RDCK Staff, re: Summit Lake Ski Hill Bylaw Amendment has been received.

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

That Director Weatherhead, Area K be granted Freedom of the Floor.

Carried

Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services reviewed the report and clarified the timeline involved. The Committee discussed how the rate was calculated and which communities fund the service.

Moved and seconded,
AND Resolved that it be recommended to the Board:

That the Board authorize staff to prepare a bylaw amendment to Summit Lake Ski Area Financial Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1829, 2006 to increase the maximum annual allowable requisition to \$32,500 or a rate of \$0.018/\$1000 of actual assessed value as applied to the service area, whichever is greater.

Carried

9. SERVICE BUDGETS

9.1 S114 Economic Development – New Denver, Silverton, Slocan and Area H

The DRAFT Five (5) year Financial Plan for Service S114 Economic Development – New Denver, Silverton, Slocan and Area H, has been received.

The Committee discussed the existing agreement with Community Futures that expires in 2027.

9.2 S178 Cemetery – New Denver, Silverton and Area H

The DRAFT 2026 Financial Plan for Service S178 Cemetery – New Denver, Silverton and Area H has been received.

Tricia Davison, General Manager of Community Services explained an error regarding the projected percentage on the draft financial plan that will be corrected.

9.3 S200 Public Library – Area H

The DRAFT 2026 Financial Plan for Service S200 Public Library - Area H has been received.

The Committee discussed the background on the requested increase to the draft financial plan.

9.4 S203 Regional Parks – New Denver, Silverton, Slocan and Area H

The DRAFT 2026 Financial Plan for Service S203 Regional Parks – New Denver, Silverton, Slocan and Area H has been received.

Cary Gaynor, Regional Parks Manager spoke to the expenses listed in the draft financial plans, reviewed plans for the year at the Regional Parks along with the successes of the previous year. The Committee thanked staff for the reporting and asked questions about how operating surpluses are tracked and assigned for the future.

9.5 S208 Ski Hill – New Denver, Nakusp, Silverton and Areas K and H

The DRAFT 2026 Financial Plan for Service S208 Ski Hill – New Denver, Nakusp, Silverton and Areas K and H has been received.

The Committee noted the potential changes from the proposed bylaw amendment Summit Lake Ski Area Financial Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1829, 2006 are not reflected in the draft financial plan.

9.6 S229 Recreation Commission No. 6 – New Denver, Silverton and Area H

The DRAFT 2026 Financial Plan for S229 Ski Hill – New Denver, Nakusp, Silverton and Area H has been received.

Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services spoke to the addition of a contribution to reserve for equipment and answered questions regarding salaries and staffing levels, how surpluses are allocated, reserves and asset management planning.

9.7 S231 Recreation Commission No. 8 – Slokan and Area H

The DRAFT 2026 Financial Plan for S231 Recreation Commission No. 8 – Slokan and Area H has been received.

Trisha Davison, General Manager of Community Services noted a Community Works grant will be added to the budget presentation, spoke to increased programming attendance, and reviewed the 5-year budget, highlighting noted changes. Cary Gaynor, Regional Parks Manager spoke to future plans at Krestova Park and Campbell Field.

10 OLD BUSINESS

10.1 Slokan Valley Services Committee Meeting Date Conflict.

The Committee to discuss the August 27, 2026 Slokan Valley Services Committee meeting date with the recommendation to change the August 27, 2026 meeting date to the following:

- August 25, 2026, at 7:00p.m. PST

STAFF DIRECTION: That staff change the Slokan Valley Services Committee meeting scheduled for August 25, 2026 to September 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. PST.

STAFF DIRECTION: That staff provide clarification regarding Commissions authority vs Slokan Valley Services Committee authority and reporting structure.

10.2 Service Case Analysis – New Denver Library

New Denver City Council Member, Colin Moss to provide the Committee with a detailed overview re: Service Case Analysis – New Denver Library.

Trisha Davison, General Manager Community Services advised Corporate Services staff are reviewing the Service Case Analysis and will have options available for June 2026.

11 PUBLIC TIME

The Chair called for questions from the public at 9:02 p.m.

12 NEXT MEETING

The next Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

13 ADJOURNMENT

MOVED and seconded,
AND Resolved:

The Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting be adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Carried

Digitally Approved

J. Lunn, Chair

NOTE: The agenda is the template for your minutes. Remember to identify if a recommendation was

RECOMMENDATION(S) TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1. That the Board authorize staff to prepare a bylaw amendment to Summit Lake Ski Area Financial Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1829, 2006 to increase the maximum annual allowable requisition to \$32,500 or a rate of \$0.018/\$1000 of actual assessed value as applied to the service area, whichever is greater.*

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE PROVIDED FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND WILL BE CONSIDERED AT ITS APPROPRIATE MEETING AS STATED.

Future Slocan Valley Services Committee Meetings

- 1. That the Committee direct Staff to coordinate a workshop as soon as possible to identify the criteria for funding grants in the service area of the Village of New Denver and Silverton and Portion of Electoral Area H Recreational Program S229.*
- 2. That staff change the Slocan Valley Services Committee meeting scheduled for August 25, 2026 to September 2, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. PST.*
- 3. That staff provide clarification regarding Commissions authority vs Slocan Valley Services Committee authority and reporting structure.*



Board Report

April 16, 2026

Service Case Analysis: North Slokan Lake Library Service

Author: Tom Dool, Research Analyst
File Reference:
Electoral Area/Municipality: AREA H, SILVERTON, NEW DENVER
Services Impacted NONE

1.0 STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Board direct staff to prepare a service establishment bylaw for a literacy contribution service within a defined portion of Electoral Area H, Silverton, and New Denver.

2.0 BACKGROUND/HISTORY

The Village of New Denver operates a reading room on behalf of the community. The reading room is funded by grant, municipal taxation, and user fees. The Village charges a nominal membership fee and in return members of the community have access to a computer workstation and can borrow books and other media from the reading room collection.

As of November 2025, the reading room had 189 members, 10 active volunteers, and average circulation of 172 books a month.

Figure 1. Reading Room Membership by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Reading Room Membership
Silverton	32
New Denver	91
Area H	45
Other	21

In June of 2023, the Village of New Denver formed a Library Status Committee to investigate options for the improvement of the reading room. These investigations included meetings with the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs (MoHMA), site visits to Libraries in the region, and conducting a survey of residents to determine desired service levels.

A community survey by the Library Status Committee suggests that member and non-member residents would like to see service levels increased and that the reading room is an important community service.

At the June 19, 2025, Open Board meeting it was resolved (322/25)

That the Board direct staff to prepare a service case analysis and report back to the Board on the implications of establishing a North Slokan Library Service Bylaw for library services in a defined portion of Area H, Silverton and New Denver.

Further to advice from MoHMA and the requirements of the BC Library Act the New Denver reading room, as the service is currently provided, does not constitute a regional or municipal library as defined by the BC Library Act. The Board cannot establish a library service to fund a service that is not a library under the library act.

The Board does have the authority to establish a contribution service for literacy programs such as the New Denver reading room. The scope of that service may be narrow enough to include only the New Denver reading room or it may be broad enough to include other literacy initiatives within the service area.

3.0 PROBLEM OR OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

The ownership and operation of the reading room by the Village of New Denver provides an important literacy resource in the community that is utilized by residents of New Denver, Silverton, and Area H. Reading room members would like to see services and membership expanded. The Village of New Denver is supportive of expansion but is constrained by the costs associated with operating the reading room.

3.1 Legislative Considerations

The Village of New Denver may consider the establishment of a Municipal Library in accordance with Part 2 of the BC Library Act. The burden of cost for required staffing and governance would far exceed that of the reading room.

Part 3 – Regional Library Districts of the BC Library Act allows that Electoral Area H, Silverton, and New Denver may consider the establishment of Regional Library District. The cost of governance and staffing would far exceed those of the current reading room.

Local Government Act s332(1) allows that a regional district may operate any service that the board considers necessary or desirable for all or part of the Regional District. The Board may choose to establish a contribution service, within a defined portion of Area H, Silverton, and New Denver to fund literacy projects like the New Denver reading room. This solution would utilize existing governance at the Slokan Valley Service Committee, require no additional staffing, and is best suited to the intentions of the Board.

3.3 What Are the Risks

Without a change to the funding model, the tax burden of the reading room may be deemed cost prohibitive and inequitable by residents of New Denver at a time when the service is seeking to improve services to residents of Area H, New Denver, and Silverton.

4.0 PROPOSED SOLUTION

That the Board consider the establishment of a North Slocan Lake Literacy Contribution Service to support literacy programs within the service area. The extent of the proposed service would be concurrent with the boundaries of the New Denver Fire Protection Area. Service participants would include Electoral Area H, New Denver, and Silverton. Project eligibility would be narrowly defined within the service establishment bylaw.

Governance for the proposed solution would be provided by the Slocan Valley Services Committee. Operation and maintenance of the reading room would remain with the Village of New Denver. Village staff would deliver an annual budget, including a grant amount, to the Slocan Valley Services Committee. The committee would consider that budget and grant the Village the agreed to amount through the North Slocan Lake Literacy Contribution Service.

4.1 Financial Considerations of the Proposed Solution

In accordance with the Local Government Act the solution would requisition taxes and distribute those funds to eligible programs but could also raise funding through grant, fee, or gift.

Figure 2. Proposed 5-Year Financial Plan

Description	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
Requisition	-\$9,444	-\$9,680	-\$9,921	-\$10,169	-\$10,422
Insurance	\$43	\$44	\$44	\$45	\$45
Grants	\$7,311	\$7,494	\$7,681	\$7,873	\$8,070
General Admin Fee	\$1,087	\$1,114	\$1,142	\$1,171	\$1,200
Community Services Fee	\$1,003	\$1,028	\$1,054	\$1,080	\$1,107
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Over the course of the 5-year plan, requisition rates would increase from annually from \$0.022/\$1000 of assessed value to \$0.025/\$1000.

Taxation impacts on service participants over the course of the proposed plan are described below in Figure 3. Taxation Impacts.

Figure 3. Proposed Taxation Impacts

Jurisdiction	Assessment	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031
NEWDENVER	\$ 184,450,300	-\$4,109.78	-\$4,212.49	-\$4,317.36	-\$4,425.29	-\$4,535.39
SILVERTON	\$ 85,537,600	-\$1,905.89	-\$1,953.51	-\$2,002.15	-\$2,052.20	-\$2,103.25
Defined Area H	\$ 153,866,079	-\$3,428.33	-\$3,514.00	-\$3,601.49	-\$3,691.52	-\$3,783.36
Total	\$ 423,853,979	-\$9,444	-\$9,680	-\$9,921	-\$10,169	-\$10,422

The maximum amount to be requisitioned on an annual basis would be defined within the service establishment bylaw. Staff recommend a maximum annual requisition amount of \$12,000 or a rate of \$0.028/\$1000, whichever is greater. Annual budgets would be subject to that maximum and at the discretion of the Slocan Valley Services Committee.

4.2 Risks with the Proposed Solution

The proposed solution could result in a proliferation of literacy-based programs and services in the community.

4.3 Public Benefit and Stakeholder Engagement of Proposed Solution

The New Denver Library Services Committee engaged the community in 2023 with a survey which suggests strong support for the service and the need for literacy funding (See Attachment A). Based on the degree of support in the community, staff recommend proceeding with the development of service establishment bylaw for the service.

5.0 OPTIONS SUMMARY

Option 1: That staff be directed to prepare a North Slovan Lake Literacy Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw for consideration by the Board.

Advantages

- Equitably distributes the cost of the reading room among service participants
- Provides sustainable funding to the reading room
- Utilizes existing governance structures
- Allows for the support of both the New Denver reading room and other literacy initiatives

Disadvantages

- Increased taxation for service area residents

Option 2: That staff be directed to take no further action on the matter.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Board directs staff to prepare a service establishment bylaw for a literacy contribution service within a defined portion of Electoral Area H, Silverton, and New Denver.

Respectfully submitted,
Tom Dool – Research Analyst

7.0 CONCURRENCE

General Manager of Community Services – Trisha Davison **Approved**
Corporate Officer – Mike Morrison **Approved**
Chief Administrative Officer – Stuart Horn **Approved**

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A – New Denver Library Status Committee Community Survey

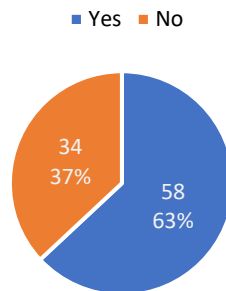


VILLAGE OF NEW DENVER

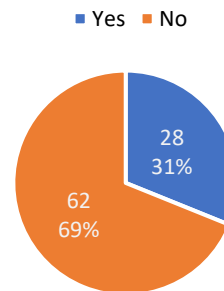
LIBRARY STATUS COMMITTEE

COMMUNITY LIBRARY SURVEY RESULTS

1. Are you presently a member of the North Slocan Community Library?



1a. Are you presently a member of other West Kootenay Libraries?

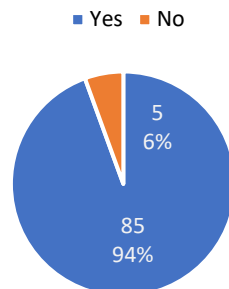


QUESTION 1a: If yes, which ones? Nakusp (20), Trail/Castlegar (6), Slocan (1); Nelson (3); Kaslo (2).

How often do you use their services? Lack of definable response.

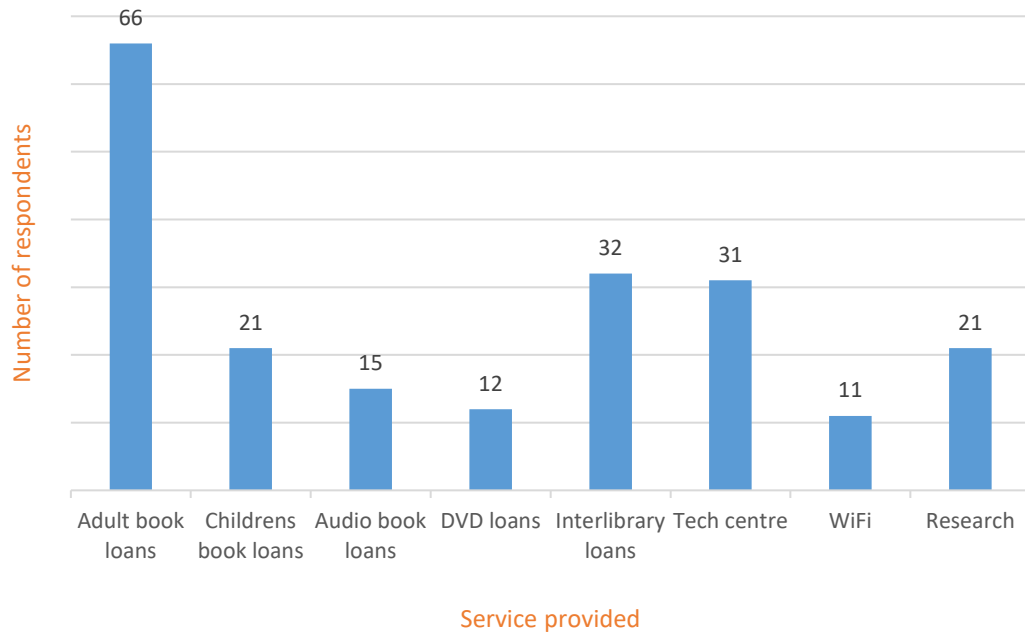
2. Is your primary residence in the North Slocan Valley?

(North of the Village of Slocan and south of Summit Lake)



If no, where is your primary residence? Calgary, Vernon, Kaslo.

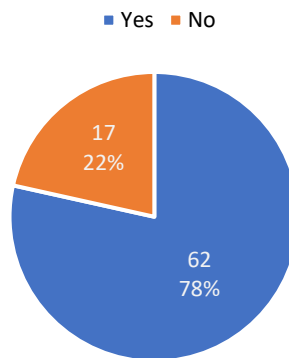
3. Which of the following North Slovan Community Library services do you currently use?



4. Currently, these are the hours the library is open:

Tuesday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Wednesday 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.; Thursday 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

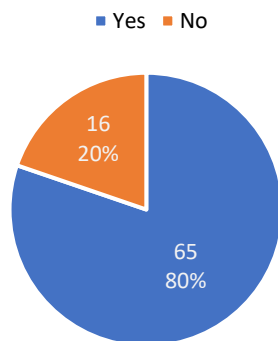
4. Are the present 15 hours a week enough?



If no, how many total hours would you recommend?

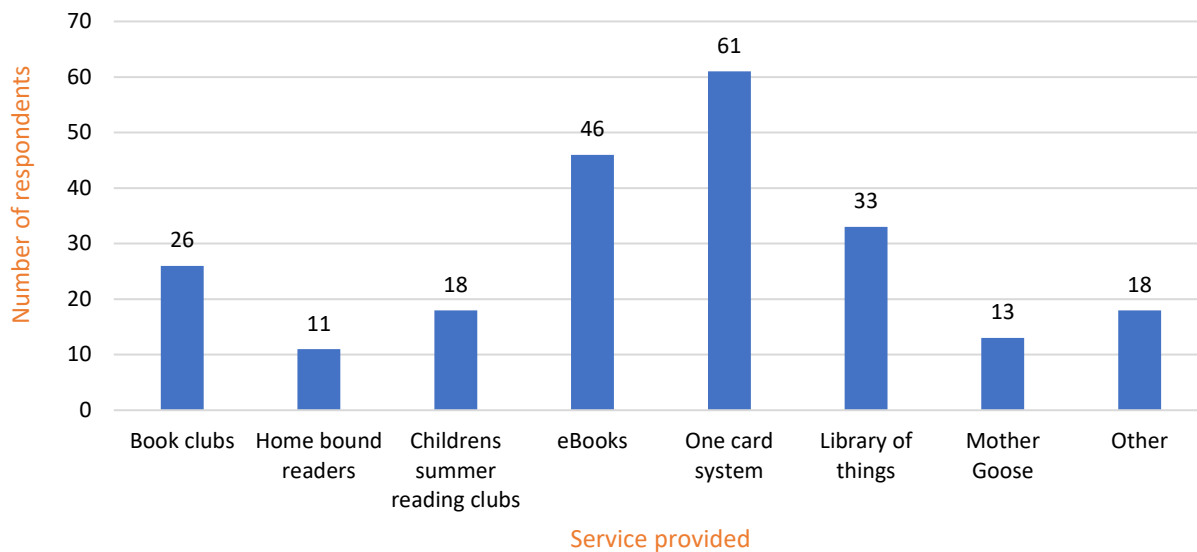
No responses.

4a. Are the present times convenient?



If no, please identify what days or hours would be more convenient.
Saturday (4); Friday (2).

5. Which of the additional services would you use if they were available in our library?

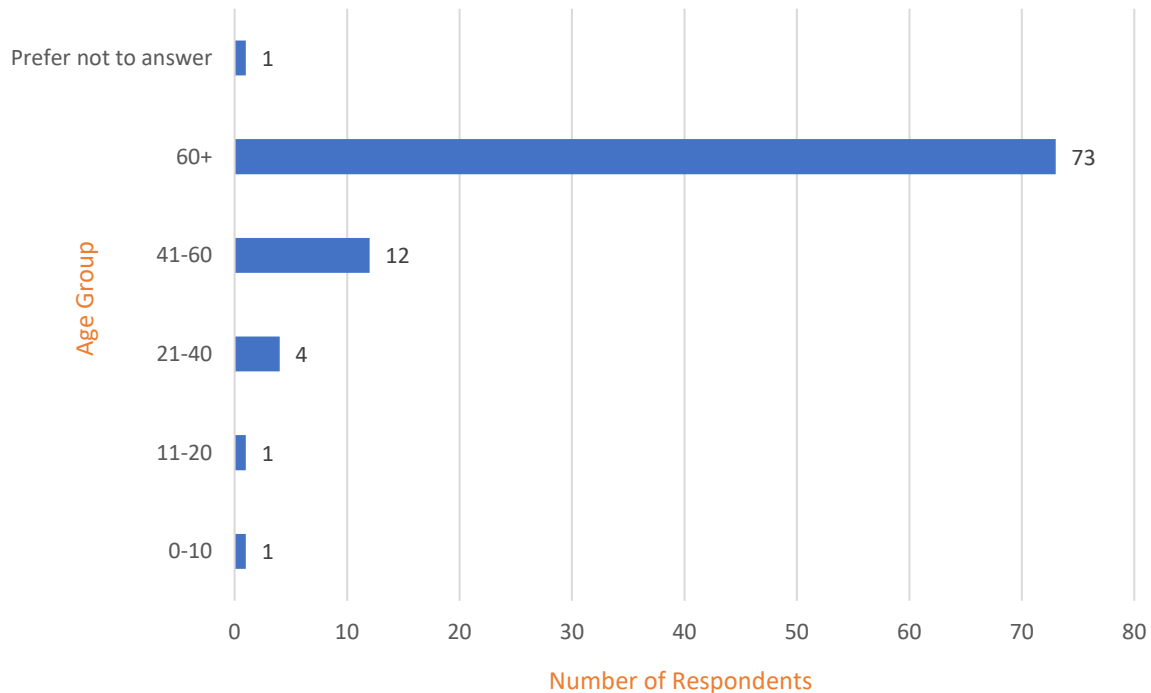


One card system allows users to borrow and return books to and from any participating library in British Columbia.
Library of things: Radon testing kits; conversation kits such as antibullying kits, antiracism kits; other physical items.
Mother Goose: A story hour for pre-schoolers incorporating songs, motion games, reading, etc.

Other: Ancestry, Research, Magazines, Author Readings.

6. Your age group

Attachment A



OBSERVATIONS

During the period from June 1 to July 31, 2024 two surveys were conducted. A physical questionnaire was left at various sites in Silverton and New Denver plus distributed in the Valley Voice newspaper. 52 people responded to the physical survey. In addition, an online version was posted to the Village of New Denver website and 40 people responded. The total of 92 respondents were combined in the preceding charts and responses.

Different non library related surveys have been conducted in the New Denver/Silverton area recently and the committee feels that a total of 92 respondents to our survey is better than average and in keeping with our expectations.

QUESTION 1: *(Are you presently a member of the North Slokan Community Library?)*

It would be interesting to know what percentage of Nakusp and area are members of the Nakusp library. Is our 63% 'yes' response normal or should we increase our New Denver profile to attract more members? If we add services would this result in more membership from the under age 60 group?

QUESTION 1a: *(Are you presently a member of other West Kootenay libraries?)* All West Kootenay libraries have visible signage. Could we have better signage outside our library or possible signage on main street? Could our library have its own website to increase our recognition and visibility? The responses to this question seem to indicate the 'service agreement' direction we are presently exploring should be continued.

QUESTION 2: *(Is your primary residence in the North Slokan Valley?)* Very few seasonal residents responded to this survey. They may currently be library members but don't seem to be fully invested in our library.

QUESTION 3: *(Which of the following North Slokan Community Library services do you currently use?)* Response to this question is what we expected, with the highest percentage being adult book loans. Interlibrary loans and the tech centre continue to be popular and well used services the library and Village provide. Used book sales were not included in our survey and yet represent an important library service we currently provide.

QUESTION 4 and 4a: *(Are the present 15 hours a week enough? Are the present times convenient?)* This response indicates that the present library operating days and times are sufficient. Some survey comments indicate that the current volunteer group may want to look at adjusting days and times of operation.

QUESTION 5: *(Which of the additional services would you use if they were available in our library?)* The One Card system and eBooks are services we currently don't have but hope to be able to provide local residents under a service agreement with the Nakusp library. A Library of Things is something that is popular in most other West Kootenay libraries and is a service we could perhaps implement in co-operation with the Nakusp library. Space is a factor but on a limited scale this may be possible in the near future. These are all services presently expected of a modern day library as our recent research of West Kootenay libraries has shown.

QUESTION 6: *(Your age group?)* No surprises here given the population demographic in the North Slokan community. This speaks to our volunteers' ongoing efforts to attract new and younger members. Perhaps under a service agreement model new services provided would help to attract this age group. In visiting other West Kootenay libraries additional and varied services seems to be attracting these younger age groups.

CONCLUSIONS

Responses and comments on the surveys indicate that we should continue to work towards a service agreement with Nakusp Public Library to increase library services and programs in the North Slokan area.

Responses and comments also reflect an expectation of more service than NSCL presently provides. The expectations indicate that there is a desire for growth.

CONCLUSIONS (Continued)

Attachment A

Not all who responded to the survey realize that NSCL is one of only two area libraries which are operated solely by volunteers. All other West Kootenay libraries have paid employees - the usual perception of libraries. This may have led to a higher expectation of the possible or available services.

Responses to questions 1, 1a and 4 indicate an acceptance by local residents of the current operation and hours. Some increased expectations may have risen after the name change from Reading Centre to Library.

Question 5 shows a desire for more services and support for expansion of services.