

President's Report, 2008

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*The Chamber will promote
the commercial, industrial,
agricultural, recreational,
civic and cultural welfare of
the people of the district.*

Many thanks to the Members and Directors who have supported the Chamber again in 2008. The Chamber is rolling along, but our membership is down and we need to find the support locally if we want to continue our projects.

Let's all remember that part of the value of having a Chamber is to represent our communities in challenging times. We need to keep it strong and steady so that the Chamber is ready to act when necessary. Since 1943 the Slocan District Chamber has been a voice to add to those who represent local communities and institutions on many issues. So please join us again this year in our efforts to promote a safe, clean, and friendly Slocan Valley.

Steve Hammond
President

Manager's Report

This was the first full year of having a Manager. I have been paying myself \$12 per hour: roughly \$6000 (\$3000 in a normal summer) for the Visitor Centre, and \$2,000 for other services. If the Chamber was better funded the hourly rate could rise and provide more reasonable wages, and as long as the Manager can provide all the services required then costs can be minimized. I have enjoyed managing the Chamber, and I hope my effort to control costs has not resulted in problems for any members.

Visitor Centre: Since our summer student employee changed her mind at the last minute, I worked the summer hours, with some relief from Carol Bell doing some training. The Centre ran well, but I'll try to make sure we have a committed student this summer, and make an extra effort to get the Federal funding we were denied this year.

Publications: We re-published both our Slocan Valley Recreation Map and the Tourism Publication in 2008. We'll keep distributing these locally to provide complete information to visitors

We depend on membership and participation from local businesses to operate the Chamber, so please consider joining as a Member or becoming a Director, or both. Let's hope that 2009 will be a great year for the Slocan Valley.

Jeff Bustard
Manager