

MINUTES of the
Corporation of the Village of Slocan

January 18th 2006

The regular meeting of the Slocan Village Council was held on the above date at the Village Office, 503, Slocan Street, with Mayor, John Van Bynen, in the Chair.

PRESENT:

Mayor John Van Bynen, Councillors, John Gates and Marc Septav, Village Administrator, Eunice Ludlow, Valley Voice reporter, Don Currie, and nine members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RES.06/001 Moved by Counc. Marc Septav, seconded by Counc.John Gates, that the agenda be adopted as amended.

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RES. 06/002 Moved by Counc. John Gates, seconded by Counc. Marc Septav, that the minutes be adopted as read.

Carried

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

1. Mrs. Jean Patterson asked Council to tell her how many people are being employed in the Administrative side of the Village office and at what cost to the Taxpayers. Council responded that the information would be given to Mrs. Patterson if she would attend at the Village office with a written request for the information.

2. Mrs. Jean Patterson asked what was being done about the Village bulletin board at the Eldorado Market. She said that the board is a disgrace and seems to indicate that no-one in the village office cares about the impression given in the Village. The Public Works foreman replied that at the request of the Administrator a new notice board is being made it should be up in a matter of days.

DELEGATIONS:

1. Public Works Foreman – Jerry Simmons gave his annual list of equipment and tools that are needed by the public works department to Council. Mr. Simmons reported on the two newly completed Bus Stops in the Village. He noted that a further two structures would be built by the Public Works Department and this would provide cover for all the bus stops in the Village. He also asked Council if it would now be possible to complete the Village works shop. Council asked for a quote for an approximate amount to complete the shop. Mr. Simmons said that he thought the work could be completed for \$5,000.00. It was then moved by Counc. John Gatés, seconded by Counc. Marc Septav, that the dry walling in the shop be finished.

RES.06/003

Carried

2. Fire Chief – Tim Hill

A short report was given by the Fire Chief. He stated that there had only been one “call-out” since his last report. He also reported that the numbers of volunteers for the fire service are down as a result of people moving away and being out of time at this time of year. He is preparing a campaign to encourage people to volunteer. There will be a training session at the Fire hall this coming Saturday, (January 21st 2006).

3. Request for a Variance by Sabine Wolters.

Mrs. Sabine Wolters wrote to Council and came as a delegation to support her request for a variance on an addition that had already been built and exceeded the setbacks on her non-conforming house. Council refused the request on the grounds that there was no hardship shown and that the addition had already been built which made it an inappropriate subject for a variance application. Council asked that the structure be removed and a new application be submitted to Council for any proposed future structure.

DISBURSEMENTS:

RES.06/004 Moved by Counc. John Gates, seconded by Counc. Marc Septav, that disbursements for ~~January~~, in the amount of \$73,884.78 be approved.

OK. December JTB

Carried

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

1. Discussion on a Community Forest Committee tabled until January Meeting.
2. Arena Society meeting tabled until January.

COMMITTEES:

1. John Gates, RDCK director, reported that there was no meeting and therefore no report was generated

Two alternates are still being sought at this time and the conclusion of the selection was tabled to February 1st meeting..

REC. COMMISSION:

No report.

DOG COMMITTEE:

No report.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

- 1.) Table correspondence from Mr. Buchannon to February 1st meeting

2. Letter from Mrs. Barbara Lindsay requesting \$400.00 to groom the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail was tabled until after the budget. It was moved by Council. Marc Septav, seconded by Council. John Gates, that the request for funds be denied at least until budget time and that Council would look at the situation again, later in the year.

RES.06/005

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE:

1.) Memorandum from AKBLG giving notice of the Annual General Meeting and calling for Resolutions.

Moved by Council. John Gates, seconded by Council. Marc Septav, that council objects to UBCM being used by the provincial government to do their work.

RES.06/006

Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion on the proposed Skateboard Park took place and the outcome was that a meeting should be scheduled with the Community School Society and that Mr. Buchannon, the representative from the School Board, be invited to attend. Moved by Council. John Gates, seconded by Council. Marc Septav, that a meeting be scheduled as soon as convenient to all parties.

RES.06/007

Carried

2. Submission by the Slocan Arena Society. After a short discussion this submission was tabled to the meeting on February 1st 2006.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8.05 p.m.

