

MINUTES of the
Corporation of the Village of Slocan

April 12 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 Joanne Ellis, John Gates, Madeleine Perriere, Marc Septav, and Village Administrator, Eunice Ludlow. Valley Voice reporter, Don Currie, was in attendance and there were five members of the public present.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RES. 06/032 Moved by Counc. Marc Septav, seconded by Counc. John Gates, that the agenda be adopted as prepared.

Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RES. 06/033 Moved by Counc. John Gates and seconded by Counc. Marc Septav, that the minutes be adopted as read.

Carried

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Ms. Linda Mossel raised the question about a "Blanket" Liquor Licence, held by the Village, to be used by the Curling Club, the Legion and possibly for others to use. Mayor Van Bynen replied that the Village is considering looking into applying for a Licence at this time.

Mrs. Sylvia Currie asked about the upcoming Village Cleanup. Sylvia was told that all yard waste would be picked up, leaves were to be bagged with no twigs, and would be composted in the Village Compost at the Horse Corral.

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DELEGATIONS:

1.) Report from Public Works

Village Foreman Jerry Simmons reported that the cement for the Boat Ramp is in the water and all went well with the installation. The Village branch chipper has arrived and will be ready for the Village Cleanup. The chipper can handle branches up to 6" maximum. The Village maintenance workers will be taught how to use the equipment safely. There has been lots of cleanup done in the Village to date. Some trees have been cut down in the Ball Park and the Campground and the wood will be cut up for fire wood for the campground. There seems to be some bug kill in the trees, mainly pine and hemlock. The washrooms at the Wellness Centre are more than half finished to date.

2.) Report from the Fire Chief

No report at this time.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Motion to ratify March disbursements in the amount of \$60,191.48 was made by Counc. John Gates, seconded by Counc. Madeleine Perriere
RES. 06/034

Carried

The request at the last council meeting from Counc. Madeleine Perriere for a financial statement to accompany each disbursement statement was taken into consideration. Administrator Eunice Ludlow replied that after the Budget is done the reports will be easier to understand. Counc. Madeleine Perriere said that Counc. Joanne Ellis actually asked for the reports at the last meeting.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

No Matters arising out of the Minutes of the last meeting

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COMMITTEES:

John Gates, RDCK director, presented the RDCK March 2006 report, which is attached for perusal.

REC. COMMISSION:

No report at this time.

DOG COMMITTEE:

No report at this time

COMMUNITY FOREST COMMITTEE:

Differed to Correspondence #3

CORRESPONDENCE:

- 1.) Letter from John Sarjeant dated April 4 2006 regarding need for new Official Community Plan. Counc. Madeleine Perriere stated it is a legitimate concern and that we should start the process of creating an Official Community Plan.

Moved by Counc. Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Counc. Marc Septav to start the process of creating an OCP.

RES. 06/035

Carried

- 2.) Letter from Slocan Lake Arena Society dated April 3 2006 requesting the entry of the Fire truck in the may Days Parade May 22 2006.

Moved by Counc. Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Counc. Marc Septav that the Mayor attend the parade.

RES. 06/036

Carried

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- 3.) Letter from Slocan Integral Forestry Cooperative dated April 5 2006. Counc. Joanne Ellis spoke regarding the letter. Counc. Joanne Ellis commented that at this time Springer Creek Forest Products cut is reduced to 100,000 c.m. per year. SIFCo's annual allowable cut would be 20,000 c.m, with the wood being sold to Springer Creek. This extra wood would not affect Springer Creek's AAC .The road building and harvesting of the cut block is done by Springer Creek Forest Products in association with SIFCo. Only dead pine is cut wherever possible, retaining other species. Where the stands are 100% pine, a certain percentage of the dead pine is retained. The Ministry of Forests will have a "Fly Over" of the proposed site during the week of April 17 2006. Counc. Marc Septav stated whereas the content of this letter is acceptable to him, the "tone" of the letter is unacceptable and unlikely to encourage parterships. The need for a letter to the group involved stating that while the Village of Slocan is in agreement with its contents, the tone of the letter is unacceptable.

Moved by Counc Marc Septav, seconded by Counc. John Gates that a letter be drafted to the recipients of the SIFCo. letter stating our position.

RES. 06/037

Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Business License Application by the Blue Moon Saloon presented by Michelle Gordon and Mike Beteau. The business licence will be only for the bar area and not the rest of the hotel. Council will consider this applications when certain requirements are met. One requirement is that the Village be given a schedule by the first week of May for payment for taxes and utilities that are in arrears in the amount of \$4655.52.

Moved by Counc. Marc Septav, seconded by Joanne Ellis to grant the Business licence when all conditions are met.

RES. 06/038

Carried

- 2.) Suggestion that the Village should apply for a Liquor Licence

Moved by Counc. John Gates, seconded by Counc. Marc Septav that we look into obtaining a Liquor Licence for the Village.

RES.06/039

Carried

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- 3.) Application by Gina Pickard and Cathy Stonehouse for a business licence for a cappuccino shop.

Moved by Counc. Marc Septav, seconded by Counc. Madeleine Perriere to grant a business licence for the cappuccino shop.

RES. 06/040

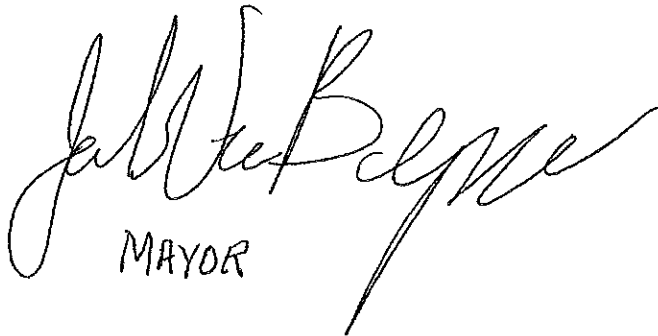
Carried

- 4.) Report on visit to the Wellness Centre from Interior Health Authority. The visit went well with everyone impressed at the great work done on the Wellness Centre. An open House is anticipated during May.
- 5.) A request to rescind the Bylaw that does not allow chickens in the Village of Slokan. It has been suggested that the Village Office staff go over the Bylaw and give a report to Council for their review.

Moved by Counc. John Gates, seconded by Counc. Joanne Ellis to review Bylaws regarding allowing chickens in the Village.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15.


MAYOR


ADMINISTRATOR.