

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan
Minutes of the Meeting
October 11, 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, and Marc Septav. Administrator, Eunice Ludlow, and 6 members of the public were present.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

RES 06/087 Moved by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere that the agenda be adopted as amended.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

RES 06/088 Moved by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav to adopt the minutes as amended.

QUESTIONS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

Questions arose regarding the structure that has been housing the Women's Institute and when repairs would be started. There is the amount of \$15,000.00 budgeted for repairs and there were questions as to when the construction work would begin. Administrator Eunice Ludlow answered that the repairs would begin as soon as the Public Works department was finished with the sidewalk repairs and the boat ramp project. The extent of the repairs will not be known until the structure is exposed and the Building Inspector has been contacted. The letter to the Community Forest from the Village regarding support for their initiative was brought up and questions were asked as to whether or not it had been sent.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

No questions from the public.

REPORTS AND DELEGATIONS:

1.) Administrator's Report.

Administrator Eunice Ludlow reported that we have filled the three vacancies on our Board of Variance. The three members have been invited to a training session in Penticton at the end of October. This will be a good introduction to the duties they will be fulfilling as members of the board. It was also mentioned that the Board of Variance will be completely independent of our Village Council.

The boulevard project is almost completed and the financial information is available on the attached Foreman's report.

It should be noted that we are now 75% of the way through 2006 and we have spent 74% of our budget for this year.

An Open House is being organized and staff is preparing invitation to send to a long list of doctors, physiotherapists, and other health care providers. A luncheon was suggested. Invitations will be sent to our local MLA, as well as IHA representatives. At this time we hope to receive support from the IHA in their 2007 budget. The Village will continue in our search for "Pay for Service" doctors.

06/089 Moved by Councillor Marc Septav for staff to arrange a luncheon for the Medical practitioners at their earliest convenience, seconded by Councillor John Gates

Carried

2.) Foreman's Report

Foreman Jerry Simmons was absent from the meeting but did deliver his report. The boulevard project costing is documented in his report, which is attached for your perusal. Regarding the use of reflective tape at the crosswalks, it was suggested that it be used at intersections which are not heavily traveled. Foreman Jerry Simmons will research more products for crosswalk marking.

06/090 Moved by Councillor John Gates to donate \$500.00 to the 2006 Halloween Hoot from R.D.C.K Grant in Aide funds, seconded by Councillor Joanne Ellis.

Carried

3.) Report from Rory Lindsey re: Rails to Trails

Mr. Rory Lindsey and Mrs. Heather Burns attended the Council Meeting to report on Rails to Trails.

Rory Lindsey and Heather Burns reported that the trail head was an important piece of land and that the parking issue was one that needed to be addressed. It was suggested that a small park be created there and a small parking area. There were questions regarding the lane behind some residential lots and what the Village's proposed use might be. The response from Council was that a roadway is being considered for better access to the boat dock. A roadway at this location would need Tourism B.C. approval as it is partially on their land. The Fred Fraser Memorial Garden to be created by the Stream keepers is still being considered. It was suggested that a committee should be created between Landowners, Rails to Trails and the Village to work together and coordinate a plan that would work for all parties. This idea has been taken under advisement.

DISBURSEMENTS:

06/091 Motion to ratify September disbursements of \$19,077.24 was made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Joanne Ellis.

Carried

COMMITTEES:

1.) R.D.C.K.

Report attached for perusal.

2.) Recreation Committee

The fall program is in place with many popular programs, the Mushroom walks being one of the most popular. The Success by 6 Program has set up 7 forums for parents with pre-schoolers to find out their needs.

3.) Community Forests

There have been concerns regarding some roadways and at a Public Meeting one major concern was the Rooster Road logging road. At this point Springer Creek Forest Products has come up with plans to utilize other lands.

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It has been suggested that an advertisement for establishment of a Slocan to Lemon Creek Residents Association be placed. It was reported in an earlier publication that the Village of Slocan was responsible for incorporation of the Community Forest Initiative before their next A.G.M., this in fact is not true and the Village is not responsible.

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Letter received from Greg Neseroff regarding support for his bid to have Village native Vic Foley inducted into the B.C. Sports Hall of Fame.

06/092 Moved by Councillor Marc Septav to send Mr. Nestaroff a letter of support in his nomination bid, seconded by Councillor Joanne Ellis.

Carried

2.) Letter received from Mayor Ken Melamed (of Whistler) regarding private for profit accommodation within B.C Provincial Parks. This letter requires no further action by staff.

3.) Letter received from Sabine Wolters regarding a new building permit and new sketches for a proposed walkway on her property.

06/093 Moved by Councillor Joanne Ellis to outline the Board of Variance procedures and to also state that the Board will be up and running by November 15, 2006, seconded by Councillor John Gates.

Carried

4.) Letter received from David Crane regarding an application to open a Neighbourhood pub at 520 Harold Street. Caroline Hansen is proposed as operations manager, and she will also obtain any licenses required to operate a pub. Personal letters must be sent to all residents who live close by to outline this development. Council has decided to proceed to the next step which will be a public meeting, to be held on November 2, 2006.

5.) Letter received from the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Association regarding support by purchasing an ad in their publication. Staff to look into this request and report at next Council meeting.

6.) Request from the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 276 regarding permission to hold an Oktoberfest beer garden.

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06/094 Moved by Councillor Joanne Ellis to approve the Oktoberfest celebration, seconded by Madeleine Perriere.

7.) Ratification required for the water connection to the Transfer Station, allowing water for non-commercial uses only to be billed at the same rate as non-resident users.

06/095 Moved by Councillor Joanne Ellis to ratify the water connection to the transfer station for non-commercial uses, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav. Councillor John Gates noted as opposed to the restrictions placed on the water use.

INFORMATION:

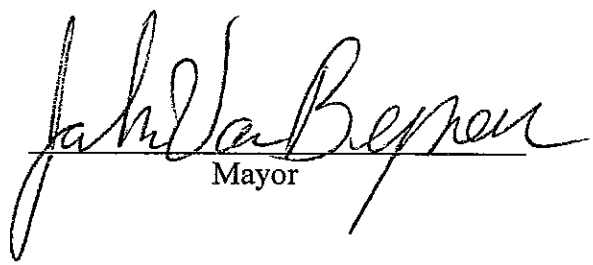
There was a question asked regarding building of Condominiums. The buildings in question would have residential occupancy on the upper floors and commercial occupancy on the ground floor. Staff has been asked to find out how many buildings can be put on the lots in question. Phillip Jackson, the Health Inspector, will be questioned regarding septic systems. A question was asked about how the removal of lot lines would affect these lots. Staff to contact other small communities regarding how they deal with these kinds of questions. This discussion has been tabled.

INQUIRIES:

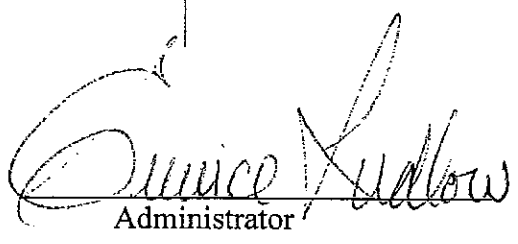
The Village "intent to apply" for the Green Municipal Fund regarding the installation of an Ultra Violet Filtration system at the water plant, and residential water meters' has been accepted.

06/096 Moved by Councillor Marc Septav to proceed with the second step of this application, seconded by Councillor John Gates. Councillor Madeleine Perriere noted as opposed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.



Mayor



Administrator