

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan
Minutes of the Meeting
November 8, 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 9 members of the public were present.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

06/097 Moved by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere that the agenda be adopted as amended. Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

06/098 Moved by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav to adopt the minutes as prepared. Carried

QUESTIONS ARISING OUT OF MINUTES:

At the last meeting representatives, Rory Lindsay and Heather Burns from Rails to Trails, asked about forming a committee regarding land use near the Gazebo. At this meeting it was brought up again to have a member of Council join a "consulting" committee. Concerns were brought up about said committee making binding plans and it was also mentioned that Council would have to have approval for any plans before anything could be enacted. It was decided that one person would collect information with the land owners and Rails to Trails and any decisions would be brought back to Council for approval.

06/099 moved by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Joanne Ellis that Councillor Madeleine Perriere would sit on this committee, gather information, and bring it back to Council. Carried

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PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

One member of the public brought up questions regarding the proposed Neighbourhood Pub application. At this time, Councillor John Gates excused himself. Mayor Van Bynen said that discussions regarding this application were not on the agenda for this meeting, and that any correspondence regarding this application would be brought forward at the time Council was to make a decision.

At the last meeting questions about Condominiums being built were brought up. At this time the Village has no information regarding the specific lots in question, and no by-laws in place regarding Condominiums.

The Official Community Plan was brought up, as questions relating to new buildings and new businesses have come up. After discussions with Derek Trimmer, with the Ministry of Community Services, he advised the Village to go ahead with the proposed Boundary Expansion prior to the O.C.P., as it would be a waste of money to do the O.C.P. first. Mr. Trimmer said there is money available for studies on Boundary Expansion and that he would contact this office in the near future.

A member of the public complained that there were street lights out in various areas in the Village and that he had spoken with Fortis regarding work orders. Staff replied that numerous work order requests had been faxed to Fortis and they would follow up again.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

There were no questions regarding the Administrator's report and a copy is attached for perusal.

FOREMAN'S REPORT:

There was one question regarding the costing of the machine hours for the Boulevard project. As the machine hours have not been calculated yet, a report will follow. Foreman's report attached for perusal.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORT ON U.B.C.M. CONFERENCE:

Mayor Van Bynen and Councillor Marc Septav attended the U.B.C.M. Conference in Victoria in October. Both delegates attended a Community Power Workshop and found it very informative, they will find out more information and report back to Council regarding this meeting. There is a small consortium that can give financial assistance to the Village and there are grant available to help with the funding of a community power

project as well as there may be an engineer available to help in the planning stages. If this project is done in stages it should not cost the Village too much.

The meeting with Minister Coleman regarding Forest issues was very brief and not very informative. They were disappointed in the reception they received from the Minister.

The meeting with Minister Abbott regarding the Wellness Centre was very positive.

Minister Abbot asked the Village to send his office a list of the equipment needed to set up the clinic and he will see what they can do about acquiring the equipment. The issue of the ambulance service in the Valley was brought up and Minister Abbot has said that he will review the concerns.

Mayor Van Bynen and Councillor Septav, as well as Councillor John Gates toured a small abattoir in Metchosin. They commented that although it is a small facility it seemed to be well run. There are pictures of this facility on file.

Policing costs are set at 28 cents/\$1000 assessed value of Village property, this charge will drop by 10 cents as we pay this already. Staff has been directed to find out the assessed value of the Village.

DISBURSEMENTS:

The ratification of the disbursements for October was moved "In camera".

COMMITTEES:

1.) R.D.C.K.

Report attached for perusal.

2.) RECREATION COMMITTEE

There was no meeting to report.

3.) COMMUNITY FOREST COMMITTEE

The committee is still moving forward and there are hurdles to overcome. The Ministry of Forest is entertaining allowing SIFCO another 10,000 c/m on the west side of the valley by it is in a contentious area that was not originally part of the Community forest. There will need to be discussions with the Ministry regarding where the boundaries are.

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NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Letter from School District #8 regarding W.E. Graham Community Services Society.

Mr. Bill Reid attended the meeting to answer questions regarding his letter. Councillors Joanne Ellis and Madeleine Perriere excused themselves. Mr. Reid has taken over this file from Mr. Bruce Buchanan who has unfortunately died this summer. In the past there was a question regarding insurance and who should carry the liability. It was stated that the School Board stipulates that the Village should carry \$5,000,000.00 General liability insurance with the School Board named as an additional insured. The Village insurance carrier was not comfortable with having to indemnify the school board. The possibility of the School Board selling the W.E Graham Community services building for \$1.00 is not possible anymore, but there should be an appraisal done on the property to establish a market value. The W.E Graham Community services should have first opportunity to purchase the building with the Village having second option. Councillors Ellis and Perriere returned to the meeting.

2.) Letter from the Royal Canadian Legion Slocan Valley Branch #276 regarding why the tree they planted at the cemetery died.

The Legion was concerned that the Village had not been watering the tree and it died from lack of attention. It was brought up that the Village had been watering the tree but the soil at the cemetery is very sandy and the tree may not have had enough nutrients planted with it. It was suggested that the Legion contact the greenhouse directly regarding the tree. A letter will be written to the Legion letting them know that Public Works had watered the tree and the greenhouse should replace the tree.

06/100 Motion was made by Councillor Joanne Ellis, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav to contact the greenhouse about replacing the tree in the cemetery at no cost to the Legion.

Carried

3.) Letter was received from the Slocan Community Light up regarding a donation and asking if the Village office tree could be used again this year.

06/101 Motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor John Gates that a donation be made to the Slocan Community Light Up committee in the amount of \$300.00.

Carried

4.) Letter from Rob Ironmonger regarding services for Lots 13,14,15, Block 21, Plan 496. Staff has been directed to clarify what servicing means. The property owner must contact the Village directly to request services.

5.) Information on library software.

Ella Amstutz gave a report on software for the library. After researching different companies, Library for you was deemed the best value for our needs in the Village's library. It was brought up that we will need volunteers to help set up the library.

06/102 Motion made by Councillor Joanne Ellis, seconded by Councillor John Gates to approve the purchase of "L 4 U" as laid out in the Kelowna software quote.

Carried

6.) A resolution is required to allow Councillor John Gates to act as the Local Assistant to the fire Chief.

06/103 Motion made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Joanne Ellis to authorize Councillor John Gates to act as the Local Assistant to the Fire Chief.

Carried

7.) A resolution is needed to allow Councillor John Gates to attend the Basic Fire Investigation course for the L.A.F.C. in Cranbrook.

06/104 Motion made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere to approve Councillor John Gates' attendance at the L.A.F.C. course being held in Cranbrook, with per diem payments.

Carried

8.) Letter from Mayor Corrigan, City of Burnaby, regarding the phasing out of Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers.

06/105 Motion made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Councillor Joanne Ellis for a letter of support to be forwarded to the Minister of the Environment in support of the phasing out of Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers.

Carried

9.) Regarding the sealed bids on Surplus Equipment.

As none of the reserve bids were met, there were questions as to how to proceed with the sale of the equipment.

06/106 Motion made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav to direct staff to advertise the equipment for sale in publications for fair market value.

Carried

10.) Regarding the Abattoir and Meat Transition Plan.

A resolution is required by Council to decide in which direction the proposed Abattoir should proceed.

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Council directed staff to proceed with available grant applications and any decision will be tabled until further studies are done.

At the end of the regular meeting questions from the public arose regarding the proposed Neighbourhood Pub Application. Councillor John Gates left the meeting. Mayor Van Bynen responded that we will add any correspondence received to the file and look at it during the next meeting with regards to the application.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

In Camera Meeting followed.

Regular meeting re:called to order at 9:40.

06/107 Motion to move out of the in-camera meeting and to ratify disbursements made by Councillor Joanne Ellis, seconded by Councillor John Gates.

Carried.

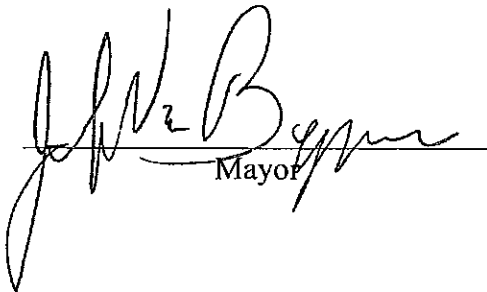
06/108 Motion to approve October disbursements of \$53,788.79 was made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Councillor Joanne Ellis.

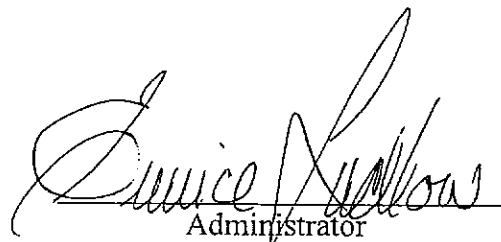
Carried

06/109 Motion to approve all courses and travel by Mayor, Council and staff prior to the actual dates at regular Council meetings or Special meetings made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Councillor John Gates.

Carried

Meeting was adjourned 10:00 p.m.


Mayor


Administrator