

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan
Minutes of the Meeting
February 14, 2007

A 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, Madeleine Perriere, John Gates, and Marc Septav. Administrator Eunice Ludlow. Two members of the public were present.

CALL TO ORDER:

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Moved by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav that the agenda be adopted as amended.

RES 07/024 Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Moved by Councillor Joanne Ellis, seconded by Mayor John Van Bynen to amend the minutes of January 17, 2007, rectifying Gate to Gates.

RES 07/025 Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Bernadette Robichaud asked that a tennis wall for the tennis courts be put on the list of desired budget expenditures.

REPORTS AND DELEGATIONS:

Eunice Ludlow – Administrator’s Report

Tim Hill and Lachlan McGreal are working on their water plant operators’ tickets. The budgeting process is starting for 2007. Council has been involved in one meeting with the accountant, and we have had a public meeting at which the residents of the Village were asked to bring their suggestions regarding projects and improvements they would like to see taking place. People have been asking about an OCP, but there are quite a few people who don’t know what it is. The village already has one and the ministry has said that there should be no need for another OCP until it is no

longer functional. A new OCP could cost anywhere from \$85,000.00 to \$100,000.00 so we need to plan for it. Decide whether we want to expand our boundaries or not, so that we know what direction we are going in and what we are required to prepare.

There will be a meeting between the Administrator and Mr. Bob Inwood regarding BC Heritage Grants for the Old Fire Hall Building and the Old Elementary School.

Negotiations are still going on with Springer Creek regarding the Wedge.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Motion to approve January disbursements of \$40,760.60 was made by Counc. Joanne Ellis, seconded by Councillor John Gates

RES 07/027

Carried

COMMITTEES:

1.) R.D.C.K.

It was pointed out that the Village collects the money for the Grant-In-Aid Service and then submits it to the RDCK, which in turn then makes the appropriate disbursements. We are one of the last three communities that hasn't withdrawn from the service.

A motion was made by Councillor John Gates to withdraw from the RDCK Grant-In-Aid Service and to manage it ourselves. Councillor Marc Septav seconded.

RES 07/028

Carried

2.) RECREATION COMMITTEE

No meeting.

3.) COMMUNITY FOREST COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be on February 15th 2007.

4.) OTHERS

RAILS TO TRAILS

The objective is to enhance communication between the parties concerned. Boat Launch Access, washroom and parking needs to be addressed. The date for the next meeting has not been set. It was pointed out that the property still belongs to the CPR.

NURSE PRACTITIONER

It was brought to Councillor Joanne Ellis' attention that there is a nurse practitioner from Castlegar that would be interested in working in this area. She is waiting for Tina Colletti to contact her and then she will pass on the information to staff.

Jerry Simmons

Water Meters – The meters cost \$115.00 each and the labour would be approximately \$115.00 each from Teale’s Water Utilities in Vernon. With 190 connections, that would come to a total of \$43,000.00. These meters would have a remote reader, so they can be read from outside the house.

Public Works Yard Fence – The approximate cost of the fence would be \$20,935.00, if the village crew were to do it, the price could be cut. It was noted that the time to do the fence would cut into other projects and having never constructed a chain link fence there may be more time involved that would be desired.

1988 Ford 350 Garbage Truck – A new garbage truck is needed because the old one is not road worthy. The approximate cost for a new F550 is \$62,000.00 there is a used F550 for 53,000 with 31,500 km available in Salmon Arm. A motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav for staff to investigate the leasing of a new vehicle and if Jerry finds one that is suitable, he can okay a lease. Seconded by Councillor John Gates.

RES 07/026

Carried

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) **Letter from Strand and Godfrey Re Cost of Commercial Appraisal** - Motion to discuss the letter in camera and bring results out in meeting was made by Councillor John Gates moved that we okay the cost for appraisal. Seconded by Councillor Marc Septav.

RES 07/029

Carried

- 2.) **Letter from the City of Burnaby Re: Resolution respecting wildlife rescue and ecosystem recovery cost accountability** - Motion made by Councillor Joanne Ellis to endorse the resolution. Seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere.

RES 07/030

Carried

- 3.) **Letter from Carol Barclay Re: Snow Plowing** - Letter of Consent – It is a courtesy to do the sidewalk, but will try to do a better job in the future. Staff should write a letter to Carol Barclay regarding this.

- 4.) **Letter from Slocan River Streamkeepers Re: Fred Fraser Memorial Garden** – The letter has been put on file.

- 5.) **Letter from Ombudsman Re: Complaints** – The letter will be posted on the Village Notice Board at the Slocan Village Market.

- 6.) **Resolutions required for approval of Staff Training and Meetings including, all expenses, per diem and other related costs.** – GFOABC, MFA on the Coast in March, Western Chapter of the LGMA meeting, Municipal Pension Seminar in Victoria, CAO Forum in Victoria in February, AKBLG AGM Conference in Golden in April, LGMA Conference & AGM in Vancouver in May. UBCM in Vancouver in September. Councillor Marc Septav made a motion for staff to make bookings to be confirmed upon completion of the budget and to give staff authority to attend MFA, CAO Forum and the GFOABC. Councillor Joanne Ellis seconded.

RES 07/031

Carried

- 7.) **Resolution required for approval of Public Works Staff Training all expenses, per diem and other related costs.** – BCOSSA – British Columbia On-Site Sewage Association – Not relevant at this time.
- 8.) **UBCM Tourism Fund-John Gates** – The balance of the fund has to be used up by March 31 2007. This should be used for the Tourism Booth and the signage on the highway.
- 9.) **Resolutions for the AKBLG** – There was a request for the Flag Emblems to be sent out ahead of time.
- 10.) **Resolution governing the sale of Village Property** – There have been requests for lots for sale by the Village. A motion was made by Councillor Joanne Ellis to allow the sale of properties in May instead of February. Seconded by Councillor John Gates.

RES 07/032 Carried

- 11.) **Bylaw #561 – Fees Bylaw** – Councillor John Gates moved the reading of the Fees Bylaw 561 for the first time. Councillor Marc Septav seconded.

RES 07/033 Carried

Councillor Joanne Ellis moved the reading of the Fees Bylaw 561 for the second time.
Councillor John Gates seconded.

RES 07/034 Carried

Councillor Marc Septav moved the reading of the Fees Bylaw 561 for the third time. Councillor Madeleine Perriere seconded.

RES 07/035 Carried

- 12.) **Letter from the Village of Silverton Re: Cell Phone Service** – Resolution to encourage both Rogers Communications and Telus Communications to make the Slocan Valley a priority in providing cell phone service.

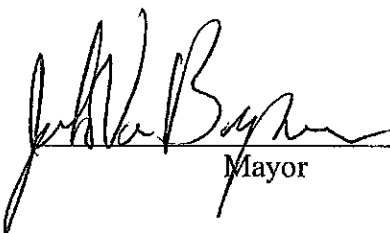
RES 07/036 Councillor Joanne Ellis noted as opposed.

INFORMATION:

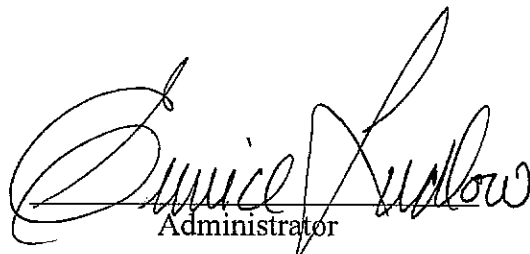
None

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL TO THE ADMINISTRATOR

Meeting was adjourned to In Camera by the Mayor at 8:26 p.m.



Mayor



Administrator