

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan  
Minutes of the Meeting  
March 7, 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. Six 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 Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere that the agenda be adopted as amended. Late items added: Slocan Valley Women's Institute, Kathy Prior, Tamara Matthews  
RES 07/037 Carried

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav to amend the minutes of February 14, 2007, to clarify BCOSSA, British Columbia On-Site Sewage Association, as not relevant at this time. Request to amend the Administrator's report regarding the OCP was denied.  
RES 07/038 Councillors Joanne Ellis and Madeleine Perriere noted as opposed.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

Councillor Joanne Ellis requested that a meeting date be set up with Trevor Shephard (Deltterra). A follow-up phone call was suggested.  
Councillor Joanne Ellis reported that after speaking to Tina Colletti about the nurse practitioner, Tina said that she didn't know the name either and should contact Corky Evans. Corky Evans also said that he didn't know the name of the nurse practitioner.

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD**

Several people are having problems with deer, in particular eating cedars on residential properties. Someone outside the village is feeding them.  
Many communities are having a deer problem i.e. Princeton.  
It is not illegal to feed deer. Conservation Officer may come to the village and assess and may do a cull if warranted. Conservation Officer will be sending info to the office. Staff should follow up with the Officer.  
Should follow up on what solutions Princeton and other areas have found.  
There is a homemade remedy for deer, it should be sprayed where you see deer venturing. John Sarjeant will drop off recipe at the village office.

## **REPORTS AND DELEGATIONS:**

### **Eunice Ludlow** – Administrator's Report

Three grant applications have been submitted on behalf of the Village of Slocan. One application was made to the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for upgrades and renovations to the Village office. It is very expensive to run because there is little or no insulation, single paned windows, inadequate toilet facilities and a number of other problems that could cause problems with WCB. This funding is 1/3 Federal funding, 1/3 Provincial Funding and 1/3 the Village of Slocan.

The second application was made to Towns for Tomorrow and that was a request for funding for storm drains down Harold Street, Ward St. and part of Main St. to cope with the excessive water run off. The funding for this is 80% funding from Towns For Tomorrow and 20% funding from the Village of Slocan. The third grant we have applied for is funding, suggested to us by Abra Brynne, for waste products that might be created by the proposed abattoir that is under discussion.

### **Jerry Simmons**

**FortisBC Pole Replacement** – Fortis has a power pole on the corner of Harold St and Giffin Ave. that has to be moved. There was an inquiry for a four way flashing light to be installed diagonally across the intersection. If we supply the light, they will install it. The cost of the light is \$1,100.00 excluding taxes. There was some discussion whether the light was necessary and should maybe contact property owners affected to see if they would be okay with a flashing light close to their property. Painted crosswalks could be a better solution.

**Elementary School Library** – The paint has been stripped off the wainscoting on the wall, old carpet and linoleum has been removed and the floor has been sanded and is ready for a natural wood finish coat.

**1988 Ford 350 Garbage Truck Replacement** – A used 2005 Ford F-550 4x4 Diesel (31,500 km) with 3/4 yard dump box has been leased for about \$1,160.86 per month. Total price was \$53,000.00.

**Operator Training** – Tim Hill has attended a course on Water Distribution in Victoria and Lachlan McGreal will be taking the Small Water Systems course in Kamloops in March.

## **DISBURSEMENTS:**

Motion to approve February disbursements of \$81,928.23 was made by Mayor John Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav

RES 07/039

Carried

## **COMMITTEES:**

### **1.) R.D.C.K.**

It was reported that the Slocan Recycling Depot would be recycling rigid plastics. It was emphasized that the plastic needed to be clean and this point should be brought to the attention of all who wanted to use this service. If the service were to be abused, the service would end. Pamphlets were to be distributed by the RDCK.

RDCK Staff were to contact Salmo, Slocan and Creston regarding their interest in the RDCK grant program. It was noted that Slocan had decided to withdraw from the RDCK Grant In Aid Service program and needed to send a letter to confirm this decision.

The RDCK will join the Southern Interior Communities Mountain Pine Beetle Steering Committee for an initial period of one year with Alternate Director Marc Septav to sit as its representative.

**2.) RECREATION COMMITTEE**

It was reported that the major user of Recreation Programs was the Southern Slokan Valley area.

**3.) COMMUNITY FOREST COMMITTEE**

The AGM was held last week. Applications are on hold because of the calculation debate.

**4.) OTHERS**

Nothing to Report

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1.) **Letter from Tamara Matthews** – Business License for Slokan Motel – Discussion regarding the upgrading of the Village Community Signs. Signs are out of date. Local company has been contacted and a new sign is in the works. Councillor Madeleine Perriere made a motion to go ahead with the signage for businesses. Get prices before the final decision is made. Seconded by Councillor John Gates.

RES 07/040

Carried

- 2.) **The Royal Canadian Legion** – Support to purchase advertising space in “The War Service Recognition Book” It was noted that there are no available funds left for this year, and we need to budget for it next year.
- 3.) **AKBLG 2007 Conference April 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> in Golden, BC** – Staff to find cost of registration and expenses. Tabled.
- 4.) **Letter from Bea Anderson – Deer Problem** Letter should be sent that we are looking into the matter and investigating how other communities are dealing with this. And that a copy of the deer repellent is available at the village office.
- 5.) **Letter from The City of North Vancouver City Clerk Department to UBCM – Request to the Provincial Government to increase the Minimum Wage.** For information only at this time.
- 6.) **Community in Bloom** – Workshop to get together with other communities, network, share ideas, and learn best practices from each other. Councillor Joanne Ellis suggested that we wait another year.
- 7.) **Letter from Squamish Outdoor Recreation Capital of Canada to Barry Penner Minister of Environment – Pledge to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.** For information only.
- 8.) **UBCM Benefits Seminar** – Tabled.

- 9.) **Resolution from Council as to exactly what they now want done with regard to applications for Crown Land** – Councillor Madeleine Perriere made a motion to request staff apply for all three areas. Water Plant and Power Plant set as a priority. Further request staff to find appraised value of beach property. Councillor John Gates seconded.

Resolution 07/041 Carried

- 10.) **Letter from Yellowhead Road and Bridge regarding plowing Brandon in return for sand and salt for the Village** – The village is already doing this as of 2005 and 2006, but there needed to be a contract drawn up because of insurance issues. A motion was made by Councillor Joanne Ellis to approve the contract. Seconded by Councillor Marc Septav.

RES 07/042 Carried

- 11.) **FCM Annual Conference:** – Tabled.

- 12.) **COFI Annual Convention:** - Tabled.

- 13.) **Final Reading of the Fees Bylaw # 561**  
Councillor Joanne Ellis moved the final reading and adoption of the Fees Bylaw 561. Councillor John Gates seconded.

RES 07/043 Carried

- 14.) **Letter from Slocan Valley Women’s Institute** – Request to use the grounds at the Wellness Centre (availability of washrooms) on May 12<sup>th</sup> for a community garage sale. The request was approved.

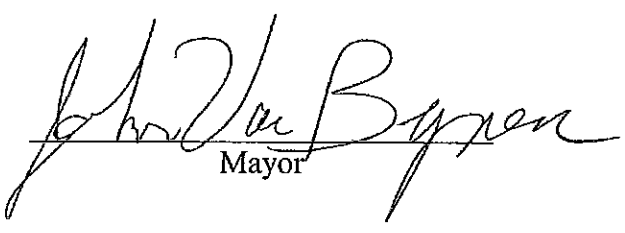
- 15.) **Letter from Kathy Prior** – A letter should be sent stating that the village is looking at a solution to resolve the water problem and that the village is sorry for her loss of business.

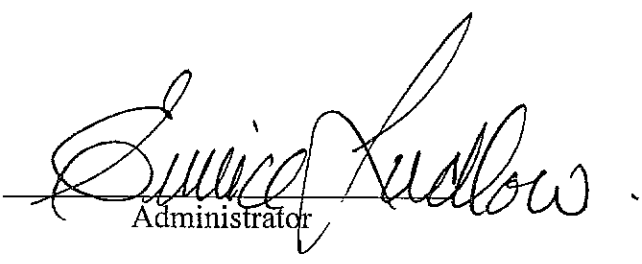
**INFORMATION:**

None

**QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL TO THE ADMINISTRATOR**

Meeting was adjourned by the Mayor at 8:55 p.m.

  
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 Mayor

  
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 Administrator