

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan
Minutes of the Meeting
April 11, 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 Madeleine Perriere, John Gates, and Marc Septav, Councilor Joanne Ellis, who left sick. Administrator Eunice Ludlow. Valley Voice reporter Don Currie and seven 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 John Gates that the agenda be adopted as amended. Late items added: Fire department request, New Denver May Days Committee request.
RES 07/044 Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Moved by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav to amend the minutes of March 7, 2007, to clarify item that showed Councillors Ellis and Perriere as opposed, item corrected in minutes.
RES 07/045 Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

No matters other than clarification noted above arose from the minutes.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

One member of the public asked whether the Village had plans to do an updated survey of the Village, as all the maps are outdated. Mayor Van Bynen noted that the cost of the survey would be a factor in deciding if the Village would go ahead with a new survey. It was also noted that the Village has received updated maps from the R.D.C.K. Sylvia Currie, representing the Board of Variance stated that the Board needs a map. It was brought up by Council that the maps of the Village are in the Office and residents may view them in the Office or purchase them for a cost.

Ian Currie spoke to Council regarding correspondence sent to Council by Sabine Wolters. A letter was sent to Council January 4, 2007 regarding the clearing of debris on Ward Ave. from Slocan St. and the request for a written response to the letter. On February 28, 2007, a reminder letter was regarding the response requested. At this time the area is still littered with debris. Mayor Van Bynen said that the metal being stored at the location would be removed.

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The lane is not level and fill is still required to make it level. The fill being removed from the Mill log dump area was suggested, but it was brought up that it is not stable and will not do the job properly. Ian Currie handed pictures of the property for Council's perusal. There are also trees on the property in question that will need to be dealt with.

John Sargeant gave his compliments to Public Works on the beautiful work done at the Gazebo. The Village Clean Up dates were noted as April 21, 2007 as "Trash to Treasures" Day and the clean up would take place April 23-27, 2007.

Motion was made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav for the Mayor and Foreman Jerry Simmons to meet with Sabine Wolters within two weeks on site to clarify the issues she has brought forward.

RES 07/045

Carried.

Tamara Matthew, representing the newly formed Slocan Business Association brought up her concerns regarding correspondence sent to the Council and Mayor, and the lack of response. Concerns were voiced regarding the lack of signage in the Village for businesses. The amount of \$2000.00 was brought up as budgeted in 2006 for signage. Council's response to this point was the amount for signage that was budgeted was not necessarily for business signage, but for all signs in the Village for example stop signs and directional signs for Village facilities. Staff is looking into updating signage and is in the process of gathering quotes. Ms. Matthews also mentioned that her business did not receive the package of information regarding signage that other businesses had gotten. Staff mailed packages to bona fide Business License holders and as the Office had not yet received their payment, the package was not sent to them. A meeting with Council was requested and Council was invited to attend their next meeting on April 26, 2007 at 7:00 at the Slocan Motel. The Ministry of Highways was contacted and invited to attend the meeting as well so that concerns over highways signs could be discussed. Regarding the Business Association, all businesses in town are welcome to join and possibly in the future the Association would accept members outside of the Village perimeters.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Disbursement were not ratified at this meeting, they were set aside for further discussion.

COMMITTEES:

- 1. R.D.C.K.- Report attached for perusal.
- 2. Recreation Committee- The Committee is looking for new ideas and anyone with ideas can contact Craig Lawrence at the committee office.

- 3. Community Forests- Not much to report, waiting to see what the Government does regarding stumpage fees and community forest licenses.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav to grant a Special Occasion permit requested by Mile O'Reilly and Michelle Gordon.

RES 07/046 Carried.

- 2. Moved by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere to send Councillor John Gates to the AKBLG in Golden in April, including per diem and expenses.

RES 07/047 Carried.

3. The clearing of dead trees was brought up by Mayor Van Bynen. There are dangerous trees in the Ball Park, RV Park, and near Jim Lapinski's property. It was suggested that Foreman Simmons view these trees to assess the danger, also to contact Bill Patterson regarding dangerous tree removal. The Village owned property on Main Street near the boat ramp was discussed. Clean up of the property is necessary. Councillor Perriere suggested that now would be an appropriate time to decide what clearing was to be done as boating season is coming and the area near the boat dock would become very congested. Councillor Marc Septav will contact Tom Brach regarding his property and parking issues. Councillor Perriere will meet with B.C. Tourism and Rails to Trails regarding the access of their property.

Motion made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere for staff to look into approaching B.C. Tourism and all interested parties regarding jurisdiction over the section of Rails to Trails that resides in Village limits.

RES07/048 Carried

- 4. Regarding Communities in Bloom conference in Qualicum Beach September 28-30, 2007, there was no interest in attending as this is not in the budget.

- 5. Moved by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere to approve the Special Occasion Permit requested by the Slocan Volunteer Fire Department for a beer garden during their Fishing Derby.

RES 07/049 Carried

- 6. Regarding Village lots near the boat dock, Mayor Van Bynen will view these lots on the same date as his meeting with Ms. Wolters, with foreman Jerry Simmons. Discussion will be held regarding any trees that may need to be removed and their value to the Village. If trees are cut then the lots will need to be leveled out and stumps removed. Dust control will also need to be addressed.

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7. Councillor Perriere voiced concern that the minutes on the board are not up to date. It was suggested that the minutes be posted no later than 3 weeks after adoption , and the board needs to be up to date by the end of June at the latest.

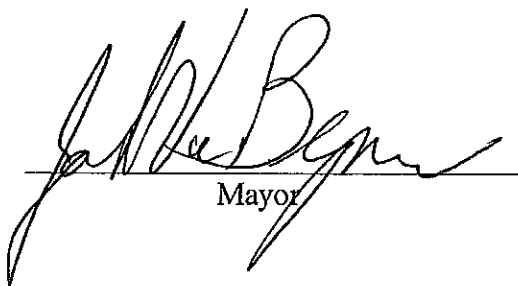
8. New Denver May Days Committee has invited the Village vintage fire truck to participate in their May Days parade on Monday May 21.

Motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor John Gates to approve the participation in the parade. Mayor Van Bynen will drive the fire truck in the parade.

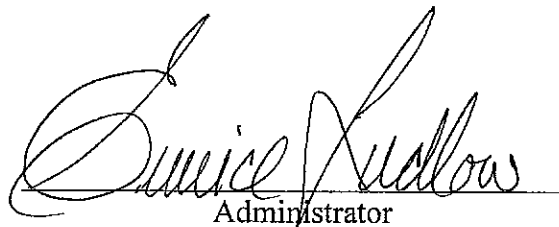
07/050

Carried

Motion was made by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.



Mayor



Administrator