

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan
Minutes of the Meeting
May 23, 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 Foreman Jerry Simmons, Valley Voice reporter Don Currie. Ten members of the public were present.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Moved by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere that the agenda be adopted as amended with additions.

RES 07/051 Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Moved by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere to amend the minutes of April 11, 2007, to show Councillor Joanne Ellis attended the meeting but left prior to the end as a result of illness.

RES 07/052 Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

None

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

Ian Currie gave his thanks to the Public Works crew for all of their efforts regarding the removal of debris from the inactive area on Ward Street, and asked for a time frame on the balance of work to be done. Foreman Simmons said that the work may be finished as early as next week, but at this time there were other priorities.

Tamara Matthews asked about the Village sign update and was told this would be discussed under New Business.

A member of the public asked about a rumor regarding the deactivation of the access road to the log sort yard, and Fire hall. Mayor Van Bynen replied he had not heard anything about this issue. It was brought up to ask R.D.C.K to grade this road to make it better.

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REPORTS AND DELEGATIONS:

Administrators Report: None at his time

Foreman’s Report: Water meters were discussed. Councillor Joanne Ellis agreed with the idea of water meters. Councillor Madeleine Perriere asked about the costs of installation to the Village, and how they would be read. Mayor Van Bynen asked if the MRIF grant was still available to be applied for, but was told it was not as it did not have full Council support at the time of the deadline in the spring.

Motion was made by Councillor Joanne Ellis, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav to have staff report on the revised cost of the installation of water meters.

07/053

Carried

Foreman Simmons will have quote for the security system for the Emergency Operations Centre very soon. More lighting and mesh screening for the windows were discussed. Jerry will look into the costs for window security for the next council meeting. Councillor John Gates suggested that the soccer nets at the Park be repaired. It was brought up that the goal nets were not Village owned and that the owners, and that the owners, the Slocan Valley United Soccer Club, be contacted regarding the repairs, which could become a safety hazard. Staff was directed to contact Mark Kohl, the president of the Soccer club regarding the repairs.

Fletcher Avenue was reported as needing repairs, Arlington Ave was discussed regarding paving. Councillor Perriere asked how many people were employed on the Village public works crew and if there were any large projects planned for the coming summer. There are five employees at this time and the areas that will be worked on this summer will be the EOC, Ball Park and the berm for the boat ramp. If any more work is to be done on the boulevards, more supplies will need to be purchased. The Springer creek expansion from the Ball Park to the Curling rink was discussed. Work needs to be done at the Logger Sports grounds. The Village lots possibly slated for parking for the boat ramp will have dead trees removed and some brushing done and holes will be filled. Zoning on the lots needs to be discussed. Administrator Ludlow brought up the fact that the lots are prime real estate with interesting potential, it would be a good idea to compare different zoning, parking lot, mixed commercial or residential. Once the lot is used for a parking lot it may be hard to change the zoning back to residential.

Motion was made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Councillor Joanne Ellis for staff to have all options (pros and cons) regarding changing the zoning on the lots in question for the next meeting.

07/054

Carried

Councillor Madeleine Perriere asked about the status of the Women’s Institute Hall. The inspections have not been done yet and staff was asked if they could look into having the building inspected by the next meeting.

Heritage Workshop Delegation: Don Currie spoke of the “Let’s get started” Heritage workshop held in Slocan on April 28, 2007. The workshop was well attended by many Villagers, as well as representation from the local churches.

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Four properties were discussed as having heritage qualities, the Women's Institute Hall, the Village Office, the Silvery Slocan Social Centre and the old elementary school. Both churches would also qualify.

There was a cemetery update given by Joyce Johnson and Eunice Ludlow. Bob Inwood would be involved in many of the projects restoring Heritage areas. There are some funds available from Federal and Provincial Heritage funds as well as the B.C. Museums Association and the Columbia Basin Trust. There is also some funding available from Heritage B.C. It is hoped that the work will involve longtime and new residents alike. The Community Heritage Committee tabled their report for Council's information. Councillor Ellis has asked to sit on the committee.

Motion was made by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Joanne Ellis to set up a Heritage Committee.

07/055

Carried

DISBURSEMENTS:

Motion to approve April disbursements of \$58,611.97 was made by Counc. John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav

RES 07/056

Carried

COMMITTEES:

1.) **R.D.C.K.**
See report

2.) **RECREATION COMMITTEE**

No meeting.

3.) **COMMUNITY FOREST COMMITTEE**

Nothing new to report. They are applying for grants and looking into asking different parties for contributions i.e the Village of Slocan. They are moving ahead on the stumpage issue.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) **Tamara Matthews:** Tamara asked about the signage for businesses in town. Foreman Simmons will be getting a quote from Tony Gower regarding the artwork on the sign. Tamara asked that the information be sent directly to her for the Business Association. Lighting of the sign was questioned. The Business Association may contribute or pay all of the costs involved in installing lights if possible. A quote will be required for the lighting. Also the possibility of reflective signs was mentioned.

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- 2.) **Valhalla Fire Crew:** the Unit crew attended the meeting and discussed what the Village would like them to do this summer when their schedule allows. Fire proofing in the Parks will be a priority as well as refurbishing the old dock. There is discussion regarding the base for the Unit crew and the possible moving of the camp to Shoreacres or another Kootenay Lake zone. It was requested that letters of expression may be required to have the crew stay at this location.

Motion was made by Councillor Joanne Ellis, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere that Councillor Septav contact the manager of the Regional Fire Centre regarding the retention of the Valhalla Crew in Slocan.

RES 07/056

Carried

- 3.) **CBT Initiative grants:** the grant amounts approved were in the amounts of:
Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy Program- \$500.00
Options for Sexual Health West Kootenay Branch- \$550.00

Motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor John Gates to approve the grant amounts as suggested by Councillor Gates. Councillor Joanne Ellis declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting prior to the grant amounts being decided.

RES 07/057

Carried

- 4.) **Regarding waiving the August Council meeting:** it was decided not to waive the August meeting

- 5.) **Request for quarterly financial reports:** Motion made by Councillor Joanne Ellis, seconded by Councillor John Gates that Council receive quarterly financial reports starting in June, then September, December then April.

RES 07/058

Carried

- 6.) **Letter from Doug and Ana Burton:** Doug Burton will come to the Office to speak with Administrator Ludlow regarding the flashing light on his street corner that has been under discussion. Motion made by Councillor Joanne Ellis for Mayor and Council to write a letter to the R.C.M.P. regarding the 3-way stop offenders and what can be done to stop the dangerous driving.

RES 07/059

Carried

- 7.) **Land Applications:** three land applications have been sent in to Crown Lands. The applications are for the land at the beach, the land on which the water plant is located and the land below the water plant.

- 8.) **Correspondence with Trevor Sheppard:** a letter has been sent to Mr. Sheppard regarding his request to meet with Council. We are still waiting for a reply.

- 9.) **Audit:** the Audit has been completed and will be presented to Council at the June meeting.

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- 10.) **Ministry of Highways:** a letter will be sent to the Ministry of Highways regarding the broken highway sign.
- 11.) **Public Meeting:** it was requested by Councillor Joanne Ellis to schedule a public meeting to present the 2007 Budget.

INFORMATION:

None

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL TO THE ADMINISTRATOR

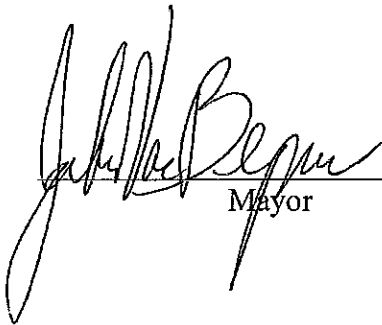
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilor Joanne Ellis, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav to adjourn the meeting.

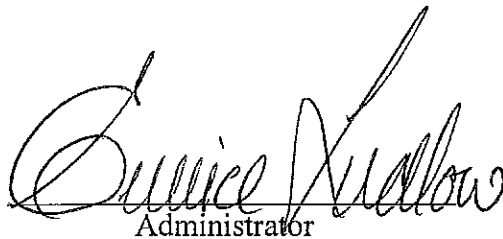
RES 07/060

Carried

Meeting was adjourned to by the Mayor at 9:00 p.m.



Mayor



Administrator