

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan
Minutes of the Meeting
June 21, 2007

A regular meeting of the Slocan Village Council was held on the above date at the Village Office, 503 Slocan Street, with Mayor Van Bynen in the chair.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van Bynen, Councillors Joanne Ellis, John Gates, Madeleine Perriere, and Marc Septav. Administrator Eunice Ludlow, Foreman Jerry Simmons, Valley Voice reporter Don Currie, and 5 members of the public.

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 Madeleine Perriere that the agenda be adopted as prepared.

RES 07/061 Carried

ADOPTION OF MINUTES:

Moved by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav that the Minutes of May 23, 2007 be adopted with corrections.

RES 07/062 Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

Questions directed to Public Works Foreman regarding the Foreman's report of last meeting.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Len Mortensen had questions regarding the 5-year Financial Plan. He asked why there was no public consultation. Administrator Ludlow answered that there had been public consultation at the February 12, 2007 public meeting. Mr. Mortensen said that the meeting was only for "Wish list" items and not for public consultation, as was that a contravention of the Community Charter?

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As the Ministry had been contacted regarding the budget, the Village was not in contravention. John Sargeant said that it was a courtesy to show the proposed budget to the public, and noted that Administration costs were up from 2003. Mrs. Taylor mentioned that she thought there would be another meeting prior to the adoption of the budget, and said she was disappointed this had not happened.

Mr. Mortensen noted that his taxes had increased by 60% and directed his question to the Mayor asking if that was fair.

Mayor Van Bynen stated that the mill rate had been kept the same as last year, so the Village did not increase its taxes, the assessed values of properties had gone up which accounted for the increases.

Tamara Matthews asked when the washrooms at the beach would be open full time. She noticed people using the area behind the buildings as the doors were locked. The bathrooms are now permanently open.

REPORTS & DELEGATIONS:

Auditor: Andrea Kramar, the Village Auditor of Berg, Naqvi, Lehman delivered the 2006 Audited Financial Statements to the public. She said the role of the auditor is not to criticize, but to have fairly stated annual financial statements presented.

Foreman's Report: the report is attached for perusal.

Councillor Madeleine Perriere asked if the water pipe looping would be completed prior to the proposed paving of Arlington Avenue, Foreman Simmons said it would be done. Councillor Joanne Ellis asked if the breakwater berm would be "greened". Foreman Simmons said that it could be a possibility in the future. Councillor Madeleine Perriere asked if the security costs for the Emergency Operations Centre were in the 2007 Budget, and the answer was no. The basketball hoop will be redone and properly cemented at the basketball court. The proposed parking lot by the beach was discussed and as was the work required to make the area assessable as good boating weather is here.

Administrator's Report: the report is attached for perusal.

Main Street Consulting Associates: Bob Inwood made a presentation to Council regarding the Village properties that may be considered Heritage. There could be funding available to restore these buildings from the Heritage Legacy fund of up to \$25,000.00 per building with matching funds to come from the Village. Reports need to be completed on the proposed properties regarding renovations needed and these reports may lend more credibility to the grant applications. Councillor John Gates mentioned that he had information from the Federal Government regarding heritage preservation.

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Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society: report delivered by Rory Lindsay attached for perusal.

Mountain Caribou Project: report delivered by Lawrence Redfern, a binder of information is in the office for perusal.

Community Heritage Committee: report by Bob Inwood covered what the committee wanted to report.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Motion to approve May disbursements of \$64,539.98 was made by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav. Councillor Ellis was noted as opposed to the disbursements. Councillor Perriere were noted as opposed to the Credit Union Mastercard payment.

RES 07/063

Carried

COMMITTEES:

- 1.) **R.D.C.K.** see report
- 2.) **REC. COMMISSION:** Joe Chirco will be putting together a survey to take note of use of programs for the Recreation Commission.
- 3.) **COMMUNITY FORESTS:** the final application for the license on 20,000 c/m of forest is being submitted. The group is hoping to have an agreement in place and operational by next summer.

It was requested by Administrator Ludlow to have written reports from all committees for future meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councillors John Gates, and Marc Septav excused themselves stating conflict of interest in the next three items of New Business.

- 1.) **Slocan City Logger Sports:** request for Special Occasion permit for July 7, 2007.
- 2.) **Slocan City Logger Sports:** request for use of Village equipment and signs.
- 3.) **Slocan City Logger Sports:** request for donation of money.

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Moved by Councillor Joanne Ellis, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere that all three requests by the Slocan City Logger's Sports be approved.

RES 07/064 Carried

4.) Slocan Valley United Soccer Club: request for use of the soccer field for annual tournament June 23-24 2007.

Councillor Perriere left the meeting prior to this discussion.

Moved by Councillor Joanne Ellis, seconded by Councillor John Gates to honour the request and have the grounds prepared for their use.

Councillor Perriere returned to the meeting after the motion was made.

RES 07/065 Carried

Motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor John Gates that a letter should be sent out to all groups, prior to the event, that this year will be the last year that camping will be allowed at either the tennis court or the ball park.

RES 07/066 Carried

5.) Letter from Slocan Lake Management Committee: request for a letter of support from Council regarding a Lake Management report for Slocan Lake. More information is required before a letter would be considered, staff to request presence from the group at the next Council meeting for more information.

6.) Letter from Perry and Anne Weir: regarding authorization to subdivide their property.

Motion made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Councillor John Gates to authorize the subdivision of their lots on Main Street.

RES 07/067 Carried

7.) Letter from Janine Keeling: regarding summer events. The letter has been forwarded to the Slocan City Loggers Sports committee as it concerns their event.

8.) Resolution from Council: regarding adopting a new fee schedule for building permits has been tabled until next meeting so that Council may compare the old fee schedule with the proposed new schedule.

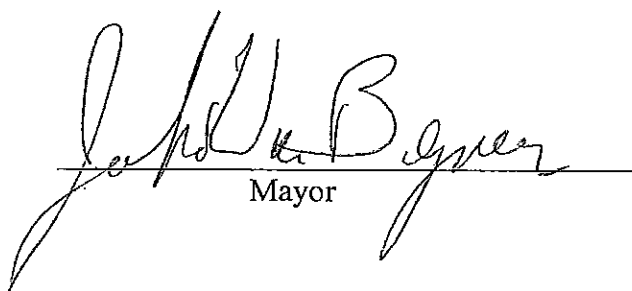
9.) Estimate for security at the E.O.C. Building: this item has been tabled until next meeting.

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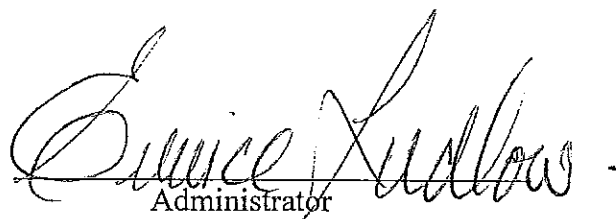
ADJOURNMENT

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

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



Mayor



Administrator