

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan
Minutes of the Meeting
October 11, 2007

The 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 Van Bynen , Councillors John Gates, Madeleine Perriere, and Mark Septav. Administrator Eunice Ludlow and Valley Voice reporter Don Currie were present as were 4 members of the public.

CALL TO ORDER:

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was adopted as prepared.
Motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor John Gates to accept agenda as prepared.
07/081

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

The minutes of July 11, 2007 and August 8, 2007 were adopted as corrected. The minutes of September 12, 2007 were adopted as amended.
Motion to adopt minutes from July 11th and August 11th as corrected and minutes from September 12th as amended was made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav.
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Carried

MATTERS ARRISING FROM MINUTES:

With regards to the old boat ramp and the correspondence received at August 8th meeting, it was discussed that a long range solution was needed.

Mayor John Van Bynen distributed the resignation letter that was received from Councillor Joanne Ellis dated October 4th 2007. Council received the correspondence and the resignation was noted to be effective immediately.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

A member of the public asked where the Village stood with regard to the proposed Abattoir project. In a recent publication it was written that another city was interested in developing an abattoir and there was concern that our area not loose out on this opportunity, and what steps are being taken to ensure the project goes ahead. The mayor

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replied that most areas in the Regional District support the project 100% and although there is a plan in place no final decision has been made yet. The project has been approved for a \$10,000.00 grant for developing a business plan and engineered drawings.

There will be a steering committee formed and they will keep the village informed on the progress, and it is hoped that a representative from the village will sit on this committee. If there is full village support, it is believed that that the project will go ahead. Council is in favour of a public meeting to address this and other issues concerning the Village. The Mayor has noted that he will step away from the planning of the abattoir as there may be a perceived conflict of interest. A member of the public was concerned about an incident with the bylaw officer and thought that his time could be better utilized. A member of the public asked about the report received from the adjudicator and requested a copy. One council member was concerned that the report was confidential and that it could not be released. The Mayor said that once Council has dealt with the report "In-camera" then a report will be released to the public.

REPORTS AND DELEGATIONS:

Foreman's Report: See attached report

There were questions regarding the number of hours that the public works crew will need to operate the plant when the foreman retires. Staff was asked to look into when the looping for the pipes in the Village would be scheduled. The PIMS program from the R.D.C.K. has the village water system mapped out. It is possible that some money from the Gas transfer tax could be used for this purpose.

Administrator's Report: See attached report

Councillor Marc Septav asked that a report regarding the budget and the status of any projects that were underway be given on a month-to-month basis. Council is to let staff know if they are available for a meeting with E. Rogers regarding financial reporting.

R.D.C.K.: See attached report

Rec. Commission: No meeting, nothing to report.

Community Forest: Approximately 20,000 cubic meters have been granted for community forest, and they will be moving ahead as an offer has been made.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Motion to approve September's disbursements of \$33,160.63 was made by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav.
07/083 Carried

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Resolution required from council regarding a Village borrowing by-law.

Motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor John Gates that staff proceed with establishing a borrowing bylaw, and all matters relating to the borrowing bylaw, for review.
07/084 Carried

- 2. Resolution required from council regarding requests for proposals for annual audit services.

Motion made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor John Gates that staff begin the process of seeking proposals and accepting one potential auditor for the village.
07/085 Carried

- 3. Resolution required regarding a revised Cemetery bylaw has been tabled until the November meeting.

- 4. Resolution required from council regarding the municipal ticketing bylaw.

Motion made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor John Gates that staff proceed with the municipal ticketing bylaw and all matters related to instituting the ticketing bylaw in the Village of Slocan.
07/086 Councillor Madeleine Perriere noted as opposed.

- 5. Resolution from council regarding a "blanket" liquor license for the village.

Motion was made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Councillor John Gates that staff proceed in researching the costs and regulations involved in obtaining a "blanket" liquor license for the village.
07/087 Carried

- 6. Resolution required from council regarding amending the expenses bylaw #549.

Motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere that council move ahead with amending bylaw #549. Discussions moved to “in-camera” meeting.

07/087 Councillor John Gates noted as opposed.

7. Resolution from council regarding adopting bylaw #546.

Discussions regarding bylaw #546 tabled until council can meet with staff to discuss the bylaw in more detail.

8. Letter from council in support of the proposed abattoir is required. Councillor Marc Septav in support of the abattoir if a P-3 (Public, Private partnership) is in place. Councillor John Gates is in support of the abattoir.

Councillor Madeleine Perriere cannot support this project until a public meeting is held and would like this discussion tabled.

Councillor Marc Septav suggested taking a vote on supplying a letter of support for the abattoir. Mayor Van Bynen excused himself from the meeting at this point.

Acting Mayor Madeleine Perriere asked for a vote regarding council sending a letter of support,

Motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor John Gates that a letter of support from the village be given to the proposed abattoir.

07/088 Councillor Madeleine Perriere noted as opposed due to the lack of public process.

9. MAIS training for staff.

Motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor John Gates to allow one member of staff to attend the conference in Vancouver November 8&9 2007 with costs and expenses paid.

07/089 Carried

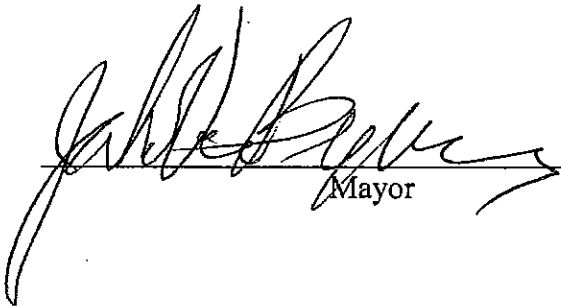
There was a question from Councillor Madeleine Perriere regarding office hours and why the office had been closed on the Friday before the Thanksgiving weekend. Administrator Ludlow replied that time off is given to staff in lieu of overtime.

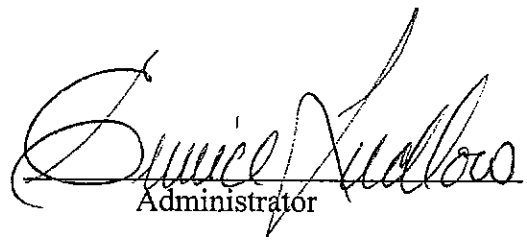
Motion was made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Councillor John Gates to schedule a public meeting with an agenda for November 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. if the Silvery Slocan Hall is available.

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.


Mayor


Administrator

To: Council

From: CAO

Date: October 10th 2007.

Reference: Administrative Report for Council

- **Despite discussion with our MAIS consultants and various other municipalities who have the same computer accounting programme as this village, we are unable to provide exactly what Councillor Perriere requested in the way of detail for the payable and disbursement lists. The old list from October 2004 that was held up as an example was actually submitted by me and was created manually from ledger records. We no longer use the old ledgers and the time spent tracking invoices and recording them for a payables list is costly. We would like to suggest that members of council who are interested in checking invoices make an appointment and come in to inspect invoices at their leisure. Everything is available and, providing you let us know when you are going to come in you may examine invoices and we would be happy to answer your questions. We understand that this is the procedure adopted in most Municipalities.**

- **You will notice that there is a lot of duplication between the payable list and the disbursement list. This is why, on the advice of our CGA, we dispensed with the payable lists some time ago. All invoices are checked in the following way. Public Works invoices are checked first by Jerry Simmons then by me – any queries are sent back to Jerry to answer. They are then examined by the Councillor who has signing authority - either Mayor Van Bynen, Councillor Gates or Councillor Perriere. No cheques go out unless they have two signatures on them and this is in itself a check. It is not necessary for Council to request a break down of small amounts neither is it necessary to examine in minute detail every amount that is paid. We would like to give a measure of comfort to Council as they seem to be perturbed and perhaps going through the invoices in a leisurely manner would be the best way to do it.**

- **The Government Financial Officers Association initial course on recording Tangible Capital Assets was extremely well organized and much information was imparted. There will be several more courses on this subject in preparation for the changes to accounting practices by 2009 to comply with the new legislation. Much of this new work has to be anticipated in our reporting for 2008 so we have a great deal to do in a very short time.**

To: Council
From: Foreman
Date: October 10, 2007
Re: Foreman's Report for Council

- **Ball Field**

Field has been aerated and will be top dressed with sand to fill holes then top seeded as soon as contractor has time. Sprinkler system has been tested and was not damaged.

- **Break Water Walkway**

The ramp will be removed a handrail installed and will be lowered a bit when it is put back on. Use at own risk signs have been installed.

- **Portable Stage**

A stage has been built for use at Sunday Market and can be moved with loader to other locations (it was used for October Fest). It was built with timbers and roofing that we had in stock.

- **Crosswalks**

Crosswalks have been repainted with a better grade of paint and seem to be lasting longer.

- **Sander**

The slide in sander for the plow truck is being rebuilt. Sides of sander had a lot of rust and holes and are being replaced with new metal.

- **Yellow Fire Truck**

The fire truck has been returned from Riondel. It has passed its motor vehicle inspection and we will test pumps and equipment before putting it away for the winter.

- **Benches**

New cedar benches were built for Harold street sidewalk areas and more will be built during winter for Kiddy Park and other areas.

- **Water Line Flushing**

Water lines were flushed and tests for leaks were done by isolating different sections and recording water use. No leaks were found.