

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan  
 Minutes of the Meeting  
 November 14, 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 8 members of the public.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

The agenda was adopted as prepared.  
 Motion was made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav to accept agenda as prepared.  
 07/091

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

Motion to adopt minutes from September 12<sup>th</sup> 2007 as corrected and minutes from October 11<sup>th</sup> 2007 was made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav.  
 07/092 Carried

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

None

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

Q - A member of the public remarked that the real estate sign at Harold and Park has been vandalized. Stakes have been ripped out of the ground. Garbage has been dumped on the lot. What is going to be done about the sign and can the garbage be cleaned up?

A - We don't know who did these things. An apology has been given to the real estate agent. The garbage will be picked up.

Q - A member of the public asked about the village lots that are currently for sale. Since you cannot build on a 30 ft lot, how can the village sell them as lots? The village needs to pass a bylaw so that you can build on a 30 ft lot otherwise the village is not permitted to sell unbuildable lots. When can we see some endeavour to change the bylaw?

A - We will look into it.

A member of the public commented that the village should have a covenant to build within a year of purchase of property.

A member of the public asked why the village does not want 30 ft lots.

A member of the board of variance remarked that there are problems the building bylaw setback requirements on corner lots. The setbacks are very restrictive and along with the septic requirements make it a challenge to place a structure. Would like to know what the new bylaw contains and see if it will be sufficient to meet today's needs.

A - The administrator pointed out that the lots were offered to people with abutting properties.

Q - A member of the public asked if there was a bylaw to make people clean up their property? There is a car blocking the alley.

A - Yes there is.

A member of council pointed out that they were working on the ticketing bylaw.

A member of the public said the village should send out a letter to the people twice – if they didn't comply – then fine them.

A member of the public pointed out that we have to use our bylaws.

### **REPORTS AND DELEGATIONS:**

**Foreman's Report:** See attached report

A member of the public asked why the tennis court lights were not working. Questions about the breakwater walkway were asked to see if it could be improved.

**Administrator's Report:** See attached report

Councillor Madeleine Perriere asked how much money did the village make on the rental of the ball field.

Approximately \$20.00 per week.

### **DISBURSEMENTS:**

Motion to approve October's disbursements of \$103,339.76 was made by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav. Councillor Madeleine Perriere was opposed.  
07/093

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

### **Rec. Commission:**

It was noted at the meeting that the attendance for programs is much higher in the south end of the valley.

Approximately 16,000 cubic meters has been granted for community forest. An office is to open in Winlaw.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Adoption of Cemetery Bylaw #566**

Motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor John Gates to adopt Cemetery Bylaw #566, 2007.  
07/094 Carried

**2. Resolution from Council: Re – Community Health Promotion Grant**

Questions on how the facility would be used, whether there would be user fees were brought up. Council would like to be kept up to date on the progress.  
Motion made by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav that staff move forward with the application for the Community Health Promotion Grant.  
07/095 Carried

**3. 1st, 2nd, 3rd Readings of Bylaw #565 Municipal Ticketing Bylaw –**  
Council would like to have a committee of the whole meeting to discuss which bylaws should be included with the ticketing bylaw. Council requested staff to find the pertinent bylaws. Tabled till next meeting.

**4. Letter from Connie Myers: Re – Abattoir**

A member from council remarked that he felt that way until having visited the Metchosin Abattoir. It was noted that the steering committee for the abattoir has received \$10,000 from the BC Food Processors Association to create a business plan.

**5. Public Meeting Date: Re - The Silvery Slocan Hall was not available on Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 2007.**

The Gym at the school is available on Thursday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Ask Kenyon McGee if he would speak at the public meeting for the abattoir.  
Council requested that staff have a flyer sent out by Friday and note that questions should be submitted by Tuesday.

**6. By-election**

Motion was made by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav to appoint Eunice Ludlow as Chief Elections Officer.  
07/096 Carried

**7. Resolution from Council: Re - A new employee and staff expenses bylaw.**

Motion was made by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere that a new employee and staff expense bylaw be drafted.

07/097 Carried

**8. Resolution from Council: Re – Amendment to Bylaw 549.**

Motion was made by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav to remove staff from the Council Expense Bylaw #549.

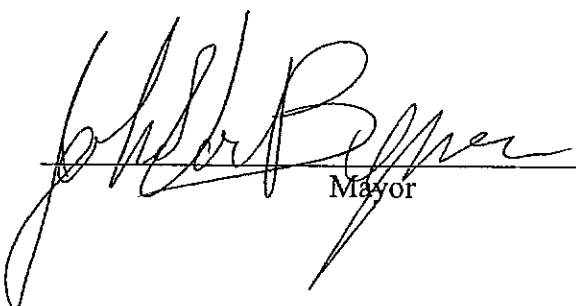
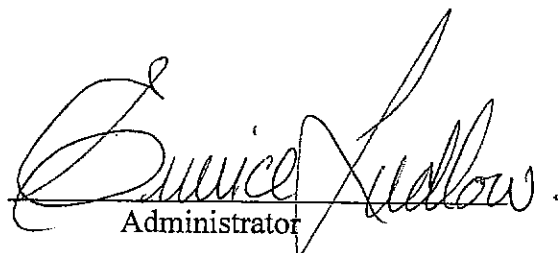
07/098 Carried

**9. Letter from Rory Lindsay: Re – Rails to Trails.**

A berm has been constructed between the Rails to Trails and the road to the EOC and Valhalla Crew Camp.

Council asked staff to send him a thank you letter for his input.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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**To: COUNCIL**

**From: ADMINISTRATOR**

**Date: NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup> 2007.**

**REFERENCE: ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT FOR COUNCIL**

- **As you are all aware, I took a portion of my vacation over the last two weeks of November and as a result of that this report will be rather short.**
- **Three of the village properties listed for sale have been sold. Completion has already taken place on one and the two remaining ones are scheduled to complete on December 19<sup>th</sup> 2007. The revenue generated from these sales will be approximately \$124,000.00.**
- **The time-lines for the by-election are well under way. Notices were published in Nelson Daily news, Valley Voice and the Pennywise.**

**The non-resident elector forms are ready to be picked up from the office and the nomination packages may be picked up at any time. The nomination period starts on December 18<sup>th</sup> and ends on December 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Ella has done a wonderful job of keeping everything on line while I was away and I am very grateful to her.**

**We are both very pleased that Janet is feeling better and is back working at full bore again too.**

**To: Council**  
**From: Foreman**  
**Date: December 12, 2007**  
**Re: Foreman's Report for Council**

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- **Public Works**

The crew is building new benches and garbage cans for Kiddy Park and various places around town. All equipment is being checked over and repairs done when necessary. A railing will also be installed on the new stage.

- **Break Water Walkway**

The ramp to the breakwater has been put back in place and use at own risk signs are up.

- **Snow Removal Equipment**

The grader is now back, chained up and ready to go when needed.

- **Lights**

The electrician has ordered new bulbs for the lights at skating rink and sleigh hill and will be down to replace them as soon as they arrive.

- **Water**

We had a water line break at the hotel and a line break on Nelson St. We have repaired both and will have to replace one block of main line on Nelson St. (part of line is old galvanized pipe and the rest is plastic which keeps failing) and install a proper shut off for the hotel in the spring.