

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan
 Minutes of the Meeting
 December 12, 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 9 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 amended and adopted. Bylaw Enforcement was added under New Business as Item 10.

Motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere to accept agenda as amended.

07/099

Carried

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to adopt minutes from November 14th 2007 was made by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav.

07/100

Carried

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

None

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

Q - A member of the public remarked that there should be studies made as to how much water the abattoir would be using. And would like to know how much money the village would be obligated to put into the abattoir.

A – The decision as to where the abattoir will be has not been made. The village is not committed. There will be a door to door campaign this week to see how the residents in the village feel, whether they are for it or against. The mailer was sent on behalf of the abattoir co-operative, not the village. It is up to the people of the village to decide.

Q - A member of the public stated that it shouldn't have been sent out by the municipality and commented that there are no guarantees on the smell. Would the abattoir close if there was a smell and only open when the problem was resolved? There should be a bond put up for the smell. The abattoir should be put five miles out of town. At a higher location there would be no inversion that would keep the smell in.

Q - A member of the public brought up the Drumheller Bylaw Enforcement and asked why Councillor Madeleine Perriere did not like bylaw enforcement.

A - Councillor Madeleine Perriere said she concerned that we may spend all our time in court fighting tickets.

The member of the public felt that report from Drumheller was exaggerated. Another report explaining the circumstances in the report had been obtained from the Town of Drumheller. A copy was given to council.

Q - A member of the public asked what other properties could be used by the abattoir?

A - There have only been rumours of New Denver or Lemon Creek.

A member of the public, presented council with a nine page petition against the abattoir.

A member of the public presented a letter to council regarding the Abattoir Co-operative.

REPORTS AND DELEGATIONS:

Foreman's Report: See attached report

Administrator's Report: See attached report

Dom Dubé: Integrity Group Report

He would like to know where the rest of the report is. Who set it up for release?

Reply: The paper that you received is what was set for release.

Are we getting lied to?

Reply: I could give you the phone no. to call.

A member of the public stated that the public was told it would get the real report.

A member of the public pointed out that a majority could have the truth come out.

A member of council asked why they felt uncomfortable going through the freedom of information act, if it is so important.

DISBURSEMENTS:

Motion to approve November's disbursements of \$72,688.73 was made by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Marc Septav. Councillor Madeleine Perriere was opposed.
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R.D.C.K: See attached report

Rec. Commission: Nothing to report.

Community Forest: Noting to report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Letter from Ed & Idella Roshinsky: Re Abattoir

A motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav and seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere to have the four letters regarding the abattoir acknowledged. There will be a reply at the Public Meeting in January.

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Carried

2. Letter from John & Doris Sarjeant: Re - Abattoir

Letter acknowledged

3. Letter from Claire Dicken:- Re Abattoir

Letter acknowledged.

4. Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society: - Re – Snowplowing trailhead parking area in village.

Motion made by Councillor Marc Septav , seconded by Mayor John Van Bynen that staff send a letter stating they have people down the valley to clean the snow. Councillor Madeleine Perriere opposed

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5. Letter from WE Graham Community School – Re – Project Save the Turtles funding.

Council requested that staff ask WE Graham for a copy of their proposal.

6. Letter from Suzanne Schroyen – Re - Abattoir

Acknowledge receipt.

7. Bylaw #565 Municipal Ticketing Bylaw – Discussion on Dog, Zoning, Building, Business, Garbage, Water Bylaws.

Motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere to table until next council meeting.

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Carried

8. Community Health Promotion Fund – Re – Application Update

An answer to the application was to be received by December 21, 2007. It was anticipated that the centre would be run by volunteers. There may be an annual membership and drop in fee of \$2.00 or \$20.00 maximum. New Denver has used that fee system and their hours are 9 to 4 and evenings.

9. By-Election.

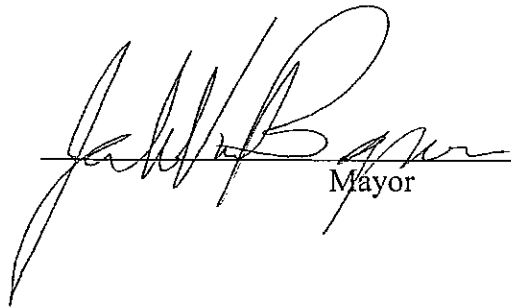
Three Nomination packages have been handed out.

10. Bylaw Enforcement.

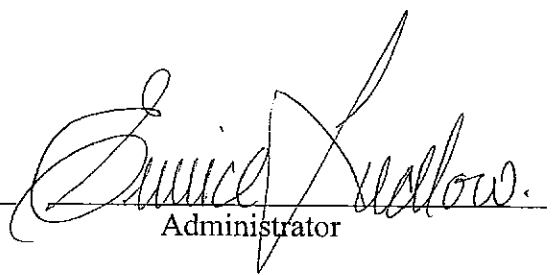
It was commented that the bylaws need to be enforced. The Commissionaires trained a person to do the job. It was difficult to get a person in.
It was pointed out that there was \$6,000.00 allocated to bylaw enforcement, and that we were over budget by \$4,300.00. The bylaw enforcement should be suspended until the ticketing bylaw is in place.
It was pointed out that if we suspend the service we may have trouble re-instating it.

Motion was made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere to suspend the Commissionaire's contract starting December 13 2007. Seconded by Councillor Marc Septav.
07/105 Carried

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Mayor



Administrator

To: COUNCIL

From: ADMINISTRATOR

Date: NOVEMBER 14th 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 19th 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 18th and ends on December 28th

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

- **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.