

The Corporation of the Village of Slocan  
Minutes of the Meeting  
February 6, 2008

The regular meeting of the Slocan Village Council was held on the above date at the Village office, 503 Slocan Street, with Councillor John Gates in the chair.

**PRESENT:**

Councillors John Gates and Marc Septav, Madeleine Perriere. Administrator Eunice Ludlow and Valley Voice Reporter Dan Nicolson were present, as were 18 members of the public.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Councillor John Gates called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Moved by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere.  
08/110

Carried

Hillary Elliott was sworn in as Councillor by Chief Election Officer, Eunice Ludlow.

A report to council was read by the Chief Election Officer, Eunice Ludlow, stating that a formal complaint had been received regarding the by-election for councillor. (Report attached.)

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended was made by Councillor John Gates, seconded by Councillor Hillary Elliott.  
08/111

Carried

Ray Caouette challenged the by-election by application under Section 143 5(c) of the Local Government Act. The challenge was acknowledged by Council and the Chief Election Officer.

**ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES:**

Motion to adopt the minutes as prepared from January 9, 2008 was tabled until next council meeting. Moved by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere.  
08/112

Carried

**MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES:**

None

**PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:**

A motion was made to have the public question period extended to 30 minutes. Moved by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor John Gates.

08/113

Carried

A member of the public brought the story about the "Slaughterhouse" in "The Nelson Express" to council's attention. Pointed out that he thought it was an affront to the people of Slocan. Council was asked if they would speak to this article. And if they would publicly defend Slocan. A letter to the editor was submitted to the Nelson Express by the member of the public, but they wouldn't publish it. The Nelson Daily News did publish it.

- Councillor Marc Septav resolved to make a motion for staff to follow up on the information in the Express. Councillor Madeleine Perriere seconded.

08/114

Carried

A member of the public found that the notice concerning the All Candidates Meeting confusing. The place and time of the Advance Voting was listed, but the information for Voting Day was not listed.

- The date, time and place for Voting Day had been publicized in two papers and was posted on the Village Office Bulletin Board at the Slocan Village Market.

A member of the public objected to what happened at the polling station in Slocan on Voting Day. Stating also that when three councillors meet, that constitutes a council meeting. When someone brought the newspaper article containing misinformation, that person put council at risk. The person that brought that information to the place where Council was meeting should have done due diligence, and followed up on the fact that the newspaper printed a retraction in an obscure area of a later edition of the newspaper. There will be an investigation. That member of public also stated that the council members at that evening's meeting will be asked to resign. There would still be a quorum.

**REPORTS AND DELEGATIONS:**

**Foreman's Report:** see attached

**Administrator's Report:** see attached

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

Motion to approve January's accounts payable of \$18,709.48 made by Councillor Marc Septav. Seconded by Madeleine Perriere.

08/115

Carried

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Motion by Councillor Madeleine Perriere to approve attendance for the Administrator to the CAO meeting in Kamloops. Councillor Hillary Elliott seconded.

08/116 Carried

Motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav to approve attendance to the Local Government Leadership Academy in Richmond for Councillor Hillary Elliott. Councillor Madeleine Perriere seconded.

08/117 Carried

Council requested staff to prepare an info sheet for courses regarding Tangible Capital Assets with dates and agendas. So that matters could be discussed during budget.

Motion to approve January's disbursements of \$27,854.93 was made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Councillor John Gates.

08/118 Carried

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

**Rec. Commission:** Nothing to report.

**Community Forest:** There will be a group meeting at the Village Office on Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> 2008.

**West Waste:** They were thinking of curb side recycling, but were concerned that it might take revenue away from the service that is currently collecting recycling.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. The new Councillor, Hillary Elliott, was formally welcomed.**
- 2. Resolution requested to formally end the Village's interest in the Slocan Valley Abattoir Co-operative.**

– The Village of Slocan will have one share in the co-operative. An out of order outburst from the public was made regarding suing the village if the abattoir went forward. A letter from the Mayor has been sent transferring \$150,000 in grant money from the village to the Co-operative. Motion to table till next meeting by Councillor Marc Septav, seconded by Councillor Hillary Elliott.

08/119 Carried

**3. Letter from WE Graham Community Service Society Re – The Integrity Group Report**

– There was a request made that the Integrity Report be more clear which entities the Integrity Group were referring to. At a certain point in the report the full name was no longer referring to WE Graham Community Services Society and simply named it WE Graham. It was conceded that it was probably done not realizing that there were two entities with almost identical names in the Village of Slocan.

**4. Letter from “Project Save the Turtles Re – Donation**

– Tabled till next meeting due to lack of quorum.

**5. Slocan Library - Discussion regarding remaining funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 required to complete the project.**

- Tabled until budget.

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

- Motion was made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere to table it till budget, seconded by Councillor Hillary Elliott.

08/120

Carried

**7. Request for two Council meetings per month. – Bylaw 550 states that there should be two meetings per month, every second and fourth Wednesday of the month, but there is also a notwithstanding clause stating that at least one has to be held. So there is no illegality in having only one meeting per month.**

**8. Boarding up of Hotel - Discussion and Resolution required – The Credit Union is amenable to having the cost of boarding the hotel put on the taxes.**

- A motion was made by Councillor Marc Septav to request Jerry to look at the cost involved; and bring it to budget, seconded by Councillor Madeleine Perriere.

08/121

Carried

**9. Policy for Discharge of Liquid Waste (see letter from Carol Gordon) - Resolution required.**

- To be tabled.

**10. Old Fire Hall - Request for permission to go in and assess. A rough estimate had been made for the amount of \$125,000.**

- To be tabled till budget.

**11. R.C.M.P. – if the Slocan Lake detachment receives a fourth member does the Village of Slocan still wish to have a policeman resident in the Village of Slocan.**

- To be tabled till budget.

**12. Protocol and Mandates- Request to publicly review Village protocol and mandates.**

- The Procedures are out of date. Please feel free to come and get info from the Village Office.

**13. Gather information on the water plant. – Would like to know the costs of pumping water to the tower. The cost of UV filtration installation. The sizing of the line? Water shortages?**

**14. Request to make public all legal bills and to breakdown all reports received from the adjudicator.**

- These are confidential.

**15. Request for more information on the status of the Bylaw Officer.**

- The Village has an agreement with Commissionaires. This was done by request from public and council. The bylaw officer has tried to enforce the bylaws without tools. It will be difficult to get another bylaw enforcement officer if we end the agreement with the Commissionaires. Council asked staff to look at the date of the motion to end the service of the Bylaw Officer.

**16. 2008 Membership List - Resolution required as requested by Councillor Gates.**

- Motion to approve membership list was made by Councillor Madeleine Perriere, seconded by Councillor Hillary Elliott.

08/122

Carried

**17. Request from Ray Caouette for financial statements for the past 7 (seven) years.**

- Copies are available at the Village office.

**18. Grant application for summer workers.**

- A funding possibility from Columbia Basin Trust was given to staff to investigate.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councillor Madeleine Perriere moved to adjourn the meeting, Councillor Hillary Elliott seconded.

08/123

Carried

Councillor John Gates adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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Mayor

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Administrator