**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

(Minutes of Council)

Slocan, British Columbia

August 10th, 2015

**The Regular Meeting** of the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Village of Slocan, elected for the years 2014-2018, was held in Council Chambers 503 Slocan Street, Slocan, B.C., on August 10th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**: Elected Officials

Mayor Jessica Lunn

Councillor Jean Patterson

Councillor Joel Pelletier

Councillor Madeleine Perriere

Councillor Burly Van Bynen

Appointed Personnel

Patricia Dehnel, Chief Administrative Officer

**Call to Order**

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

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| Adopt Agenda  2015/195 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That the agenda be adopted with the addition of one late item: Curling Club Request.  Carried with Councillor Patterson voting opposed |
| 2015/196 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:  That the CAO be directed not to accept any late items unless an absolute emergency. |
| Adoption of Minutes  2015/197 | Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 13th, 2015 be adopted. |
| Recommendations |  |
| Planning Manager Proposal  2015/198 | At the in-camera meeting of July 13th, a proposal was received from former CAO, Patricia Dehnel, to remain employed under contract with the Village as Planning Manager. Supports would include community planning and management of the Micro-Hydro Project. Council resolved to accept the proposal and that staff prepare and enter into a contract with Ms. Dehnel for the remainder of 2015 with the option to renew, pending budget allocations, for the 2016 year.  Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That the CAO Planning Manager Report be received for information. |
| Requests: |  |
| Smart Meter Resolution  2015/199 | Correspondence was received from Sandra Linstead, accompanied by a resolution recently passed by the RDOS, requesting that Council consider adopting the same resolution for Slocan: Call for a Moratorium on Smart Meter  Installation:  Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:    WHEREAS over 60 municipalities, regional districts and First Nation governments in British Columbia, including the Village of Slocan, have now called for a “moratorium” on the mandatory installation of wireless “smart” utility meters in their communities until an opt-out option is made available;  AND given that such wireless electricity meters (the Itron Open Way AM-17) are currently being installed through the Regional District of Central Kootenay by FortisBC, usually without securing any form of written consent from affected property owners;  AND WHEREAS the Itron meters that are presently being installed on privately owned residences are not UL approved or CSA certified, nor will FortisBC provide a letter of certification from a qualified professional engineer giving assurance that such meters do not constitute a risk to health and fire safety, as required by BC Safety Standards Act, Section 21(4); raising doubt that such installations are legal, or that liability is accepted by FortisBC;  AND that on May 7th, 2015 the Canadian Medical Association Journal published a scathing condemnation of Health Canada’s Safety Code 6 guidelines for non-ionizing radiation from wireless devices, including smart meters, warning that the microwave levels allowed in Canadian classrooms, residences and workplaces constitute a “disaster to public health”;  AND further noting that just last week, over 200 distinguished scientists and cancer specialists from 39 nations submitted an open Appeal to the United Nations, its Member states, and the World Health Organization, calling upon the WHO to consider reclassifying electromagnetic fields from wireless devices to Group 2A agents, as “probable carcinogens”; these experts call upon the WHO to take urgent measures to strengthen the International regulation of non-ionizing radiation, “to protect our children, ourselves and our ecosystems”;  AND finally, whereas the British Columbia Public Health Act gives ultimate responsibility for Health Protection to the Minister of Health and to BC’s Chief Medical Health Officer, and under Section 83(1), the Act requires that any local government must take action upon being made aware of any health hazard or health impediment within its jurisdiction, by reporting the health hazard to a Provincial Health Officer, and by taking actions or enforcing any Regulations as prescribed by Section 120(1) of the Public Health Act.  THEREFORE, by virtue of the aforestated facts, it is hereby resolved that the Corporation of the Village of Slocan does petition the Premier of British Columbia (the Honorable Christy Clark), the Minister of Health (the Honorable Terry Lake), and the Chief Medical Health Officer for BC (Dr. Perry Kendall) to acknowledge the guidelines adhered to by the Province, namely Health Canada’s Safety Code 6, are outdated and inappropriate, and do not adequately protect citizens of the Village of Slocan, or indeed all British Columbians, from serious chronic health affects resulting from long-term exposure to increasingly hazardous levels of wireless electromagnetic radiation.  AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the interest of public safety, the Government of BC, through the BC Utilities Commission, be requested to order an immediate halt to mandatory installation of advanced (wireless) utility meters on all private residences within the jurisdiction of the Village of Slocan; and further, that all such meters that have been installed within the Village of Slocan be removed immediately, at full cost to FortisBC. |
| Slocan Legion  2015/200 | A request was received from the Slocan Legion for Council to meet with their board to discuss the kitchen renovation and potential funding support.  Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That staff coordinate a meeting with the Slocan Legion to discuss the kitchen renovation and potential funding support. |
| Wellness Center Sign Proposal  2015/201 | As defined in the Wellness Center Sign Committee Terms of Reference, the final proposal to erect a sign at the Wellness Center was received by Council.  Moved by Counillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That the proposal from the Wellness Center Sign Committee be approved; and that the committee proceed with construction, coordinating with Public Works and Village staff as needed. |
| Information Items  2015/202 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That the following items be received and the action indicated as required be taken by staff: |
|  | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | RCMP – Quarterly Crime Statistics | Information | | 2 | SVSHS – Letter of Thanks | Information | | 3 | SVSHS – Start Up Coordinator Hired for Housing Project | Resolution | | 4 | Auditor General – Performance Audit Report, Dawson Creek | Information | | 5 | Community Carbon Marketplace – Carbon Neutral Communities | Information | | 6 | RDCK – Hazardous Waste Round-up Events | Information | | 7 | Green Communities Committee – 2014 Carbon Neutrality | Information | | 8 | FCM – Federal Election 2015 | Information | | 9 | AKBLG – Regional Demographic Workshop, Warfield | Resolution | |
| SVSHS Start-Up Coordinator  2015/203 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That a letter be sent to Hillary Elliott, congratulating her on her new position of Start-Up Coordinator for the Slocan Valley Senior’s Housing Society. |
| AKBLG Workshop  2015/204 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That Councillor Patterson attend the AKBLG Regional Demographic Shifts Workshop in Warfield, BC on Wednesday, October 7, 2015. |
| Reports |  |
| JCP Project Report  2015/205 | Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:  That the July 2015 Job Creation Program: Owl Walk and Tourism Enhancement Program progress report be received for information. |
| JCP Thank You Letter  2015/206 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:  That a letter of thanks be sent to Mike Naylor and Sockeye Enterprises, for allowing our JCP participants to use their shop and planer. |
| Council Reports |  |
| Mayors Report  2015/207 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That the August 2015 Mayor’s Report be received for information. |
| Councillors Report  2015/208 | Councillor Van Bynen reported on parking and other issues on the waterfront.  Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That staff contact Springer Creek Forest Products to request permission to use their land adjacent to the beachfront for additional parking, as a short-term solution to waterfront congestion. |
| 2015/209 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting be scheduled in October to discuss current and ongoing waterfront issues. |
| Screech Owl Committee  2015/210 | Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resoved:  That Mayor Lunn’s verbal report on the Screech Owl Committee be received for information. |
| Late Items |  |
| Slocan Curling Club  Event Request  2015/211 | A request was received from the Slocan Curling Club for use of the Village Logger Sports area for the purpose of hosting an Oktoberfest Fundraiser.  Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That Council approve the Curling Club’s request to use the Logger Sports area, for the purpose of hosting an Oktoberfest Fundraiser, conditional of proof of insurance and other documents as required; and further, that the Village allow use of picnic tables as available. |
| Public Participation |  |
| Myers | Connie Myers inquired about the wood being used for the JCP picnic tables and noted the workmanship. |
| Dufault | Denise Dufault made suggestions to Council on how to make improvements to the parking issue on the waterfront. |
| Kelly | Dick Kelly reported the issue of invasive Knotweed in and around the lake area. |
| Kelly | Marcy Kelly reported that the pilons at the beach may not be safe. She also inquired who is responsible for the pilons. |
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| Knotweed  2015/212 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That staff look into the Knotweed issue in and around the lake area and that staff report back at the September meeting. |
| Adjournment  2015/213 | Moved by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:  That the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m. |

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CERTIFIED CORRECT: Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer