**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

(Minutes of Council)

Slocan, British Columbia

September 14th, 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 September 14th, 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

Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer

Tim Hill, Public Works Supervisor

**Call to Order**

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

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| Adopt Agenda  2015/218 | Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That the agenda be adopted as presented. |
| Adoption of Minutes  2015/219 | Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:  That the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 10th, 2015, Regular Meeting of August 10, 2015 and Special Meeting of August 12, 2015 be adopted. |
| Audience: |  |
| FortisBC | Blair Weston of FortisBC presented to Council regarding Smart Meter installation in the Slocan Valley and discussed issues such as safety, certification, approval and the FortisBC Tariff. |
| Knotweed | Jennifer Vogel, Executive Director of the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society presented on Knotweed. A PowerPoint presentation was provided and discussed issues such as negative impacts, growth cycles, risks, and removal options. |
| Walk for the Plan  2015/220 | Natalie Lucas, Early Childhood Educator and founder of Valhalla Children’s Center and Wee One’s Daycare, presented on the $10/day Walk for the Plan. A letter of request was submitted asking permission from Council to use the streets of Slocan for local participation.  Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That the Village of Slocan Council endorse the *Community Plan for a Public System of Integrated Early Care and Learning* proposed by the Coalition of Child Care Advocates of BC and the Early Childhood Educators of BC – now known as the $10aDay Child Care Plan. |
| 2015/221 | Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That authorization be granted to Natalie Lucas to use the streets of Slocan to host a local $10/day Walk for the Plan on Saturday, September 19th at 10am. |
| Unity Festival 2016  2015/222 | Felicity Gerwing, Unity Music Festival Coordinator presented to Council to discuss approval for Unity Festival 2016, to be held at Slocan Beach on July 23rd and 24th, 2016, and requested a meeting be arranged to discuss the logistics.  Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That Council support the 2016 Unity Music Festival, to be held at the Slocan Beach on July 23rd and 24th, 2016, in principle. |
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| Recommendations |  |
| Electronic Payment of Tax & Utility Bills  2015/223 | Staff propose to allow for electronic payment of tax and utility bills through online banking. This service will be provided by the Village’s financial institution at no cost to the Village.  Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That staff be directed to enter into and sign the Agreement with Central1 Credit Union for the purpose of allowing for electronic payment of property tax and utility bills through customer financial institutions. |
| DV Permit – 609 Springer Street  2015/224 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That Council approve the Development Variance Permit application to vary the height requirement as established in the Slocan Zoning Bylaw, for construction of a detached accessory building (workshop), from 15 feet to 16.4 feet, for the property legally described as Lots 15-18, Block 18, Plan 496, DL 292, 609 Springer Street. |
| Fall Clean-Up Week  2015/225 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That Fall Clean-Up Week 2015 be held Monday, October 19th to Thursday, October 22nd and that collections be limited to organic material only, and further, that the Village offer free vehicle removal. |
| Requests: |  |
| Curling Club Octoberfest  2015/226 | Correspondence was received from the Slocan Curling Club requesting financial assistance to host their Annual Octoberfest fundraiser.  Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That Council approve a $200 Discretionary Grant to the Slocan Curling Club, to support their Annual Octoberfest Fundraiser to be held on October 10, 2015. |
| SVSHS  2015/227 | Correspondence was received from the Slocan Valley Seniors Housing Society requesting Council to consider transferring the $15,000 budget allocation to the 2016 budget if unused. Securing these funds will enable the society to apply for grants.  Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:  That Council transfer the 2015 budget allocation of $15,000 for the Seniors Housing Project to the 2016 budget as requested. |
| 2015/228 | Councillor Perriere reported that Bartel Skeete, former owner of Slocan Valley Planer Mills & Lumber Co, Winlaw BC, has generously donated a substantial amount of lumber for the Seniors Housing Project.  Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That a letter of thanks be sent to Bartel Skeete thanking him for his generous donation of wood for the Seniors Housing Project. |
| WEGCSS – Food Bank Christmas Food Hamper  2015/229 | Correspondence was received from WE Graham Community Service Society requesting donation for the 2015 Food Cupboard Christmas Hamper Program.  Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That staff contact WEGCSS to obtain more information in regards to the hampers, how much they cost, and how much they would like from the Village in the way of financial support. |
| Spirit of Christmas Committee  2015/230 | Correspondence was received from the Spirit of Christmas Committee, requesting support for the 2015 Christmas Tree Light Up Celebration.  Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:  That a $100 Discretionary Grant be awarded to the Spirit of Christmas Committee for the purchase of new lights. |
| 2015/231 | Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That Council grant approval for locating and cutting a tree to place on the Wellness Center grounds for the purpose of a Christmas Tree Light-Up Celebration and that Public Works assist with the labour and equipment as per request from the Committee; and further, that Council grant permission to use the Wellness Center for power and public access for washrooms. |
| Information Items  2015/232 | 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: |
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| Community Voter’s Challenge  2015/233 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That staff explore the option of Slocan residents and WE Graham Community School participating in the Community Voter’s Challenge. |
| Terry Fox Run  2015/234 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:  That staff contact WE Graham Community School encouraging participation in the 35th Anniversary of the Terry Fox Run. |
| Paramedicine Initiative  2015/235 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That staff contact Cheryl Widdleton, Interior Health, to request information on how Slocan can become a pilot community for the Paramedicine Program. |
| Reports |  |
| JCP Project Report  2015/236 | Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That the August 2015 Job Creation Program: Owl Walk and Tourism Enhancement Program progress report be received for information. |
| PW Supervisor  2015/237 | Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That the September 2015 Public Works Supervisor report be received for information. |
| Council Reports |  |
| Mayors Report  2015/238 | Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That the September 2015 Mayor’s Report be received for information. |
| Public Participation |  |
| Myers | Connie Myers inquired about the recent stop sign vandalism. |
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| Gerwing | Felicity Gerwing cautioned Council to look into the effects of herbicide if used to remove Knotweed within the Village. |
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| Robichaud | Bernadette Robichaud mentioned concerns regarding derelict vehicles on private property within the Village. |
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| Kelly | Dick Kelly offered his most sincere thanks to Council and Public Works for completing the new Wellness Center sidewalk leading up to the Library doors. |
| Joyce | Art Joyce, Valley Voice Reporter, asked for clarification on agenda items. |
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| Adjournment  2015/239 | Moved by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:  That the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m. |

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CERTIFIED CORRECT: Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer