**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

(Minutes of Council)

Slocan, British Columbia

October 5, 2015

**The Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting** of the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Village of Slocan, elected for the years 2014-2018, was held at the Slocan Legion Hall, 502 Harold Street, Slocan, B.C., on October 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**: Elected Officials

Mayor Jessica Lunn

Councillor Jean Patterson

Councillor Madeleine Perriere

Councillor Burly Van Bynen

**ABSENT:** Councillor Joel Pelletier

Appointed Personnel

Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer

Tim Hill, Public Works Supervisor

**Call to Order**

Mayor Jessica Lunn called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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| Adopt Agenda  2015/244 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That the agenda be adopted as presented. |
| WATERFRONT DISCUSSION | At the August 10th, 2015 regular meeting, Council resolved to schedule a Committee-of-the-Whole meeting to discuss the Slocan waterfront. Comments, suggestions and concerns are welcomed from the public. |
| Linda Adams,  Slocan, BC | Asked Council what their current ideas and plans were for the waterfront and beach. |
| Dave Fredrickson, Slocan West Rd.  Slocan, BC | There was discussion regarding the opening of Delany Avenue where the cenotaph was previously located, he would like to see this happen. A tree is located in the four vacant Village lots that are used for boat trailer parking and suggested it be cut down. The grass is rough at the beach and in need of TLC. Unity Festival be held at the ball field and the beach should not be cut off from public. The boom logs need to be removed. A previous license of occupancy with Springer Creek Forest Products used to be in place for use of a portion of Harold Street for through-traffic. |
| Barb Horton,  Slocan, BC | Barb suggested charging for dock use. Residents pay high taxes, if there was a fee for users outside boundary it would help maintain dock. |
| Bill Nixon,  Slocan, BC | Beach sanitation and dust control are two issues that need to be looked into. If there were a dock fee, some funds could be used for this purpose. |
| Laurie Septav,  Slocan, BC | Would really like to see washrooms closer to the boat dock/breakwater and not be locked up by 8pm. Suggested automatic locks for washroom door. |
| Linda Taylor,  Slocan, BC | All good ideas. Would like to see the beach parking lot closed off with a proper gate with a no dog sign. Would be willing to pay at the boat launch. Suggested applying for a grant to get a children’s playground at the beach. |
| Linda Adams,  Slocan, BC | If installing a gate at beach, need access for emergencies. Linda noted that campers are going to other campgrounds and beaches due to lack of dog control. |
| Barb Horton,  Slocan, BC | Dogs a huge issue at beach. If there were a boat launch charge, some fees could be used to pay for bylaw enforcement at beach. In the past, student beach ambassador was bullied. If we have a bylaw we should be able to enforce it. There are more and more people using the beach each year, need better flow for traffic. Reopening Delany Ave. would be a great route. People are reading signage, need to make very clear. |
| Peter Taylor,  Slocan, BC | Does not go to beach or launch boat on weekends anymore due to dog issues and heavy traffic. |
| Pat Simmons,  Slocan, BC | Wondered who designated the dog beach. Most beautiful part and cannot be used by everyone due to unruly animals, bad smell, people, and feces on ground.  Big parking issue; can cars be towed away? |
| Dave Fredrickson,  Slocan West Rd.  Slocan, BC | Used to be Federal boat launch on right side of beach. Believes that in order to charge money at new dock, the Village would have to open up the old one. Also certain laws around CPR land. |
| Bonnie Lister  Martens Rd.  Slocan, BC | Boat launch is a zoo, boats coming in and out and people not reading signs. Need someone on patrol. |
| Bill Nixon,  Slocan, BC | Parking is an issue. The Village has to start enforcing signage but there is no bylaw officer. If people are fined a few times they may start respecting the rules. Horses and other animals have been seen at the beach regardless of the “no animals” sign. |
| Barb Horton,  Slocan, BC | Many people camping at the beach, mostly at the dog beach, and there for weeks. They make a mess and do not use the washroom facilities. |
| Linda Taylor,  Slocan, BC | Unity Festival needs to be better controlled, more realistic to have at a farm outside of town. Residents pay taxes and have to pay to go to festival. Loud drumming before, during and after the festival can be heard coming from beach. Sandwich boards for temporary signage a good idea as current signs are hard to read. Opening up Harold Street a good idea. |
| Cheryl Fredrickson,  Slocan West Rd.  Slocan, BC | Unity Festival shut all parking areas off for festival setup and throughout weekend. Are they legally allowed to do that? Against festival location.  If beach parking area shut down, will this not make congestion worse? Where do people go to park? |
| Madeleine Perriere,  Councillor,  Slocan, BC | We can only hope residents and guests respect our beach. Some do take advantage and many do not utilize services in town. |
| Linda Taylor,  Slocan, BC | RCMP mention they are here for us, can we ask them to make a presence at beach? |
| Barb Horton, Slocan, BC | If no bylaw officer, can CAO enforce the bylaws? Need to start ticketing. |
| Jean Patterson,  Councillor,  Slocan, BC | All good ideas but all require money. Officer at the dock would cost just as much as money coming in. Need to generate money to implement ideas. |
| Dave Fredrickson,  Slocan West Rd.  Slocan, BC | Suggested a volunteer citizens’ group for beach patrol. |
| Bill Nixon,  Slocan, BC | Does Village beach go all the way to gazebo? In July and August there are many rows of cars and many kids around. Many people use gazebo, may have to put no parking signs in front of rock wall. |
| Linda Adams,  Slocan, BC | If Village has extra vacant property, could be used for parking. |
| Barb Horton, Slocan, BC | Can move Kiddie Park to beach and use property for parking. |
| Adjournment  2015/245 | Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. |

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CERTIFIED CORRECT: Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer