**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

(Minutes of Council)

Slocan, British Columbia

April 11, 2016

**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 April 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**: Elected Officials

Mayor Jessica Lunn

Councillor Jean Patterson

Councillor Joel Pelletier

Councillor Perriere

Councillor Van Bynen

Appointed Personnel

Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer

**Call to Order**

Mayor Jessica Lunn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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| Adopt Agenda  2016/71 | Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That the agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of 3 items moving out of camera into open meeting. |
| Adoption of Minutes  2016/72 | Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:  That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 14th and the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 21st, 2016 be adopted as presented. |
| Audience: |  |
| Gail Morris –  Saturday Market  2016/73 | Gail Morris provided a proposal to Council for operation of a Saturday Market on the upper bench of the Expo Park grounds. Permission was requested for use of concession stand, stage, bathrooms, grounds, parking area, and use of water and power. The Market would start Saturday, June 4th and occur every consecutive Saturday until September 3rd, from 9am to 4pm. Vendors would include local food producers, artisans, and musicians.  Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That staff coordinate with Gail Morris to draft an agreement for the use of the Expo Park upper grounds for the purpose of a Saturday Market; including regulations on cleaning and maintenance of the facilities, and bring forward to Council for review at the next meeting. |
| Vanessa Bate –  Mural Request  2016/74 | Vanessa Bate presented a proposal to Council for completion of a mural on the beach washroom building. The painted sketch included a collaboration of original artistry by four artists: Pixie Johnston, Stephanie Kellet, Bubzee Feller, and Vanessa Bate. These artists have recently completed a mural at the Winlaw Gas Station. Funding for the project would come from grants, local donations, Unity Festival, and Village support.  Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That the proposal received by Vanessa Bate regarding completion of a mural at the Beach Washrooms be received and approved as presented, and that Vanessa coordinate with Village staff regarding logistics. |
| 2016/74 | Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That Council approve a $200 Discretionary Grant as Village contribution, for a mural to be painted at the Beach Washrooms. |
| Recommendations |  |
| Outrider’s Assn  2016/75 | A proposal was received from the Slocan Valley Outrider’s Association, for Council’s support and permission to replace their riding ring. The current ring is 20 years old and deteriorating. Replacement will reduce liability/future maintenance costs and increase safety.  Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That Council approve the proposal from the Slocan Valley Outrider’s Association for replacement of their riding arena fencing, and that staff be directed to write a letter of support to assist the Association with their application for grant funding. |
| New Denver May Days Parade  2016/76 | Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That the Mayor and Council attend the New Denver May Days Parade if available and that the fire truck be sent if repairs are complete. |
| Information Items  2016/77 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:  That the following items be received and the action indicated as required be taken by staff:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | RDCK – March Board Highlights | Information | | 2 | WKBRHD – March Spotlight | Information | | 3 | West Koot Route Calendar | Resolution | | 4 | CBT – Water Smart Program | Information | | 5 | Smart Planning for Communities – Sustainability Plans in BC | Information | | 6 | SVHS – March Newsletter | Information | | 7 | Ministry of Environment – Water Sustainability Act | Information | | 8 | P. Dehnel – Climate Leadership Plan | Information | | 9 | M. Chapman - Community Voter’s Challenge Results | Resolution | | 10 | RDCK – Responsible Burning | Information | | 11 | WKBRHD – Capital Upgrades, KBR Hospital | Information | | 12 | PWABC – Public Works Week | Resolution | |
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| West Koot Route  Calendars  2016/78 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That staff look into participating in the sale of 2017 West Koot Route Calendars. |
| Reports |  |
| Councillor Perriere | Councillor Perriere noted that the 30th Anniversary of the Slocan Expo Park will be organized by the Spirit of Slocan Committee and celebrated on the September long weekend. Details will be advertised. |
| Councillor  Van Bynen | Councillor Van Bynen reported that the flags still have not been hung on the Logger Sports poles. He also inquired about the log to be placed that will block the beach parking area. |
| 2016/79 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That the tattered flags be removed but not replaced.  COUNCILLOR VAN BYNEN OPPOSED. |
| 2016/80 | Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That staff be directed to place the log at the beach, to redirect beach parking and access. |
| Mayor’s Report  2016/81 | The Mayor presented a verbal report of RDCK meetings and events. She also spoke to the School District 8 Facilities Review and how important it is for Slocan Village to support W.E. Graham Community School. Members of the public are encouraged to submit feedback and attend the meetings as available.  Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That the April 2016 Mayor’s Report be received for information. |
| Bylaws |  |
| Fees & Charges -  Campground Rates  2016/82 | Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That the Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. \_\_\_\_, 2016 be finally passed and adopted and numbered 649. |
| 5-Year Financial Plan 2016-2020  2016/83 | Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That Council give first, second and third readings to the Village of Slocan Financial Plan (2016-2020) Bylaw, No. 650, 2016. |
| Tax Rate Bylaw  2016/84 | Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That Council give first, second and third readings to the Village of Slocan Annual Tax Rate Bylaw, No. 651, 2016. |
| Business Moved to Open Meeting |  |
| Hulbert Offer to Purchase Land  2016/85 | A Proposal was received by Courtney and Russel Hulbert of Ice Creek Lodge, to purchase two Village-owned commercial lots. The Hulberts would utilize this land to construct a small office space and store front in conjunction with their back-country ski lodge. The business would operate year-round.  The Proposal is in alignment with the Slocan OCP and Zoning Bylaw. The OCP supports encouraging new development, retention and expansion of existing businesses and services, and development of a compact, visually-appealing commercial core that will function as a focal point for the Village.  Council supported the proposal in principle and directed staff to explore the Village Land Sale Policy and accompanying legislation prior to proceeding. The Policy required the proponents to obtain and pay for an appraisal, which returned a value of $30,000. The Hulberts prepared an Offer to Purchase for Council decision, for no less than appraised value.  Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That it be moved to open meeting, the following In-Camera resolutions:   * That the appraisal of Village-owned lands, Lots 17 and 18 of Block 11, drafted by Strand & Godfrey Appraisers, be received for information. * That the Offer to Purchase Contract from Courtney and Russel Hulbert, for the amount of $30,000, be received. * That Council accept, *in principle,* the $30,000 offer from Courtney and Russel Hulbert for purchase of Village-owned land (Lots 17+18, Blk 11), subject to Council revoking their decision as a result of Section 26 of the *Community Charter*. * That Council request a covenant be included in the Purchase Agreement to ensure the commercial use, as outlined in the Hulbert proposal, be executed; and further, that construction commence within six months and be completed within three years of the possession date. * That Council direct staff to post *Notice of Proposed Property Disposition,* subject to Section 26 of the *Community Charter.* |
| Animal Control | The CAO provided a verbal update at an In-Camera on recent research regarding Animal Control in the Village. It has been noted that many residents are concerned with the lack of enforcement. Staff are in the preliminary stages of research and has requested a Council resolution if they wish staff to proceed.  Be it be Moved out of Camera that:  Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That staff continue to research Animal Control Bylaw Enforcement scenarios to bring forward to Council at the next meeting. |
| Legion Roof | During Budget deliberations, Council discussed the deficiencies identified at the Legion Hall and allocated funds for these repairs. Legion contractor Jessie Novak, Sustainable Roots, provided a quote for repair of the roof.  Be it Moved out of Camera that:  Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That the quote from Jessie Novak of Sustainable Roots Contracting be received and approved as presented; and  That staff obtain further quotes from Sustainable Roots Contracting, to address the prioritized Legion safety concerns presented, and that the quotes be provided to Council at the next meeting. |
| Public Participation |  |
| Dufault | Denise Dufault requested Council support for a Streamkeepers’ initiative, to conduct heavy metal water testing on Springer Creek. This testing would be paid for by grant funding if approved. |
| 2016/86 | Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That Council support in principle, the Slocan River Streamkeepers’ initiative, to conduct heavy metal water testing on Springer Creek; a valuable addition to current baseline data being collected. |
| Couston | Ken Couston made Council aware of a proposal he will be submitting in the near future, to construct a steam wheeler for operation on Slocan Lake. |
| Adjournment  2016/87 | Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m. |

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer