**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN**

(Minutes of Council)

Slocan, British Columbia

March 13, 2017

**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 March 13th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT**: Elected Officials

Mayor Jessica Lunn

Councillor Burly Van Bynen

Councillor Madeleine Perriere

Councillor Joel Pelletier

Councillor Jean Patterson

Appointed Personnel

Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer

**Call to Order**

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

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| Adopt Agenda  2017/44 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:  That the agenda be adopted as presented. |
| Adoption of Minutes  2017/45 | Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14th, and the Special Meeting of February 27th, 2017 be adopted as presented. |
| Audience: |  |
| Gail Morris,  Saturday Market  2017/46 | Gail Morris of the Saturday Market proposed to Council, the idea of moving the market to the beach for the 2017 market season. Pros and cons were discussed.  Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That the verbal presentation from Gail Morris, Slocan Saturday Market, be received for information. |
| SVOA  2017/47 | The Slocan Valley Outriders Association presented to Council, an update on who they are, what their mandate is, details of work completed over the past few years, and goals for 2017.  Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That the Slocan Valley Outriders Association presentation be received for information. |
| Recommendations: |  |
| Spring Clean-Up  2017/48 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That the 2017 Annual Spring Clean-Up Week be held Monday, April 24th to Thursday, April 27th, 2017 and that the Village limit the amount of collected materials per household to a maximum of two piles of one cubic meter each; and that $20 Freon and $10 Non-Freon tags, for pickup of white goods, be available for purchase at the Village Office. |
| AKBLG  2017/49 | Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That Mayor Lunn, Councillor Perriere, and Councillor Pelletier attend the Annual AKBLG Conference in Rossland, BC on April 26 – 28, 2017. |
| Seniors Housing  DP Application  2017/50  2017/51  2017/52  2017/53 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That Council approve a parking easement on the Wellness Center grounds, on Lot 1 of Block 22, to provide the Slocan Valley Seniors Housing development with the minimum required parking stalls, pursuant to section 4.21 of the Slocan Zoning Bylaw, pending approval of the Society’s development permit and ground lease; And further, that the easement agreement for the 7 stalls be reviewed by Council prior to signing.  Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:  That Council approve the Slocan Valley Senior’s Housing Society’s Development Permit Application, to construct a 12-unit seniors and affordable housing complex on lots 13-20 of block 22, *conditional to* the SVSHS entering into a long-term ground lease with the Village of Slocan, and *conditional to* obtaining a valid Village of Slocan Building Permit.  Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:  That staff be directed file an application with the Land Title Office, to consolidate lots 13 – 20 of Block 22.  Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That the SVSHS be directed to provide Council with the following legal agreements for review, once prepared by their legal representative:  - Shared Septic Easement  - Parking Easement  - Water Line Statutory Right of Way  - Electricity Easement  - Encroachment Agreement |
| Requests: |  |
| SOS Cenotaph Project  2017/54 | A request was received from the Spirit of Slocan Committee for Council to consider removing the trees and stumps in the northwest corner of the Wellness Center property, to assist them with plans to beautify/landscape the cenotaph area.  Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That the report and request from the Spirit of Slocan Committee be received for information, and that the Committee be requested to provide Council with a ground plan prior to making a decision. |
| SOS Canada 150  2017/55 | Correspondence was received from the Spirit of Slocan Committee, outlining plans for a Canada 150 Celebration in conjunction with the SOS Labour Day Family Fall Fair.  Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Patterson,  And Resolved:  That the correspondence received from the Spirit of Slocan Committee regarding plans for the Labour Day long weekend be received for information. |
| WEG Art Project  2017/56 | A proposal was received from WE Graham Community School, to complete a “Welcome to Slocan CD Tree” in the Village, with the students.  Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That staff contact WE Graham Community School to clarify details regarding their proposed art project location, safety, placement, maintenance, weight, and length of time, and report back. |
| Easter Egg Hunt  2017/57 | A proposal was received from Teacla McGreal, to host an easter egg hunt at the Wellness Center grounds, and a request for Council to support funding the event.  Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That Council approve an easter egg hunt at the Wellness Center grounds on Saturday, April 15th, 2017 at 10:00am, and that a $200 Discretionary Grant be awarded to support the event. |
| *CAO* | *Due to potential conflict of interest on the next agenda item, the CAO removed herself from the room at 8:12pm.* |
| Mobile Vendor  2017/58 | A proposal was received from Mike Beteau, to operate a mobile food vendor cart at the Slocan beach during the summer months.  Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That Council approve the proposal from Mike Beteau, to operate a mobile food cart at the Slocan Beach during the permitted months, conditional to proof of insurance and interior health inspection being provided. |
| *CAO* | *The CAO returned to the meeting at 8:16pm.* |
| Pay Phone Request  2017/59 | Information was received from “Bill” regarding the extinction of public pay phones and the need to ensure that our local Slocan payphones remain.  Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That a letter be send to Telus supporting public payphones, and expressing our need for the local Slocan payphones to remain serviced and operational, as we do not have cell service; and further, that service and maintenance can be coordinated easily as the pay phone is adjacent to a Telus operations office. |
| Information Items |  |
| 2017/60 | Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That the following items be received and the action indicated as required be taken by staff:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | 1 | RDCK – February Spotlight | Information | | 2 | RDCK – February Board Highlights | Resolution | | 3 | BC Seniors Games – 2017 Games, Coquitlam | Resolution | | 4 | City of Rossland – Heritage Tax Credit | Information | | 5 | Berg Lehmann – Audit Letter | Information | | 6 | Prime Minister Trudeau’s Office – Trans Mountain Expansion Project | Information | | 7 | Slocan Valley Refugee Coalition – Thank You | Information | | 8 | RDCK Media Release – Castlegar Community Complex | Information | | 9 | RDCK Media Release – Creston/Area B Water Infrastructure Upgrade | Information | | 10 | District of Coldstream – Provincial Private Moorage Program | Information | | 11 | AKBLG – Call for Nominations | Information | | 12 | RDCK – Mixed Waste Tipping Fees Increase | Information | | 13 | S. Whitney – Thank you Letter | Information | |
| 2017/61 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That staff contact the BC Seniors Games to follow up on their letter and to request more information. |
| 2017/62 | Moved by Councillor Patterson, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  And Resolved:  That Councillor Perriere’s verbal report on the February RDCK Meetings be received for information. |
| Reports: |  |
| Paving Proposal  2017/63 | A report was received from the CAO – At the In-Camera meeting of February 27th, information was received regarding potential paving of Slocan streets.  In September 2016, the Slocan and Arrow Lakes Villages received correspondence from the Ministry of Transportation, advising that a portion of Hwy 6 (north of Slocan) has been scheduled for resurfacing in 2017. The Ministry extended the invitation for local villages to ‘piggy-back’ on this resurfacing project, and participate in their joint RFP.  This is an excellent opportunity for smaller communities, as it offers a lower asphalt cost that the Ministry receives, due to higher asphalt volumes. There are also administrative benefits, such as the Ministry field representatives preparing the contractual documents and being onsite during the works.  Although the cost is estimated – the tender has not yet been issued and bids not yet received – the savings per square meter are substantial. (Example: regular rate $35/m2, discounted rate $20/m2)  The following motion was carried and moved into open meeting:    *That Council approve up to $200,000 for paving/resurfacing priority roads in Slocan, to be funded by the Community Works Gas Tax Fund, and that staff forward the list of roads to the Ministry of Transportation to be included in their upcoming Contract RFP.*  Staff has highlighted priority paving sections due for upgrade within the Village, totalling an estimated 9,700m2. Based on a calculation of $20/m2, total estimated cost is $194,000.  Council has agreed to fund the project from the Gas Tax Reserve, which currently has a balance of $409,551, and another $67,897 expected to be added in 2017.  The Federal Gas Tax Fund is an initiative created by the Government of Canada, aimed to assist municipalities by providing funding for local infrastructure projects. The Federal GTF provides $2 billion annually, and is legislated as a permanent source of federal infrastructure funding for municipalities. Specific allocations to municipalities are determined through federal/provincial/territorial GTF agreements and are based on Census data.  Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That the Paving Project Report, prepared by the CAO, be received in open meeting. |
| Water Testing  2017/64 | At the In-Camera meeting of February 27th, a drinking water report from Passmore Labs was received by Council for review.  Based on some recent concerns regarding lead in the Village’s drinking water, a series of tests were conducted at various places around town.  The report noted that “*the levels seen in samples taken throughout the Village were within drinking water limits and of no cause for concern”.*  Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That the Drinking Water Report be received in open meeting. |
| Perriere  217/65 | Councillor Perriere reported out on the Slocan Lake Stewardship Society’s Ecosystem Science & Conservation Planning Forum in Silverton on February 23, 2017. Councillor Patterson was also in attendance.  Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That Councillor Perriere’s verbal report be received for information. |
| Mayor’s Report  2017/66 | Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  And Resolved:  That the verbal report of the Mayor be received for information. |
| Pelletier | Councillor Pelletier noted that he will be away for 2 weeks over spring break. |
| Adjournment  2017/67 | Moved by Councillor Perriere,  And Resolved:  That the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m. |

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Mayor

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Chief Administrative Officer