

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SLOCAN
(Minutes of Council)

Slocan, British Columbia
March 9, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Village of Slocan, elected for the years 2018-2022, was held in Council Chambers 503 Slocan Street, Slocan, B.C., on March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Elected Officials
Mayor Jessica Lunn
Councillor Ezra Buller
Councillor Joel Pelletier
Councillor Burly Van Bynen
Councillor Madeleine Perriere

Appointed Personnel
Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer

Call to Order

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

Adopt Agenda

2020/33

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,
And Resolved:

That the agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of one late item:
Easter Egg Hunt Request.

Minutes:

2020/34

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That the minutes of the Special Meeting of February 10th, Regular Meeting of February 10th, and Special Meeting of February 24th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Audience:

Carmen Proctor -
REEP Program
Update

Carmen Proctor, EcoSave Program Manager, attended the meeting to provide an update to Council on the Regional Energy Efficiency Program (REEP). Carmen's presentation included an overview of the program and participation stats to date.

Juliet Craig –
Kootenay Conservation
Program

Juliet Craig, Program Manager for the Kootenay Conservation Program, attended the meeting to provide Council with an overview of the Program and details on the Local Conservation Fund.

Recommendations:

AKBLG 2020
2020/35

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:

That Mayor Lunn, Councillor Pelletier and Councillor Van Bynen attend the 2020 AKBLG Annual Conference in Radium Hot Springs, BC on April 24-26,

if available, and that staff be directed to register those attending and book the appropriate accommodations.

Stakeholder
Meetings Recap
2020/36

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:

That the Stakeholder Meeting Recap Report for February 24th, 2020 be received for information.

Requests:

BC Seniors Games
2020/37

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:

That the Village of Slocan provide a \$400 Dogwood Sponsorship to the 2020 Zone 6 55+ BC Seniors Games from the RDCK Discretionary Fund.

Skatepark Repair
2020/38

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That Council provide WE Graham Community Service Society, in partnership with the Slocan Valley Youth Network, a \$500 contribution to complete skate park repairs, to be funded from the RDCK Community Development Fund.

Rail Trail Grant
Sponsorship Request
2020/39

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:

That the Village agree to be a sponsor for the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society's \$5,000 equipment replacement project, and application to the Slocan Valley Legacy Fund; and

That staff be directed to sign an agreement with the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society, outlining Sponsor-Agent roles and responsibilities for the project, if approved; and

That the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society's project cost be included in the 2020 budget, if approved.

RDCK –
Transit 2707
2020/40

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:

That staff be directed to sign and complete the Letter of Consent for the RDCK Kootenay Lake West Transit Service Amendment Bylaw No. 2707, 2020.

RDCK –
Transit 2709
2020/41

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:

That staff be directed to sign and complete the Letter of Consent for the RDCK Electoral Areas E & F and Slocan Valley Transit Service Amendment Bylaw No. 2709, 2020.

RDCK –
Transit
2020/42

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,
And Resolved:

That Tom Dool, RDCK, be requested to attend a future Council meeting to discuss the Transit Service amendments, budgets and reports.

Winlaw Park
2020/43

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:

That the Village of Slocan provide a \$5,000 contribution to the Winlaw Regional Park Boardwalk Replacement Project; \$2,500 to be withdrawn from the RDCK Community Development Fund and \$2,500 to be withdrawn from the Village Gas Tax account, if approved.

Info Items:
2020/44

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That the following items be received for information:

- 1 Village Spring Clean-Up Week
- 2 WEGCSS – Thank You Card
- 3 Healthy Communities February 2020 Newsletter
- 4 City of Port Moody – Healthy Citizens Resolution
- 5 Municipal Insurance Assn – Call for Board of Directors
- 6 BCEDA – 2020 BC Budget - Economic Development Highlights
- 7 Let's Go Biking – Cycling Routes
- 8 Ministry of Public Safety – Emergency Support Services Modernization
- 9 Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Housing – Interim Tax Relief Program
- 10 Ministry of Agriculture – ALR Policy Engagement: Secondary Residences
- 11 Office of the Provincial Health Officer – COVID-2019 Info
- 12 Community Energy Association – Feb. 26/20 Meeting Minutes
- 13 RDCK – State of Climate Action in the RDCK
- 14 WEG Community School – 2020/21 Registration Open
- 15 RDCK – Regional Housing Needs Assessment - SURVEY
- 16 Grant Thornton – 2019 Audit Letter
- 17 Kootenay Boundary Division of Family Practice – Discussion Paper
- 18 CIP/AAP Application Submissions – What Happens Next Info Sheet
- 19 Recycling Council of BC – Annual Conference
- 20 Forest Enhancement Society of BC – Accomplishments Report
- 21 UBCM Resolutions Process

Bylaw:

Financial Plan
Amendment Bylaw
2020/45

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:

That the “Village of Slocan Financial Plan (2019-2023) Amendment Bylaw No. _____, 2019” be finally passed and adopted, and numbered 675.

Late Items:

Easter Egg Hunt
Funding Request
2020/46

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That Council approve a \$75 RDCK Discretionary Grant to the 2020 Easter Egg Hunt Event, to be held at the Ball Field on April 11th from 11am – noon.

Reports:

Leblanc
2020/47

Ron Leblanc, Regional Economic Development Coordinator, provided a report on the Slocan Valley Economic Development Partnership progress for December 2019 and January 2020.

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,
And Resolved:

That the Slocan Valley Economic Development Progress Reports for December 2019 and January 2020 be received for information.

Buller
2020/48

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:

That Councillor Buller's verbal report on the CBAL Community Literacy Planning Committee meeting and attached minutes be received for information.

Mayor's Report
2020/49

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That Mayor Lunn's verbal report for March 2020 be received for information.

Items brought forward from In-Camera:

Wellness Center
Health Committee
February 10, 2020
In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:

That Natalie Sawyer and Colleen Emery be removed from the Slocan Wellness Center Health Advisory Commission, and that Harvest Mae be added.

M'akola – Affordable
Housing Study
March 9, 2020
In-Camera Meeting

At the May 2019 meeting, Council authorized staff to work with members of the Affordable Housing Commission on a grant application to complete a Feasibility Analysis for an affordable housing project in Slocan on Lots 1-5 and 18-20 of Block 43. In July 2019, a service contract was signed with M'akola Development Services, and since then staff and members of the Commission have been working together to compile the information for the analysis. M'akola came to Slocan on October 22nd, 2019 to present the first draft analysis to Council at their in-camera meeting. After hearing the presentation, Council had the opportunity to comment and ask questions. On February 10th, 2020 Council received the final draft analysis and invited M'akola to present the final draft at a meeting on March 9th. The analysis included information on the overall vision, need, detailed site analysis, breakdown of project costs including capital budget, potential funding programs, and project details. Makola's intention was to showcase the funding available for the project, and to build capacity for this project to move forward with pursuing public funding. Included were three separate scenarios for the project based on the different funding programs. In addition to the analysis, Makola prepared a draft seed funding application with CMHC to pursue preliminary funding to move the project forward.

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That Council approve submission of the CMHS seed funding application for affordable housing pre-development costs, and that staff be directed to execute the Integrity Declaration in consultation with M'akola Development Services.

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:

That the M'akola Development Services Feasibility Analysis Final Draft and the above-noted resolution be moved to open meeting.

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:

That staff be directed to begin preparations for the rezoning of Lots 1-5 and 18-20 of Block 43 from R1: Residential to R3: Multi-Family Residential.

Public Participation:

Johnson

Joyce Johnson commented on the following:

- Slocan Valley (SV) Transit Service – service from the Slocan Valley to Nelson is great but not good to Castlegar. Making the transfer at the Junction from the SV bus to the Castlegar bus is short by 10 minutes - Johnson suggests the Village request the SV bus hold for an additional 10 minutes at the Junction in order for this transfer to be accessible.
- Water plant update
- Thanks for filling in potholes

Transit
2020/50

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That a letter be sent to the West Kootenay Transit Committee, requesting they adjust the Slocan Valley route to remain at the Junction an additional 10 minutes, so the transfer onto the Castlegar bus is accessible.

2020/51

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:

That a letter be sent to the West Kootenay Transit Committee, requesting Slocan Valley bus service on Sundays.

Gerwing

Felicity Gerwing commented on knotweed treatment concerns and provided Council with an info sheet on pesticides, alternatives and pest management.

Adjournment

2020/52

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor