

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

Slocan, British Columbia
April 14, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Village of Slocan, elected for the years 2018-2022, was held Electronically, in Slocan, B.C., on April 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Elected Officials
Mayor Jessica Lunn
Councillor Ezra Buller
Councillor Joel Pelletier
Councillor Madeleine Perriere

ABSENT: Councillor Burly Van Bynen

Appointed Personnel
Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer

Call to Order

Mayor Lunn called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Adopt Agenda

2020/53

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Minutes:

2020/54

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 9th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Audience:

CFO – Financial
Update & Discussion

Colin McClure, CFO presented draft reports for the 2019 year end surplus reconciliation, 2020 operating and water budgets, and Community Works Fund reconciliation. Property tax rates, due dates and penalty dates were also discussed.

2020/55

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Council approve the 2019 year end allocation of surplus, as presented by CFO Colin McClure, transferring \$70k to water operating surplus, and \$30k to the equipment reserve.

Recommendations:

Stakeholder
Meetings Recap
2020/56

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That the Stakeholder Meeting Recap Report for March 9th, 2020 be received for information.

Affordable Housing
2020/57

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

WHEREAS Slocan Village Council wishes to utilize Village-owned land for the purpose of constructing an affordable housing complex within the Village of Slocan;

AND WHEREAS Slocan Council has deemed Village-owned lots 1-5 and 18-20 of Block 43, in the Village of Slocan, to be most appropriate for constructing an affordable housing complex;

AND WHEREAS Council supports, in principle, the re-designation of Village-owned property, Lots 1-5 and 18-20, Block 43, Plan 496, District Lot 292, Kootenay Land District, in the Village of Slocan, as contained in the Village Zoning and OCP Bylaws, from *R-1: Residential Zone* to *R3: Multi-Family Residential Zone*;

AND WHEREAS Council supports, in principle, the closure of a portion of Village laneway within Block 43;

AND WHEREAS it is agreed by Council that the re-designation, laneway closure, and construction of an affordable housing complex is subject to public consultation, provincial approval, and funding;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct staff to proceed with preparation of the draft bylaws and public notices for review.

Requests:
SVOA - LTO
2020/58

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

That Council agree to renew the Slocan Valley Outriders Association's Licence, to occupy Village-owned land located at 901 Arlington Road, Slocan BC, for the purpose of providing equestrian riding grounds and activities, for a further term of five years, commencing April 1st, 2020 and expiring March 31st, 2025.

CBBC Fibre
2020/59

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

That Council approve, in principle, the development application request received from Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation (CBBC), to install an underground fibre optic cable and associated equipment within the Village of Slocan, to be installed along the east side of Harold Street from Arlington Road to Lake Avenue, then from Lake Avenue to the cable shore landing as illustrated on the plan proposal maps provided by CBBC; and further, that staff be directed to prepare a Licence of Occupation, in consultation with CBBC and the Village lawyer, for Council review and approval.

CIP/AAP Grant
Extension Request -
SV Comm. Band
2020/60

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

That Council approve the CIP/AAP grant extension request received from the Slocan Valley Community Band.

CIP/AAP Grant
Extension Request -
WEGCSS
2020/61

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Council approve the CIP/AAP grant extension request received from WE
Graham Community Service Society.

L.Kapel - Garden
Space Request
2020/62

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the request received from L. Kapel, for Council to consider utilizing
Village land for additional community garden space, be received for
information, and that Kapel be referred to WE Graham Community Service
Society.

Info Items:
2020/64

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

That the following items be received for information:

- 1 Province of BC – Ministerial Order No. M083
- 2 VOS – COVID19 – March 16 Release: General
- 3 VOS – COVID19 – March 17 Release: Wellness Center
- 4 VOS – COVID19 – March 18 Release: Village Office
- 5 VOS – COVID19 – March 23 Release: Parks & Playgrounds
- 6 VOS – COVID19 – Clean Up Week Postponed
- 7 RDCK – COVID19 – Waste Facilities Notice
- 8 Healthy Communes – March Newsletter
- 9 UBCM – Resolution 2017-B61 Follow Up: Funding for Fire Equipment
- 10 City of Burnaby – 2020 UBCM Resolutions
- 11 Arrow-Slocan Tourism Association – Call for Nominations
- 12 City of New Westminster – National Pharmacare Program
- 13 SIDIT – Announcement of New CEO
- 14 District of Port Hardy – Provincial Funding for Emergency
- 15 UBCM – Federal Gas Tax Fund
- 16 Kootenay Conservation Program – Thank you & Follow Up
- 17 Ministry of Agriculture – Review of Policy & Legislation
- 18 CBT – Community Outdoor Revitalization Program Application: Skate Park
- 19 District of Metchosin – COVID Testing for First Responders
- 20 Selina Robinson – COVID19 Update
- 21 Tom Dool, RDCK – West Kootenay Transit Update
- 22 Columbia River Treaty – Committee Decision Letter & Update on Activities
- 23 FortisBC – Application for Amendment to Rate Schedule 50: Lighting
- 24 Community Futures – Support for Central Kootenay Businesses
- 25 RDCK – Changes to Inspection Processes, Payments & other Services
- 26 RDCK – Changes to First Responder and Fire Services
- 27 CIP/AAP – Public Engagement Meetings CANCELLED
- 28 CIP/AAP – Public Engagement Meetings – RESOLUTION
- 29 CIP/AAP – 2019 Grant Project Options
- 30 RDCK – JIBC Psychological Resilience Quick Reference Guide
- 31 Ministry of Environment – News Release: All BC Parks Closing
- 32 Community Futures – Economic Resilience Plan Follow-Up
- 33 Kootenay Food – Community Health & Care in Slocan – Delivery Program
- 34 CBT – Approval of Village Arts Grant

COVID-19
2020/65

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That staff be directed to advertise all relevant local, regional, provincial and federal COVID-19 information in the next newsletter as a separate insert.

Bylaw:

Tax Rate Bylaw
2020/66

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,
And Resolved:
That Council defer making a decision on tax scheme changes for the 2020 year to the May meeting, and that staff be directed to provide information to Council on Provincial, Regional, and local decisions for review.

Late Items:

Council Agenda
Discussion
2020/67

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That staff be directed to investigate making digital copies of agenda packages available for the next meeting.

Reports:

Leblanc
2020/68

Ron Leblanc, Regional Economic Development Coordinator, provided a report on the Slokan Valley Economic Development Partnership progress for March 2020.

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,
And Resolved:
That the Slokan Valley Economic Development Progress Report for March 2020 be received for information.

Pelletier
2020/69

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Pelletier's verbal report on the Affordable Housing Project and Seed Funding Application approval be received for information.

Mayor's Report
2020/70

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,
And Resolved:
That Mayor Lunn's verbal report for April 2020 be received for information.

2020/71

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That Council rescind Resolution #2020/43 of March 9th, 2020, retracting the Village's \$5,000 contribution amount to the Winlaw Regional Park Boardwalk Replacement Project, based on updated project funding information.

Items brought forward from In-Camera:

Tax Rates
March 30, 2020
In-Camera Meeting

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,
And Resolved:
That in response to COVID-19 impacts, Council not implement any property tax increases for 2020.

Public Participation:

Fredrickson

Dave Fredrickson expressed his concerns with an increase of campers in Slocan and requested Council investigate the matter.

No Camping
Signage
2020/72

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

That staff be directed to order "No Camping" signage, to be placed at the beach, the north end of Slocan Street, and any other common camping places within the Village.

Mulcahy

Barbara Mulcahy expressed her appreciation to Council for the good work the Village is doing, and agreed there has been an influx of campers with the warmer weather and the campground being closed.

Adjournment

2020/73

Moved by Councillor Pelletier,
And Resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor