

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

Slocan, British Columbia
September 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 at the Slocan Legion Hall, 502 Harold Street in Slocan, B.C., on September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

Appointed Personnel
Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer

Call to Order

Mayor Lunn called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Waive Provision

2020/154

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

WHEREAS Council has established, by bylaw, provisions to govern the proceedings of Council;

AND WHEREAS Section 10.0 of the Village of Slocan Council Procedures Bylaw outlines provisions for location of Council meetings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that due to COVID-19 social distancing rules and isolation protocols, that the provisions of the Village of Slocan Council Procedures Bylaw be waived for the Regular Meeting of Monday, September 14th, 2020 at 7:00pm to allow for Council to hold a meeting at the Slocan Legion Hall, 502 Harold Street, Slocan BC.

Adopt Agenda

2020/155

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

That the agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of four late items: Zoning Amendment Bylaw/Lane Closure Bylaw, Sunken Locomotive Documentary, D. Fields Letter, and CBT Funding Announcement.

Minutes:

2020/156

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

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

Recommendations:

DVP – 1115 Arthur St
2020/157

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

That Council approve the Development Variance Permit application to vary the residential zone setback requirements as established in the Village of Slocan Zoning Bylaw, for construction of a covered entranceway, from 15 feet to 12.5 feet on the front lot line, for the property legally described as Parcel D (Lots 13+14), Block 49, Plan 496, DL 292, PID: 030-274-435, 1115 Arthur Street.

Legion Heating
Upgrade
2020/158

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

That Council contribute an additional \$2,729 towards the Slocan Legion's heating equipment upgrade project, in addition to the \$6,250 previously allocated, for a total contribution amount of \$8,979, if a funding application to CBT's *Energy Sustainability Grant Program* is successful, to be withdrawn from the Gas Tax Fund.

Requests:

Rescue Boat
2020/159

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

That Council send a letter to the Slocan District Technical Rescue Society, supporting their rescue boat grant application.

2020/160

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

That Council send a letter to the Slocan District Technical Rescue Society, advising them that until such time a plan for the mill site is explored, space to store a rescue boat on the mill site cannot be guaranteed, but that Council is open to a conversation.

RDCK Animal Control
2020/161

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

That Council submit their interest to the RDCK, for the Village of Slocan to be included in the RDCK Dog Control Service Case Analysis with the Slocan Valley Villages and Area H.

Gazebo Netting
2020/162

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

That the request from the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society be approved, to install a mesh netting in the Slocan Gazebo to assist with bird control, and that the Trail Society be directed to coordinate with Public Works on the installation.

Noise
2020/163

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

That Council direct staff to refuse agenda submissions that are not signed, as Council considers it inappropriate to submit anonymous letters to Council.

2020/164

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

That staff be directed to contact the RDCK to inquire if the Board is considering a Noise Bylaw for Area H.

WEGCSS
Nomination
2020/165

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

That Council support the August 28th, 2020 application to FortisBC's
Community Giving Fund 2020 Program, nominating WE Graham Community
Service Society's Solar Lighting Project for funding, to be announced at the
2020 Virtual UBCM Convention September 22-24.

Info Items:
2020/166

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

That the following items be received for information:

- 1 RDCK – August 2020 Board Highlights
- 2 IHA – August 2020 Healthy Communities Newsletter
- 3 IHA – COVID19 Street Rebalancing Guide
- 4 Slovan Lake Stewardship Society – Letter of Congratulations
- 5 Waste Reduction Week in Canada
- 6 Castlegar Source – Draft Housing Report Reveals Rising Unaffordable Housing in
- 7 Stooshnoff – Use of Chemical Sprays in Slovan
- 8 Michael Zimmer – Council Presentation Follow-up
- 9 RDCK – Community Heritage Register Update
- 10 Slovan Library – Reopening & COVID Plan
- 11 Skrobot – Motorized Boats on Slovan Lake
- 12 Petition: Opposition to Housing Rezone
- 13 S. Teare – Objection to Housing Rezone
- 14 CKCA – Public Art Funding: Beach Mural - Approved
- 15 Municipal Affairs & Housing – Ministerial Order Update
- 16 University of Waterloo – T2050 Review Participation
- 17 Municipal Affairs & Housing – Infrastructure Program
- 18 UBCM – Convention Plenary
- 19 UBCM – Joint Indigenous/Local Gov't Database
- 20 AIBC – The “Langford Decision” and Application of Architects Act
- 21 Elections BC – Use of Municipal Facilities for Voting Places
- 22 C. Holt – Planning for Village of Slovan
- 23 Historical Society – Archive Upgrades
- 24 KCDS – Youth Employment Program
- 25 KCDS – RAFT Program
- 26 J. McMahon – Seeking Non-Motorized Status for Slovan River
- 27 Historical Society – 2020 AGM
- 28 CBT – Trust Releases 2019/20 Annual Report

SLSS
2020/167

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

That staff be directed to schedule a meeting with the Slovan Lake
Stewardship Society in November 2020, to discuss their letter requesting to
speak about restorations of Springer Creek and the foreshore.

Chemical Sprays
2020/168

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

That staff be directed to investigate local government controls for banning the
use of chemical sprays in the Village, including pesticides and herbicides,
and report back to Council.

Zimmer Presentation
2020/169

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

That staff be directed to send a letter to Michael Zimmer, Okanagan Nation Alliance, thanking him for coming to present to Council on August 10th and for the supplementary information, and that the Village looks forward to further conversations in the future.

Motorized Boats
2020/170

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

That staff be directed to contact the Ministry to acquire more information on the process of regulating motorized boats on bodies of water in BC, in particular on Slokan Lake and Slokan River, and that a Ministry representative be invited to make a presentation to Council.

Bylaws:
Borrowing
2020/171

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

That the "Village of Slokan Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. ____, 2020" be finally passed and adopted and numbered 679.

Camping
2020/172

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

That the "Village of Slokan Camping Bylaw No. ____, 2020" read a first, second, and third time; and further,

That staff be directed to request local RCMP assist with enforcement efforts on seasonal campers, through routine patrols in the Village of Slokan.

Reports:
CFO Financial Report
2020/173

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

That the CFO's quarterly financial report for the period ended June 30th, 2020 be received.

Perriere
2020/174

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

That Councillor Perriere's verbal report on the Slokan Valley Seniors Housing Society AGM, and Health Committee Meeting, be received for information.

2020/175

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

That staff be directed to coordinate removal of the logger sports flags and the banners along Harold Street, due to weathering.

Mayor
2020/176

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

That the Mayor's verbal report for September 2020 be received for information.

Pelletier

Councillor Pelletier commented that there has been a lot of questions with regards to the Rail Trail Upgrade Project - he spoke with Trails BC and confirmed that the project is not finished, there are still more phases to go. The berms have not been finished and will not stay this high, and the trail will be twinned with an equestrian path. There will also be additional entrances and paths to the dog beach and sitting areas.

Late Items:

Housing Rezone
2020/177

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

That staff be directed to send a letter to Steve Baal, representative listed on a petition received regarding the Housing Project Rezone, advising that the Village will host a public meeting on the Housing Project, to present draft plans, and to provide an opportunity for questions and comments.

2020/178

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

That with regards to Resolution 2020/146 of August 10th, 2020: *“That third readings to the Village of Slocan Zoning Amendment Bylaw, Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw, and Road Closure & Dedication Removal Bylaw be tabled to the next meeting...”*, that Council further table the readings until such time the Village feels prepared to do so.

Locomotive
Documentary
2020/179

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

That the correspondence received from HogHead Media, seeking interviews from Slocan Valley locals regarding the locomotive that sunk in Slocan Lake in 1947, be received for information, and that the call-out be posted to the Village’s social media site, website, and newsletter.

D. Fields Letter
2020/180

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

That the correspondence received from Daphne Fields, congratulating the Village on the Mill Site purchase, be received for information.

CBT Grant
Announcement
2020/181

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

That the announcement of Columbia Basin Trust granting the Village \$450,000 towards the purchase of the Mill Site property, through their Land Acquisition Program, be received for information.

Public Participation:

Linstead

Sandra Linstead inquired about the OCP and update – what is involved, what is the process, timeline, etc.

Young

Deanna Young inquired about the Rail Trail resurfacing.

Bouliane

Dave Bouliane congratulated Council on the purchase of the mill site. He also thanked the Village for dealing with the fallen tree on his property from the storm. Dave inquired about the process of mill site, noted we are all on the same team.

Dufault

Denise Dufault thanked Council for purchasing the mill site; looking forward to restoring Springer Creek. Denise clarified the request received from the Technical Rescue Society on their application for a rescue boat and storage. She also commented on the bird issue at the gazebo and noted there will be an open house at the Legion to build bird houses. Denise agreed there should be a ban for jet boats on Slocan Lake, detrimental to fish. She also inquired about the hydro funds listed in the CFO report.

Currie

Don Currie commented on the importance of fire suppression in the Village. He feels we are on the cusp of something, and suppression should be kept up with the growth/change, need to reduce fuel loads. Don would like the Village to look into doing a survey to identify all obvious fire dangers within the Village and have a comprehensive plan.

McGreal

Patricia McGreal noted that the Village can legislate size and type of boats launched off dock. She further noted that if we are to be a green community, reducing carbon emissions, this would be a good thing to look at. Patricia also commented on the mill site purchase and the social/economic/environmental benefit should come to our community first, and not the Valley. Patricia also spoke to disruption at the Campground during the Labour Day long weekend, and suggested apology letters should be sent out to guests.

McGreal

Fredrickson

Dave Fredrickson thanked Council and staff for working forward on a camping bylaw and that the Village is headed in the right direction. Dave inquired about potential tax increases with the mill site purchase, and how the purchase will affect operations.

Hird

Delaine Hird inquired about Main Street paving and timeline for the Housing open house.

McGhie

Laura-Lee McGhie inquired about taxes if there will be an increase.

Adjournment

2020/182

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor