

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

Slocan, British Columbia  
November 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 at the Slocan Legion Hall, 502 Harold Street in Slocan, B.C., on November 9, 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 7:07 p.m.

**Waive Provision**

2020/203

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,  
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, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 7:00pm to allow for Council to hold a meeting at the Slocan Legion Hall, 502 Harold Street, Slocan BC.

**Adopt Agenda**

2020/204

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

That the agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of one late item:  
Items Moved out of In-Camera.

**Minutes:**

2020/205

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

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 be adopted as presented.

**Recommendations:**

Holiday Hours  
2020/206

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

That the Village Office be closed from 9:00am on Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020 until 9:00am on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021, and that an ad be placed in the Valley Voice Newspaper and public posting places to notify the public.

2021 Council  
Meeting Schedule  
2020/207

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

That Council confirm the following dates as Regular Council Meeting dates for 2021:

Monday, January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, September 13 <sup>th</sup>
Monday, February 8 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, June 14 <sup>th</sup>	*Tuesday, October 12 <sup>th</sup>
Monday, March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, November 8 <sup>th</sup>
Monday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Monday, December 13 <sup>th</sup>

2021 Garbage Rates  
2020/208

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

That the 2021 residential garbage rate be increased from \$125 to \$135 per household annually, and that excess garbage tag charges be increased from \$2.50 per tag to \$3.00; and further,

That staff be directed to present a draft amendment to the Village of Slocan Fees & Charges Bylaw, reflecting the garbage rate increases.

2021 Water Rates  
2020/209

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

That Council increase the water utility rates by 4% for the 2021 billing cycle.

2020/210

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

That section 3(b) of the Fees & Charges Bylaw, "*Fee for service shut off*", and section 3(d), "*Fee for resumption of service*", be amended to increase the rates from \$35 to \$40 for resident, and from \$70 to \$80 for non-resident.

2020/211

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

That staff be directed to present a draft amendment to the Village of Slocan Fees & Charges Bylaw, reflecting the water rate increases.

Campground  
2020/212

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

That the 2020 Springer Creek Campground Operator's Report be received as presented.

2020/213

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

That staff continue to research price options for bear bins, to be reviewed during budget discussions.

2020/214

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

That staff be directed to provide Council with a cost estimate to repaint and reseal the campground washrooms, to be reviewed during budget

discussions.

- 2020/215 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  
And Resolved:  
That staff be directed to review sani-dump signage, and adjust as needed.
- 2020/216 Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Buller,  
And Resolved:  
That pursuant to Clause 2.0 of the Springer Creek RV Park & Campground Service Agreement, the Contract be renewed for the 2021 season with Sandy Flynn and Sandy Hetherington as operators.
- 2020/217 Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  
And Resolved:  
That pursuant to Resolution #2020/11 of January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, that the Springer Creek RV Park & Campground open on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 (from May 15<sup>th</sup>), and that an additional 100 hours be included in the 2021 operating contract to accommodate the additional days; and that an additional 84 hours, as requested, to be available to use during the busy months if needed (July/Aug) when extra operator hours are required, be discussed during budget.
- Firefighter Xmas  
2020/218 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That Council award \$500 to the Slocan Fire Department, suggested to be used towards their annual Christmas Party or as otherwise appropriate, and that Council will provide each member with a complimentary annual Fitness Center Pass for 2021.

**Requests:**

- Christmas Hamper  
Program  
2020/219 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  
And Resolved:  
That Council approve a \$425 grant from the RDCK Discretionary Grant Fund for the 2020 WEGCSS Food Bank Christmas Hamper Program.

- Christmas Tree  
Light-Up  
2020/220 Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That Council grant approval for locating and cutting a tree to place on the Wellness Center grounds for the purpose of a 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Light-Up Celebration and that Public Works assist with the labour and equipment; and further, that Council grant permission to use the Wellness Center for power.

**Info Items:**

- 2020/221 Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Buller,  
And Resolved:  
That the following items be received for information:
- 1 RDCK - Board Highlights October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020
  - 2 CBT – New Strategic Plan 2020-2022
  - 3 SLSS – Slocan Lake Application Only Area Approved
  - 4 SVHTS – Barn Swallows at the Slocan Gazebo
  - 5 Minister of Public Safety & Solicitor General – UBCM Meeting Thank You
  - 6 UBCM – 2020 Election Platform

- 7 RDCK Media Release – 100% Renewable Energy Plan
- 8 Municipal Affairs & Housing – “COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant” Received
- 9 Columbia Basin Trust – Partner Survey
- 10 Slokan Banner Project – Call for Youth Art
- 11 CBT – Community Outdoor Revitalization Grants (COR) Intake Open

RCMP  
2020/222

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That Council schedule a meeting with the local RCMP detachment in early 2021, to discuss service options.

**Bylaws:**

Fees & Charges  
2020/223

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  
And Resolved:  
That the “Village of Slokan Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. \_\_\_\_, 2020” be read a first, second, and third time, as presented.

**Reports:**

Perriere  
2020/224

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Buller,  
And Resolved:  
That Councillor Perriere’s verbal report, on nurse practitioner staffing at the Slokan Clinic, be received for information.

Mayor  
2020/225

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  
And Resolved:  
That the Mayor’s verbal report for November 2020 be received for information.

**Items Brought Forward From In-Camera:**

Mill Site

IC Meeting of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020,  
Moved, Seconded, and Carried:  
*That the CAO’s report on the mill site opt-out, survey/subdivision, and rezone be moved to open meeting prior to considering the recommendations provided.*

Survey  
2020/226

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That staff be directed to procure a survey estimate for the mill site, based on the proposed subdivision plan provided by the Village’s environmental consultant, and report back to Council for budget consideration.

Bylaw Amendment  
2020/227

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Buller,  
And Resolved:  
That staff be directed to prepare an amendment to the Village of Slokan Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan, amending the zone designation for the mill site lands to a “Special Development Permit Area” and rezoning the northerly portion of the site to “Parks”, to be presented to Council for consideration at a special meeting on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Waive Fees  
2020/228

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That Council waive the applicable subdivision and rezone fees, as contained in the Village of Slokan Fees & Charges Bylaw.

**Public Participation:**

- Linstead Sandra Linstead inquired about when stakeholders get involved with mill site.
- Bouliane Dave Bouliane commented:
- Has not heard anything about contamination on the mill site, no one knows. Will a committee be formed for the new property? Any talk of public participation? Can take advantage of community members with experience in various fields.
  - Was three months ago the housing info was presented – thought there would be information by now.
  - Applied for funding for the Xmas hamper program.
- Klassen Judy Klassen thankful for Council's direction on the mill site. Having opportunity to move forward with certain parcels of mill site land will assist with the other more contaminated parcels.
- Burgess Dave Burgess commented that laundry is a great idea for Slocan – New Denver's laundromat is closing, not many laundromats in the area. May be funding to install laundry facilities in Slocan for year-round services?
- Dufault Denise Dufault inquired if the special meeting scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> was public, and requested info item #3.
- Fredrickson Dave Fredrickson raised the issue of access to provincial parks – many forest service road closures in our area. Dave also inquired if there were any updates on the Rail Trail project.
- Buzolitch-Roy Jeremi Buzolitch-Roy inquired about the Fitness Center and the time frame for reopening.
- Mulcahy Barbara Mulcahy inquired if the Village was planning to apply to CBT COR Grant intake.

**Adjournment**

2020/229

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor