

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

Slocan, British Columbia
November 30, 2020

The Special 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 30, 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 7:05 p.m.

Waive Provision

2020/242

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
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 Special Meeting of Monday, November 30th, 2020 at 7:00pm to allow for Council to hold a meeting at the Slocan Legion Hall, 502 Harold Street, Slocan BC.

Adopt Agenda

2020/243

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

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Audience:

Delegation
Request
2020/244

On October 28th, 2020 correspondence was received on behalf of the Springer Street (and area) residents, requesting to be added to the Council agenda as a delegation to discuss the Housing Project.

To provide information and facts to date, the CAO prepared a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation captured the Village's Housing Project efforts from 2017 to today.

Baal Steve Baal spoke on behalf of the residents of Springer Street and area, voicing their collective concerns regarding:

- Location of project;
- Septic
- Water
- Density
- High traffic area

The group are not opposed to housing in Slocan, they are opposed to the suitability of the project within this neighbourhood.

Public Participation:

Adams

Linda Adams asked if the Mill Site would be appropriate for housing, and confirmed with Council that this site (Slocan/Giffin) had already been chosen indefinitely. Linda also asked for clarification if the project was low income or affordable, and if it was the same thing. She also asked what the BC Housing funding intake deadline was.

Bouliane

Dave Bouliane commented that Council is justifying the build based on the money already spent. He further commented on the water system and existing issues, the increase in density this project will bring (already have condos at this intersection), concern for increased traffic. Dave questioned why the project could not be located on other land in Slocan, and why other lots were not considered for the project – should be a conversation for the whole community to decide. Dave thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Fredrickson

Dave Fredrickson asked Council if the project were cancelled today, how much of a loss for the Village?

Fredrickson

Cheryl Fredrickson inquired how many lots the Seniors Housing complex was on, and noted septic smell in both seniors housing and condo areas at times. Cheryl also inquired where the meeting notices will be posted.

Dufault

Denise Dufault noted that it might be time for Slocan to look at a sewage system. She also noted that the current site was the biggest available spot, and already adjacent to multi-family residential development.

Baal

Steve Baal commented that he is on the Community Complex Society – intention to approach Council in the future to discuss future opportunities.

Buzolitch-Roy

Jeremi Buzolitch-Roy asked what the next steps were. He also inquired if the Curling Club lands could be considered.

Buller

Councillor Buller addressed the group and asked - if all the concerns of the group were addressed and appeased, and there were no other reasons to oppose the project other than the group not wanting the project in their neighbourhood, would they still be opposed to the project?

Petro

Rose Petro commented that the housing project is a great idea, but also curious about septic, Slocan is a growing community. Rose is thankful to Council for the work that has been put into the project so far.

Wood

Clayton Wood commented that the process is competitive, and asked if the Village would lose money if the project was cancelled. He also inquired if the project would be 100% funded.

Adjournment

2020/245

Moved by Councillor Pelletier,

And Resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor