

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

Slocan, British Columbia  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**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 February 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

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

Appointed Personnel  
Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer

**Call to Order**

Mayor Lunn called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Waive Provision**

2021/29

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  
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, and pursuant to Provincial Order M192, that the provisions of the Village of Slocan Council Procedures Bylaw be waived for the Regular Meeting of Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm to allow all members of Council and members of the public to attend electronically.

**Adopt Agenda**

2021/30

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

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Minutes:**

2021/31

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

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11<sup>th</sup> and Special Meeting of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted as presented.

**Recommendations:**

Housing Project  
Letter Submissions  
2021/32

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

That the letters regarding the Slocan Affordable Housing Project since  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be received.

*Councillor Perriere abstained from voting.*

CIP/AAP  
Public Input Meeting  
2021/33

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

That Council schedule a Public Input Meeting for Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at  
5pm, at which time applicants will be invited to give a 5-minute presentation  
and answer any questions on their applications; and further, that a Special  
Meeting be scheduled for Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 5pm to deliberate on  
the allocation of funds.

**Requests:**

SVOA Fence  
2021/34

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

That the request received from the Slocan Valley Outriders Association, to  
construct a perimeter fence on the Outrider's land, be approved in principle,  
and that SVOA be requested to provide details on materials as available.

RARTS  
2021/35

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

That a letter be sent to the Rural Alternatives Research & Training Society  
(RARTS), supporting their application to the Columbia Basin Trust Outdoor  
Revitalization Grant Program, for improvements to the Vallican Whole  
Community Center grounds.

**Info Items:**

2021/36

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

That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK – January 2021 Board Highlights
- b) IHA Healthy Communities – January 2021 Newsletter
- c) AKBLG – Call for Resolutions Reminder
- d) RDCK Media Release – Arenas Closed for the Season
- e) RDCK Media Release – Composting Program
- f) City of Nelson – Vaccination Priority for Essential Municipal Employees
- g) AKBLG – Notice of Upcoming Events
- h) Arrow-Slocan Tourism Association – Destination BC Branding Strategy
- i) Stats Canada - 2021 Census of Population Program
- j) BC Schizophrenia Society – Family Letter
- k) AKBLG – Columbia River Treaty LG Committee
- l) RDCK – Regional Energy Efficiency Program: Switch & Save Rebates
- m) Electronic Recycling Association – Partnership

- Arena Closures  
2021/37
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  
And Resolved:  
That information received from the RDCK regarding closure of Pioneer Arena and Nelson Civic Centre, be advertised on the Village website and social media.
- Composting Program  
2021/38
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That information received from the RDCK regarding their composting program launch in 2021, be advertised on the Village website and social media.
- Census 2021  
2021/39
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  
And Resolved:  
That information received from Statistics Canada regarding the 2021 Population Census, be advertised on the Village website, social media, and newsletter.
- Support for BCSS  
2021/40
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  
And Resolved:  
That a letter be sent to the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions & Health Authorities, including Northern Health and Interior Health, and local MLA, supporting the BC Schizophrenia Society's (BCSS) efforts to provide care for mental illnesses to families, through programs and services.
- REEP Program  
2021/41
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That staff advertise the Regional Energy Efficiency Program on the Village website, social media, and newsletter.
- Reports:**  
Buller  
2021/42
- Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That Councillor Buller's verbal report on the Fitness Center Advisory Commission meeting of January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be received.
- Mayor's Report  
2021/43
- Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That the Mayor's February 2021 verbal report be received.
- 2021/44
- Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  
And Resolved:  
That the Healthy Community Society be invited to present to Council on their composting programs.
- 2021/45
- Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That a letter be sent to the RDCK, requesting to consider lowering transit rates during review of the regional transit service.

**Items Brought Forward from In-Camera**

Dec. 14, 2020  
IC Meeting                      That Council exercise its option to renew Slocan's Financial Services Contract with the City of Nelson, for a further three-year term commencing December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, and that staff be authorized to execute the Contract, and that the resolution be moved to open meeting.

Jan. 13, 2021  
IC Meeting                      - That Council submit an application to BC Housing for the January 15<sup>th</sup> funding deadline, for the Slocan Affordable Housing Project.  
- That staff be directed to prepare an information package on the Housing Project and a Public Opinion Survey, to better gauge the support of the community, to be completed by March 31, 2021; and that Council decide if the Project will move forward after reviewing the results.

**Public Participation:**

Mulcahy                      Barbara Mulcahy inquired about the letters received regarding the proposed housing project, and what happens with them.

Dufault                      Denise Dufault urged Council to make reopening of the Fitness Center a priority, and expressed that the Slocan firefighters are an essential service and need to keep in shape. Denise also suggested that if the housing project was not accepted in the current proposed location, that Council could consider the Outrider's land.

Johnson                      Joyce Johnson commented on 2021 being Slocan's 120<sup>th</sup> birthday, and encouraged Council to reach out to the Historical Society to assist with any planned events.

Lindsay                      Devin Lindsay announced Fire Chief John Gates' retirement on February 15, and that the Hall would be hosting a COVID-safe event to celebrate.

**Adjournment**

2021/46                      Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
   That the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor