

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

Slocan, British Columbia
March 8th, 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 March 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 7:00 p.m.

Waive Provision

2021/47

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, March 8th, 2021 at 7:00pm to allow all members of Council and members of the public to attend electronically.

Adopt Agenda

2021/48

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

That the agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of one late item:
Public Works Report for February 2021.

Minutes:

2021/49

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

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 8th, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Audience:

RDCK Emergency
Program

Chris Johnson, RDCK Manager of Community Sustainability, presented to Council on the RDCK Emergency Program, summarizing 2020 and 2021 programs and events.

West Kootenay
Boundary Investment
Coop

Donna Wilchynski and Tyler Rice presented a summary of the West Kootenay Boundary Investment Co-op, including who they are, what they do, and how they support local businesses in the Kootenays.

Recommendations:

DVP Application –
714 Arthur Street
2021/50

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

That Council approve the Development Variance Permit application to vary the residential zone accessory structure height requirements as established in the Village of Slocan Zoning Bylaw, for construction of an accessory residential unit, from 15 feet to 18 feet, for the property legally described as Parcel A, Block 23, Plan 496, DL 292, PID: 023-771-615, 714 Arthur Street.

Housing Project
Public Opinion Survey
2021/51

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

That the CAO's update on the Housing Project Public Opinion Survey, be received.

*Councillor Perriere abstained from voting.
Councillor Van Bynen voted opposed.*

Main Street Paving
Project Update
2021/52

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

That the Paving Project Proposal update and corresponding information provided by the CAO, be received for information.

2021/53

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

That staff be directed to consult with the CFO to determine if the paving project can be funded from internal sources.

2021/54

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

That staff be directed to consult with Selkirk Paving to investigate what portions of the paving project can be scaled down, and to provide a new estimate for review.

Electronic Recycling
2021/55

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

That the CAO's report on electronic recycling be received, and that staff be directed to facilitate placement of an electronic recycling bin at the Village during clean-up week.

Tennis Court
Resurfacing
2021/56

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

That Council approve an application submission to the Healthy Communities Initiative, for funding to resurface the tennis court with a Flex-Court Canada sports surface.

Requests:

Telus Broadband
2021/57

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

That the request received from TELUS, requesting a letter of support for their Universal Broadband Fund Application, be received, and that TELUS be requested to provide more information on project scope and timeline.

RARTS
2021/58

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

That the letter received from the Rural Alternatives Research & Training Society (RARTS) be received, requesting a representative of the Village to come to a future RARTS meeting to present details of the Affordable Housing Project, and that Councillor Pelletier will attend the RARTS June meeting to make a presentation.

SVCCS
2021/59

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

That staff be directed to schedule a meeting with Council and the Slocan Valley Community Complex Society, to discuss their request for the Village to provide water outside the boundary, to service up to twenty lots south of the cemetery.

Info Items:

2021/60

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

That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK – February 2021 Board Highlights
- b) IHA – February 2021 Healthy Communities Newsletter
- c) Katrine Conroy – Thank You
- d) Tree Canada – WEG National Tree Day Event Participation
- e) WEGCSS – Thank You Letter & Card
- f) SVHS – Merriwake Project – Announcement of Funding Approval
- g) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – 2021 BC Parks Camping Update
- h) UBCM – Streetlight Conversion to LED
- i) RDCK Media Release - Edgewood Public Water Use from Standpipes
- j) BC Hydro – Electrical Safety Note
- k) Slocan Valley Chamber of Commerce – Notice of AGM
- l) J. Johnson – Housing Project Letter of Support
- m) Village Clean-Up Week
- n) Susan Eyre – Turning Problems into Solutions 2021
- o) Katrine Conroy, MLA – COVID Immunization Information

LED Streetlights
2021/61

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

That staff be directed to contact UBCM to inquire if the BC Hydro application to the BCUC, to amend the rate schedule to allow for installation of LED street lighting, will affect the FortisBC service area.

Reports:

PW Report
2021/62

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

That the Public Works Report for February 2021, be received.

Mayor's Report
2021/63

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the Mayor's March 2021 Report be received.

Committee Minutes
2021/64

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,
And Resolved:
The Fitness Center Advisory Commission Minutes of January 28th, 2021, and
the Slocan Valley Chamber of Commerce Minutes of January 28th, 2021 be
received.

2021/65

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Council approve use of the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant funds for
installation of laundry services in the Wellness Center; and further, that the
grant also be used to support reopening the Fitness Center, including the
hiring of staff persons if needed, and that a draft budget for reopening/staff
costs be provided to Council at the next meeting.

Items Brought Forward from In-Camera

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- Council appointed Slocan Fire Department representative, Adriana Burton, to the Slocan Fitness Center Advisory Commission.
- Council appointed Rory Lindsay to the Owl Walk Advisory Commission.

Public Participation:

Mulcahy

Barbara Mulcahy inquired about the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant, and if hiring of additional Village staff in the event of an outbreak to would meet the criteria. Barbara also asked for clarification on the tennis court resurfacing project.

Lindsay

Devin Lindsay commented that he was glad to hear of the approval of the Fitness Center Commission appointment, and inquired if the Fitness Center was getting rid of any old equipment.

Adjournment

2021/66

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor