

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

Slocan, British Columbia  
April 12<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 April 12, 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**

2021/67

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, 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, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm to allow all members of Council and members of the public to attend electronically.

**Adopt Agenda**

2021/68

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

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Minutes:**

2021/69

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

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted as presented.

**Audience:**

Michael Zimmer,  
ONA

Michael Zimmer, Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA), presented to Council on the Springer Creek Fish Habitat Assessment Proposal, and provided an update on the progress of Salmon reintroduction.

**Recommendations:**

Tax Rates 2021  
2021/70

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

That Council resolve to increase the municipal tax rate for 2021 by 3%, and that staff be directed to prepare the 2021 Tax Rate Bylaw.

Budget Presentation

A meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm for presentation of the budget, and first readings of the Financial Plan Bylaw and Tax Rate Bylaw.

Paving Project  
2021/71

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

That Council proceed with allocating \$188,200 from the Gas Tax Reserve Fund to the 2021 budget, to complete resurfacing of Main Street and the boat launch turnaround.

Housing Project  
Public Opinion Survey  
2021/72

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

That the Housing Project Public Opinion Survey results be received.

**Requests:**

SVHTS Sponsorship  
2021/73

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

That the Village agree to be a sponsor for the Slocan Valley Heritage Trail Society's \$5,000 project and application to the Slocan Valley Legacy Fund, for equipment attachments and accessories.

Earth Day Clean Up  
2021/74

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

That the letter received from Kaylee Greig requesting support for an Earth Day garbage clean-up be received, and that Council approve Village disposal of the garbage bags from the event (to be brought to the Public Works yard).

ONA Proposal  
2021/75

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

That a letter be send to the Okanagan Nation Alliance, in support of their application to the FWCP First Nations Directed grant funding stream, for completion of baseline data on Springer Creek.

**Info Items:**

2021/76

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

That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK – March 2021 Board Highlights
- b) IHA – March 2021 Healthy Communities Newsletter
- c) AKBLG – Call for Nominations
- d) SV Historical Society – Merriwake Project Update

- e) City of New Westminster – Support for Laid-Off Tourism Industry Workers
- f) M. Goos – Stay Strong and Connected COVID Resources
- g) Township of Spallumcheen – Support for 988 Crisis Line
- h) Langley City – Raising Disability and Income Assistance to a Livable Rate
- i) Canadian Union of Postal Workers – Support Delivering Community Power
- j) Minister Ravi Kahlon – BC Business Recovery Grant Program
- k) City of Victoria – Support for the Help Cities Lead Campaign
- l) District of North Vancouver – Support for the Help Cities Lead Campaign
- m) District of Sicamous – Aquatic Invasive Species Enforcement
- n) District of Sicamous – Invasive Asian Clams
- o) RDCK Media Release – CIP/AAP Online Engagement Tool
- p) FCM – Federal Gas Tax Fund Doubles for 2021
- q) Elections BC – List of Future Voters
- r) Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative – BC Interior
- s) Minister of Finance – No Cost Access to Prescription Contraception Response
- t) RDCK – Resource Recovery Facilities Bylaw Amendment
- u) RDCK – Fire Services Launches Home Safety Program
- v) City of Prince George – Opioid Crisis and Call for Action Plan
- w) RDCK – Kootenay Lake Conservation Fund
- x) IHA – Rural and Remote COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments
- y) RDCK to Review Campbell Field Survey Results
- z) CBT – Trail Enhancement Grants
- aa) PHO Orders – New Provincial Restrictions
- bb) RDCK – Indoor Adult Group Fitness Classes Paused until April 20, 2021
- cc) D. Fredrickson – Seniors Housing/Affordable Housing Letter

Invasive Aquatic  
Species  
2021/77

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That a letter be sent to Katrine Conroy, Minister of Forests, Lands Natural  
Resource Operations & Rural Development, supporting the District of  
Sicamous' resolution regarding Aquatic Invasive Species enforcement.

Future Voters  
2021/78

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That the Mayor promote Elections BC's "List of Future Voters" initiative  
amongst Slokan Valley schools.

BC Interior Ecosystem  
Services Research  
2021/79

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  
And Resolved:  
That the research brief received from the Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation  
Initiative, titled "*Ecosystem Services and British Columbia's Inland  
Temperate Rainforest*" be shared on the website and social media.

**Reports:**  
PW Report  
2021/80

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That the Public Works Report for March 2021, be received.

Van Bynen  
2021/81

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  
And Resolved:  
That Councillor Van Bynen's verbal report be received, and that staff be  
directed to investigate a danger tree located in the Block 28 laneway.

Pelletier  
2021/82

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That Councillor Pelletier's verbal report, commenting on the lack of support  
from Council on the housing project, be received.

Perriere  
2021/83

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Pelletier,  
And Resolved:  
That Councillor Perriere's verbal report on the Owl Walk garbage can be  
received, and that staff be directed to consult with Public Works to explore  
placement of a garbage can and regular garbage pickup at the Owl Walk  
lands.

Mayor  
2021/84

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That the Owl Walk Committee meeting minutes of April 11, 2021, and the  
Mayor's verbal report, be received.

**Public Participation:**  
Fredrickson

Dave Fredrickson commented on the paving project, the Rail Trail parking lot, and  
his letter included in the correspondence.

Dufault

Denise Dufault thanked the Village for the great work, and requested some trees  
from the Owl Walk blow-down be left for habitat.

**Adjournment**  
2021/85

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That the meeting be adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor