

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

Slocan, British Columbia  
May 10<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 May 10, 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**

2021/95

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, 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, 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, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00pm to allow all members of Council and members of the public to attend electronically.

**Adopt Agenda**

2021/96

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

That the agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of one late item:  
2021 Census Reminder.

**Minutes:**

2021/97

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

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 12<sup>th</sup>, Special Meeting of April 26<sup>th</sup>, and Special Meeting of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 be adopted as presented.

**Audience:**

Andrea Wilkey  
Ron Leblanc,  
Community Futures

Andrea Wilkey and Ron Leblanc of Community Futures, presented to Council on Central Kootenay Economic Recovery in response to the effects of COVID-19, including rural economic impact, available supports, and opportunities.

**Recommendations:**

DVP – 803 Nelson St.  
2021/98

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

That Council approve the Development Variance Permit application to vary the residential zone accessory structure setback requirements as established in the Village of Slocan Bylaw, for construction of a carport, from 15 feet to 11 feet on the front lot line, for the property legally described as Parcel B (Lots 17-20), Block 28, Plan 496, DL 292, PID: 018-238-297, 803 Nelson Street.

Mobile Vendor  
2021/99

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

That Council approve the request from Jeremi Buzolitch-Roy, to vary Section 10(f) and (l) of the Village Business Licence Bylaw, to allow for operation of a mobile food vendor truck in the beach parking lot area, subject to meeting all other conditions as listed in the Business Licence Bylaw; and further, that Council approve the request to vary Section 10(h) of the Bylaw to allow for operation of a mobile food vendor truck during the hours of 8:00am to 9:00pm.

**Requests:**

Community Garden  
2021/100

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

That the Village award the WEGCSS Community Garden an RDCK Discretionary Grant for the requested amount of \$483.50, for the purchase of garden tools and supplies.

Water Connection  
2021/101

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

That the request received from 1011 Main Street, for a temporary water service to her existing standpipe for the purposes of establishing a *Kootenay Native Plant and Wildflower Pollinator Site* be approved, and that the annual flat-rate residential fee be applied.

Hydrants  
2021/102

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

That the request from the Slocan Fire Department, to assist the Village with hydrant maintenance and improvements, be received, and that the Fire Chief be directed to coordinate with Public Works to create and inventory, cost estimate, and work plan.

**Info Items:**

2021/103

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

That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK – April 2021 Board Highlights
- b) IHA – April 2021 Healthy Communities Newsletter

- c) UBCM – Response to 2020 Resolution: Access to Provincial Parks
- d) UBCM – Federal Budget 2021 Highlights
- e) UBCM – 2021 Community Excellence Awards
- f) RDCK Media Release – Building Activity Continues at Record Levels
- g) SIFCO – Slocan Valley Wildfire Resiliency Program Free Assessments
- h) Town of View Royal – Training for Hospital Security Staff
- i) District of Clearwater – Designation of Invasive Aquatic Species
- j) District of Clearwater – Endorsement of 9-8-8 Line Initiative
- k) City of Penticton – BC Govt’s Use of Paramourncy to Undermine LG Bylaws
- l) District of Chetwynd – Invasive Weed Control on Crown Land
- m) Ministry of Environment – Legislative Amendment Proposed for Valhalla Park
- n) Peace River Regional District – Invasive Plant Management
- o) City of Kamloops – Support for Professional News Media
- p) RDCK Waste Management – Municipal Organic Waste Collection Survey
- q) City of Campbell River – Logging of At-Risk Old Growth Forests
- r) RDCK – Water Conservation Universal Metering
- s) RDCK Media Release – Emergency Preparedness Week & System Test
- t) RDI Focus – Low Income Measure Provides Relative Indicator of Poverty
- u) Nelson Daily News – CKISS Launches Eco Garden Project
- v) Nelson Daily News – Nelson Hydro Vegetation Management Best Practices
- w) Village of Slocan – Canada Summer Jobs Program – Posting

**Bylaws:**

Financial Plan  
2021/104

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

That the Village of Slocan Financial Plan (2021-2025) Bylaw, No. \_\_\_\_, 2021  
be finally passed and adopted, and numbered 685.

Tax Rates  
2021/105

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

That the Village of Slocan Annual Tax Rate Bylaw, No. \_\_\_\_, 2021 be finally  
passed and adopted, and numbered 686.

**Reports:**

PW Report  
2021/106

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

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

Van Bynen

Councillor Van Bynen reported several fallen trees at the Outriders Grounds.

Mayor  
2021/107

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

That the May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Mayor’s Report be received.

**Late Items:**

Census  
2021/108

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

That the importance of completing the 2021 Census be advertised online and  
in the Village newsletter.

**Items Moved from In-Camera:**

*May 10 IC Meeting -* The 2020 Audit Report and Draft Audited Financial Statements, prepared by Grant Thornton, were received and approved as presented, and moved to open meeting.  
*2020 Year End Audit & Draft Financial Statements*

Boundary Expansion      The Village currently holds title to property south of the Village, including the Campground, Outriders Grounds, Cemetery, and Owl Walk, and expansion has been discussed by the Village in the past.

Details of the Provincial Rural Resident Retention and Attraction Pilot Project were initially presented to Council at their February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting, and is an initiative of the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations & Rural Development. The Pilot was developed to assist a few smaller, rural communities position themselves for investment, development, and ultimately the attraction and retention of its residents. Council supported participating, in principle:

*“That Council support participation in the Provincial Rural Resident Attraction and Retention Pilot Program, in principle, pending further discussion.”*

At the regular meeting of March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Council received correspondence from the Slocan Valley Community Complex Society, requesting Council’s consideration to provide water service outside the Village boundary, to service up to twenty potential build lots on their property south of Arlington Road, adjacent to the Slocan Cemetery. Council resolved to schedule a meeting with the Society to discuss further. The Village currently has a moratorium on providing new water connections outside the Village boundary, pursuant to the Slocan Fees & Charges Bylaw, and further study is required to determine water service capacity.

At the In-Camera meeting of March 8<sup>th</sup>, Council directed staff to communicate to the Province that the Village would like to investigate boundary expansion south of Arlington Road, under the Provincial Pilot Program funding.

**Details of the Pilot Program:**

- Funded through the *Stronger BC for Everyone: BC’s Economic Recovery Plan*;
- Funding of \$250,000 over two years to be shared between the 5 participating municipalities and RDCK Electoral Areas – Slocan, Silverton, New Denver, Kalso, and RDCK Areas H and D.
- No contribution amount required by the Village;
- Communities will have 2 years to implement their pilot projects;
- Available funding for Slocan: up to \$50,000 (note: funding will be shared and distributed between the municipalities based on estimated value of individual projects; some projects may require more funding, some less).

**Slocan Pilot Project - Deliverables:**

*To obtain the services of a professional consultant, to prepare a boundary extension proposal and resident communications package, with the following inclusions and feasibility analysis for Council review:*

- General property tax implications (a comparison of tax rates inside and outside the municipality, and sample property tax calculations for average household);
- Water production, demand, and consumption analysis to determine system capacity;
- Service delivery analysis (changes and impacts to local service delivery and service cost recovery, fees and charges); consultation with and referral from the RDCK;
- General information about the costs, process and timing of providing the service if a municipal water infrastructure service is the reason for the boundary extension;
- Analysis of current regulations (OCP, zoning, subdivision, building, provincial, etc.) to frame the desired outcome;
- Servicing plan including water main and hydrant layout;
- Road infrastructure plan;
- Conceptual subdivision plan, surveyed lot layout, consultations with the SVCCS on proposed subdivision of build lots;
- Recommendation report on development cost charges and sureties from developer to Village;
- Any Council bylaw or policy items relating to the boundary extension proposal.

The following motions were carried at the In-Camera Meeting of May 10<sup>th</sup>:

- *That Council confirm its intention to investigate and pursue municipal boundary expansion to the south and east of Arlington Road;*
- *That staff be directed to work with the Provincial Pilot Project Partnership, to draft and issue an RFP for consulting services, to complete the preliminary work required, and to obtain a boundary expansion proposal and resident communications package for Council review;*
- *That the report and resolutions be moved to open meeting.*

**Public Participation:**

Fredrickson

Dave Fredrickson inquired about when the new Rail Trail parking lot will be open, and hopes that the gazebo area will be completed soon. Dave also commented on campers at the tunnel road, and asked why Council had to receive the audit report in-camera.

2021/109

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

That staff be directed to contact Trails BC to get an update on the status of the Rail Trail enhancement project.

Dufault

Denise Dufault thanked the Village for the great work, and inquired about the OCP update timing. She further congratulated Council on their decision to support the ONA on their Springer Creek baseline study grant application.

**Adjournment**

2021/110

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor