

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

Slocan, British Columbia
July 12th, 2021

The Regular 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 July 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 7:03 p.m.

Waive Provision

2021/140

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
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, July 12th, 2021 at 7:00pm, to allow for the meeting to be held at the Slocan Legion Hall.

Adopt Agenda

2021/141

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

That the agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of one late item:
Ball Field.

Minutes:

2021/142

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

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 14th, and the Special Meeting of June 30th, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Audience:

WEG Pump Track

Mike Mundy, WEG representative, presented the 2019 Annual Report, presented an update to Council on the pump track, and discussed potential future phases of the project.

Recommendations:

100% Renewable
Energy Plan
2021/143

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That Council receive and adopt the West Kootenay 100% Renewal Energy Plan, as presented.

Requests:

CIP/AAP Extension
Request – Fitness
Center
2021/144

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That That Council approve the CIP/AAP Grant extension request received from the Slocan Fitness Center Advisory Commission, for their 2020 Equipment Upgrade Project.

Info Items:

2021/145

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK – June 2021 Board Highlights
- b) Ministry of Environment Response – Aquatic Invasive Species Enforcement
- c) Township of Spallumcheen – Residential Rate Review
- d) Ministry of Environment – Climate Preparedness & Adaptation Strategy Summary
- e) District of Peachland – BC Climate Action Revenue Incentive Program
- f) City of Pitt Meadows – Truth & Reconciliation Commission Call to Action 75
- g) Ministry of Municipal Affairs – BC's Four Step Restart Plan
- h) Ministry of Health – Statement for Employers on Transitioning: COVID Safety
- i) FLNRO – BC Heritage Capacity & Economic Impact Survey
- j) City of North Vancouver – UBCM Resolution: Safe Passing Distance for Road Users
- k) AKBLG – 2021 Convention
- l) Columbia River Treaty – Overview of Agricultural Interests & Program Initiatives
- m) RDCK – Service Interruptions at RDCK Recycling Depots

Bylaws:

Tax Exemption
2021/146

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Council introduce and give first, second and third readings to the “Village of Slocan Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw (2021-2023), No. ____, 2021”, and that staff be directed to post notice in accordance to section 227 of the *Community Charter*.

Reports:

PW Report
2021/147

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

Beach Vandalism
2021/148

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the Public Works Report on Beach Vandalism, be received.

CAO Report
2021/149

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That the CAO Update for July 2021 be received.

Perriere

Councillor Perriere inquired about the new food truck at the beach and if they had purchased a Slocan Business Licence to operate.

Pelletier
2021/150

Councillor Pelletier inquired about the rain barrel initiative the Village held in 2017/18, and commented that it would be a good idea to run this program again, given the dry weather, fire season, and high resident water consumption.

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That staff be directed to investigate the rain barrel initiative program.

Mayor
2021/151

Moved by Councillor Pelletier, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the July 12th, 2021 Mayor's Report be received.

Late Items:

Ball Field

Councillor Perriere inquired about the ball field irrigation, and commented that the field is very dry and uneven as it is not being irrigated. Perriere noted a previous resolution to tie the irrigation into the Village water system; however, a recent public works update noted that the field is in very poor condition and will require some attention (including fill/levelling, repair of sprinkler heads), and due to the current high water consumption and restrictions, would not be able to irrigate at this time. Councillor noted that irrigating the field with untreated water would be most appropriate. Staff will review cost estimates prepared by former Public Works Supervisor, to repair the Springer Creek Weir, and report back to Council.

Public Participation:

Dufault

Denise Dufault thanked Council for all the great work and offered congratulations on adopting the 100% Renewable Plan. She also commented that the pump track looks amazing, and wondered if some fundraising could be done for seeding the grounds. Other comments included: WEGCSS Food Garden has a compost, the Village should have one too; Village could offer cool rooms through heat waves – school gym and Legion; thank you Councillor Buller for pulling info item #F: City of Pitt Meadows – Truth & Reconciliation Commission Call to Action 75; and thank you Mayor Lunn for offering a minute of silence in recognition of all the lives lost at residential schools.

Smith

Jacob Smith thanked Council for adopting the West Kootenay 100% Renewable Energy Plan.

Hird

Delaine Hird inquired about timing for repairing the boulevards on Main Street, and confirmed the boat launch would be closed for a day or two during the paving on Main Street.

Fredrickson

Dave Fredrickson spoke about the Rail Trail Project: the berms are still there; people are looking for and need access to the dog beach; work may have been halted due to it being an indigenous site; trees and shrubs for this project have now been used in Crescent Valley.

Fredrickson

Cheryl Fredrickson inquired about when the boards will be replaced on the boat dock; commented on heavy traffic at the beach, and suggested the Village use the mill site for boat parking.

Adjournment

2021/152

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

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

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor