

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

Slocan, British Columbia
June 12, 2023

THE REGULAR MEETING of the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Village of Slocan, elected for the years 2022-2026, was held at the Slocan Village Office, Council Chambers, 503 Slocan Street, Slocan, B.C., on June 12, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Elected Officials
Mayor Jessica Lunn
Councillor Ezra Buller
Councillor Jordan Knott
Councillor Madeleine Perriere
Councillor Joanna Van Bynen

Appointed Personnel
Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer

Call to Order

Mayor Lunn called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Adopt Agenda

2023/112

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,

And Resolved:

That the agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of one late item - Streetlight Letter.

Minutes:

2023/113

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,

And Resolved:

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 8, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Audience

CFO

Nathan Russ, Chief Financial Officer, presented the 2022 Statement of Financial Information and Annual Report.

Recommendations

SOFI

2023/114

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,

And Resolved:

That the 2022 Statement of Financial Information (SOFI) be approved as presented, and be available for public viewing.

Annual Report

2023/115

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,

And Resolved:

That Council receive and approve the 2022 Annual Report as presented.

UBCM Resolution
2023/116

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

That Council submit a resolution to UBCM, petitioning the Provincial Government to consider a system of administrative cost recovery for municipalities, relating to the annual tax sale process:

WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* regulates municipal actions for the recovery of unpaid property taxes by means of annual municipal tax sale, and sets out the terms to which a property owner may redeem a property sold at the annual tax sale;

AND WHEREAS section 660(3) of the *Local Government Act* regulates the amounts that must be collected, for a property owner to redeem a property sold at tax sale:

- a) The upset price of the parcel at the time of the tax sale;
- b) Costs incurred by the purchaser, with relation to the property;
- c) Taxes paid by the purchaser; and
- d) Interest to the date of redemption;

AND WHEREAS the *Local Government Act* currently does not have a system of recovery for administrative costs associated to the annual municipal tax sale;

AND WHEREAS the tax sale process can be demanding on small rural communities with decreased budget and decreased staff capacity;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities call on the provincial government to amend the regulations in the *Local Government Act*, to allow for a system of recovery for administrative costs and other expenses in relation to the annual municipal tax sale.

UBCM
2023/117

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

That Councillors Buller and Knott be authorized to attend the 2023 UBCM Convention in Vancouver, BC on September 18-22 alongside Mayor Lunn, as voting delegates representing the Village of Slocan, and that staff be directed to complete conference registration and hotel booking.

UBCM Appointments
2023/118

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

That a special meeting be scheduled for June 26th at 5:00pm to discuss topics for UBCM appointments.

Harmony Festival
2023/119

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

That Council approve the request from Lisa Parente of *Treehuggers Retreats and Events*, for permission to use the beach washrooms during the Harmony Festival on Saturday, July 15th, 2023 provided that organizers be responsible for cleaning and providing paper products; and that one portable toilet be provided by the organizers, at their cost, to spread out usage."

- 2023/120 Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Council not approve attaching a slide to one of the floating docks at the beach.
- Irrigation Intake
2024/121 Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Council receive the CAO's Springer Creek Irrigation Update Report for information, and that the Village proceed with Option #3: "Install a new intake on the downstream side of the weir and repair streambank", as presented.
- Requests:**
- DVP - 1015 Nelson
2023/122 Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Council approve the Development Variance Permit application to vary the residential zone accessory structure height requirement as established in the Village of Slocan Zoning Bylaw, for construction of a garage from 15.0 feet to 17.5 feet, for the property legally described as Lots 11-14, Block 41, Plan 496, DL 292, 1015 Nelson Street.
- SVOA Fencing
2023/123 Moved by Councillor an Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Council approve a \$3,000 grant from the RDCK Community Development Fund, for the Slocan Valley Outriders Association perimeter fencing project at the riding grounds, located at 910 Arlington Road.
- Yoga Festival
2023/124 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Council award a \$75 grant from the RDCK Discretionary Grant fund to the Kootenay Yoga Festival, representing a *Seed Starter Sponsorship*, in accordance to the 2023 sponsorship package list.
- Housing Inventory
2023/125 Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Council submit potential properties to the Ministry, that could be available in the long-term future for housing, including the mill site, Slocan St. and Giffin Ave. site, and Wellness Center (offices below, suites upper).

Info Items:
2023/126

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK Board Highlights – Regular Meeting, May 18, 2023
- b) Slocan Valley Community Band – Thank You
- c) RDCK – Community Discussion of RDCK Climate Actions
- d) District of Coldstream – Homes for People Action Plan
- e) Ministry of Energy, Mines & Low Carbon Innovation – Cryptocurrency Mining in BC
- f) RDCK Postpones Climate Action Open Houses
- g) RDCK – Residents Encouraged to be Flood Prepared
- h) C. Lee – Implementation of the OCP
- i) Premier – UBCM Appointment Invitation
- j) Municipal Affairs – UBCM Appointment Invitation
- k) UBCM - Resolutions Deadline

- l) Silverton Community Club – July 1st Celebration Invite
- m) VOS – Notice of Project: Curling Club Demolition
- n) Interior Heath – Heat & Smoke Letter
- o) It's On Electric – Fortis BC Energy Conservation Assistance Program

Community Band
2023/127

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That staff be directed to advertise the Community Band practice at the Legion on Thursdays, if open to the public.

ECAP
2023/128

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That staff be directed to advertise the Energy Conservation Assistance Program to the public.

**Items moved from
In-Camera**

Resolution #2023/c62 – June 12, 2023
That Leela Kapel and Denise Dufault be removed from the Owl Walk Advisory Commission.

Resolution #2023/c63 – June 12, 2023
That staff be directed to contact the Owl Walk Commission, to see if more members are needed to join the Commission or not.

Reports:

Public Works
2023/129

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That the Public Works Report for June 12, 2023 be received, and that a Council tour of the Public Works shop and water plant be scheduled for July 10th, 2023 at 5:00pm.

CAO Report
2023/130

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That the CAO Report for June 12, 2023 be received.

Perriere
2023/131

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Perriere's verbal report on the Slocan & Area Trails Society Membership Drive, SVOA Show & Shine event, and ONA salmon release at the lake, be received.

Buller
2023/132

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Buller's verbal report on the salmon release at the lake, be received.

Mayor's Report
2023/133

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That the Mayor's Report for June 12, 2023 be received.

Late Items:

Streetlights
2023/134

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the Mayor respond to the letter received from Jasper Brunner, WE Graham School, requesting additional streetlights in areas of Slocan with inadequate coverage.

Public Participation

Fredrickson Cheryl Fredrickson inquired about Public Works employee recruitment.

Boivin John Boivin, Valley Voice, inquired about the Curling Club demolition award amount, clarification on housing inventory, and water consumption.

Adjournment

2023/135

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor