

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

Slocan, British Columbia
September 11, 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 September 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Elected Officials
Mayor Jessica Lunn
Councillor Ezra Buller
Councillor Jordan Knott
Councillor Madeleine Perriere

ABSENT: Councillor Joanna Van Bynen

Appointed Personnel
Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer
Nathan Russ, Chief Financial Officer

Call to Order

Mayor Lunn called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Adopt Agenda

2023/184

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Minutes:

2023/185

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 14th, 2023 and the Regular Meeting of August 14th, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Audience

Quarterly
Financial Report
2023/186

Nathan Russ, Chief Financial Officer, attended the meeting to present the Quarterly Financial Report ending June 30, 2023.

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the Quarterly Financial Report ending June 30, 2023 prepared by the Chief Financial Officer, be received.

Recommendations:

Housing Land
2023/187

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Council, after hearing from the public on the Proposed Disposition of Municipal Land by Way of Long-Term Lease, resolve to proceed with transferring Lots 1-4 and 17-20, Block 34, DL 292, Plan 496, and a portion of Village laneway between Lots 1-4 and 17-20, to the Slocan Valley Housing

Society, for the purpose of constructing the Slokan Affordable Housing Project.

2023/188

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

That staff be directed to prepare the appropriate documents for closure of the 120' x 12' portion of laneway between Lots 1-4 and 17-20, Block 34, and the appropriate documents for consolidation via application to the Land Title Office, consolidating the site into one parcel.

2023/189

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

That staff be directed to work with the Village's municipal lawyer and the Slokan Housing Society on drafting a long-term lease for Council review.

Requests:

Xmas Light-Up
2023/190

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

That Council grant approval for locating and cutting a tree to place on the Wellness Center grounds for the purpose of a 10th annual Christmas Tree Light-Up Celebration hosted by the Spirit of Slokan Committee, and that Public Works assist with the labour and equipment; and further, that Council grant permission to use the Wellness Center for power, washrooms, and hallway space.

Housing Board
Member Recruitment
2023/191

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

That correspondence from the Slokan Valley Housing Society, regarding Society Board recruitment, be received.

Info Items:

2023/192

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

That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK Board Highlights – Regular Meeting, August 17, 2023
- b) Peace River Regional District – BC Wildfire Service Equipment
- c) J. Russ – Support for Slokan River Streamkeepers
- d) BC Rural Health Network – UBCM Resolution to Double Rural Transit Funding
- e) RDCK – Climate Action Public Engagement Continues
- f) UBCM – Input Sought on ID Rules for Purchasing Liquor/Cannabis
- g) CBT – Ecosystem Enhancement Program Projects Discussion
- h) D. Skrobot – Impact of 2-Stroke Motors on Slokan Lake
- i) CBT – Feedback on Draft Columbia Basin Management Plan
- j) Village Fall Clean Up Week
- k) Slokan Valley Housing Society – Invitation to 2023 Annual General Meeting
- l) RDCK Assent Voting – Slokan Valley Fire Service Loan Authorization
- m) RDCK – Household Hazardous Waste Events
- n) Columbia Basin Trust – Funding Announced: Improving Connectivity

2023/193

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

That Dave Skrobot, "*Concerned Citizen and Water Fanatic*", be invited to present to Council on the impact of 2-stroke motors on Slokan Lake, based on his letter received by Council.

- 2023/194 Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That CBBC be invited to a future meeting with Council, to discuss newly-announced funding for last mile fibre connectivity, and lobby for fibre-to-the-home for Slocan.
- Reports:**
- Public Works
2023/195 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That the Public Works Report for September 11, 2023 be received.
- CAO Report
2023/196 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That the CAO Report for September 11, 2023 be received.
- Perriere
2023/197 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Perriere's verbal report on the Slocan Valley Housing Society AGM be received.
- Buller
2023/198 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Buller's verbal report on the Fitness Center meeting be received.
- Mayor's Report
2023/199 Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That the Mayor's verbal report for September 11, 2023 be received.
- 2023/200 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That staff be directed to Contact the Ministry of Transportation to express concerns regarding the new surfacing completed at the entrances to Slocan.
- 2023/201 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That staff be directed to investigate into examples of how other municipalities charge for use of boat launches and report back.
- Bylaws:**
- Tax Exemption
2023/202 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That the "Village of Slocan Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw (2024-2026) No. ____, 2023 be finally passed and adopted, and numbered 707.
- Solid Waste
2023/203 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That the "Village of Slocan Solid Waste and Wildlife Attractant Amendment Bylaw No. ____, 2023" be finally passed and adopted, and numbered 708.
- OCP Wildfire DPA
2023/204 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That the draft *Wildfire Hazards Development Permit Area (DPA)* document, prepared by the Slocan Valley Wildfire Resiliency Program Coordinator on behalf of the Villages of Slocan, Silverton and New Denver, be received.

Committee Minutes

Fitness Center
2023/205

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

That the Fitness Center Advisory Commission meeting minutes of July 25,
2023 and August 23, 2023 be received.

Public Participation

Dufault

Denise Dufault commented how wonderful the Village is looking, and inquired about timing of the mill site master planning process. Denise also commented that housing should not be located beside the cell service antenna.

Fredrickson

Dave Fredrickson spoke to Council on the topic of motorized boats on Slocan Lake, and asked each Council member specifically, if they were in support of restricting motorized boats on Slocan Lake. He further commented that if fees were charged to use the boat launch, then he'd like to see the Federal launch reopened.

Adjournment

2023/206

Moved by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:56pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor