

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

Slocan, British Columbia
October 10, 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 October 10, 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 7:03 p.m.

Adopt Agenda

2023/207

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

Minutes:

2023/208

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 11th, 2023 be adopted
as presented.

Audience

SVHS – DVP

Joyce Johnson, Slocan Valley Historical Society, spoke to the Society's Development Variance Permit application to vary zoning setback limits for the Merriwake Project.

Slocan River Initiative

Judy McMahon and a colleague from the Slocan River Initiative, attended the meeting to present to Council, details of the Slocan River Initiative progress to date, and to speak to their request for placement of river signage.

Recommendations:

DVP - Merriwake
2023/209

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That That Council **approve** the Development Variance Permit application to vary the P1: *Parks, Open Space & Institutional Zone* setback requirements, as established in the Village of Zoning Bylaw, from 15 feet to 10 feet, for construction of a covered shelter on the property legally described as District Lot 292, Kootenay Land District, that part shown colored red on Plan AFPB Vol 11,

Fol 38, No 3624K, Exc (1) That portion lying to the east of Hume Street as said street is shown on Plan 496, (2) Parts included in Plans 7099, 7422, 7423, and NEP2018”, located at the 800 block of Main Street.

Requests:

Winter Carnival
2023/210

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

That Council approve the request from Lisa Parente of *Treehugger Retreats and Events*, for use of Expo Park to host a “Winter Carnival” on February 3rd, 2024, pending submission of a completed Special Events Application and proof of insurance; and that permission be granted for use of the stage and power.

2023/211

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

That Council provide an RDCK Community Development Grant to the Winter Carnival, to cover the cost of renting one portable toilet for the 2024 event.

2023/212

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

That staff be directed to investigate lighting upgrade options for Village-owned public spaces, and their associated costs, to be considered during 2024 budget discussions.

Volleyball Lighting
2023/213

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

That correspondence received from Christa Didham, Slocan Outdoor Rec Commission, requesting Council’s consideration for lighting upgrades at the beach volleyball court be received for information, and that staff refer to Resolution 2023/21 ~ *investigation of lighting upgrade options for Village-owned public spaces*.

Playground Request
2023/214

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

That correspondence received from Kevin Millership, requesting Council’s authorization to install a playground at the beach and for council to match fundraising efforts dollar for dollar, be received for information; and that Kevin be directed to consult with the Slocan Outdoor Rec Commission to discuss further, and that the Village hold funds in trust if needed, for *general community playground upgrades* in the future, pending consultation with the Village.

Slocan River Initiative
2023/215

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

That staff be directed to provide Judy McMahon, Slocan River Initiative, with contact information for the Ministry of Transportation, with regards to posting river signage on the bridge at the mouth of the river.

Halloween Hoot
2023/216

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

That Council award \$1,000 from the RDCK Community Development Fund to the 2023 Annual Halloween Hoot, to be held at the Slocan Expo Park on October 31, 2023.

Info Items:

2023/217

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

That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK Board Highlights – Regular Meeting, September 14, 2023
- b) G. Mitchell – Legalizing Aquamation in BC
- c) RDCK – Borrowing for Three New Fire Trucks Goes to Referendum
- d) RDCK – Advanced Elector Registration & Inspection of Electors List
- e) RDCK – Notice of Applications for Scrutineers
- f) Kootenay Yoga Festival Sponsorship – Thank You
- g) D. Skrobot – Invitation to Present to Council, Re: Sept. 11/23 Correspondence
- h) UBCM – 2023 Resolutions Disposition (Slocan Resolution NR73 Endorsed)
- i) Slocan Legion – Council Invitation to 2023 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- j) Slocan Legion – 2023 Remembrance Day Ceremony
- k) Slocan Legion – “Christmas in the Valley” Craft Faire
- l) RDCK Board Highlights – Regular Meeting, September 14, 2023
- m) G. Mitchell – Legalizing Aquamation in BC
- n) RDCK – Borrowing for Three New Fire Trucks Goes to Referendum

2023/218

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

That the Village continue to promote details of the RDCK referendum for financing three new fire trucks in the Slocan Valley Fire Service Area.

2023/219

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

That a letter be sent to Sean Marechal, congratulating him on receiving the *Prime Minister’s Award for Teaching Excellence*.

Reports:

Public Works
2023/220

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

That the Public Works Report for October 10, 2023 be received.

CAO Report
2023/221

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

That the CAO’s Verbal Report for October 10, 2023 be received.

RDCK Building
2023/222

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

That the RDCK’s July 5, 2023 Staff Report on upcoming amendments to the RDCK Building Bylaw be received for information.

Perriere
2023/223

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

That Councillor Perriere’s verbal report on the Slocan Affordable Housing Project update be received.

Buller
2023/224

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

That Councillor Buller’s verbal report on the UBCM convention be received.

Knott
2023/225

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Knott's verbal report on the UBCM convention be received.

Mayor's Report
2023/226

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That the Mayor's verbal report for October 10, 2023 be received.

Public Participation

Feenstra

Joanne Feenstra requested that the non-motorized boat launch sign be installed at the waterfront.

Ingram

Katie Ingram commented that a wildlife sign is already located at the Slocan River bird sanctuary.

Fredrickson

Dave Fredrickson asked Council for clarification on what they considered to be foreshore at the mill site, and commented that the water lease extends all the way up the lake to 12-Mile Bay.

Johnson

Joyce Johnson thanked Council for their decision to approve the Historical Society's DVP application, and for allowing the Society time to present on the Merriwake Project.

Pryor

Avery Pryor inquired about the lights at the tennis court.

Adjournment

2023/227

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the meeting be adjourned at 9:36pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor