

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

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

**PRESENT:**            Elected Officials  
Mayor Jessica Lunn  
Councillor Ezra Buller  
Councillor Jordan Knott  
Councillor Joanna Van Bynen

**ABSENT:**            Appointed Personnel  
Councillor Madeleine Perriere  
  
Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer

**Call to Order**

Mayor Lunn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Adopt Agenda**

2023/267

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

**Minutes:**

2023/268

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,  
And Resolved:  
That the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 13<sup>th</sup> and Regular Meeting of November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted as presented.

**Audience**

Financial Report  
2023/269

Nathan Russ, CFO, attended the meeting to present the Quarterly Financial Report.  
Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That the Quarterly Financial Report ending September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be received.

**Recommendations:**

Garbage Rates  
2023/270

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That Council increase the flat rate annual residential garbage fee by \$7.00 (5%) for the 2024 billing cycle (\$143 to \$150), and increase the excess garbage tag fee from \$3.50 per tag to \$3.75 (7%) per tag; and that staff be directed to prepare an amendment to the Fees & Charges Bylaw.

Water Rates  
2023/271

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

That Council increase the water utility rates by 7% for all classes, for the 2024 billing cycle; and

That staff be directed to prepare an amendment to the Fees & Charges Bylaw for Council consideration; and

That Council engage the Asset Management Plan to determine what expenditures the water utility will encounter over the next 10-20 years, so the Village can properly determine how much to contribute annually to the reserve.

2024 ReDi Grants  
2023/272

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

That Council receive the CBT Resident Directed Grants (ReDi) 2024 program correspondence for information, and that staff be directed to advertise the grant intake.

**Requests:**

Mountain Valley Stn  
Donation Request  
2023/273

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

That Council contribute to Mountain Valley Station's "Season of Giving" Advent Calendar, by donating a gift certificate for a one-month pass to the Slocan Fitness Center.

Youth Choir  
2023/273

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

That Council award a \$600 grant to the Slocan Valley Youth Choir, to be withdrawn from the RDCK Community Development Fund, for their 2023/24 programming.

Spirit of Slocan  
Tree Light Up  
2023/274

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

That Council award a \$58.81 grant from the RDCK Discretionary Grant Fund, to the Spirit of Slocan Committee for the 2023 Christmas Tree Light-Up.

**Info Items:**  
2023/275

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

That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK Board Highlights – Regular Meeting, November 16, 2023
- b) Slocan and Area Trails Society - AGM
- c) RDCK – Unofficial Results: Fire Protection Service Loan Authorization Referer
- d) C. Hurley – Springer Creek Trail Network Concerns
- e) City of Victoria – Red Light and Speed Cameras
- f) Minister of Municipal Affairs – UBCM Appointment Follow-Up
- g) Art Guite Consulting c/o Min. of Forests – Draft Pest Management Plan for Crc
- h) RDCK – Official Results: Fire Protection Service Loan Authorization Referendu
- i) State of the Basin – 2022 Snapshot Report
- j) MLA & MP Open House Invitation

C. Hurley  
2023/276

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

That a letter be sent to Conor Hurley, in response to his correspondence to Council dated December 2, 2023, suggesting he connect with the *Slocan and Area Trails Society* to discuss his concerns, and to advise that the Society and their projects are not controlled by the Village.

**Reports:**

Public Works  
2023/277

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

That the Public Works Report for December 11, 2023 be received.

CAO Report  
2023/278

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

That the CAO Report for December 11, 2023 be received.

Buller  
2023/279

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

That Councillor Buller's verbal report on the Fitness Center meeting, Trails Society meeting, and RDCK meetings, be received.

Mayor's Report  
2023/280

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

That the Mayor's verbal report for December 11, 2023 be received.

**Committee Minutes:**

Fitness Center  
2023/281

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

That the Fitness Center meeting minutes of December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be received.

**Bylaws:**

Fees & Charges  
2023/282

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

That the "Village of Slocan Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. \_\_\_\_, 2024" be read a first, second, and third time as presented, by title only.

**Late Items:**

Library Expansion  
2023/283

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

That correspondence received from the Library Society, requesting a conversation with Council and CBT regarding the possibility of expanding the Wellness Center building be received, and that all building users be invited to a meeting on January 22<sup>nd</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.

**Adjournment**

2023/284

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:43pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor