

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

Slocan, British Columbia
February 12, 2024

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 February 12, 2024 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 7:07 p.m.

Adopt Agenda

2024/23

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

That the agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of three late items:
ONA Fish Hatchery, AKBLG Resolution, and Gardening Contract.

Minutes:

2024/24

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

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 15th, 2024 be adopted as
presented.

Recommendations:

AKBLG

2024/25

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

That all Council members be authorized to attend the 2024 Association of
Kootenay Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG) annual conference, to be
held April 19-21, 2024 in Radium Hot Springs, BC, and that staff be directed to
complete registration and accommodation.

2024/26

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

That staff consult with the CFO to determine if funding is available in the
budget, for the CAO to attend future AKBLG or UBCM conferences.

ReDi Grants
2024/27

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

That Council schedule a ReDi Grant Public Input Meeting on Monday, April 15th at 5:00pm, at which time applicants will be invited to give a 5-minute presentation and answer any questions on their applications; and further, that a Special Meeting be scheduled on April 22nd at 6:00pm to deliberate the allocation of funds.

Office Generator
2024/28

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

That Council contribute \$3,000 towards the “Village of Slocan Backup Generator Project”, to be withdrawn from the RDCK Community Development Grant Fund.

Requests:

Easter Egg Hunt
2024/29

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

That Council award \$150 from the RDCK Discretionary Grant Fund, to the 2024 Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Historical Society
2024/30

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

That Council approve *in principle*, the request from the Slocan Valley Historical Society, to install a heat pump on the south-facing wall of the upper level of the Village Office, and that the Society be directed to provide more details to Council for final approval, once obtained.

Info Items:

2024/31

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

That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK Board Highlights – Regular Meeting, January 18, 2024
- b) Greg Amos, Sue Big Oil – Presentation Follow-Up
- c) RDCK – Grohman Narrows, Ootischenia, and Central Transfer Sites Open for Organic
- d) RDCK – Recreation Commission No. 10 Update
- e) Regional District of Nanaimo – Legislative Reform Initiative Update
- f) City of Abbotsford – Support for UBCM Resolution
- g) AKBLG – Feedback on the “BC Approach to the Circular Economy” Initiative
- h) Kootenay Wellness Foundation – Call for Collaboration
- i) Okanagan Basin Water Board – Invasive Mussel Prevention
- j) District of Sicamous – Support for Bill-34
- k) Fiona Koza, Sue Big Oil – Proposed Resolution

Sue Big Oil
2024/32

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

That Council *set aside* \$379 from the RDCK Discretionary Grant Fund, to participate in the Sue Big Oil campaign, representing \$1 for every Slocan resident.

2024/33

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

That staff be directed to connect with the Sue Big Oil Coordinator, to advise on Council’s decision, and find out next steps.

2024/34

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

WHEREAS the cost of climate change impacts in Slovan, including forest fire management, is expected to far exceed our Village budget;

WHEREAS it has been determined that the fossil fuel industry knew as far back as the 1960's that their products would contribute to climate change and global warming;

WHEREAS fossil fuel producers continue to make trillions of dollars selling their products, yet tax payers carry the entire burden of devastating climate costs;

WHEREAS asking companies to bear some of these costs is about acknowledging a shared responsibility for costs which are and will be incurred by local governments related to climate change, including adaptation and mitigation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Village of Slovan commit to work towards a proposed class action law suit against selected global fossil fuel companies, contingent upon other BC municipalities joining and raising a combined minimum of \$500,000, and to set aside the equivalent of \$1 per resident for this purpose. Any money awarded to the Village as a result of the settlement, or court order, arising from this lawsuit is to be used to mitigate any current or future damage caused in Slovan due to climate change.

Composter
2024/35

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

That staff be directed to contact WEGCSS, to inquire if there is any interest in the Society taking on the Slovan Climate Action Committee composter.

Invasive Mussels
2024/36

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

That staff be directed to contact the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society (CKISS) to promote and encourage invasive mussel education and awareness in Slovan.

Reports:

Public Works
2024/37

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

That the Public Works Report for February 12, 2024 be received.

CAO Report
2024/38

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

That the CAO Report for February 12, 2024 be received.

2024/39

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

That staff be directed to investigate, in addition to the campground privacy fence proposed for Site #21, extending this fence further along Giffin Avenue, in anticipation of future campground expansion/additional sites.

- 2024/40 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That staff be directed to consult with Diving Dynamics to inquire about material type and pricing for re-decking the swim dock, when speaking about the breakwater and boat dock repairs.
- 2024/41 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That staff be directed to contact Rec Sites & Trails BC to get an update on the Trailhead Project, including confirmation that they will be moving forward with completion of the project, and when
- Perriere
2024/42 Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Perriere's verbal report on the Affordable Housing Project, be received.
- Buller
2024/43 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Buller's verbal report on the WKBRHD Meeting and Valley View Golf Course Family Fund Day event, be received.
- Knott
2024/44 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Knott's verbal report on the WEGCSS meeting, regarding an assessment of need for youth services and desire to recruit funding for youth workers in the Slokan Valley, be received.
- 2024/45 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That staff be directed to contact WEGCSS to inquire about drafting a letter to support a funding application, for recruitment of youth support workers in the Slokan Valley.
- Mayor's Report
2024/46 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the Mayor's verbal report for February 12, 2024 be received.
- Late Items:**
- ONA Fish Hatchery
2024/47 Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That information received from the Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA), regarding their Hatchery in a Box Program, be forwarded to Public Works to investigate potential sites in Slokan for a hatchery.
- AKBLG Resolutions
2024/48 Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Council support the housing-related resolutions received from the Village of New Denver, and that staff be directed to contact the Village of New Denver to clarify the form of support they desire.

Gardening Contract
2024/49

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

That staff be directed to prepare a garden inventory, and to consult with the
CFO on budget for a gardening contract, for the March meeting.

Public Participation

Amos

Greg Amos, Sue Big Oil, thanked Council for their resolution supporting the campaign.

Feenstra

Joanne Feenstra requested that the non-motorized launch sign be installed at the
waterfront, and commented that the bollards at the trailhead gazebo and new parking
lot are missing.

Adjournment

2024/50

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:54pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor