

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

Slocan, British Columbia
March 11, 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 March 11, 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 7:02 p.m.

Adopt Agenda

2024/51

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

Minutes:

2024/52

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 29th, and the Regular Meeting of February 12th, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Recommendations:

LCRB

2024/53

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the application forwarded from the BC Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch, for a Patron Participation Entertainment Endorsement on the existing Food Primary Liquor Licence at *The Lobby Grill*, located at 501 Harold Street, Slocan, be accepted by Council for consideration.

2024/54

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That staff be directed to post notice of application for Patron Participation Entertainment Endorsement, and that residents be granted 30 days to submit written comment on the application; and further, that Council receive and review submissions from the public on the application at the April 8th, 2024 meeting, and consider providing a resolution to the Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch recommending or not recommending the Licence Amendment Application proceed.

Requests:

Harmony Festival
2024/55

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

That Council approve the request from Lisa Parente of *Treehuggers Retreats and Events*, for use of the Slocan Beach to host a festival at the Slocan beach on Saturday, July 20th and 21st, 2024, pending submission of a completed Special Events Application, proof of insurance, and all other Village requirements.

2024/56

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

That outdoor live music on Saturday, July 20th be permitted to extend to 11:00pm.

2024/57

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

That Council approve the request for permission to use the beach washrooms during the Harmony Festival, provided that organizers be responsible for cleaning, removing garbage, and providing paper products, and that organizers arrange to have a plumber on call for minor maintenance issues.

2024/58

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

That Council approve covering the cost of one portable toilet to spread out usage during the event, valued at \$680, to be withdrawn from the RDCK Community Development Fund.

2024/59

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

That Council approve covering the cost of a generator rental, valued at \$100, to be withdrawn from the RDCK Community Development Fund.

2024/60

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

That Public Works assist with beach access, for the purpose of delivering a load of sand.

2024/61

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

That Council not approve the request to temporarily store garbage in the Public Works shed.

2024/62

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

That Council not approve covering event garbage disposal costs.

2024/63

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

That the event be promoted as a “no dogs allowed” event, as a condition of permit approval, and that the organizer be responsible for ensuring dogs do not enter the event site.

Saturday Market
2024/64

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

That Council approve the request received from Christina Knight, representing the Slocan Saturday Market, to renew their License to Occupy the Expo Park upper bench area, concession, and washrooms, for the purpose of hosting a Saturday Market during the months of June, July and August 2024, and a Harvest Market on October 5th, 2024, provided that all conditions are met.

2024/65

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

That Council award \$2,000 from the RDCK Community Development Fund to the Slocan Saturday Market, but that organizers be asked to consider increasing fees and/or other methods to balance the operational budget, to account for budget deficits in the future.

Info Items:

2024/66

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

That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK Board Highlights – Regular Meeting, February 15, 2024
- b) RDCK – Public Budget Information Sessions
- c) Sinixt Confederacy – Invitation to Joint Province of BC/Sinixt Confederacy Training
- d) UBCM – Provincial Response to 2023 Resolution
- e) WEGCSS – Thank You Letter

Reports:

Public Works
2024/67

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

That the Public Works Report for March 11, 2024 be received.

CAO Report
2024/68

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

That the CAO Report for March 11, 2024 be received.

2024/69

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

That of the options provided, Council choose to install approx. 38m of privacy fencing along Giffin Avenue, to act as a privacy shield for campsites, and that staff be directed to provide a project budget for discussion and final approval.

Buller
2024/70

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

That Councillor Buller's verbal report on the RDCK Resource Recovery meeting be received.

Knott
2024/71

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

That Councillor Knott's verbal report on the CBAL Meeting, and access to sharps disposal and public education, be received.

Mayor's Report
2024/72

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

That the Mayor's verbal report for March 11, 2024 be received.

2024/73

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

That Councillor Ezra Buller be appointed to the RDCK West Resource Recovery Committee and Joint Resource Recovery Committee, and Mayor Jessica Lunn be appointed as alternate.

Bylaws:

Growing
Communities Fund
2024/74

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

That Council give first, second, and third readings to the “Village of Slocan Growing Communities Reserve Fund Bylaw No. ____, 2024” by title only.

801 Harold St.
2024/75

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

That Council approve the request to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw to allow *long-term residential* as a permitted use in the Core Commercial Zone, subject to public process, for the property legally described as Lots 17-20, Block 26, DL 292, Plan 496, 801 Harold Street, for the survival of the existing structure or until ownership changes from the current title in fee simple, with the following conditions:

- That all deficiencies noted in the 2023 Fire Safety Inspection Report be rectified, including removal of all combustible and waste materials in and around buildings to prevent fire hazard; annual inspection, testing and maintenance of fire extinguishers; and cleanup of yard area;
- That the site be cleared of all uninsured vehicles, vehicle parts, and other miscellaneous debris, to allow the required 2 parking spaces per unit;
- That the owner advise tenants that automotive business use is not permitted on the property, and to ensure this is enforced;

And further, that staff be directed to prepare the bylaw amendment for Council review, and schedule a Public Hearing on the matter.

Public Participation

Feenstra

Joanne Feenstra inquired about the non-motorized launch sign at the waterfront.

Adjournment

2024/76

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:15pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor