

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

Slocan, British Columbia
October 15, 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 October 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Elected Officials
Mayor Jessica Lunn
Councillor Ezra Buller
Councillor Jordan Knott (arrived 7:23)
Councillor Joanna Van Bynen (virtual)

ABSENT: Councillor Madeleine Perriere

Appointed Personnel
Patricia Dehnel, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

Call to Order

Mayor Lunn called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Adopt Agenda

2024/199

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

Minutes:

2024/200

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 9th, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Audience:

2024/201

Mo Haroun, Executive Director, Laneway House Foundation, was in attendance to present information on the Slocan Village Affordable Housing Partnership.

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the audience be tabled to later in the meeting.

Recommendations:

EDMA Engagement
2024/202

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Council agree to pool the funding received from the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate with the Regional District of Central Kootenay in order that the RDCK coordinate with the Village the First Nations Engagement Process.

- MFA payment
2024/203
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Council authorize payment of \$100,000 to Municipal Finance Authority in 2024 to pay down the Mill site loan and to direct staff to prepare an amendment to the financial plan of the Village of Slocan.
- Requests:**
- Chanterelles
2024/204
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Council award \$1700 from the RDCK Community Development fund, to the Chanterelles Slocan Valley Youth Choir and remind the Choir to contact the Area H director for additional funding support.
- Spirit of Slocan
2024/205
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Council grant approval for cutting a tree to place on the Wellness Centre grounds for the purpose of the 11th Annual Christmas Tree Light-Up Celebration, and that Public Works assist with the labour and equipment; and further that Council grant permission to use the Wellness Centre for power, washrooms and hallway space during the celebration.
- SV Economic
Diversification Project
2024/206
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Council provide a letter of support for the RDCK Area H's REDIP – EC funding application.
- Winter Carnival
2024/207
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Council approve the request from Lisa Parente of Treehuggers Retreats and Events, for use of Expo Park to host a “Winter Carnival” in February 2025 pending submission of a completed Special Events Application and proof of insurance; and that permission be granted for use of the stage and power.
- 2024/208
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the event organizer be asked to apply for an RDCK Community Development Grant to cover the portable toilet rental.
- 2024/209
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That general lighting improvements at Expo Park be referred to 2025 budget discussions.
- Laneway House
Foundation
2024/210
- Mo Haroun, Executive Director, Laneway House Foundation, presented information on the Slocan Village Affordable Housing Partnership followed by discussion and question period. The Mayor thanked Mr. Haroun for the presentation.
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Council provide a letter of support to the Laneway House Foundation and requests continued dialogue with the foundation.

Info Items:

2024/211

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

That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK Board Highlights – Regular Meeting, September 12, 2024
- b) City of Merritt – Burden of Delinquent Taxes
- c) Ministry of Housing – Slocan Affordable Housing Project
- d) Slocan Valley Legion – Remembrance Day Service
- e) RDCK media release – Free and Low-Cost Recreation Opportunities
- f) Village Debris and Disposal Day – SIFCo Contribution
- g) Welcome to our tmx^wulax^w in the Arrow Lakes
- h) Canada Community Building Fund - CWF fund payment
- i) SVCC – October 2024 Newsletter
- j) Harmony Festival 2024 Final Report

Reports:

Public Works
2024/212

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

That the Public Works September Report, and accompanying report on the Water Treatment Plant and Distribution System and water consumption history be received.

Project Coordinator
2024/213

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

That the Project Coordinator October 15, 2024 Report be received.

CAO Report
2024/214

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

That the CAO's October Report be received.

Buller
2024/215

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

That Councillor Buller's verbal Report for October 15, 2024 be received.

Van Bynen
2024/216

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

That Councillor Van Bynen's verbal Report for October 15, 2024 be received.

Street lights
2024/217

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

That staff contact FortisBC concerning the street lights that are out.

Connecting
Communities
2024/218

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

That staff be directed to contact Megan Chadwick, Director, Community Relations for the Connecting Communities BC program for information on eligible providers and to research the options available to make application for the program by December 12, 2024.

Mayor's Report
2024/219

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the Mayor's Report for October 15, 2024 be received.

**Items moved from
In-Camera**

Resolution #2024/c89– September 9, 2024

That Patricia Dehnel be appointed as Interim CAO for the Village of Slocan for a one-year term, commencing September 10, 2024 and expiring September 10, 2025.

Resolution #2024/c90– September 9, 2024

That Council authorize execution of the Interim CAO Contract with Patricia Dehnel, as presented.

Resolution #2024/c91– September 9, 2024

That resolutions 2024/c89 and 2024/c90 be moved to open meeting.

Public Participation

Wood

Matthew Wood expressed the soccer community disappointment in the delay of the field project; asked the Village to communicate the situation; and offered suggestions to work together on field lining.

Schlichting

Andreas Schlichting asked if the sprinkler replacement at the ball field could happen in the fall as a phased approach to the project.

Haroun

Mo Haroun asked questions of sod protection and offered to assist with project.

Feenstra

Joanna Feenstra confirmed the process of the Laneway House Foundation project is that the foundation would manage/operate the lease of the rental unit for 20 years, and after that time, the rental unit would revert to the property owner for management.

Adjournment

2024/220

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor