

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

Slocan, British Columbia
August 14, 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 August 14, 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

Mayor Lunn requested a moment of silence to acknowledge the passing of Joanne Ellis, and spoke a few words to summarize her great contributions to Slocan and the community.

Call to Order

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

Adopt Agenda

2023/161

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,

And Resolved:

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Minutes:

2023/162

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,

And Resolved:

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 10 be adopted as presented.

Audience

Wildfire DPA

Michelle Griffiths, SIFCo Program Coordinator, Slocan Valley Wildfire Resilience Program, introduced the draft Wildfire Hazards DPA.

Recommendations:

Housing Land

2023/163

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,

And Resolved:

WHEREAS the Village of Slocan intends to dispose of municipal land by means of a long-term lease, to the Slocan Valley Housing Society, to support an affordable housing development for families, seniors, persons with disabilities, and individuals;

AND WHEREAS Council deems the former Curling Club Lands, the north end of Block 34, Lots 1-4 and 17-20, to be the most appropriate location for the Slocan Affordable Housing Project;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that subject to Section 26 of the *Community Charter*, that the Village of Slocan publish a notice of proposed property disposition for the property legally described as Lots 1-4 and 17-20, Block 34, DL 292, Plan 496, and a portion of Village laneway between Lots 1-4 and 17-20 within Block 34, by means of long-term lease to the Slocan Valley Housing Society, for the purpose of constructing affordable housing; and further, that the consideration to be received by the Village of Slocan for the disposition be \$5.00.

2023/164

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

That Council support, in principle, the future required zoning re-designation from *P1:Parks, Open Space & Institutional*, to *R3:Multi-Family Residential*, subject to public consultation and process, and that the applicable service and application fees, as listed in the Slocan Fees & Charges Bylaw, be waived:

<i>Joint OCP and Zoning Bylaw Amendment</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>Development Permit</i>	<i>\$200</i>
<i>TOTAL Fees Waived:</i>	<i>\$700</i>

2023/165

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

That Council support, in principle, the future required laneway closure and lot consolidation, subject to public consultation and process.

Requests:

Woodstove Exchange
2023/166

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

That a letter be sent to the RDCK, confirming Slocan's participation in the 2023/24 Woodstove Exchange Program, to a maximum of \$300.

ASTA
2023/167

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

That a letter be sent to the Arrow-Slocan Tourism Association, in support of renewal of the MRDT Tax in Slocan and Area.

2023/168

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

That a letter be sent to the Arrow-Slocan Tourism Association, encouraging the Board to contract as locally as possible when considering consultants to manage administration, operation and marketing; and further, that ASTA maintain municipal involvement including (but not limited to) sharing information and regular updates on budget, deliverables, and progress.

SVM Customer
Appreciation BBQ
2023/169

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

That Council approve the request from Jordan Knott, owner/manager of the Slocan Village Market, to host a Customer Appreciation BBQ and shop grand opening event on Saturday, September 2nd, 2023, pending submission of a completed Special Events Application and proof of insurance; and that Council approve the request to temporarily block off a portion of Harold Street in front of the store to accommodate the event.

Info Items:
2023/170

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, July 20, 2023
- b) RDCK Redesigns Climate Action Engagement Process
- c) RDCK – Stage 2 Water Conservation Measures in Effect
- d) Katrine Conroy – Kootenay West MLA Newsletter
- e) Ministry of Forests – Level 4 Drought Conditions
- f) RDCK – Severe Drought Conditions Impact the RDCK
- g) C. Blanchard – View Royal Commits to Sue Big Oil
- h) District of North Saanich – Home for People Action Plan
- i) RDCK – Enforcement of Noise Control & Special Events Permit Bylaw in Area H
- j) BC Forest Practices Board – Forest and Fire Management Report

View Royal - Big Oil
2023/171

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

That Andrew Gage, West Coast Environmental Law, be invited to present to Council on the *Sue Big Oil* campaign.

Reports:
Public Works
2023/172

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

That the Public Works Report for August 14, 2023 be received.

Giffin Ave Trees
2023/173

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

That Public Works be directed to replant trees in the campground along Giffin Avenue, where trees were thinned by highways maintenance.

Boat Dock Repair
2023/174

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

That Council authorize withdrawal of up to \$20,000 from the Gas Tax Reserve, to fund the cost of re-decking the boat dock with material consistent with the breakwater.

CAO Report
2023/175

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

That the CAO's Verbal Report for August 14, 2023 be received.

Perriere
2023/176

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

That Councillor Perriere's verbal report on the affordable housing project be received.

Buller
2023/177

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

That Councillor Buller's verbal report on the Fitness Center meeting be received.

Van Bynen
2023/178

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

That Councillor Van Bynen's verbal report on the Owl Walk be received.

Mayor's Report
2023/179

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the Mayor's verbal report for August 14, 2023 be received.

Bylaws:

Tax Exemption
2023/180

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Council introduce and give first, second and third readings to the "Village of Slocan Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw (2024-2026) No. ____, 2023, and that staff be directed to post notice in accordance to section 227 of the *Community Charter*.

Solid Waste
2023/181

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the "Village of Slocan Solid Waste and Wildlife Attractant Amendment Bylaw No. ____, 2023" be read a first, second and third time by title only.

OCP Wildfire DPA
2023/182

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That *Draft Wildfire Hazards Development Permit Area (DPA)* document, prepared by the Slocan Valley Wildfire Resiliency Program, be referred to the next meeting.

Public Participation

Boivin

John Boivin, Valley Voice Reporter, inquired about the Rail Trail Project, master plan requirement for housing projects, and water plant.

Adjournment

2023/183

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:47pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor