

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

Slocan, British Columbia
November 13, 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 October 10, 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

Call to Order

Mayor Lunn called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Adopt Agenda

2023/236

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,

And Resolved:

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Minutes:

2023/237

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,

And Resolved:

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 10th, and Special Meeting of October 17th, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Audience

Sue Big Oil

Greg Amos and Andrew Gage, West Coast Environmental Law, attended the meeting to provide details on the *Sue Big Oil* campaign.

Recommendations:

Campground

2023/238

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,

And Resolved:

That the 2023 Springer Creek Campground Operator's Report be received as presented.

2023/239

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,

And Resolved:

That a special in-camera meeting be scheduled to discuss campground contractor wages and to explore contract models.

2023/240 Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Council consider allocating funds to the 2024 budget, for installation of a privacy fence at Site #21 prior to the 2024 camping season.

2023/241 Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That staff be directed to obtain quotes for the purchase of a new computer for the campground office, to be brought forward during budget discussions.

2024 Council Meeting Schedule
2023/242 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Council confirm the following as Regular Council Meeting dates for 2024:

Monday, January 8 th	Monday, May 13 th	Monday, September 9 th
Monday, February 12 th	Monday, June 10 th	*Tuesday, October 15 th
Monday, March 11 th	Monday, July 8 th	*Tuesday, November 12 th
Monday, April 8 th	Monday, August 12 th	Monday, December 9 th

Holiday Schedule
2023/243 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the Village Office be closed from 9:00am on Monday, December 18th, 2023 until 9:00am on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024, and that an ad be placed in the Valley Voice Newspaper and public posting places to notify the public.

FF Bonus
2023/244 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Council award \$500 to the Slocan Fire Department, as the Village's contribution towards their annual Christmas celebration, and that the Village provide each member with a complimentary annual Slocan Fitness Center pass for 2024.

Requests:

WEGCSS Xmas Hamper Program
2023/245 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That Council approve a \$1,000 grant from the RDCK Community Development Fund, for the 2023 WEGCSS Christmas Holiday Hamper Program.

Cenotaph
2023/246 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That staff schedule a meeting with the Slocan Valley Historical Society and the Slocan Legion, to discuss cenotaph ownership, addition of memorial plaques, and cost of plaques.

Historical Society
2023/247 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Council approve the request received from the Historical Society, for Public Works to assist with removing the History Walk Kiosk located directly across from WE Graham School, to be stored in the Public Works yard until spring 2024 when the Society can amend the interpretive signage and re-locate.

- 2023/248 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Council approve the request received from the Historical Society, to obtain a copy of the Curling Club demolition video for the Slokan Archives.
- SATS
2023/249 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Buller be appointed as the Council representative, to the Slokan and Area Trails Society.
- CKISS
2023/250 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Van Bynen be appointed as the Council representative, to the Central Kootenay Invasive Species Society.
- RDCK - Complete
Communities
Initiative
2023/251 Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Council support being a partnering community with the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) and other participating municipalities, on an application to the *UBCM Complete Communities Initiative*, up to a combined maximum of \$500,000; and further, that Council grant authority to the RDCK to apply for, receive, and manage funding on behalf of the partnering communities.

Info Items:

- 2023/252 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That the following items be received for information:
- a) RDCK Board Highlights – Regular Meeting, October 19, 2023
 - b) UBCM – Legislation Introduced Regulating Public Use of Illicit Drugs
 - c) C. Funk - KAAP
 - d) Ministry of Forests – UBCM Appointment Follow-Up
 - e) Fire Underwriter's Survey – Support for Volunteer Firefighter Tax Credit Increase
 - f) Okanagan Basin Water Board – Invasive Mussels Call to Action
 - g) City of Surrey – Surrey Police Transition
 - h) AKBLG – First Call for Resolutions
 - i) Arrow-Slokan Tourism Association (ASTA) – Notice of AGM
 - j) Ministry of Housing – New Housing Legislation
 - k) RDCK – Notice of Assent Voting (Referendum), Slokan Valley Fire Service Loan
 - l) RDCK – Potential 2024 Tipping Fee Increase
 - m) RDCK – Update on Regional Accessibility Advisory Committee
 - n) BC Lung Foundation – Student Radon Skill Testing Contest
 - o) H. Hachigian, Royal Roads University – Building Community Wealth in Canada
 - p) RDCK – Post Wildfire Natural Hazard Risk Analysis – West Kokanee Wildfire
- KAAP
2023/253 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That a letter be sent to Laurel from KAAP, recognizing her volunteer work within the Village to assist with feral cats on Main Street, and that Council contribute a \$300 Discretionary Grant to KAAP's Spay/Neuter Program.
- Fire Underwriters
Survey
2023/254 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That staff advertise the *Fire Underwriters Survey to Support Canada's Volunteer Firefighters & First Responders*.

- Invasive Mussels
2023/255
- Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That a letter be sent to the Provincial Government, in support for immediate action to prevent invasive mussel introduction to BC.
- ASTA AGM
2023/256
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That staff advertise the Arrow-Slocan Tourism Association's upcoming AGM.
- RDCK Fire Service
2023/257
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That staff advertise the RDCK's *Notice of Assent Voting (Referendum)*.
- BC Lung Foundation
2023/258
- Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That correspondence received from the BC Lung Foundation, regarding the Student Radon Skill Testing Contest, be forwarded to WE Graham School.
- Reports:**
- Public Works
2023/259
- Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the Public Works Report for November 13, 2023 be received.
- Water Samples
2023/260
- Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the Public Works Report on water samples be received, and that Council discuss water sample delivery during budget discussions.
- CAO Report
2023/261
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That the CAO Report for November 13, 2023 be received.
- Perriere
2023/262
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Perriere's verbal report on the New Denver healthcare meeting be received.
- Buller
2023/263
- Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Buller's verbal report on the RDCK Resource Recovery meeting, and WKBRHD meeting, be received.
- Mayor's Report
2023/264
- Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That the Mayor's verbal report for November 13, 2023 be received.
- RCMP
2023/265
- Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That a letter be sent to the RCMP, in support of policing services remaining local (decentralization) vs. the regional approach.

Public Participation

Johnson Joyce Johnson commented on the cats on Main Street, and on delivery of water samples.

Pryor Avery Pryor inquired about the lights at the tennis court.

Adjournment

2023/266

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the meeting be adjourned at 9:26pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor