

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

Slocan, British Columbia
December 11, 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 December 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Elected Officials
Mayor Jessica Lunn
Councillor Ezra Buller
Councillor Jordan Knott
Councillor Joanna Van Bynen

ABSENT: Councillor Madeleine Perriere

Appointed Personnel
Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer

Call to Order

Mayor Lunn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Adopt Agenda

2023/267

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

Minutes:

2023/268

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the minutes of the Special Meeting of November 13th and Regular Meeting of November 13th, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Audience

Financial Report
2023/269

Nathan Russ, CFO, attended the meeting to present the Quarterly Financial Report.
Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the Quarterly Financial Report ending September 30th, 2023 be received.

Recommendations:

Garbage Rates
2023/270

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Council increase the flat rate annual residential garbage fee by \$7.00 (5%) for the 2024 billing cycle (\$143 to \$150), and increase the excess garbage tag fee from \$3.50 per tag to \$3.75 (7%) per tag; and that staff be directed to prepare an amendment to the Fees & Charges Bylaw.

Water Rates
2023/271

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

That Council increase the water utility rates by 7% for all classes, for the 2024 billing cycle; and

That staff be directed to prepare an amendment to the Fees & Charges Bylaw for Council consideration; and

That Council engage the Asset Management Plan to determine what expenditures the water utility will encounter over the next 10-20 years, so the Village can properly determine how much to contribute annually to the reserve.

2024 ReDi Grants
2023/272

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

That Council receive the CBT Resident Directed Grants (ReDi) 2024 program correspondence for information, and that staff be directed to advertise the grant intake.

Requests:

Mountain Valley Stn
Donation Request
2023/273

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

That Council contribute to Mountain Valley Station's "Season of Giving" Advent Calendar, by donating a gift certificate for a one-month pass to the Slocan Fitness Center.

Youth Choir
2023/273

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

That Council award a \$600 grant to the Slocan Valley Youth Choir, to be withdrawn from the RDCK Community Development Fund, for their 2023/24 programming.

Spirit of Slocan
Tree Light Up
2023/274

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

That Council award a \$58.81 grant from the RDCK Discretionary Grant Fund, to the Spirit of Slocan Committee for the 2023 Christmas Tree Light-Up.

Info Items:
2023/275

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

That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK Board Highlights – Regular Meeting, November 16, 2023
- b) Slocan and Area Trails Society - AGM
- c) RDCK – Unofficial Results: Fire Protection Service Loan Authorization Referer
- d) C. Hurley – Springer Creek Trail Network Concerns
- e) City of Victoria – Red Light and Speed Cameras
- f) Minister of Municipal Affairs – UBCM Appointment Follow-Up
- g) Art Guite Consulting c/o Min. of Forests – Draft Pest Management Plan for Crc
- h) RDCK – Official Results: Fire Protection Service Loan Authorization Referendu
- i) State of the Basin – 2022 Snapshot Report
- j) MLA & MP Open House Invitation

C. Hurley
2023/276

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

That a letter be sent to Conor Hurley, in response to his correspondence to Council dated December 2, 2023, suggesting he connect with the *Slocan and Area Trails Society* to discuss his concerns, and to advise that the Society and their projects are not controlled by the Village.

Reports:

Public Works
2023/277

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

That the Public Works Report for December 11, 2023 be received.

CAO Report
2023/278

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

That the CAO Report for December 11, 2023 be received.

Buller
2023/279

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

That Councillor Buller's verbal report on the Fitness Center meeting, Trails Society meeting, and RDCK meetings, be received.

Mayor's Report
2023/280

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

That the Mayor's verbal report for December 11, 2023 be received.

Committee Minutes:

Fitness Center
2023/281

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

That the Fitness Center meeting minutes of December 7th, 2023 be received.

Bylaws:

Fees & Charges
2023/282

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

That the "Village of Slocan Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. ____, 2024" be read a first, second, and third time as presented, by title only.

Late Items:

Library Expansion
2023/283

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

That correspondence received from the Library Society, requesting a conversation with Council and CBT regarding the possibility of expanding the Wellness Center building be received, and that all building users be invited to a meeting on January 22nd or 29th at 5:00pm.

Adjournment

2023/284

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:43pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor