

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

Slocan, British Columbia
September 19, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the Village of Slocan, elected for the years 2018-2022, was held at the Slocan Village Office, Council Chambers, 503 Slocan Street, in Slocan, B.C., on September 19, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Elected Officials

Mayor Jessica Lunn
Councillor Joel Pelletier
Councillor Madeleine Perriere
Councillor Ezra Buller
Councillor Burly Van Bynen

Appointed Personnel

Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer

Call to Order

A minute of silence is held in honour of the Queen. Mayor Lunn called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Adopt Agenda

2022/202

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

That the agenda be adopted as amended, with the addition of one late item:
Tennis Court Project Update.

Minutes:

2022/203

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

That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, and Special Meeting of August 23, 2022 be adopted as presented.

Audience:

CFO

2022/204

Chris Jury, CFO, and Nathan Russ, FO, attended the meeting to present the Quarterly Financial Report ending September 30th, 2022.

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

That the Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending September 30, 2022, prepared by the Village's Chief Financial Officer, be received.

Slocan River Initiative

Judy McMahon and a colleague attended the meeting to present to Council, details of the Slocan River Initiative – a volunteer group with a goal to submit an application to the Department of Transportation for Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation, to consider restricting motorized watercraft on Slocan River.

Recommendations:

Election Officers

2022/205

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

That Slocan Village Council appoint Michelle Gordon as the Chief Election

Officer and Nicole Laframboise as the Deputy Chief Election Officer, to conduct the 2022 General Local Elections for the Village of Slocan.

Breakwater Update
2022/206

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

That the September 19, 2022 update on the breakwater, and Breakwater Inspection Report provided by Diving Dynamics, be received; and that repair costs be referred to 2023 budget.

Requests:

Slocan River Initiative
2022/207

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

That the presentation on the Slocan River Initiative be received.

2022/208

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

That correspondence be sent back to the Slocan River Initiative expressing Council's support of the Initiative in principle, but encourage continued research and consideration of impacts, and suggest consultation with the RDCK Area H; and that the group be requested to provide the draft application [to the Department of Transportation for Vessel Operation Restriction Regulation, for restriction of motorized watercraft on Slocan River] back to Council at a future meeting, once prepared.

Economic
Development Survey
2022/209

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

That the Slocan Valley Economic Development Survey request from Ron Leblanc, SV Economic Development Coordinator, be received.

Speed Limits
2022/210

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

That Council implement a 30km/hr speed zone for Expo Park on Giffin Avenue between Slocan Street and Harold Street, and that staff be directed to order 30km signs.

Info Items:

2022/211

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

That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK Board Highlights – August 2022
- b) RDCK – Electoral Approval Obtained for Rec Commission 10 Taxation Bylaw Change
- c) Breaking Barriers Together Association – RCMP & Military Structure
- d) RDCK – Volunteers Needed for Emergency Support Services Program
- e) CBT – Trail Enhancement Grants
- f) RDCK to Purchase Land in Krestova for Regional Parkland
- g) FCM Statement on RCMP Retroactive Pay Costs
- h) Forest Enhancement Society of BC – Accomplishments Report
- i) Arrow-Slocan Tourism Association – AGM 2022
- j) Arrow-Slocan Tourism Association – Board of Directors
- k) Arrow-Slocan Tourism Association – Local Government Seat Update
- l) FortisBC Community Giving Grant – 2022 Awards
- m) RDCK – Climate Action Plan Workshop
- n) Village Fall Clean-Up Week
- o) RDCK – Fire Prevention Week

- p) North Slokan Trails Society – Pending Deactivation of Enterprise Creek Road Access
- q) Ministry of Environment – Methane from Organic Waste Offset Protocol (MOWOP)
- r) RDCK – Declaration of Candidates – Local General Election 2022
- s) Village of Slokan – Notice of Election by Voting

Trails
2022/212

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

That staff be directed to research the CBT Trail Enhancement Grant Fund for campground trail improvements, including but not limited to brushing, the addition of benches, and repainting of the walking bridges.

Provincial Park
Access
2022/213

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

That a letter of support be sent to the North Slokan Trails Society, supporting their efforts to petition the Provincial Government to keep the Enterprise Creek Road and Kokanee Glacier Park open to public vehicular access after 2022.

Bylaws

Road Dedication
2022/214

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

That the “Village of Slokan Road Dedication Bylaw No. ____, 2022” be finally passed and adopted, and numbered 701.

Reports:

CAO Report
2022/215

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

That the CAO’s verbal report on the Tennis Court Project, as requested by Councillor Perriere as a late item, be received.

Buller
2022/216

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

That Councillor Buller’s verbal report on the 2022 UBCM Convention and Minister meetings, be received.

Mayor’s Report
2022/217

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

That the Mayor’s verbal report for September 2022 be received.

Items brought forward from In-Camera:

- June 21, 2022 In-Camera Meeting

“That Council authorize submission of a grant application to the Canada Community Building – 2022 Strategic Priorities Fund, Capacity Building Stream, to create a Master Water Plan for the Village.”

- Scott Wallace, TRUE Consulting, attended the meeting to present a draft application to the Canada Community Building Strategic Priorities Fund, to create a master water plan for the Village. The core scope of the work and intended outcomes include: water distribution assessment, water system leak detection survey and reporting, water source assessment ground water review, and water supply and treatment long-term plan. Generally, completion of the master water plan will define direction for improvements to the water system (source, treatment, storage, distribution) for the next 20+ years, and will identify the core projects and costs associated. It will also put the Village in a good position to make future applications for capital funding grants to carry out those projects.

- July 18, 2022 In-Camera Meeting

“That the decision to change the Slokan Housing Project location from ‘Lots 1-5 and 18-20, Block 43’, to the northern end of Block 34, formerly known as the ‘Curling Club Lands’, be moved to open meeting .”

- Since the formation of the Slocan Affordable Housing Advisory Commission of Council in 2017, the Village has been actively researching options for affordable housing in Slocan. The Village was successful with grant funding, and procured M'akola Development Services to complete a feasibility analysis, and to provide consulting support throughout the duration of the project. The analysis included information on the overall vision, need, cost breakdown, project detail, and potential funding programs, and showcased several funding scenarios available to build capacity for this project to move forward. The Village issued an RFP and procured COVER Architecture to complete a schematic design for the 8-unit project, with a mix of one-, two-, and three-bedroom units. At a special meeting in March 2020, Council directed staff to begin preparations for the rezoning of Lots 1-5 and 18-20 of Block 43 to Multi-Family Residential. Due to some concerns coming forward from the community on the location, Council passed a motion to table the rezoning until more information could be provided. The Village published a survey in April 2021 to gather additional feedback from the community on the need for affordable housing, and developing a project in Slocan, and the results demonstrated that the majority of Slocan residents were in favour. An application to BC Housing was submitted in January 2021 for pre-development costs and the capital works, and was successful. Due to the concerns of the proposed project location, Council went back to the table to investigate alternate locations. After lengthy discussion, it was decided that the Village would pursue a new location, the former Curling Club site. The Village has been working closely with M'akola and BC Housing, and both are very optimistic about the location change. The new location would provide better access, and is directly adjacent to family amenities such as the school, outdoor recreation, and the downtown core.

Public Participation

Boivin	John Boivin, Valley Voice Reporter, asked for a copy of the draft meeting minutes once completed, as well as information on the water system application, housing, and speed signs.
Campbell	Kevin Campbell inquired about the status of the Curling Club demolition.
Fredrickson	Dave Fredrickson commented that back road access to Provincial Parks is important. He also commented on the Slocan River Initiative.

Adjournment 2022/218

Moved by Councillor Pelletier,
And Resolved:
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor