

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

Slocan, British Columbia
February 10, 2025

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 February 10, 2025 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

Patricia Dehnel, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
Nathan Russ, CFO

Call to Order

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

Adopt Agenda

2025/20

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

Minutes:

2025/21

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13th, 2025 be adopted as presented.

Audience:

Budget

The CFO presented the Slocan Draft Operating Budget 2025 – 2029.

Short term loan
extension

2025/22

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the CFO review options with MFA for a 1-year extension of the Mill Site short term loan.

Budget Meeting
Schedule

2025/23

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the 2025 – 2029 5-year financial plan budget meeting be scheduled for March 10, 2025 at 6 pm.

CFO Presentation
2025/24

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the Slocan Draft Operating Budget 2025-2029 CFO presentation be received.

Recommendations:

AKBLG 2025
2025/25

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Councillors Buller, Perriere and Van Bynen attend the preconvention education session at the AKBLG on April 24th and that all of Council attend the AKBLG conference in Kimberley, April 25 to 27, 2025.

ReDi Grant Meeting
2025/26

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Council schedule a Public Input Meeting on Monday April 7 commencing at 5:00 pm at which time applicants will be invited to give a 5-minute presentation and answer any questions on their applications; and further a Special Meeting be scheduled for April 14 at 5:00 pm to deliberate the allocation of funds.

CBT REACH Program
2025/27

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That staff be directed to prepare an EOI to apply for the Trust's REACH program for a \$50,000 contribution towards improvements to the accessibility of spaces for children, specifically in Slocan, for kiddie park upgrades.

Requests:

ONA Funding
2025/28

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That Council award a \$1000 grant from the RDCK Community Development fund to the Okanagan Nation Alliance for their 2025 "Fish in Schools" program.

Kootenay Wellness
Festival
2025/29

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Council provide a letter of support to the Kootenay Wellness Festival.

RDCK DRIF
application
2025/30

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Council provide a letter of support to the RDCK for their application to the DRIF Program to update the RDCK and Village of Salmo's Flood and Steep Creek Hazard Regulatory Review.

RDCK Indigenous
Engagement Project
2025/31

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the Village of Slocan enter into the Memorandum of Understanding with the RDCK to collaborate on Indigenous Engagement activities and further that \$40,000 be transferred to the RDCK for the purpose of the RDCK managing pooled Indigenous Engagement funds on behalf of participating municipalities and meeting the engagement requirements under the Emergency and Disaster Management Act.

Info Items:
Heritage Week
2025/32

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That the Village publicize Heritage Week of February 17 to 23 in the newsletter
and on social media.

Harvest Share
2025/33

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That the Harvest Share information on fruit tree harvest be directed to the
community service society for their interest.

Info Items:
2025/34

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That the following items be received for information:
a) RDCK Board Highlights – Regular Meeting, December 12, 2024
b) Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness-newsletter 2025
c) Heritage Week poster
d) RDCK Tipping Fee Increase
e) Kootenay Monashee MLA newsletter
f) CUPW Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post
g) LTABC Municipal Protected Areas Project Webinar – Feb 20, 2025
h) Pacific Coastal Shuttle
i) Harvest Share
j) Invasive Species Council

CAO Report
2025/35

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That the CAO and Project Coordinator combined February 10, 2025 Report be
received.

Public Works Report
2025/36

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That the Public Works Summary Report for January 2025 be received.

Buller
2025/37

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Buller's verbal Report for February 10, 2025 be received.

AKBLG resolution
2025/38

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Knott work with the CAO to prepare an AKBLG resolution
concerning insurance impact and the municipality's economic recovery.

Knott
2025/39

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Knott's verbal Report for February 10, 2025 be received.

Mayor's Report
2025/40

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That the Mayor's verbal Report of February 10, 2025 be received.

Bylaws:

Zoning Bylaw
720 Harold
2025/41

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Council give third reading to the Village of Slocan Zoning Amendment
Bylaw No. 716, 2025.

Zoning Bylaw
adoption
2025/42

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That the Village of Slocan Zoning Amendment Bylaw (720 Harold Street) no.
716, 2025 be finally passed and adopted and numbered 716.

**Items moved from
In-Camera**

2025/c15 That staff be directed to research funding options for the replacement of
Heat Pumps at the Legion.

2025/c18 That staff be directed to review water sample testing procedure.

Public Comment

Hetherington

Asked questions concerning the Campground contract for 2025

Feenstra

Suggested more gravel on the roads for pedestrians.

Adjournment
2025/43

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor