

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

Slocan, British Columbia
June 23, 2025

THE COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE 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 June 23, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Elected Officials

Mayor Jessica Lunn
Councillor Ezra Buller
Councillor Jordan Knott
Councillor Madeleine Perriere

Appointed Personnel

Patricia Dehnel, Chief Administrative Officer
Nicole Berinstein, Project Coordinator (until 6:30 pm)

ABSENT:

Councillor Joanna Van Bynen (on leave)

Call to Order

Mayor Lunn called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Adopt Agenda

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

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Business:

Capital Project
discussion

The status of the list of capital projects underway was reviewed as follows:

Project	Work	Status
Harold Street Revitalization	Beautification and improvements to Harold Street – pre-development and planning.	Funding extension request been made through JEDI. Harold Street work phase 1, expected to take place in Autumn 2026.
Tennis Court Revitalization	Upgrades to the tennis court	Lighting fixtures and light reduction timer installed. Review cracks showing on court surface / plastic.
Breakwater	Replace Breakwater	Contract signed. Breakwater to be replaced in Autumn 2025. Reviewing storage opportunities for existing breakwater.
Source Water	Analyze current water source, conduct testing analysis, feasibility.	Work ongoing with a funding extension to December 31, 2025 received for Project IPG210052 Village of Slocan Water supply and Treatment Assessment. Council to create working group to support this file.
Mill Site	Visioning and masterplan	Visioning weekend held. Transfer waterfrontcommons.ca to Village for upkeep. Masterplan development not yet scheduled.

Affordable Housing	Constructing an affordable housing complex in the Village.	The Slocan Valley Housing society has a lease in place and will oversee construction in 2025. Building Permit has been issued.
Boundary Expansion	Investigate Expansion	In 2024, preliminary investigation for boundary expansion began. Discussed public presentation ideas on potential expansion areas. Council to create a working group to support this file.
Connectivity	CBBC Fibre Backbone Project	Council continues to advocate for connectivity in the Slocan Valley. A UBCM meeting is scheduled with Ministry of Citizens' Services.
NextGen 911	RDCK coordinate for 911 mapping	Staff working with RDCK on confirming addressing to comply with 911 services
Water Planning Master Plan	IPGP250093	In 2020 the Village received a Planning Grant to assist with preparation of a water supply and treatment assessment. In 2024, the Village applied for a planning grant to build from that past work, and focus on preparation of life cycle costing associated with feasible water supply options. This work will assist the Village in determining a preferred long term water supply solution, with consideration for the ability to expand the supply and treatment capacity as needed to accommodate planned community growth (via both infill and boundary expansion). Council to create working group to support this file.
Water Conservation Plan	IPG230028	Work was underway in 2024. The Water Conservation Plan was presented to Council on April 14, 2025. Implementation opportunities to be reviewed in 2025 and added to working group portfolio.
REACH	Inclusive Plan grant	In 2025, a \$50,000 inclusive play grant received from Columbia Basin Trust to add inclusive elements to the Kiddie park. Planning of project underway
Recovery Table	Project DFA-2021-02	Damage to Springer Creek bridge during high water event in 2021. Working on provincial approvals and with contractors to have repair done by 2026. A provincial committee has been created to support successful completion of this work.
Knotweed	Invasive plant elimination	Task to be added to gardener's contract.
Expo Field	Rehabilitation	Irrigation complete, sod to be installed in June. Field not to be used until sod fully established.
Wildfire 2024 Claim	Review	In process of review of deductible. Claim must be made by June 2026.
Beach Cleanup	Annual	In 2025, due to wildfire, late freshet, limited staff capacity and large amount of debris, in process of hiring contractor for large debris removal. Volunteers are raking beach.

Working groups and
Committee
appointments

Council discussed the following recommendations:

That a Water Working Group be created with members being the Mayor,
CAO and Councillor Buller;
That a Boundary Expansion Working group be created with members being
Mayor, CAO and Councillor Knott;
That Councillor Knott be appointed to the Hallowe'en Hoot Committee; and
That Mayor Lunn be appointed to the 125th Slocan Anniversary Committee.

Adjournment

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Moved by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:11 pm.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor