

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

Slocan, British Columbia  
December 8, 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 December 8, 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  
Michelle Gordon, Chief Administrative Officer  
Frances Frobb, Administrative Assistant

**Call to Order** Mayor Lunn called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**Adopt Agenda**  
2025/217 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  
And Resolved:  
That the agenda be adopted as presented.

**Minutes:**  
2025/218 Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,  
And Resolved:  
That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
be adopted as presented.

**Recommendations:**  
Garbage Rates 2026  
2025/219 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,  
And Resolved:  
That Council increase the flat rate residential garbage fee by \$9.00 (6%) for  
the 2026 billing cycle (\$156 to \$165), and increase the garbage tag fee  
from \$3.90 per tag to \$4.25 (9%) per tag, and that staff be directed to  
prepare an amendment to the Fees & Charges Bylaw.

Water Rates 2026  
2025/220 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,  
And Resolved:  
That Council increase the water utility rates by 15% for all classes for the  
2026 billing cycle.

*Councillor Perriere noted opposed.*

Traffic & Safety  
Bylaw Review  
2025/221

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,  
And Resolved:  
That the CAO's report on the Village of Slocan Traffic & Safety Bylaw No. 617 be received for information.

2025/222

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  
And Resolved:  
That staff review the Traffic & Safety Bylaw No. 617 to investigate options for ticketing and RCMP enforcement and suggest any updates or changes required.

**Requests:**

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*Due to conflict of interest on the next agenda item, Councillor Knott left the meeting at 7:50pm.*

DVP Application -  
601 Hume Street  
2025/223

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That Council approve the Development Variance Permit application to vary the residential zone accessory structure setback requirements as established in the Village of Slocan Zoning Bylaw, for construction of carport, from 15.0 feet to 6.0 feet, for the property legally described as Parcel C, Block 15, Plan 496, DL 292, 601 Hume Street.

COI

*Councillor Knott returned to the meeting at 7:55pm.*

Winter Carnival  
2025/224

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  
And Resolved:  
That Council approve the request from Lisa Parente of *Treehugger Events Society*, for use of Expo Park to host a "Winter Carnival" on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, pending submission of a completed Special Events Application and proof of insurance.

2025/225

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Buller,  
And Resolved:  
That Council approve the request from Lisa Parente of *Treehugger Events Society*, to provide and pay for one portable toilet for the Winter Carnival, valued at approximately \$950, to be withdrawn from the RDCK Community Development Fund.

**Info Items:**

2025/226

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

That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK Board Highlights – Regular Meeting, November, 2025
- b) District of Saanich – Comments on Bill M216 Professional Reliance Act
- c) City of Quesnel – Bill M216 Professional Reliance Act
- d) Ministry of Environment – Valhalla Post – Wildfire Recovery Update
- e) Wildsafe BC – Year End Thank You
- f) District of Pitt Meadows – Comments on Bill M216 Professional Reliance Act
- g) FCM – Build Canada Homes – Proposal Intake Open
- h) RDCK – Transition of Nakusp Waste Facility
- i) Selkirk College – State of the Basin Focus
- j) Ministry Heritage Branch – Heritage Capacity Survey Results

- 2025/227 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  
And Resolved:  
That Council investigate Bill M216, *Professional Reliance Act*,  
and refer the item to the January Meeting.
- 2025/228 Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That staff contact Navarana Smith, Ministry of Environment, to request an  
update regarding re-opening the Slocan-Evans Trail, as well as details of the  
trail assessment and plan.
- Reports:**
- Public Works Report 2025/229 Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That the Public Works Report for December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 be received.
- Oak Tree at Wellness Center 2025/230 Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Buller,  
And Resolved:  
That staff investigate hiring a local contractor to trim the oak tree at the  
Wellness Center, if an arborist cannot be procured.
- CAO Report 2025/231 Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  
And Resolved:  
That the CAO Report for December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 be received.
- Breakwater Proposal 2025/232 Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  
And Resolved:  
That details of the breakwater proposal be emailed to Council.
- 315 Fletcher Ave 2025/233 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,  
And Resolved:  
That staff send engage the Unsightly Premises Bylaw, and send a letter to the  
owner of 315 Fletcher, requesting they address the safety issues currently  
present at the abandoned house at this address, including boarding up  
broken windows and doors.
- Flooding and Drainage 2025/234 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
That staff investigate and address drainage issues at 1004 Hume Street, 515  
Main Street, and 407 Delany Avenue.
- Perriere 2025/235 Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,  
And Resolved:  
That Councillor Perriere's verbal report on the Affordable Housing Project, be  
received.
- Letter to SVHS 2025/236 Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,  
And Resolved:  
That the Village send a letter of congratulations to the Slocan Valley Housing  
Society for their tremendous work on the Slocan Affordable Housing Project,  
and the recent announcement of final approval from BC Housing.

Buller  
2025/237                      Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
                                    That Councillor Buller's verbal report on the Fitness Center, be received.

Mayor  
2025/238                      Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  
And Resolved:  
                                    That the Mayor's verbal report for December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 be received.

Cemetery Fees  
2025/239                      Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,  
And Resolved:  
                                    That the CAO investigate rate increases for the Cemetery.

Fitness Center  
Committee Minutes                      The Fitness Center meeting minutes of November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025 were included in the  
Council agenda package for information. Councillor Buller summarized the meeting  
in his report.

**Bylaws**

Fees & Charges  
2025/240                      Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,  
And Resolved:  
                                    That the "Village of Slocan Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. \_\_\_\_,  
2026" be read a first, second, and third time by title only.

**Items moved from**

**In-Camera**

IC Res. #2025/c156                      That in response to the failure of the Legion building's heat pump equipment, the  
Dec. 8, 2025                      Village provide a Grant-In-Aid to the Slocan Legion to assist with heating costs  
during the months of December 2025 to March 2026, by providing an RDCK  
Community Development Grant of up to \$4,000, representing 50% of heating costs.

**Adjournment:**

2025/241                      Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,  
And Resolved:  
                                    That the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

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Chief Administrative Officer

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Mayor