

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

Slocan, British Columbia
December 9, 2024

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 9, 2024 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

Call to Order

Mayor Lunn called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Adopt Agenda

2024/242

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

Minutes:

2024/243

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That the minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 12th, 2024 be adopted as presented.

Recommendations:

2025 Garbage Rates
2024/244

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Council choose to increase the flat rate residential garbage fee by \$6.00 (4%) for the 2025 billing cycle (\$150 to \$156), and increase the garbage tag fee from \$3.75 per tag to \$3.90 (4%) per tag, and that Council consider first and second readings of the Fees & Charges Bylaw for 2025 Garbage Rates.

2025 Water Rates
2024/245

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Council increase the water utility rates by 9% for all classes, for the 2025 billing cycle.

2025 Fees Bylaw
2024/246

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That Council consider first and second readings for an amendment to the Fees & Charges Bylaw for 2025 Water Rates.

2025 ReDi Grants
2024/247

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

That Council receive the CBT (Resident Directed Grants) ReDi 2025 Program correspondence for information and that staff be directed to advertise the grant intake.

Rezone
720 Harold St
2024/248

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

That Council direct staff to prepare a zoning amendment bylaw to change the property zoning from residential to a zone that permits commercial uses on the property located at 720 Harold Street (Lot 9 Block 22 DL 292 KPD Plan 496).

Info Items:
RDCK Housing Needs
Report
2024/249

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

That the RDCK prepared, Village of Slocan Housing Needs Report link be added to the Village website and be shared with the Slocan Valley Affordable Housing Society.

LGPI Grant
2024/250

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

That the Village of Slocan make an application to the Local Government Infrastructure Planning Grant Program, second 2024 Program intake deadline of December 11, 2024, for \$10,000 in funding towards a Village of Slocan Water Master Plan.

Sue Big Oil
information
2024/251

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

That Council send a letter to RDCK Board of Directors to encourage their participation in the West Kootenay Sue Big Oil campaign and to provide the group's information on the Village of Slocan communication channels.

Info Items:
2024/252

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

That the following items be received for information:

- a) RDCK Board Highlights – Regular Meeting, November 14, 2024
- b) Columbia River Treaty LGC Update December 2024
- c) Healthy Communities Newsletter November 2024
- d) Kootenay Monashee MLA newsletter
- e) RDCK Regional Housing Needs reports
- f) West Kootenay Sue Big Oil letter
- g) SV Affordable Housing Open House
- h) Infrastructure Planning Grants
- i) St Andrews Christmas by Candlelight invitation

Reports:

CAO Report
2024/253

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That the CAO and Project Coordinator combined December 9, 2024 Report be received.

Perriere
2024/254

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen, seconded by Councillor Buller,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Perriere's verbal Report for December 9, 2024 be received.

Buller
2024/255

Moved by Councillor Perriere, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That Councillor Buller's verbal Report for December 9, 2024 be received.

Mayor's Report
2024/256

Moved by Councillor Knott, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That the Mayor's Report for December 9, 2024 be received.

Committee Minutes:

Fitness Center
2024/257

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Perriere,
And Resolved:
That the Fitness Center meeting minutes of October 24th, 2024 be received.

Bylaws:

Fees & Charges
2024/258

Moved by Councillor Buller, seconded by Councillor Knott,
And Resolved:
That the "Village of Slocan Fees & Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 715, 2024" be read a first, second, and third time as presented, by title only.

Public Participation

Fredrickson

Dave Fredrickson commented on the high cost of the Village water utility for rural users.

Feenstra

Joanne Feenstra asked about commercial cardboard recycling.

Rhaintre

Therin Rhaintre described the West Kootenay Sue Big Oil presentation to the RDCK board in January 2025.

Adjournment:

2024/259

Moved by Councillor Van Bynen,
And Resolved:
That the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor