



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

REGULAR MEETING #06-18 MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo held at the Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre located at 206 Seventh Street on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Stephen White
Councillor Dan Danforth
Councillor Steve Dimock (via Telephone)
Councillor Jonathon Heatlie
Councillor Diana Lockwood
Administrative Assistant Alana Lins
17 Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPOINTMENT OF
TEMPORARY CORPORATE
OFFICER:**

1-06-18 Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Lockwood, that Council appoint Alana Lins as the temporary Corporate Officer until midnight on March 27, 2018.

Carried.

AGENDA:
2-06-18

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Dimock, that the draft agenda of Regular Meeting #06-18 of Tuesday, March 27, 2018 be adopted as amended from Council Procedure Bylaw No. 663 Schedule "B" to include a Public Question period.

Carried.

Councillor Danforth and Councillor Lockwood recorded as opposed.

DELEGATIONS:

FORTISBC CONSERVATION
AND ENERGY
MANAGEMENT - CAROL
SUHAN, MANAGER

Ms. Carol Suhan, Manager of Conservation and Energy for FortisBC, delivered a delegation presentation on the rebate programs currently offered by FortisBC. She described the rebate programs as ways to encourage individuals to use energy as efficiently as possible which will save money for everyone. She mentioned that FortisBC provides \$85 million dollars in rebates each year and there are specific programs available for low income families that can assist with getting new energy-efficient appliances or heating systems with no charge.

MINUTES:

3-06-18
REGULAR MEETING
#05-18
March 13, 2018

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Lockwood, that the draft minutes of Regular Meeting #05-18 of Tuesday, March 13, 2018 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

Councillor Danforth recorded as opposed.

**REFERRALS FROM
DELEGATIONS:**

NIL

**REFERRALS FROM PRIOR
MEETINGS:**

NIL

OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

4-06-18
CIVIC WORKS
DEPARTMENT

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Lockwood, that Council receive for information the written report provided by Civic Works Foreman Fred Paton dated March 22, 2018.

Carried.

5-06-18
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Lockwood, that Council receive for information the written report dated March 1,

2018 provided by Fire Chief David Hearn for the period of February 2018.

Carried.

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT NIL

ADMINISTRATION NIL

STRATEGIC PLAN NIL

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

6-06-18

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Dimock, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable from March 13, 2018 to March 22, 2018 totaling \$41,682.18.

Carried.

Councillor Danforth recorded as opposed.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NIL

**CORRESPONDENCE
REQUIRING A COUNCIL
DECISION:** NIL

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR
INFORMATION ONLY:**

7-06-18

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Lockwood, that Council receive for information the following correspondence from:

- (1) Darcy & Shelly Re: Utility Rate Question - #026
- (2) Regional District of Central Kootenay Re: 2018 CIP/APP Community Engagement Meetings - #027
- (3) Village of Salmo Re: Seeking Nominations for Salmo Valley Volunteer Long Service Award

Carried.

**MEMBER REPORTS &
INQUIRIES:**

COUNCILLOR DANFORTH

Councillor Danforth reported that he attended the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) meeting on March 22 on the Official Community Plan for Area G and that the meeting was well attended by the public. He stated that he had previously requested that the RDCK consider Salmo's aquifer within its bylaw and he is happy to report that they seem to have taken this into consideration and that it does not seem that the bylaw will adversely affect us. Further, he reported that Mr. Andy Shadrack has sent a request to all the local municipalities asking them to submit a letter of support to the Transportation board regarding the recent Greyhound Bus decision, requesting that they delay the decision until June 1, 2019. Councillor Danforth asked Mayor White if the RDCK transportation committee had sent a letter of support regarding this matter to the transportation board. Mayor White responded that he had not seen any information or emails from Mr. Shadrack regarding this matter. Councillor Danforth stated that due to the time constraints of this request from Mr. Shadrack, he would like to put forward a motion that this Council vote that a letter be compiled by staff on behalf of the whole Council to the BC Passenger Transportation Board to request that a reconsideration hearing be held to delay the implementation of their ruling until June 1, 2019. He offered to personally assist staff in compiling a letter. Mayor White responded that this would be a notice of motion which can't be voted upon at this time. Councillor Danforth also reported that BC Ministry of Public Safety announced that earthquakes, wildfires, extended power outages and extreme weather are hazards of top concern for residents of British Columbia; there is a Fall Regional Seasonal Hazard Preparedness workshop for Municipalities sponsored by Emergency Management April 26 in Castlegar; and that there is a Green Home Show for the public in both Creston and Castlegar and he will have the notice posted to the Village

bulletin board. Councillor Heatlie asked if there is a cost associated with this seminar in Castlegar. Councillor Danforth responded that the poster did not state a cost.

COUNCILLOR DIMOCK Councillor Dimock had nothing to report at this time.

COUNCILLOR HEATLIE Councillor Heatlie reported that he has heard from Gillian Sanders of the Grizzly Bear Solutions and she has informed him that she has 3 other projects on the go right now but is in the final stretch of the Village's Bear Hazard Assessment which should be completed by April 15. He has requested that she come as a delegation once the report is completed to present it to Council. Councillor Heatlie also reported that he will be requesting the first meeting of spring for the Communities in Bloom committee and will work on finding a date that works for all of the committee members where they can discuss which programs they want to run.

COUNCILLOR LOCKWOOD Councillor Lockwood reported that she has been unable to attend much since the last meeting as she has been sick but she did attend the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Salmo Chamber of Commerce at which they struck different committees to different programs that they have upcoming. She mentioned they also discussed the community garage sale which they will be hosting again on June 16, 2018. Councillor Lockwood reiterated her request for the emails sent by the former Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to Ms. Jacquie Huser regarding the requirement of business licenses at events in the park be included in the next Council package as this was follow up from the previous Council meeting. Councillor Heatlie asked if you register through the Chamber to participate in the community garage sale. Councillor Lockwood responded yes.

MAYOR WHITE Mayor White reported that the Village has officially announced that Ms. Anne Williams has accepted the Chief Administrative Officer position beginning on April 9, 2018. Ms. Williams is not from the area so it will take some time to get familiar with everything but he is confident that she will do a great job. He also reported that the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital Board is meeting tomorrow night to discuss the ongoing issue of the capital expenditures and hopefully a consensus can be reached. Councillor Lockwood asked if there is anything to be reported regarding the Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) as there hasn't been anything in a while. Mayor White replied that since the CAO left, he has taken on many extra duties at the Village office including approvals and advising staff and that has been his main focus but he would be giving an update on the RDCK shortly. Councillor Lockwood asked if there were any decisions regarding releasing the funds to the Chamber and the Museum at the RDCK meeting on March 15. The Mayor apologized that he had forgotten to report this but there had been a decision regarding this and the funds had been voted to be released but with some conditions involved. Councillor Lockwood questioned if this is the same requirements as before and if other community groups like the Salmo Pool or the Salmo library had the same stipulations. Mayor White replied they were not the same and each group has different requirements. For example, the Salmo Library has to bring forth a complete line-itemized budget among other things to the Village Council, the Regional Director and then the Board in order to receive funding. The Chamber and the Museum's is significantly less than some others. Councillor Lockwood then stated that she had reviewed RDCK's minutes from February 2018 and noted that they have an accounts payable listing that includes every single cheque, every name the cheques are written to and the amount that the cheques are for. She further stated that while you couldn't see the hourly wage or salary, there was a total sum on the report of the employees' wages and cheque numbers. Councillor Lockwood mentioned that in the past, the Mayor and the former CAO had reported that this could not be included as it was a privacy issue. She would like clarification on who is doing the reporting the accounts payable incorrectly - the Village of Salmo or the RDCK. Mayor White asked Councillor Lockwood to provide a copy of the information and he

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VERBAL REPORTS OF
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

would follow up with the CAO of the RDCK.
Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Lockwood,
that the verbal reports of Mayor and Council be received for information.
Carried.

**PUBLIC QUESTION
PERIOD:**

FARRELL SEGALL

Mr. Farrell Segall mentioned that the address listed on the Council meeting schedule on the bulletin board outside the office states that the meetings are to be held at the Village office not at the Salmo Community Centre. He suggested that we change this or post a notice on the door so that people who do not attend the meetings regularly are aware of the change of address. Mayor White explained to Mr. Segall why there was a change of venue and said that we will look into posting a notice.

CHERYL THORNTON

Ms. Cheryl Thornton requested clarification of the information presented regarding employee wages and asked if any member of Council knows what the staff wages are. Councillor Lockwood, Councillor Danforth and Councillor Heatlie all confirmed that they do not know what the staff wages are. Mayor White clarified that Council, at any time, could request this information. However, it would have to be done at an in camera meeting not at a public meeting except for the SOFI report. Ms. Thornton stated that she feels it is an important part of the process for a Board to know. Councillor Lockwood mentioned that this is the first meeting we have had the accounts payable back for 11 months and only two Council members have seen the cheques. Something she had asked for before the accounts payable got removed was a total amount of staff wages and that should be available to the public. She was told that was not allowed. She was quite shocked when she came across the RDCK's listing shows that. Ms. Thornton stated that kind of transparency does not surprise her. Councillor Lockwood said that is why she asked if the question: is RDCK doing it wrong or are we doing it wrong because we don't have this type of transparency. Ms. Thornton asked if each community has a different policy. Mayor White stated that each community can have its own level of transparency but if there is a requirement to provide information under one the statutes then they would all be the same. He further stated that there's a difference between what was suspended because of the behaviour of some of the Councillors. Councillor Danforth interrupted saying that was incorrect and a false accusation. He called point of order and said the Mayor is lying. Councillor Lockwood stated that there were 40 cheques one month not listed on the accounts payable - how is that being transparent? Councillor Danforth further stated the accounts payable was suspended to hide information from the public. Mayor White stated that was absolute nonsense. Councillor Danforth said then put the 11 months published. Mayor White said they had lost the vote and what was wrong with accepting that he tried to do a rescindment a year after the deadline had run out. Councillor Danforth said doing the right thing is not failing.

COUNCILLOR HEATLIE

Councillor Heatlie stated that the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) & the financial reports he has given to Council does show some of the totals of the employees. He also said that he does not personally see the hourly rate but from his understanding this is due to Freedom of Information and that we can't give out names. However, in his personal opinion he thinks there should be a listing of cheques for the wages with a total included in the accounts payable listing. Mayor White stated that he doesn't think it would be a problem but he'll have to check.

JACQUIE HUSER

Ms. Jacquie Huser said that it had been requested but denied. Councillor Lockwood stated it had been denied multiple times. Mayor White responded that the accounts payable listing has each individual cheque and vendor to whom it went. He further stated that what was removed from the listing were the ones to individual employees. Councillor Lockwood asked if we had 40 employees at one time. Mayor White said no, not that he is aware of. Mayor White asked if they could move on. Councillor Lockwood said no, that

is the point. You keep saying we've done this, done that, slamming Councillor Danforth and myself saying we were harassing and that is why it got shut down. She further said that she was asking as there was a whole bunch of information missing and Council should have been shown the information. Mayor White said there was harassment. Councillor Lockwood responded that asking a question of a cheque that's not there is not harassment and if it is what are you hiding.

COUNCILLOR DIMOCK

Councillor Dimock said that Councillor Danforth and Councillor Lockwood were given the answers they just didn't like what they were given. Councillor Danforth responded that they were given no answers, stonewalling is not an answer. Councillor Lockwood said she has an email saying that she wouldn't get the answer. Mayor White asked her to send the email to Councillor Dimock. Councillor Lockwood said it was sent to everyone but she could forward it.

BOB BLACKWOOD

Mr. Bob Blackwood said that he has previously requested a progressive report on the WWTP grant. He said that twice has been told they would talk to the engineers. He is concerned when we have the Mayor and four Council members along with staff and no one can tell him what percentage they are into the project. The engineers should be required to provide that information. Mayor White said that part of the problem is that we don't have a CAO who is responsible for that work. Mr. Blackwood asked whose portfolio does this fall under. Mayor White said that is his portfolio. Mr. Blackwood said he would like something from the engineer.

BOB BLACKWOOD

Mr. Blackwood asked about the dike and the fact there was \$25,000 in the budget last year but nothing has been done. He would like to know what is going to be done this year and how much will be in the budget. Mayor White responded that the budget isn't done and he mentioned the issue is the fish window which is two weeks at the end of August. Mr. Blackwood said he talked to the fishery people that said the window can be adjusted. Mayor White said we were denied this request to work outside the window.

BOB BLACKWOOD

Mr. Blackwood also asked if we had rip rap accessible, how quickly we could get it and where it is stored. Mayor White said Alana would look into it. Mr. Henry Huser responded that he knew where it was and said it is in the sand pit. Councillor Lockwood asked why Council doesn't know that but a member of the public does. Councillor Heatlie said he knew we had a stockpile just not where it is located.

JACQUIE HUSER

Ms. Jacquie Huser heard about the new CAO and wanted to know how the contract with the new CAO works, if it is for 1 year or 6 months. Mayor White responded that we can't discuss labour in an open Council meeting. Ms. Huser asked if she makes more than \$75,000 a year. Mayor White said he would have to check the SOFI report to see if he can just tell her. If she's covered by the SOFI report then he can tell her.

CHERYL THORNTON

Ms. Cheryl Thornton asked if this means that the contract length is not public information. Mayor White responded that no, it is not without a Freedom of Information request.

JACQUIE HUSER

Ms. Jacquie Huser would like to know if after a delegation comes to a Council meeting and a decision is required, would it automatically come to the next Council meeting and if not, who makes that decision as to when it comes back. Mayor White stated it depends on the requirements of the delegation's request as more time and follow up may be needed before they come back but normally, yes.

COUNCILLOR LOCKWOOD

Councillor Lockwood asked if Council has to request for something from a delegation to come back for follow up. Mayor White responded that she can always make that request but when the CAO comes, she will be reviewing all the minutes and will take a look at the list of delegations to determine which

ones were coming with an ask or with information only.

ADJOURNMENT:
9-06-18

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Lockwood,
that the meeting be adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on
Tuesday, March 27, 2018.

Originally Signed By:

Stephen B. White

Mayor

Anne Williams

Corporate Officer