



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Special 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, January 17, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Stephen White
Councillor Dan Danforth
Councillor Steve Dimock
Councillor Jonathon Heatlie
Councillor Diana Lockwood
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Diane Kalen-Sukra
Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Colin McClure
33 Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

AGENDA:
1-117-17 Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Dimock, that the draft agenda of Special Meeting of Tuesday, January 17, 2017 be adopted as amended.

Carried.

ITEMS:
2-117-17 Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Danforth,
BUDGET CONSULTATION that Council receive for information the verbal report from Chief Financial Officer Colin McClure regarding the proposed budget.

Carried.

3-117-17 Moved by Councillor Danforth and seconded by Councillor Lockwood,
MOTION TO MOVE that the public question period be moved ahead of the "*Municipal Utilities*
PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD *User Fees Bylaw No. 684, 2017*" readings.

Carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

IAN MCINNES Mr. Ian McInnes asked what the utility charge would be for the Salmo Curling Club. CFO McClure advised it would be the same rate as paid by single-family residential. Mr. McInnes stated that could kill recreation in Salmo.

DAVE VROOMAN Mr. Dave Vrooman stated that he didn't think it was fair that mobile homes should pay less for utilities than single family dwelling. CFO McClure advised that this was the direction of Council to minimize the burden as mobile home owners had not been paying the parcel tax and therefore wouldn't benefit from the elimination of the tax.

PHIL BERUKOFF Mr. Phil Berukoff said that the fact that Salmo's utility rates remain lower than other jurisdictions is a good thing. He was also advised of the increase for the Salmo Valley Estates as per the non-profit multi-unit rate on the bylaw.

ANDREW BEAN DAVID Mr. Andrew Bean David stated that as a person on a fixed government income, he could not afford the proposed increase to mobile home owners (\$10/month). Council advised that affordability considerations were what gave rise to the discounted rate for mobile home owners.

AARON JENSEN Mr. Aaron Jensen asked why the increase to the sani-dump utilities was so high. CFO McClure advised that percentage increases always seem higher on larger base amounts.

LETA MCCONNELL Ms. Leta McConnell asked what the increase would be for rental units. CFO McClure advised that for multi-unit residential the increase is about \$60 a unit per year.

- MERLE HANSON Mr. Merle Hanson asked if any consideration had been given to garbage services. Mayor White advised that the 50 cents a month increase for garbage services is listed in the bylaw.
- JACQUIE HUSER Ms. Jacquie Huser asked why her utilities should go up when there is an operating surplus. Mayor White advised that operating budgets are set to take into consideration unforeseen expenditures, that this has been a long standing practice at the Village and that the reserve bylaw states that this surplus is to go into reserves, which is prudent financial management.
- HENRY HUSER Mr. Henry Huser made a point of clarification regarding a possible burden on Village taxpayers by applying the parcel tax on all Village parcels. He said it was not necessarily a burden since the parcel tax rate could be reduced.
- PHYLLIS TATUM Ms. Phyllis Tatum thanked Council, staff and the public for their engagement on this issue. She felt that a healthy compromise and solution had been reached.
- JACQUIE HUSER Ms. Jacquie Huser asked when she would be able to receive a itemized listing of the budget. CFO McClure advised that it wouldn't be until the auditor had had an opportunity to review it, which depending on schedules, could be as early as March 2017.
- 4-117-17 Moved by Councillor Dimock and seconded by Councillor Heatlie,
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES that the "Municipal Utilities User Fees Bylaw No. 684, 2017" be given first
USER FEES BYLAW NO. reading.
684, 2017 - FIRST Carried.
READING Councillor Danforth and Councillor Lockwood recorded as opposed.
- 5-117-17 Moved by Councillor Dimock and seconded by Councillor Heatlie,
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES that the "Municipal Utilities User Fees Bylaw No. 684, 2017" be given second
USER FEES BYLAW NO. reading.
684, 2017 - SECOND Carried.
READING Councillor Danforth and Councillor Lockwood recorded as opposed.
- 6-117-17 Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Dimock,
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES that the "Municipal Utilities User Fees Bylaw No. 684, 2017" be given third
USER FEES BYLAW NO. reading.
684, 2017 - THIRD Carried.
READING Councillor Danforth and Councillor Lockwood recorded as opposed.
- ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Lockwood,
7-117-17 that the meeting be adjourned at 7:07 p.m.
Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, January 17, 2017.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer