



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, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 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
11 Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AGENDA:

1-328-17

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Dimock, that the draft agenda of Special Meeting of Tuesday, March 28, 2017 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

MINUTES:

2-328-17

SPECIAL MEETING
March 21, 2017

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Dimock, that the draft minutes of Special Meeting of Tuesday, March 21, 2017 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

ITEMS:

3-328-17

ASSET INVENTORY &
CONDITION ASSESSMENT
PROJECT

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Dimock, that Council direct Staff to award the \$60,000 contract for engineering, design and condition assessment services for the Village' asset inventory and condition assessment of linear infrastructure to WSP Canada Inc., due to their history and inherent expertise with the systems through the preparation of Salmo's storm water management assessment, Salmo's wastewater treatment plant financial plan and delivery of engineering advisory services.

Carried.

Councillor Lockwood and Councillor Danforth recorded as opposed.

4-328-17

WASTEWATER
TREATMENT FACILITY
UPGRADE PROJECT

Moved by Councillor Dimock and seconded by Councillor Heatlie, that Council direct Staff to award the \$238,000 contract for engineering and design services for the Village's wastewater treatment facility upgrade project to WSP Canada Inc., due to their history and inherent expertise with the system through the preparation of operations and maintenance studies, delivery of engineering advisory services and developed local working relationships with stakeholders, enabling efficient support given tight construction deadlines and in accordance with the notice of intent.

Carried.

Councillor Lockwood and Councillor Danforth recorded as opposed.

5-328-17

CHIEF FINANCIAL
OFFICER'S 2017 BUDGET
REPORT

Moved by Councillor Dimock and seconded by Councillor Lockwood, that Council receive for information Chief Financial Officer Colin McClure's report on 2017 budget considerations.

Carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION

PERIOD:

HENRY HUSER

Mr. Henry Huser asked what the formula was that established the amount a municipality can borrow and whether the parcel tax could be used to raise the revenue for the sewer system upgrade. CFO McClure advised that borrowing capacity is based on revenues and takes into considering the current debt load of the municipality. He also advised that given the tight

timelines of the wastewater system improvements grant, a parcel tax may not be the right tool.

MERLE HANSON

Mr. Merle Hanson commented on why he thinks the Village should use the parcel tax rather than borrowing to fund the wastewater system upgrade. He stated that all borrowing is based on assessed value and therefore those with higher property values will pay more than those with lower property values. He shared his belief that the parcel tax is the most fair tax. CAO Kalen-Sukra advised an alternate perspective is that the parcel tax is a regressive tax and forces those with potentially lower means to pay the same as those with more. She also advised that Council had committed to the public to eliminate the parcel tax and that given the law around how a parcel tax is to be implemented with a public notice period, requirement to establish a review panel, etc. that there is not sufficient time before the May 15 deadline for adoption of the annual tax and financial plan bylaws to pass a parcel tax. Mayor White advised Mr. Hanson that there were also capacity considerations given the magnitude of work associated with launching the major infrastructure upgrades made possible by the Village's successful grants.

HENRY HUSER

Mr. Huser spoke to the ability of a parcel tax to subsidize the taxes of the poor. CFO McClure said this would only affect about 36 homes in the Village amounting to about \$3,600. Mr. Huser asked if the debt servicing will come out of utilities. CFO McClure confirmed that is the plan, but that it would not be through an increase in utility fees, rather the debt payment would be funded by decreasing the water utility fee and raising the sewer utility fee.

BOB BLACKWOOD

Mr. Bob Blackwood asked Council to confirm how much was allocated for dike maintenance in 2017. CAO Kalen-Sukra confirmed it was \$25,000. Mr. Blackwood also asked Council to consider budgeting for a speaker system for the Council meetings.

JACQUIE HUSER

Ms. Jacquie Huser asked when she will see the numbers behind the budget. CFO McClure advised that the numbers were provided at the last budget meeting and summarized in his presentation and document at this meeting. He advised that more final financial statements would be provided in the coming weeks as the financial plan bylaw comes before Council.

BOB BLACKWOOD

Mr. Bob Blackwood advised of his involvement in a petition from 9th Street residents objecting to what they perceive as being singled out in the draft official community plan. Mayor White said he was aware of the draft petition and it is filled with misrepresentations that can be cleared up by simply visiting the office and meeting with the Mayor or CAO, as other residents on 9th Street have done.

GLEN LIVINGSTON

Mr. Glen Livingston asked Council to consider the costs of maintaining a second loader .

ADJOURNMENT:
6-328-17

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Dimock,
that the meeting be adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Special Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, March 28, 2017.



Mayor



Chief Administrative Officer