



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

REGULAR MEETING #07-18 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, April 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

- PRESENT:** Mayor Stephen White
Councillor Dan Danforth
Councillor Steve Dimock
Councillor Jonathon Heatlie
Councillor Diana Lockwood
Chief Administrative Officer Anne Williams
Administrative Assistant Alana Lins
53 Members of the Public
- CALL TO ORDER:** The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- The Mayor introduced and welcomed our new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Anne Williams.
- SALMO VALLEY LONG TERM SERVICE AWARD:** The Mayor presented two Salmo Valley Long Term Service Awards to the 2018 recipients Guistina Dalcanali and Ken Anderson, recognizing the tremendous amount of volunteer work they provide to the community.
- AGENDA:**
1-07-18 Moved by Councillor Dimock and seconded by Councillor Heatlie, that the draft agenda of Regular Meeting #07-18 of Tuesday, April 10, 2018 be adopted as amended from Council Procedure Bylaw No. 663 Schedule "A" to include a Public Question.
Carried.
Councillor Danforth recorded as opposed.
- DELEGATIONS:** NIL
- MINUTES:**
2-07-18 Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Dimock,
REGULAR MEETING that the draft minutes of Regular Meeting #06-18 of Tuesday, March 27, 2018
#06-18 be adopted as presented.
March 27, 2018 Carried.
Councillor Danforth recorded as opposed.
- REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS:** NIL
- REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:** NIL
- POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:** NIL
- BYLAW DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:** NIL
- ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**
3-07-18 Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Dimock, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable from March 23, 2018 to April 5, 2018 totaling \$54,353.98.
Carried.
Councillor Danforth and Councillor Lockwood recorded as opposed.
- DISCUSSION** Council discussed the Commissionaire's payment and staff responded that the bylaw officer is paid through a contract regardless of complaints received. They also discussed the process for complaints and that it is complaint driven. Staff advised that the bylaw officer first responds to complaints received and

then patrols the village for infractions and addresses issues found with residents as appropriate.

NOTICE OF MOTION

Councillor Lockwood made a motion that the bylaw officer follows our bylaws that have been passed by this council or previous council and acts on those bylaws.

**CORRESPONDENCE
REQUIRING A COUNCIL
DECISION:**

NIL

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR
INFORMATION ONLY:**

4-07-18

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

- (1) Canadian Heritage Re: Salmo Days Grant - #034
- (2) UBCM Re: 2018 Emergency Operations Centres & Training Grant Approval - #035
- (3) RDCK Re: Waste Transfer Station New Hours of Operation Starting May 1, 2018 - #036
- (4) Salmo Ladies Curling Club Re: Thank You For The Support - #037
- (5) RDCK Re: Letter to Salmo Chamber of Commerce - Financial Plan - #039
- (6) RDCK Re: Letter to Salmo Museum Society - Financial Plan - #040

Carried.

**MEMBER REPORTS &
INQUIRIES:**

COUNCILLOR DANFORTH

- Councillor Danforth welcomed the new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Anne Williams and mentioned that both he and Councillor Lockwood stopped in on her first day.
- Councillor Danforth reported on the Salmo & Area G Emergency meeting on March 28 where it was reported that eight emergency support trailers are being built and stocked with supplies for the ESS centre through the Emergency Services grant including Ymir but not Salmo. He mentioned that Trent Abbey, Regional District of Central Kootenay (RDCK) Emergency Program supervisor, is returning to a job in with Wildfire Services.
- Councillor Danforth stated that MP Wayne Stetski was going to have a meeting on April 5 in the area but he had to cancel as he went to Israel on government business.
- Councillor Danforth also reported on his attendance to the Green Home seminar in Creston on April 4 at which he learned that there is a lot of grant money available through FortisBC for green work construction and that by 2032, all new construction will have to be at a net zero ready status, meaning very efficient. EV stations were also discussed with similar concerns in Creston regarding the location of the chargers and there was mention that there are only 15 electric vehicles in the kootenays.
- Councillor Danforth reported that as of April 1 the West Kootenays show 127% of snow pack which may lead to an extreme freshet. Due to the wildfires in 2017, there is concern the freshet will be extreme in those areas that were burned.

COUNCILLOR DIMOCK

- Councillor Dimock reported that he attended the library meeting last night where it was reviewed how much work the Friends of the Library group does how they support the library, and they should be commended. He further mentioned that the library is very successful with their recent activities and we should be proud.

COUNCILLOR HEATLIE

- Councillor Heatlie reported that the BearAware hazard assessment is complete and Gillian Anderson will be making a presentation at the April 24 council meeting.

- Councillor Heatlie also asked if the Village is planning on having a table at this year's Earth Day. Mayor White responded that the Village is not having a table.

COUNCILLOR LOCKWOOD

- Councillor Lockwood welcomed new CAO Anne Williams.
- Councillor Lockwood reported on the success of DOT night with 346 people in attendance and a dot value of \$39.83, giving just under \$69,000 to our community.
- Councillor Lockwood mentioned that there is a Family of Schools meeting on May 1 but she isn't certain of the location yet and she reminded everyone that Earth Day is April 22.
- Councillor Lockwood reported that the marijuana legislation is fast approaching and she wants to know if we are going to work on a bylaw before it becomes legislated.
- Going through the Council portfolios, she noted that the entire Council is assigned to finances and she wanted to know if that involved operations. Mayor White responded no, except for the five year budgeting process in which the Council, CAO and the CFO are all involved.
- Councillor Lockwood said if the Village got in trouble in September, in operations, then Council would not do anything about that as lies on the CAO and CFO.
 - Mayor White responded that the CAO and CFO would bring forward to Council an amendment to the financial plan for that particular event and that year.
 - Councillor Heatlie asked if there was a dollar amount that is allowed to be allocated before coming to Council for operations.
 - Mayor White responded that there is a limit on individual purchases under the Purchasing Policy but that is separate from the budget.

MAYOR WHITE

- Mayor White discussed the marijuana legislation and the advice he received at the LGLA in February this year that stated municipalities should create and pass bylaws banning the sale of marijuana within their jurisdictions. The reason is if you don't have something in place that you can then change and regulate when the date comes in, you could end up with 15 applications for business licenses under the current regime and no bylaw to rely upon to deal with it, medicinal or otherwise. Mayor White said he is not suggesting that he is opposed to the legislation but he wanted to know if it is the wish of Council to move ahead in that direction because he didn't receive any feedback when he made the report. Discussion ensued:
 - Councillor Lockwood said that the information was reported in the February 13 meeting in which the Mayor had said the deadline is fast approaching and it is now April, but nothing has been said about it since then.
 - Mayor White stated that he would get the CAO to draft a bylaw for Council to review based on the advice of the lawyers and bring it to Council as soon as possible.
 - Councillor Dimock mentioned that perhaps we can review what other communities our size are doing and use that as a template.
 - Councillor Lockwood asked if any local communities such as Fruitvale or Montrose have anything.
 - Mayor White said he isn't certain. He also mentioned that some communities already have allowed marijuana businesses without a bylaw.
 - Councillor Danforth mentioned that we already had a delegation regarding opening a facility to sell marijuana in Salmo and we have not responded to that delegation. As there is obviously intent, we need to apply a great deal of expedience to getting this done before it is too late for us, that we need the right kind of bylaw quickly so it won't be legally challenged.
- Mayor White reported that Travis Abbey's leaving the RDCK has put a hole

in the organization but they are in the process of recruiting.

- He mentioned that DOT Night was again a huge success and Walter Popoff, rural director in the RDCK, said he had watched the DOT Night years ago and modelled their process after ours.
- Mayor White also reported that he attended the Sustainability Committee meeting that afternoon at the RDCK who's funding and purpose is to work with organizations like the Kootenay Lake Partnership around sustainability and reduction of emissions. The topic was the banning of woodstoves which the committee is opposed to as they emit far less pollutants than many new cars.
- He further discussed the location of the fast charging station, which will be reported on at the next meeting, and said the genesis of the station came from the Highway 3 Mayor's Coalition which wanted to make it possible to drive Highway 3 from one end to the other in an electric vehicle and have a place to charge.
- Mayor White reported on his attendance at the West Kootenay-Boundary Regional Hospital Board meeting on March 28 at which the issue of the Hospital Board paying more than 40% was settled with only some smaller capital expenditures over this amount.
- He also stated that Alanna Garrett had said that we need some sand bags but the Mayor had spoken with staff and we have approximately 4,000 in stock.
- Mayor White mentioned that he is attending the Joint Resource Recovery meeting tomorrow and while he currently has no news to report on Recycle BC, he is hoping to get some information at the upcoming meeting.

5-07-18
VERBAL REPORTS OF
MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Moved by Councillor Dimock and seconded by Councillor Heatlie,
that the verbal reports of Mayor and Council be received for information.

Carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION

PERIOD:

FARRELL SEGALL

Mr. Farrell Seagull stated that the welcome of the CAO should have been put on the agenda. Mr. Seagull thanked whoever plowed the rest stop and mentioned that tire regulations have been extended until the end of April. He also stated that he was upset that the delegation got postponed until the next meeting instead of this one and he corrected Councillor Danforth in that net zero benefits is only good for people who are connected to the grid. Mr. Seagull further mentioned that the electric highway would be better to have people stay at the hotels rather than the fast charger. Mayor White thanked him and mentioned that the agenda is not a place you would put the welcoming of the CAO.

BOB BLACKWOOD

Mr. Bob Blackwood asked about the report on the waste water treatment plant (WWTP); stated that he would like all correspondence between the Village of Salmo, engineers and government officials, applications, and objections for the work on the dike; and what is happening with the audio speaker system. Mayor White responded that the speaker system will be discussed in the budget process with CFO Colin McClure and read the email from the engineer regarding the WWTP project, noting that they have been asked to provide more frequent updates. Mayor White also said that Mr. Blackwood can come to the office for the information, particularly who is telling us it has to be within the fish window.

COUNCILLOR HEATLIE

Councillor Heatlie asked if he can get a copy of the email regarding the WWTP update. Mayor White said he would send it out to all of Council.

COUNCILLOR LOCKWOOD

Councillor Lockwood asked what happens to the loan if the project doesn't get done by the due date of March 31, 2019. Mayor White said that if the Village doesn't do the whole thing, we have to give back the money but if it is substantially completed then the practice is to get an extension. Mayor White stated that the CAO would follow up.

- TODD TORRA Mr. Todd Torra stated that if the Village doesn't act with a cannabis bylaw, by the fall fair we could have someone legally selling marijuana products at this year's fall fair. Mayor White responded that no, we won't have people selling marijuana products at the fall fair and that the bylaw will regulate how and where the distribution would take place. Mr. Torra also stated that the SOFI report includes staff members at certain pay level. Mayor White confirmed this includes employees with wages over \$75,000 per year.
- JACQUIE HUSER Ms. Jacquie Huser mentioned that with regards to the EV station, no one hates the EV station, it is the location that no one likes. Ms. Huser asked who approved the location. Mayor White stated the location was not approved by Council but his understanding is that in order to get the station and money, there were only 2 locations that were acceptable - where it is now and across the street at Western Financial. Mayor White responded that if there is another location more suitable and if finances are there to get it done, then we can look at moving it.
- COUNCILLOR LOCKWOOD Councillor Lockwood stated she has asked multiple times to see who signed the contract and Council still does not know how it happened. She is embarrassed as a member of Council to say that she doesn't know how that happened and she wants to know why it didn't come to Council for approval under Mayor White's watch. Mayor White responded that we can find out.
- COUNCILLOR HEATLIE Councillor Heatlie said that he agrees with Councillor Lockwood, he feels saddened and responsible because it happened and he wants to get to the bottom of why it is where it is and why Council wasn't involved in that.
- CHERYL THORNTON Ms. Cheryl Thornton commented that she is proud of Sustainable Salmo but she is disappointed in the plastic cups and doesn't think we should use made in China plastic bracelets this summer. She also wanted to know if medicinal marijuana would be included when they draft the policy or bylaw for recreational marijuana. Ms. Thornton said she went to a seminar in Nelson at an outdoor producer's grow-op and they are trying to get organic producers in the area. She mentioned that the RDCK is actively supporting this type of agriculture and there are loans available through Community Futures. Mayor White said that there is a split on the RDCK Board regarding what amounts to growing marijuana on ALR land. Ms. Thornton stated that the RDCK is allowing it in light industrial areas and the ALR. Mayor White said he will be attending an RDCK meeting soon so he will inquire on the presentation given.
- MERLE HANSON Mr. Merle Hanson has stated he is concerned about flooding, that high water can occur very quickly, and that we can't be complacent. Mr. Hanson has said that sand bags would not be quick enough if there is a flood. He is very concerned about the breakdown of the blocks on the dike and the construction of the Senior's Estates storm drains. Mayor White responded that the civic works crew tours the area regularly at this time of year, and that he shares his concerns. Mayor White mentioned that the only bright spot is that we are not alone, that we have an EOC and they will react quickly so it wouldn't all fall to the Village, and that we will be looking into why we can only work on the dike during the fish window. Mayor White also mentioned happy birthday to Mr. Hanson who is 90 years old.
- BRUCE SCHIMPF Mr. Bruce Schimpf stated that on March 9, 2016 Council adopted the Council-Staff protocol policy the purpose of which is to develop effective council-staff relations to enhance good local governance. Mr. Schimpf mentioned that the policy check-in sessions are to be held at least twice a year to ensure compliance with the policy and the *Community Charter* and he asked how many check-in sessions Council has attended since the adoption of the policy. All Council said none. Councillor Dimock commented that while there hasn't been specific check in meetings, he wasn't certain what the requirement would be for the check-in session. Mr. Schimpf mentioned that with turmoil going on in the last year perhaps some of those meetings should have happened. Mayor White stated that wouldn't have been possible and there

has been extensive mediation.

BOB BLACKWOOD Mr. Bob Blackwood questioned the placement of the charging station and he heard a number of \$40,000 available to the CAO for operations. He suggested it should be reduced to possibly \$10,000 maximum for operations unless there is an emergency. Everything over that should go before Council for approval. CAO Williams mentioned that the purchasing policy should address the items in the budget process so Council would have approved the different expenditures for the year and large ones, especially capital projects, would go to Council.

PHYLLIS TATUM Ms. Phyllis Tatum asked Councillor Danforth why he continues to be opposed to the accounts payable as it is now coming forward. Councillor Danforth responded that because the accounts payable is not complete, it has been edited and 11 months of business is concealed from Council.

JANINE HAUGHTON Ms. Janine Haughton suggested that over the period of time where there was no CAO, the Mayor and Council should have been aware of what was going on in the Village. She said she is very uncomfortable when the Mayor and Council say they don't know who gave permission for it, they don't know how it got there, or who hired the crew. Mayor White mentioned that the new CAO has only been here for two days and that it is not the role of Council or Mayor to go rooting through the records held in the office and determine how a process came to be. He requested that we let the CAO do her job, see what she can find, and bring it forward.

COUNCILLOR LOCKWOOD Councillor Lockwood commented that Councillor Heatlie and herself were not on Council when the three other Council members were elected and the CAO was fired, the 3 of them went in and went through the office. Mayor White called her out of order as personnel matters are only addressed in closed meetings.

JACQUIE HUSER Ms. Jacquie Huser commented that the charging station went in when we still had a CAO and the questions were asked in December when that showed up on the street. She is frustrated with this as they should have known the answers when it was done in December.

TODD TORRA Mr. Todd Torra asked who owns the charging station and if there is intent on charging people. Mayor White stated that his understanding is because it is through the Village and municipalities cannot charge for electricity, they won't see a charge from the Village but that may change as Cannot continue to giving away free power as it comes from tax dollars.

COUNCILLOR LOCKWOOD Councillor Lockwood asked if they would need a business licence to sell the power on our sidewalk. CAO Williams responded that they would have a business licence through the Province.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Dimock,
6-07-18 that the meeting be adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018.

Originally Signed By:

Stephen B. White

Mayor

Anne Williams

Corporate Officer