



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo held in Council Chambers at 423 Davies Avenue, Salmo, B.C. on Monday, August 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Stephen White
Councillor Dan Danforth
Councillor Steve Dimock
Councillor Jonathon Heatlie
Councillor Diana Lockwood
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Anne Williams
5 Members of the Public

CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA:
1-820-18

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Lockwood, that the draft agenda of the Special Meeting of Thursday, June 28, 2018 be adopted as amended to include an Administration section.

Carried.

ADMINISTRATION:
2-820-18

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Lockwood, that Council authorize the CAO to apply for up to \$25 million in infrastructure renewal grant funds by August 31st.

Carried.

BYLAW DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:

3-820-18
VILLAGE OF SALMO
ANIMAL CONTROL BYLAW
#699, 2018 - THIRD
READING

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Dimock, that the "*Village of Salmo Animal Control Bylaw #699*", as amended, be given third reading.

Carried.

4-820-18
ZONING AMENDMENT
BYLAW #698, 2018 - FIRST
READING

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Dimock, that the "*Zoning Amendment Bylaw #698, 2018*" be given first reading.

Carried.

5-820-18
ZONING AMENDMENT
BYLAW #698, 2018 -
SECOND READING

Moved by Councillor Dimock and seconded by Councillor Heatlie, that the "*Zoning Amendment Bylaw #698, 2018*" be given second reading.

Carried.

**PUBLIC
HEARING/QUESTION
PERIOD:**

JACQUIE HUSER

Ms. Huser asked if the motion that was passed for the up to \$25 million grant application, which could go through the first intake, would sign Salmo away for \$6 million in infrastructure out of our own pockets.

CAO responded that Council has to approve the application to even apply, and that we will figure out what we are going to apply for and what is the best intake, but nothing can be applied for without the resolution regarding the application from Council. Council still needs to decide whether we want to accept the offer if an application is accepted and how to fund the additional amount needed. There are three intakes this fall. The first intake requires a municipality to come up with 27% of project funding needs, while the third intake would require the Village to come up with only 10%, which is more beneficial for the Village and easier to finance. The point of the current resolution is to allow an application to be submitted for the first intake deadline should one be put together. The Ministry had also indicated that applications received could be moved to another intake to take advantage of

more favourable funding ratios. Our engineering consultants have advised the Village to “think big” in terms of dollars, and also advised that replacing a block of underground piping is a minimum of \$250,000 a block.

Ms. Huser asked if there would be a public hearing on the zoning bylaw.

CAO responded yes but if she had feedback tonight, it would be beneficial to hear it now.

Ms. Huser stated she was shocked last week and also tonight that the OCP will take a year or two.

CAO Williams clarified that it is the zoning bylaw that comes out of the OCP that she was referring to.

Ms. Huser stated the OCP doesn't have anything to do with cannabis anyway so you have to redo it regardless. She said she understands that Council is doing what they are doing due to time constraints and mentioned that if they don't do anything, we are going to end up with some across the street from the school.

Ms. Peel responded to Ms. Huser's comment stating that they can't do that as the Cannabis Act doesn't allow it to be anywhere near schools or public spaces.

CAO Williams noted that the Ministry reviewed the zoning bylaw amendment on cannabis and they have advised the changes are not an issue and they'll sign off on it when it has completed the hearing and reading process. She noted the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, who approve zoning bylaws, generally only have issues things that affect traffic and roads.

Mayor White clarified that an issue had come up where there was a question on whether the Ministry would act quickly enough on approving the zoning bylaw before the October deadline.

Councillor Heatlie asked if the Ministry is reviewing the original draft from last week.

CAO responded yes, that she asked them to review it to see if there would have been any issues with the proposed changes.

Councillor Heatlie commented that he has a personal issue with this as Council did not approve it to go to the Ministry, whether it is for review or not.

Mayor White responded that it doesn't require Council to do that, it is part of the CAO's job.

Councillor Heatlie responded that it was voted down, that we didn't want it, and that it has gone forward regardless.

CAO Williams clarified she had asked them to have a look at the changes originally proposed to see if there would have been issues with them that would prevent a quick approval or if they had any comments. It was not sent for approval, but as part of a typical working process with the Ministry.

JENNIFER PEEL

Ms. Peel questioned why Council wouldn't want the CAO to utilize every asset available to them to make sure that what is being put forward is in correct terms and correct terminology.

Councillor Lockwood stated that we haven't discussed it, there was a lot of things that needed to be corrected, that it doesn't follow the current OCP, and don't waste staff time.

Mayor White noted that Council is talking about the work of the CAO, how she has to work with different agencies and ministries. This is not a matter of her seeking approval, it is appropriate for her to do this, that Council wanted to separate out the cannabis as they thought it would take months for the Ministry to approve it, and we might find ourselves past the deadline.

Councillor Dimock commented that all the work the CAO had put into the previous bylaw had not gone to waste, and that it is not up to Council to approve everything that the CAO may get a second opinion on in the course of her duties. He further mentioned that it is commendable that she did go ahead to see if there are any issues that may be avoided.

Ms. Peel commented that if you look at other communities, they are spending thousands of dollars rectifying early decisions as they permitted licensing to illegal entities. By holding off and giving it time, we let the dust settle and use their mistakes for our rewards. It's a long tedious process and applicants still have to go through the federal as well as provincial government to get approval for a store front. Ms. Peel commended the CAO on problem solving before putting anything into place, asking questions of people dealing with this on an everyday basis.

Councillor Danforth commented that one of the reasons for minimizing the cannabis retail bylaw was the timing. He stated he thinks Salmo needs to have the opportunity to have a plebiscite to decide what direction Salmo wants to go with cannabis retail.

Ms. Huser asked if it is clear that growing is not allowed right now in Salmo? Councillor Lockwood stated yes.

Ms. Huser asked if you can make a bylaw that says no medical marijuana? CAO responded that we can't stop them from growing that but we can ensure they are conforming with the building regulations that could affect health. Councillor Lockwood asked how this affects someone that already has something set up in their home. Ms. Peel stated that it is illegal, so the community shouldn't have to deal with it, the police would.

ADJOURNMENT:
6-820-18

Moved by Councillor Heatlie and seconded by Councillor Lockwood, that the meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Special Meeting of Council held on Monday, August 20, 2018.

Originally Signed By:

Stephen B. White
Mayor

Anne Williams
Chief Administrative Officer