



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

SPECIAL MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 MINUTES

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo held in the Bingo Hut at KP Park on Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Diana Lockwood
Councillor Jennifer Endersby
Councillor Jonathon Heatlie
Councillor Jacquie Huser
Councillor Farrell Segall
CAO Anne Williams
Members of the Public - 0

CALL TO ORDER: The Mayor called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

AGENDA:
R1-0927-20 Moved and seconded, that the draft agenda of Special Meeting of Sunday, September 27, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

DISCUSSION ON APPLYING FOR A CERIP GRANT FOR THE RECYCLING BUILDING:

The provincial government announced on Sept. 23rd that they had a new grant stream – the Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Program (CERIP). The deadline for applying is October 29th, and projects must be shovel ready.

Council discussed whether or not to proceed with gathering information in order to apply for a grant to convert part of the recycling building into an art space/gallery/Indigenous meeting space. The idea is that half of the building would remain as storage, while the converted space celebrates the arts and our local Indigenous history by providing space for the sale of artwork and a meeting place for the local Indigenous circle.

Councillor Segall expressed concern that it is too far from the highway to draw traffic. The Mayor responded that it's not that far and should draw people into the village.

Councillor Segall sent in additional ideas by email. In summary they are:

- Providing attention to the Village water supply by providing a secondary feed from the reservoir and at the same time investigating and/or upgrading the existing main reticulation system and its leaks.
- Creation of a Community Bus service.
- Unique Heritage Infrastructure (UHI) projects to conserve, repair, rehabilitate or develop cultural heritage infrastructure, including heritage structures, cultural heritage sites, landscapes and trails or that is infrastructure associated with an historic place. Salmo your shopfront today is a webpage. Here is an ideal opportunity to raise the funds to interface to the fiber backbone network.

- One single drawback affecting every business in Salmo and Area G is Internet bandwidth. On the internet whether you are Mr. Amazon or Ms. Little in Salmo your shopfront today is a webpage. Here is an ideal opportunity to raise the funds to interface to the fiber backbone network.

The Mayor and CAO noted that an Asset Management Plan for all the village’s assets – water and sewer infrastructure, buildings, and roads – needs to be completed and a financial plan for renewal made before any work is done. We will be applying for a planning grant.

There is a bandwidth project underway with the CBT which Salmo is part of.

Bus service to and from Fruitvale has been approved and will be coming soon.

Councillor Huser noted that the train station could work well as an historic project. The Village could lease the building on a long term-lease. It is a federally registered heritage building, one of the last of its kind. There is a complete study from 2005 detailing the restoration work that needs to be done and what can and cannot be done. Only updated costs are needed.

Councillor Heatlie advised that a gallery at the train station would likely be more viable.

DEPARTURE

Councillor Huser recused herself from the remainder of the meeting at 3:54 p.m. due to a conflict of interest.

**NOTICE OF MOTION
R2-0927-20**

Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to gather further information and costs for revitalizing the Recycling Building and the Train Station with the intention that a decision can be made in October about applying for a CERIP grant.

Carried.

**PUBLIC QUESTION
PERIOD:**

NIL

**ADJOURNMENT:
R3-0927-20**

Moved that the meeting be adjourned at 3:58 p.m.

Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Special Meeting of Council held on Sunday, September 27, 2020.

Originally Signed By:

Diana Lockwood
Mayor

Anne Williams
Chief Administrative Officer