



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

REGULAR MEETING #04-21 MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo held electronically on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 7:00 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 - 1

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

COUNCIL PROCEDURE

BYLAW #663, 2014:

R1-04-21

Moved and seconded, that due to the exceptional circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic, that Council waive the requirements of *Council Procedure Bylaw #663, 2014* Section 8 Electronic Meetings, Parts (4) & (5), to allow all Council members to participate via electronic means in order to comply with provincially mandated physical distancing requirements and not holding public gatherings, and that provision be made for members of the public to listen electronically to the Council meeting.

Carried.

AGENDA:

R2-04-21

Moved and seconded, that the draft agenda of Regular Meeting #04-21 of Tuesday, February 23, 2021 be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw No. 663, 2014* Schedule "B" to include a New Business section and a Public Question period.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS:

NIL

NEW BUSINESS:

NIL

MINUTES:

R3-04-21

REGULAR MEETING
February 9, 2021

Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of the Regular Meeting #03-21 of Tuesday, February 9, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS:

NIL

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

NIL

BYLAW REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT:

R4-04-21

MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
USER FEES BYLAW #728,

Moved and seconded, that the "*Municipal Utilities User Fees Bylaw #728, 2021*", having had three readings, be reconsidered and adopted.

Carried.

2021 - ADOPTION

OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

R5-04-21
CIVIC WORKS

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report provided by Civic Works Foreman Fred Paton for the period of January 22, 2021 to February 18, 2021.

Carried.

R6-04-21
FIRE DEPARTMENT

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report dated February 1, 2021 provided by Fire Chief David Hearn for the period of January 2021.

Carried.

R7-04-21
BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report on bylaw enforcement for the period of January 2021.

Carried.

R8-04-21
ADMINISTRATION

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the written report as presented by CAO Williams.

Carried.

Councillor Huser asked if the grant allowed the Village to partner with others. The Mayor noted that the Lions Club only wants to donate a piece of TBD playground equipment. It is not a partnership. However, they would be willing to help out if needed.

STRATEGIC PLAN: NIL

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

R9-04-21
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from February 5, 2021 to February 18, 2021 totaling \$84,846.59.

Carried.

R10-04-21
TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the Treasurer's Report for January 2021.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE
REQUIRING A COUNCIL
DECISION:**

R11-04-21
ROB MORRISON, M.P.
FOR KOOTENAY-
COLUMBIA - #11

Moved and seconded, that Council endorse the 988 crisis line initiative motion as presented.

Carried.

R12-04-21
CITY OF SURREY RE:
SURREY'S POLICE
TRANSITION - #12

Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to write to the provincial government requesting they commission the necessary feasibility and impact study of the Surrey Police Transition to ensure that it does not negatively impact our community, the region, or destabilize public safety in British Columbia.

Carried.

DEPARTURE Mayor Lockwood recused herself from the meeting at 7:17 p.m. due to a potential conflict of interest as she is a member of the Salmo Lion’s Club. The Chair was assumed by the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Endersby.

DISCUSSION Council discussed the Lion’s Club request to donate a piece of playground equipment piece for the proposed playground in Lions Park.
Councillor Heatlie requested a Park Master Plan before deciding anything. Deputy Mayor Endersby noted the request for approval is so the Lions Club can apply for DOT night money, not for planning. The CAO advised there will be a plan presented with the playground recommendation, but not a master plan as limited staffing places a park plan well down on the list of items to do. The budget and Zoning Bylaw are the current priorities.

R13-04-21
SALMO LIONS CLUB RE:
REQUEST FOR
PERMISSION TO PUT A
PIECE OF PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT IN LIONS
PARK - #13

Moved and seconded, that Council approve the Salmo Lions Club request for permission to put a piece of playground equipment in Lions Park, working with the Village on the choice of equipment and location.

Carried.

RETURN The Mayor returned to the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR
INFORMATION ONLY:**

R14-04-21 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the following correspondence from:

- (1) Salmo Valley Long Term Service Award

Carried.

**MEMBER REPORTS &
INQUIRIES:**

COUNCILLOR ENDERSBY See Appendix A. Councillor Endersby also noted that the School Board expects Salmo enrollments to decline, and that she advised them Salmo expects them to increase.

COUNCILLOR HEATLIE Councillor Heatlie had nothing to report. He advised the meetings for his portfolio are generally held during the day when he is working so he is not able to attend them.
The Mayor requested that if he can’t attend a meeting, he provide Council with a summary from the minutes of the meeting for the Ktunaxa Kinbasket Local Government Treaty meetings he misses as there is a lot going on there. And, if he can’t attend a meeting, he could please check to see if another Councillor could attend in his place or perhaps, he should consider relinquishing the portfolio.

COUNCILLOR HUSER Councillor Huser attended the first 75th Anniversary video committee meeting and the Recreation Commission meeting.

COUNCILLOR SEGALL See Appendix A.

MAYOR LOCKWOOD See Appendix B.

The Mayor also noted that she had phoned each of the Glendale residents who previously submitted a petition about odour from the waste treatment plant. They will assist with tracking the odour, if any, by gathering data for the month of March and again in July or August. Civic Works will also track and collect data.

R15-04-21 Moved and seconded, that the verbal and written reports of Mayor and
VERBAL & WRITTEN Council be received for information. Carried.
REPORTS OF MAYOR AND
COUNCIL

CAO NOTE The CAO advised Council that there are currently three (3) subdivisions in various stages of development, and they could result in around 60 new homes for Salmo. Therefore, school enrollment is expected to increase, not decrease.

PUBLIC QUESTION

PERIOD:

COUNCILLOR SEGALL ON Councillor Segall noted that he was asked to speak on behalf of Andrew
BEHALF OF ANDREW McCann and ask about the pile of lumber by the pedestrian bridge. Mr.
MCCANN McCann would like to have it. He was advised to have Mr. McCann contact the office about it.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:38 p.m. Carried.
R16-04-21

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021.

Originally Signed By:

Diana Lockwood
Mayor

Anne Williams
Chief Administrative Officer

**Appendix A - Councillor Reports
February 23, 2021**

Councillor Endersby:

On Feb 18/21 I attended a School District School Facilities Meeting by zoom to discuss plans to integrate Salmo elementary and Salmo secondary schools into one. While the district is still committed to this they concede that it will be years until this happens. They predict that our enrolment will decline in the next 15 years or so. Questions were asked about this as our vacancy rate in town is currently at zero. Where the numbers come from wasn't really clear.

The district has removed the bell from in front of the school and apparently it is in storage until they can decide whether to return it on a different base or wait for a new school and display it then. There was also discussion about removing the trees along the front of the school.

Councillor Segall:

11th Feb. - I was introduced to and entertained a direct telephone conversation with Elaine Pura - local Exec. Director for Habitat for Humanity – in connection with their options for housing developments in the region.

Considering the recent RDI stats of our region, relative low household incomes, energy poverty, lack of high paying jobs, high rate of increase in property prices etc. I questioned how and what their organization can offer.

The organization sources funds with the aim to develop projects which provide housing for individuals and families in need on a no interest generally no down payment model.

They have a very narrow margin for those that qualify for their housing assistance.

Homeowners/recipients have to in some way voluntarily contribute towards the organization in return. Habitat also are involved in a Renew-It program to help long-term low income owners upgrade their homes.

In conjunction with SCRS I invited them to participate in the upcoming SCRS Housing investigation being planned.

75th Anniversary Media project - Select Committee report:

Online zoom call to set out a plan for the Salmo 75th History/Stories Media

Meeting started at 4:30 pm 19th February 2021

Present – J. Huser, H. Oldershaw, F. Segall

Welcome to participants.

1. Outline of tasks:

1.1 The concept initially discussed between FS and Mayor Lockwood was to involve youth in preparing a media presentation integrating stories related to the history of Salmo and the region from seniors in the area.

1.2 Budgeting for the costs related to preparation and delivery of the project would be proposed to Salmo Village Council for inclusion in the 2021/22 budget.

2. Estimated costs:

Whereas an Age Friendly grant of typically \$500 could be obtained by HO, the estimated Village contribution for honorariums, event costs and media production would be \$2,000.

3. Calendar plan for project:

3.1 March till End April 2021

Existing reference books relating to the history and family heritage stories in Salmo would be studied over the period of March and each of the committee members shall have the opportunity to highlight and identify with sticky note tags potential interesting items to be followed up with local area senior residents.

By end April, a list of subjects and potential contacts will be tabled by the committee.

3.2 May – June 2021

Interviews with participants leading to the recording and or transcribing of collected stories shall occur during the spring months of May and June.

3.3 March – June

Student participation shall be followed up by FS through Lisa Berk to connect with youth participants and identify the equipment, resources and potential recognition for their efforts.

3.4 July

A draft version of the media is to be prepared for the committee by the end of July.

3.5 August – September 2021

Edits and production to take place with a final media copy to be concluded before end September for initial news and social media distribution in early October.

3.6 October

The official project to conclude with a final report to Council at the Village Council meeting of October 12th, 2021.

4. Next meeting – no formal date set.

Meeting ended at 5:10pm



Diana L.D. Lockwood

Mayor

Appendix B - Mayor/Director Report for February 5 – 18, 2021

Feb 8th Central Resource Recovery Committee met, please see JRRC for all we discussed and moved to Joint for accepting.

Feb 16th Community Sustainability Living Advisory Committee (CASLAC) met. Committee members expressed their disapproval over Salmo wanting to leave the service. I explained to them that, as a municipality, there is no value in the service to Salmo.

Feb 17th Joint Resource Recovery Committee met. Discussions were about the Organics Infrastructure Composting Program and its funding going forward. We in Central will borrow \$92,428 for ineligible expenditures and overages for the program, paying it back within five years.

I brought forward having a specific, separate account allocations inside the resource recovery budget just for organics and recycling. This will give a very clear picture of the actual costs for these programs.

We have extended the agreement with Brodie Consulting Ltd., Tetra Tech Canada Inc., and Thurber Engineering Ltd to June 4, 2022 for the HB Tailings Facility.

Feb 18th RDCK board met. It was another full agenda of over 1,000 pages.

The Emergency Management Regulatory Amendment Bylaw No 2758 was updated and passed.

The Transit Future Service Plan was referred back to staff to gather further input from Directors. Our region, which includes Kootenay Boundary, is the most complex region in BC and it will take some creative ideas and planning to make the transit system work for most.

Our Regional Parks service (Nelson, Salmo, Area E, F, and G) budget was not all spent last year. Our surplus is approx. \$100,000 and the debate is do we put it towards this year, or part of it, or put all into reserves for next year. Discussions are still on going and if you are interested in your money please join the RDCK of February 26 at 9am for budget talks.

Columbia Basin Broadband has partnered with electoral areas and there are questions how these areas were picked and not other areas that do not have broadband. I will be speaking with CBB to see how to be a part of this program and if it is feasible for us.

Telus has asked for a letter of support to apply for Federal money for internet placement. RDCK staff is looking for more information on this subject.

Our DOT NIGHT is looking like we will need to do it like last year again where we must have a committee to make the decision for giving out money. Both myself and Area G Director Cunningham gave many scenarios to get this to happen closer to the way our communities have done it always. Sorry for this sad news.