



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

REGULAR MEETING #03-23 MINUTES

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Salmo held in Council Chambers at 423 Davies Avenue in Salmo, B.C. on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

In Person:

Mayor Diana Lockwood
Councillor Melanie Cox
Councillor Jennifer Lins
Councillor Kenzie Neil

CAO James Heth

Members of the Public - 7

Electronically:

Members of the Public – 2

CALL TO ORDER:

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

AGENDA:

R1-03-23

Moved and seconded, that the draft agenda of Regular Meeting #03-23 of Tuesday, February 14, 2023 be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw #663, 2014* Schedule "A" to include a New Business section, an Administrative Report section, a Public Question period, and an *In Camera* section.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS: NIL

NEW BUSINESS: NIL

MINUTES: (Note: See official minutes and agenda package for applicable reports.)

R2-03-23

Regular Meeting
January 24, 2023

Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of Regular Meeting #02-23 of Tuesday, January 24, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS: NIL

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS: NIL

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

R3-03-23

CBT Charge Up Program

Moved and seconded, that Council approve energy efficiency upgrades and solar power installations for the Village Office and Civic Works shop under the Columbia Basin Trust Basin Charge Up Program, and further approve Village funding up to \$26,175 towards the project costs.

Carried.

Councillor Cox recorded as opposed.

POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW: NIL

R4-03-23

Amended F-010

Moved and seconded, that Council approve the amended F-010 Permissive Tax Exemption policy.

Permissive Tax
Exemption policy

Carried.
Councillor Cox recorded as opposed.

BYLAW REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT: NIL

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

R5-03-23 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from January 20, 2023 to February 9, 2023 totaling \$129,956.13.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION:

R6-03-23 Moved and seconded, that Council provide a letter of support to the City of Nelson Re: City of Nelson for their application to UBCM’s Disaster Risk Reduction Grant: Category 2 funding.
Municipal Hazard Risk Tolerance Policy – Request for Letter of Support for Grant Funding - #04

Carried.

R7-03-23 Moved and seconded, that Council approve the use of KP Park by the Community Park Salmo Valley ATV Club on June 24, 2023 for their annual rally and ride.
Reservation Request: Salmo Valley ATV Club

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

R8-03-23 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the following correspondence from:

- (1) Heritage BC Re: Heritage Week February 20-26, 2023 - #03

Carried.

Break 7:23-7:26 pm

MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES:

Councillor Cox See *Appendix A*.

Councillor Lins Councillor Lins reported engagement with Village seniors.

Councillor Neil Councillor Neil reported that the library board will be meeting soon and she will update Council at next meeting, as well as engagement on the School District strategic plan.

Mayor Lockwood See *Appendix A*.

R9-03-23 Moved and seconded, that the verbal and written reports of Mayor and Council be received for information.

Verbal & Written
Reports of Mayor &
Council

Carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

- A local restaurant reported building code and inspector challenges that would reduce the occupancy of a proposed restaurant to an unsustainable level. Council expressed support for a building code interpretation that would allow greater occupancy and the Mayor would bring this up at RDCK.
- Comments and discussion regarding permissive tax exemptions and Village policy and priorities.
- Mayor Lockwood apologised for her absence at the last regular meeting.
- 8:09 p.m. Councillor Cox departed the meeting.

IN CAMERA RESOLUTION:

R10-03-23 Moved and seconded, that the meeting be closed to the public under 90(1)(c)(e) of the *Community Charter*.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING: Council reconvened the regular meeting at 8:51 p.m.

RISE & REPORT:

R11-03-23 Moved and seconded, that Council accept entering into a Site License Agreement with Columbia Basin Broadband Corporation.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

R12-03-23 Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Originally Signed By:

Diana Lockwood
Mayor

James Heth
Chief Administrative Officer

APPENDIX A



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO REPORT FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR COX

Council Report for Council Meeting held on February 14, 2023.

PORTFOLIOS

Ktunaxa Kinbasket Local Government Treaty:

Ktunaxa Kinbasket

According to the BC Treaties Commission, the Ktunaxa treaty negotiations are currently on hold as the Nation is focusing on internal governance. Ktunaxa Nation reached Stage 5 negotiations and have a Rights Recognition & Core Treaty Memorandum of Understanding signed November 2018.

Local Government Treaty

Also referred to as Columbia River Treaty Local Government Committee. This Committee is run by The Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG). This year, the Village of Salmo is not represented on the Committee and, as such, I cannot report on their meetings.

In the future, it is possible for the Village of Salmo to have representation on this Committee. To this end, I will attend from time to time, AKBLG's information sessions on the Columbia River Treaty. On January 30, 2023 I attended the AKBLG's information session called "*Integrating Social and Economic Objectives within a Modernized Columbia River Treaty: Columbia River Interests*". At present, they are focusing on performance measure for navigation, recreation/tourism, and erosion.

See attached backgrounder for general information.

Columbia River Treaty & Ktunaxa Kinbasket

The Columbia River Treaty was ratified in 1964. The purpose of the treaty was to establish cooperative measures for hydroelectric power generation and flood control on the transboundary Columbia River, for the mutual benefit of Canada and the United States. What was not considered in 1964 was the impact the implementation of the treaty would have on indigenous peoples on both sides of the border. Fast forward to 2022, The Columbia Basin Regional Advisory Committee met virtually to continue its learning about Indigenous Nations' roles, interests and perspectives related to the Columbia River Treaty. During this session, legal counsel for Ktunaxa Nation Council, presented a case study on the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in the context of the ongoing negotiation between Canada and the US to modernize the Columbia River Treaty.

Currently, Ktunaxa Nation have 2 seats on the Columbia Basin Regional Advisor Committee. The same Ktunaxa Nation representatives attended January 30, 2023 AKBLG's information session.

Transportation:

Nothing to report.

OTHER MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES OF NOTE:

Attended AKBLG's "Integrating Social and Economic Objectives within a Modernized Columbia River Treaty: Columbia River Interests" on January 30, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Cox



Socio-Economic Integration in Columbia River Treaty Scenario Modelling Backgrounder - Sept 2021

Introduction

The Columbia River Treaty (CRT) is a water management agreement between Canada and the United States that regulates Columbia River flows for flood control and power generation. Negotiations to modernize the Treaty began in November 2018. The CRT Negotiating Advisory Team (NAT) is led by the federal government and includes representatives from the province and the three regional Indigenous Nations.

See the [CRT Engagement website](#) for more information.

To understand how U.S. proposals for Treaty changes will impact Basin interests (Figure 1) and explore how the Treaty can be modernized to increase flexibility and improve conditions in B.C., the NAT has customized a computerized river management model to assess different operations (scenarios) for the dams along the Kootenay and Columbia Rivers.

Terms
Community interests: What matters to Basin communities with regards to Columbia and Kootenay River management – these are described in goals and objectives.
Performance measures: Metrics that measure achievement of objectives that are used to compare and contrast how different scenarios meet community interests over time.
Scenarios: Different combinations of water management operations alternatives.



Figure 1: Basin Interests

This model will include performance measures (PMs) to assess how each scenario impacts Basin interests.

Indigenous Nations are leading the development of ecosystem function information, with funding and other supports from the Province. Basin residents support ecosystem function being added as a first-order priority within the Treaty, alongside flood control and power production. Indigenous Nations are also providing Indigenous cultural values information. Power generation information is coming from BC Hydro. This Backgrounder describes the integration of socio-economic performance measures in CRT scenario modelling that is being led by the CRT Local Governments Committee, with funding support from the Province. This is the beginning of a long-term process that will continue over multiple years, beyond the CRT negotiations.

Who is the CRT Local Governments Committee?

The CRT Local Governments Committee (Committee) was created in 2011 by local governments in the region that were impacted by the Treaty. Two members are appointed from each of the four regional districts in the Columbia Basin, as well as one member from the Village of Valemount and one from the Association of Kootenay Boundary Local Governments. The primary purpose of the Committee is to assist local governments and Columbia Basin residents to engage in decisions about the future of the Treaty. Since 2012, the Committee has worked closely with the BC CRT Team to consult with residents and local government in the region. The goal of this consultation has been to fully understand residents' concerns and issues related to the Treaty. In January 2021, the Committee provided updated recommendations to the CRT Negotiating Team that are based on this consultation process with Basin communities. See the [Committee webpage](#) for more information.

Who is the Project Team?

Project lead - Cindy Pearce, Executive Director, Columbia River Treaty Local Governments Committee
Scenario modelling advisor - Ryan MacDonald, Ph.D. Hydrology, MacDonald Hydrology Consultants Ltd.
Researchers - Lauren Rethoret, lead - Columbia Basin Rural Development Institute/Selkirk Innovates, Selkirk College
Engagement coordinator - Avery Deboer-Smith, sub-contractor

What are the Community Socio-Economic Interests Related to the CRT?

The Team reviewed reports from past CRT community consultation processes to identify community socio-economic interests related to the CRT. These reports include the [CRT Summary of Canadian Dam and Reservoir Issues](#) (2014), the [Arrow Lakes Reservoir Mid-Elevation Scenarios: Scoping Evaluation](#) (2018) and the summaries for the CRT community meetings in [2018](#) and [2019](#).

Figure 2 shows the community interests that were identified in this process.

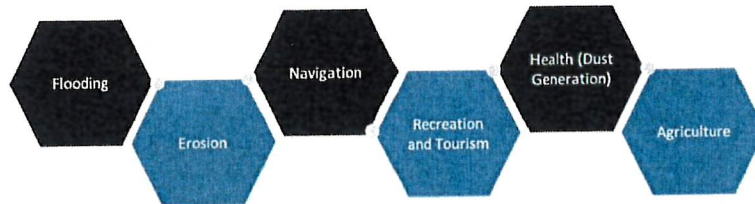


Figure 2: Draft community interests identified from past community consultation.

What information is included in a Socio-Economic Performance Measure?

The graphic below describes the information needed for a socio-economic performance measure and provides an example of an existing PM.



Figure 3: Basic information in a performance measure.

Where is information on Socio-Economic Performance Measures coming from?

Performance measures (PMs) for CRT modelling must be related to the outputs from the computerized river management model, which include river flows and reservoir elevations (such as maximum river flow rates and minimum, maximum or ideal reservoir levels). Community interests that are not related to these two factors cannot be evaluated through the model. Past scenario evaluation processes completed by BC Hydro, some with extensive public input were scanned to identify PMs that are relevant to the compiled community interests. These processes included the 2005 Consultative Committee reports for the [Duncan](#) and [Columbia](#) Water Use Plan, the resulting Water Use Plans (2007) and relevant studies; the [Non-Treaty Storage Agreement](#) consultation in 2010; and the 2013 [CRT Review Technical Studies](#), including Appendices [F](#), [G](#) and [H](#) were also reviewed.

This information has been summarized in an INITIAL SE PM Summary Table which has been reviewed by the Committee members and the [Columbia Basin Regional Advisory Committee](#), a diverse Basin-wide group representing a broad range of perspectives, interests and geography. This group helps inform hydroelectric operations in the Columbia Basin and potential future improvements to the CRT. Their feedback is being integrated into the initial summary. The next phase includes research to follow-up on new information and to get answers to questions that were raised, in order to refine the existing PMs and add new PMs that are essential.

Early in 2022 the team will host webinars to explain the process to the public and invite public input. Revisions based on this input will be included in recommendations to the CRT NAT before the end of 2022.

What is CRT Scenario Modelling?

CRT scenario modelling uses PM information and other data in the river management model to evaluate how alternative hydro operations affect interests. This will illustrate important differences between alternative hydro operations. The river management model shows impacts at the geographic level of individual reservoirs and river reaches, sub-regional scales (e.g. Kootenay River) and the Canadian portion of the Columbia Basin. The outputs from the model will be used by the NAT to inform CRT negotiations.

**COLUMBIA
River Treaty**

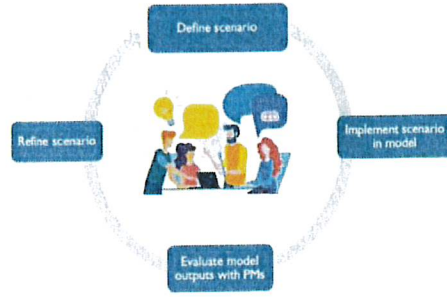


Figure 4: Scenario modelling process

What are the Timeline and the Steps for this Project?

The graphic below provides an outline of the current steps and timeline to fulfill this project.

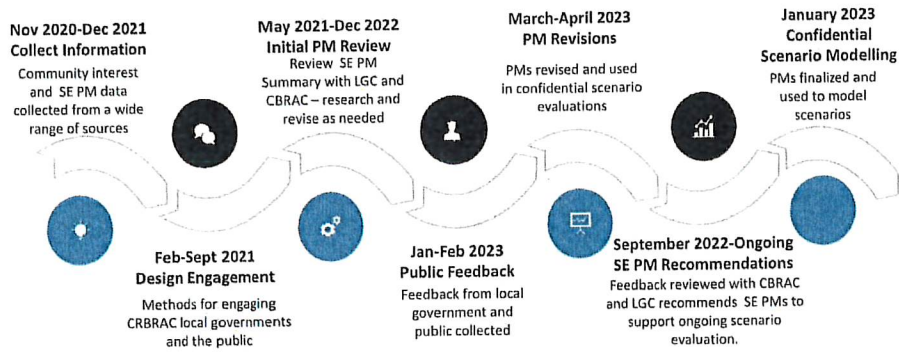


Figure 5: CRT SE PM Timeline



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO **REPORT FROM MAYOR/DIRECTOR**

MAYOR LOCKWOOD

Mayor Report for Council Meeting held on February 14, 2023.

DOT NIGHT applications are open. January 9 to **February 17**, at 4:30 All applications need to be done online through rdck.ca/ReDi. The program used to be called CIP/AAP and now is called Resident Directed Grants (ReDi Grants) **DOT NIGHT** will be on April 5 at the youth center doors open at 6pm.

Salmo Arts Council:

Salmo & Area G Emergency Preparedness: Concerns about drought this spring. Start planning ways to collect water for gardens and flowers.

Citizen Engagement: Salmo Valley Trail Society has reached for a meeting about continuous funding through taxation from Salmo and Area G. Meeting has not yet happened.

Economic Development: Promoted Salmo and have new people that have never been here coming this summer to enjoy Salmo.

Fire Department:

RDCK:

Board: Next meeting February 16, 2023

Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission: Next meeting February 13, 2023

Economic Trust of the Southern Interior – BC (ETSI-BC): ETSI-BC has launched a new Forest Impact Recovery Program with funding from the Province of BC's Rural Business + Community recovery Initiative. Through this partnership ETSI-BC will provide up to \$1.35 million in grant funding to support rural communities as they take on the challenging task of supporting economic development in communities affected by on- going changes in the forest sector.

Central Resource Recovery: Next meeting February 23, 2023

Joint Resource Recovery: Next meeting February 15, 2023

West Kootenay Hospital Board: Frank Marino is the chair for the next year. Challenges that IHA are having are aging infrastructure and equipment, strategic priorities and service level growth and rising cost. The total funding request is \$7.4 million from this district to complete \$20.7 million in work. Next meeting will be March 22, 2023.

Other meetings of note:

Mayor's and chair Highway 3 Coalition: Next meeting April 2023

Ministry Meetings:

IHA Mayor's and Chairs regional meeting: Home care scheduling is a concern across IHA not just right here in the Kootenay's. IHA did say they are looking at this issue now. Due to staff shortages, all health authorities in BC are reaching out to international nurses. I brought up concerns such as housing and having nurses in our communities that do not have a job. This is very preliminary at this point. Decriminalization of 2.5grams of hard drugs started on January 31, 2023. They plan to review three years. A recovering addict stated concern about the amount that one person can carry on them. They felt it was too high in the amount and will not help the situation with deaths.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor/Director Lockwood