



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

REGULAR MEETING #07-23 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, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

<u>In Person:</u>	CAO James Heth
Mayor Diana Lockwood	Financial Officer Nathan Russ
Councillor Melanie Cox	Members of the Public - 1
Councillor Jonathon Heatlie	<u>Electronically:</u>
Councillor Jennifer Lins	Members of the Public – 0
Councillor Kenzie Neil	

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

AGENDA:

R1-07-23

Moved and seconded, that the draft agenda of Regular Meeting #07-23 of Tuesday, April 11, 2023 be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw #663, 2014* Schedule "A" to include a 2023 Capital Projects section, a New Business section, a Public Question period, and an *In Camera* section.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS: NIL

2023 CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Council discussed proposed 2023 capital projects.

NEW BUSINESS: NIL

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

R2-07-23

COTW

March 28, 2023

Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of the Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting of Tuesday, March 28, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

R3-07-23

Regular Meeting

March 28, 2023

Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of Regular Meeting #06-23 of Tuesday, March 28, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS: NIL

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS: NIL

POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW:

Radon Testing Policy
Development

Discussion regarding development for radon testing for Village buildings, and promoting and selling radon testing kits to residents. CAO will return to Council with a report and recommendations.

BYLAW REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT:

R4-07-23 Moved and seconded, that the “*Municipal Reserves Bylaw Amendment #747, 2023*” be given first reading. Carried.
Municipal Reserves Bylaw Amendment #747, 2023 – First Reading

R5-07-23 Moved and seconded, that the “*Municipal Reserves Bylaw Amendment #747, 2023*” be given second & third reading. Carried.
Municipal Reserves Bylaw Amendment #747, 2023 – Second & Third Reading

R6-07-23 Moved and seconded, that the “*KP Park Campground Bylaw Amendment #748, 2023*” be given first reading. Carried.
KP Park Campground Bylaw Amendment #748, 2023 – First Reading

R7-07-23 Moved and seconded, that the “*KP Park Campground Bylaw Amendment #748, 2023*” be given second & third reading. Carried.
KP Park Campground Bylaw Amendment #748, 2023 – Second & Third Reading

R8-07-23 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the operational & capital budget update as presented. Carried.
Operational & Capital Budget Update

R9-07-23 Moved and seconded, that the “*Financial Plan (2023-2027) Bylaw #749, 2023*” be given first reading. Carried.
Financial Plan (2023-2027) Bylaw #749, 2023 – First Reading

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

R10-07-23 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from March 24, 2023 to April 6, 2023 totaling \$78,080.88. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION: NIL

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

R11-07-23 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the following correspondence from:

- (1) Kootenay Cannabis Council Re: Introduction to the Kootenay Cannabis Council - #16
- (2) Kootenay Cannabis Council Re: Request for Community Development Grant - #17

Carried.

R12-07-23 Moved and seconded, that Council pull Kootenay Cannabis Council Re: Request for Community Development Grant - #17 for discussion
Carried.

R13-07-23 Moved and seconded, that Council approve a \$1,000 allocation through Regional Community Development Funds to the Kootenay Cannabis Council.
Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES:

Councillor Cox See *Appendix A*.

Councillor Heatlie See *Appendix A*.

Councillor Lins Councillor Lins had nothing to report

Councillor Neil Councillor Neil had nothing to report, but did inquire when KP Park washrooms would be opened. Civic Works will open them as soon as there is no danger of the pipes freezing.

Mayor Lockwood See *Appendix A*.

R14-07-23 Moved and seconded, that the verbal and written reports of Mayor
Verbal & Written and Council be received for information.
Reports of Mayor & Carried.
Council

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD: Nil

IN CAMERA RESOLUTION:

R15-07-23 Moved and seconded, that the meeting be closed to the public under 90(1)(c) of the *Community Charter*.
Carried.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING: Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:31 p.m.

Council discussed support to the Canada Day Celebrations, and volunteered to assist in coordinating and organizing events.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 9:34 p.m.
R16-07-23 Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, April 11, 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 April 11, 2023.

PORTFOLIOS

Ktunaxa Kinbasket Local Government Treaty:

The Ktunaxa treaty negotiations continue to be on hold as the Nation focuses on internal governance. Ktunaxa Nation reached Stage 5 negotiations and have a Rights Recognition & Core Treaty Memorandum of Understand signed November 2018.

Transportation:

Nothing to report.

OTHER MEETINGS OR ACTIVITIES OF NOTE:

Information - Housing

As housing is a Council portfolio yet to be created, I am providing information on an upcoming event.

According to CBT, BC Housing's Community Housing Fund is requesting proposals in July 2023, closing in November/December 2023.

CBT suggested this intake might be the best offer for some time because:

- The grant portion is 100,000 to 150,000 per unit
- They are compensating for inflation by providing operating funds of \$400-1000 per unit per month
- It is my understanding the Village would retain ownership

CBT often provides a grant to the applicant for a contractor to prepare the application (RFP), approximately 300+ pages.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Cox



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

MAYOR LOCKWOOD

Mayor Report for Council Meeting held on April 11, 2023.

DOT NIGHT: Was a successful night with 280 people showing up and the DOTS were worth \$49.09 each. I would like to thank CBT for continuing with this funding that benefits communities across the basin. I also would like to thank our Village Staff for making this another great community engagement night, well done!

It was with great pleasure to introduce CBT Tessa Bendig to Salmo and Area G to start off our traditional DOT Night. Regarding inquiries of why we open the doors at 6pm and close them at 7pm and then have speeches – if we opened the doors any later people would be turned away at 7pm. Staff needs to be able to have time to calculate how much each DOT will be worth and how many DOTS each organization needs to get to their request. Information everyone wants to know! Some people come totally knowing who they will be supporting until the speeches. Minds do get changed! This very short engagement evening is a great way to connect or reconnect with your community. Thank you everyone for coming out.

CBT: They are coming to Salmo on **May 8 from 6:30-8:30** for community engagement at the Salmo Youth & Community Centre. Come out and have your say about what is happening in the basin.

Salmo & Area G Emergency Preparedness: Next meeting April 24, 2023

Citizen Engagement: Salmo must chlorinate our water system twice a year by provincial regulations as we get our water from an aquifer. We do not treat our water but we test our water weekly within village boundaries.

RDCK:

Board: Next meeting April 20, 2023

Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission: Next meeting May 8, 2023

Economic Trust of the Southern Interior – BC (ETSI-BC): Forestry Impact Recovery program (FIR) which is an economic development recovery program with grant funding to support rural communities and their business support organizations 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 TBA

Joint Resource Recovery: Next meeting April 19, 2023

West Kootenay Hospital Board: June 28, 2023

Nelson, Salmo, E, F, & G Regional Parks: The Salmo Valley ATV Club has requested to be officially recognized through agreement with the RDCK having stewardship of the rail trail from Salmo to Hall Siding. The Ymir Community Society is in favor of this as they have been working with the club for some time now. RDCK staff are working on a standardized agreement with volunteer groups.

Other meetings of note:

Mayor's and chair Highway 3 Coalition: I will continue to request that the s-corner stay on the top five priority list so this project can be completed. Next meeting April 12, 2023.

Ministry Meetings: Salmo received our letter from Minister Kang for the Growing Communities Fund for construction of infrastructure and amenities. We are not to use it for decreasing taxation. The amount Salmo has received is \$1.13m.

If you have more than one property and it houses people, you may want to look into the Underused Housing Tax to make sure it does not affect you. It comes with a large fine for not registering.

IHA Mayor's and Chairs regional meeting:

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor/Director Lockwood

New action plan delivers more homes for people, faster

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/28486>

The Province's new housing plan will speed up delivery of new homes, increase the supply of middle-income housing, fight speculation and help those who need it the most.

The Homes for People plan will deliver more homes people need in a shorter timeframe and build more vibrant communities throughout B.C.

"If you've scrolled through rental listings or seen the prices of homes in your community, you know how tough it is to find an affordable, decent place to live," said Premier David Eby. "Even though our province is currently building more housing than ever before, it's just not enough to meet the need. This plan will take us to the next level with unprecedented actions to tackle the challenges head on, delivering even more homes for people, faster."

Focused on four priorities – unlocking more homes faster; delivering better, more affordable homes; helping those with the greatest housing need; and creating a housing market for people, not speculators – the actions in Homes for People include:

- delivering more middle-income small-scale, multi-unit housing that people can afford, including town homes, duplexes and triplexes through zoning changes and proactive partnerships;
- offering forgivable loans for homeowners to build and rent secondary suites below market rates to increase affordable rental supply quickly;
- building thousands more affordable homes for renters, Indigenous Peoples on and off reserve, women and children leaving violence, and building thousands more on-campus student housing units;
- delivering thousands of new homes near public transit, and launching BC Builds to use public land to deliver affordable homes for people;
- introducing a flipping tax to discourage short-term speculation;
- providing an annual income-tested tax credit of up to \$400 per year for renters;
- providing more homes and supports for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness;
- streamlining and modernizing permitting to reduce costs and speed up approvals to get homes built faster; and
- strengthening enforcement of short-term rentals.

"We are in urgent need of more housing throughout British Columbia, which is why we are taking strong steps through our Homes for People strategy to close the gap between supply and demand," said Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing. "We are working with our partners to unlock more homes across the spectrum of housing faster than ever, so everyone in our province can have a safe, secure and stable place to call home."

Building on major new investments to build affordable housing in the past five years and measures to reduce speculation and protect people in an overheated housing market, Homes for People tackles persistent permitting and zoning challenges, facilitating the delivery of the housing people need, faster. The plan unlocks more homes by creating the conditions to encourage faster housing construction and reduce development costs, including changes in regulations and zoning, less red tape, more incentives, and a focus on targeted types of housing.

Homes for People also delivers more housing people can afford to rent or buy, including more homes within reach for first-time homebuyers, and protects renters. It supports those who need it the most with more housing for those experiencing homelessness and helps more people afford to find a place to call home. Actions in the plan also aim to build a housing market that puts people ahead of profit with measures to crack down on speculators and profiteers and get the proceeds of crime out of the real estate market.

Alongside Homes for People, government is implementing Belonging in BC, a plan to prevent and reduce homelessness. The plan adds 3,900 new supportive housing units and 240 complex-care spaces provincially, and creates multidisciplinary regional response teams designed to rapidly respond to encampments to better support people sheltering outdoors to move inside.

Quick Facts:

- Budget 2023 supports the Homes for People action plan, starting with more than \$4 billion over three years and a commitment to invest \$12 billion over the next 10 years to deliver more homes for people, faster.
- This builds on the 2018 Homes for B.C. plan, which was the largest investment in housing affordability in B.C.'s history – \$7 billion – and introduced effective tools to tackle speculation and increase the number of rentals.

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023Hous0019-000436>

- The Province is on track to deliver a projected 108,000 homes completed or under active construction by 2027-28 with tens of thousands more homes to come through other avenues.
- The Belonging in BC homelessness plan is delivered through initiatives across government and supported by investments of \$1.18 billion in Budget 2023, and \$633 million in Budget 2022.
- More than 100,000 people moved to B.C. in 2021, and another 150,000 people in 2022, the most in 60 years.

Learn More:

To read the Homes for People action plan, visit: https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Homes_For_People.pdf

To view the technical briefing presentation, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/Homes4People.pdf>

To read the Belonging in BC plan, visit: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/files/BelongingStrategy.pdf>

A map showing the location of all announced provincially funded housing projects in B.C. is available online: <https://www.bchousing.org/homes-for-BC>

To access the single window for provincial housing permitting and authorizations, visit: <https://permitconnectbc.gov.bc.ca/>

