



# The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

## REGULAR MEETING #09-23 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, May 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

### **PRESENT:**

#### In Person:

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

CAO James Heth  
Financial Officer Nathan Russ  
Members of the Public - 4

#### Electronically:

Members of the Public – 1

### **CALL TO ORDER:**

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

### **AGENDA:**

R1-09-23

Moved and seconded, that the draft agenda of Regular Meeting #09-23 of Tuesday, May 9, 2023 be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw #663, 2014 Schedule "A"* to include a New Business 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.)

R2-09-23

Regular Meeting  
April 25, 2023

Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of Regular Meeting #08-23 of Tuesday, April 25, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

### **REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS: NIL**

### **REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:**

R3-09-23

Grant-in-Aid Request:  
Salmo Valley Youth &  
Community Centre -  
#20

Moved and seconded, that Council approve the grant-in-aid request of \$150 for the Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre to assist with the cost of hiring a local performing artist for a free puppet show at the Dandelion Festival.

Defeated.

### **POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW: NIL**

### **BYLAW REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT:**

R4-09-23

Financial Plan (2023-  
2027) Bylaw #749, 2023

Moved and seconded, that the "*Financial Plan (2023-2027) Bylaw #749, 2023*" be given second & third reading.

Carried.

– Second & Third  
Reading

R5-09-23  
Annual Tax Rate Bylaw  
#750, 2023 – First  
Reading

Moved and seconded, that the “*Annual Tax Rate Bylaw #750, 2023*” be  
given first reading.

Carried.

R6-09-23  
Annual Tax Rate Bylaw  
#750, 2023 – Second &  
Third Reading

Moved and seconded, that the “*Annual Tax Rate Bylaw #750, 2023*” be  
given second & third reading.

Carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:**

R7-09-23

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of  
accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from April 21,  
2023 to May 4, 2023 totaling \$84,197.86.

Carried.

Mayor Lockwood recused herself and departed the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION:**

R8-09-23  
Salmo Lions Club Re:  
Planting Self-Watering  
Flower Pots - #23

Moved and seconded, that Council approve hiring the Salmo Lions Club  
to plant flowers in the Village’s self-watering flower pots for \$300.

Carried.

Mayor Lockwood returned to the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

**CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY:**

R9-09-23

Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the  
following correspondence from:

- (1) Cathy Peters Re: Update – Child Sex Trafficking in BC and How to  
Stop it - #21
- (2) Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills Re:  
StrongerBC: Future Ready Action Plan - #22

Carried.

**MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES:**

Councillor Cox

Councillor Cox reported that there will be a Columbia Basin Trust  
information meeting on May 8, 2023, and she will report on that  
meeting at the next opportunity.

Councillor Heatlie

Councillor Heatlie had nothing to report.

Councillor Lins                      Councillor Lins reported that she will attend the upcoming Salmo Valley Youth & Community Centre meeting. She is also on the advisory committee for the “Better at Home” program and will report back after an upcoming meeting.  
Councillor Lins also has heard concerns from businesses along 4<sup>th</sup> street that residential tenants in the area are parking in front of the businesses and taking spaces from patrons. The Village will deliver notices to landlords asking that tenants be asked to park elsewhere.

Councillor Neil                      Councillor Neil reported that the last library meeting was cancelled.

Mayor Lockwood                      See *Appendix A*.

R10-09-23                      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:**

- When will the older fire truck need to be replaced, and what happens to the current fire truck? The fire truck will need to be replaced by 2026, and the current one will likely be put up for private sale.
- There were questions requesting clarification about the parking issue on 4<sup>th</sup> St.

**IN CAMERA RESOLUTION:**

R11-09-23                      Moved and seconded, that the in camera resolution be amended to read “That the meeting be closed to the public under section 90(1)(c) and (l).”  
Carried.

R12-09-23                      Moved and seconded that the meeting be closed to the public under 90(1)(c) and (l) of the *Community Charter*.  
Carried.

**RECONVENE OPEN MEETING:** Council reconvened the regular meeting at 8:37 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**                      Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:37 p.m.  
R13-09-23                      Carried.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

Originally Signed By:

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Diana Lockwood  
Mayor

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James Heth  
Chief Administrative Officer



# APPENDIX A



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

### **MAYOR LOCKWOOD**

Mayor Report for Council Meeting held on May 9, 2023.

**CBT:** I will be attending the May 8 community engagement at the Salmo Youth & Community Centre.

**Salmo & Area G Emergency Preparedness:** We went through how the system worked for the incident that happened. The snowpack for the Kootenay region is slightly above average but the drought forecast is still being called for. How they determine this is by testing under trees to see how much moist there is and how deep it. We remain on flood watch for the next little while.

**Citizen Engagement:** Salmo Council is reaching out to organizations and individuals to help staff to make July 1 a success.

Public hearing saw approximately 75 people having 15 participants from Salmo speak, one Area G speaker and seven written submissions read out.

### **RDCK:**

**Board:** Kootenay Emergency Response Physicians Association presented on the work that has been done and what they are doing for our region. They receive zero formal funding and only relies on donations and grants. This organization is who will show up if an event involves heart, life sustaining injuries and/or support for transport to hospital. KERPA are leaders in BC for saving lives.

There was a presentation on workforce housing and what that may look like in Nelson and how that may affect outlying communities.

The climate action plan has been extended. This is your chance to make comment on the plan. May 31 the RDCK will be holding a open house at the Community Center. Time to come.

Contracting to Roth IAMS Ltd for Asset Management Planning and Implementation for a value of \$99,345.00.

Ymir is replacing their water tender for their fire hall.

**Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission:** Next meeting May 15, 2023

**Economic Trust of the Southern Interior – BC (ETSI-BC):** Attended AKBLG as a sponsor. The F.I.R. granting stream has ended.

**Central Resource Recovery:** Next meeting TBA

**Joint Resource Recovery:** Septage Disposal Facilities Regulatory Bylaw No 1751 increased fees to \$70/tonne with increases in 2025 to \$90/tonne and 2027 to \$110/tonne was passed at the board.

**West Kootenay Hospital Board:** June 28, 2023

**Nelson, Salmo, E, F, & G Regional Parks:** Next meeting May 9, 2023

Other meetings of note:

**Mayor's and chair Highway 3 Coalition:** Next meeting will be at UBCM in September

**Ministry Meetings:**

**IHA Mayor's and Chairs regional meeting:**

**AKBLG:** Conference was April 21-23, 2023. Due to a meeting being cancelled on Friday morning I was able to go on the Ktunaxa Nation Centre Tour. They have an interpretive center there filled with history, so if you find yourself in the area stop by but leave yourself lots of time for reading. Very informative. Thankfully others cancelled allowing me to fill one of those seats.

We had Chris Fields speak about planning and economic development. How to make developing easier and densifying land. Improving zoning to allow more housing on existing residential lots.

He spoke about how communities have fallen out of trust with governments and what it may look like to rebuild that trust. Leadership must make tough decisions and not everyone is going to like those decision, but the elected need to keep the water clean and the sewer moving. He strongly suggested to always try your hardest to have young people on your boards or committees, because they have a different perspective. As local government we are obligated to do our best for future generations.

**Resolutions:**

- 1- Physician Assistants – work alongside physicians and other health professionals to help produce better outcomes, access for patients and alleviate burnout **endorsed**
- 2- Accessibility Plan Funding – to support local governments in the development and implementation of their accessibility plans **endorsed**
- 3- Cost of Emergency Response – for the province to revisit the funding formula to ensure that first responder costs incurred on the province's behalf by local government responders are fully covered **endorsed**
- 4- Local Emergency Risk Mitigation Authority – UBCM lobby the province to empower Indigenous and local governments and submit and/or alternative strategies to mitigate any identified disaster and emergency risks within their boundaries and commit to the sustained financial and resource support of such emergency risk mitigation strategies without compromising the funding opportunities allocated toward emergency preparedness, response, and recovery **endorsed**
- 5- Funding Model for Emergency management Responsibilities – request the province to create an annual funding model for local governments to more adequately prepare for, and respond to, local emergencies **endorsed**
- 6- 911 Levy – the province to legislate a 911 service levy on telecommunications services to the benefit of all dispatch operators in BC **endorsed**
- 7- Long Term Borrowing for Fire Apparatus Acquisition – to enact legislation to permit regional districts to utilize long-term borrowing from the Municipal Finance Authority over the life-span of fire apparatus without the requirement to go to referendum, subject to the service having been established through a referendum process **endorsed**
- 8- Top-Up Provincial Grants -- top up those grants given to local governments since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure that projects can be completed **endorsed**

- 9- Better Management and Maintenance of Forest Recreation Sites – commit greater resources to the management and maintenance of forest recreation sites, trails and facilities to ensure that user safety and sanitary conditions are maintained and that facilities, infrastructure and the environment are protected **endorsed**
- 10- Crown Land User Fee – implement a crown land camping fee structure, with the revenues to be used to provide sustainable use amenities and increased funding to the Conservation Officer service for improved education and enforcement **endorsed**
- 11- Legislated mapping and Management Plans in Community Watersheds – enact legislation prescribing tenure holders and developers to prepare detailed watershed mapping including Lidar imagery and comprehensive community watershed management plans in collaboration with water users communities and licensees prior to any development or incursion into consumptive use watersheds to avoid the risk of adversely impacting the hydrological production capacity of these watersheds **endorsed**
- 12- Providing funding to double Transit Service in Rural BC – provide sufficient additional funding to double services in BC regional rural transit systems **endorsed**
- 13- Shared Ethics Commissioner's Office – to serve local governments in the efficient and effective implementation of Code of Conduct policies **endorsed**

Resolutions **not** endorsed at AKBLG:

Shortage of Qualified Health Care Workers

Supplementing Health Authorities with Regional Boards of Health

Funding for Education and Protective Services Following Decriminalization of Illicit Drugs

Landlord Licensing

Open Burning smoke control Regulation

Respectfully submitted,

**Mayor/Director Lockwood**

