



The Corporation of the Village of Salmo

REGULAR MEETING #19-23 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, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

<u>In Person:</u>	CAO Ange Qualizza
Mayor Diana Lockwood	Members of the Public – 2
Councillor Melanie Cox	
Councillor Jonathon Heatlie	<u>Electronically:</u>
Councillor Jennifer Lins	Members of the Public – 1
Councillor Kenzie Neil	

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

AGENDA:

R1-19-23

Moved and seconded, that the draft agenda of Regular Meeting #19-23 of Tuesday, November 14, 2023 be amended to remove the delegation, Taylor Caron representing the Salmo Valley Public Library; and,

That that the draft agenda be adopted as amended from *Council Procedure Bylaw #663, 2014* Schedule "A" to include a New Business section, a Deputy Mayor & Regional Director Appointment section, a Public Question period and an *In Camera* section.

Carried.

DELEGATIONS: NIL

NEW BUSINESS: NIL

DEPUTY MAYOR & REGIONAL DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT:

R2-19-23

Moved and seconded, that Council appoint Councillor Heatlie as Deputy Mayor for 2024, Councillor Cox for 2025, Councillor Lins for 2026.

Carried.

R3-19-23

Moved and seconded, that Council direct staff to bring back a report to Council for the Regional Director appointment to shift the alternate director.

Carried.

R4-19-23

Notice of Motion

Moved and Seconded, to Direct Staff to bring back a report to council with an updated Council Procedure Bylaw that includes clarity around the Regional Director appointment.

Carried.

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

R5-19-23 Moved and seconded, that the draft minutes of regular Council
Regular Meeting meeting #18-23 of Tuesday, October 24, 2023 be adopted as presented.
October 24, 2023 Carried.

REFERRALS FROM DELEGATIONS: NIL

REFERRALS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS: NIL

POLICY DEVELOPMENT & REVIEW: NIL

BYLAW REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT:

R6-19-23 Moved and seconded, that Council formally appoint Mr. David Hearn
as the Village of Salmo Fire Chief for 2024 as required in Part 6 of the
“*Village of Salmo Volunteer Fire Department Bylaw #518, 2003*”.
Carried.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:

R7-19-23 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the list of
accounts payable cheques and electronic fund transfers from October
20, 2023 to November 9, 2023 totaling \$181,820.17.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE REQUIRING A COUNCIL DECISION:

Departure Councillor Neil departed the meeting at 7:34 p.m. due to a declaration
of conflict of interest as she is a volunteer coach with the Salmo Girls
softball.

R8-19-23 Moved and seconded, that Council approve the request of the Salmo
Girls Softball to sponsor their application to the Salmo Valley Fund in
the amount of \$800 to assist with the costs associated with purchasing
new field liners for lining the softball fields.
Carried.

Return Councillor Neil returned to the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

R9-19-23 Moved and seconded, that Council approve the grant-in-aid request of
\$300 by the Salmo District Arts Council to assist with the cost of
performances.
Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

R10-19-23 Moved and seconded, that Council receive for information the
following correspondence from:

- (1) Interior Health Re: Jim Pattison Foundation Commits \$5 Million to Establish Centre for Health System Learning & Innovation - #51
- (2) Heather Hachigian, PhD, Royal Roads University Re: Ownership Matters - Building Community Wealth in Canada - Invitation to Speaker Series
- (3) Minister of Housing Re: New Legislation to Support Local Government Housing Initiatives - #56
- (4) RDCK Board Report Re: Housing Action Plan and UBCM Complete Communities Program - #57
- (5) Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness Re: When Does B.C.'s New Emergency Management Legislation Come Into Effect - #58

Carried.

MEMBER REPORTS & INQUIRIES:

Councillor Cox	Councillor Cox reported that she attended the transit study evening.
Councillor Heatlie	Councillor Heatlie had nothing to report.
Councillor Lins	Councillor Lins reported that Salmo Valley Youth and Community Centre AGM is on the same evening as our next Council meeting. Councillor Lins will attend at 6 p.m.
Councillor Neil	<i>See Appendix A.</i> Additionally, Councillor Neil attended the PAC meeting where they discussed the staffing issues at the school; they have hired an administrator now which will alleviate some of the concern. They are also finding creative ways to find EAs, which will be a welcome solution for the school.
Mayor Lockwood	<i>See Appendix A.</i>
R11-19-23 Verbal & Written Reports of Mayor & Council	Moved and seconded, that the verbal and written reports of Mayor and Council be received for information. Carried.

PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD:

A statement was made regarding the Orange bridge and that it needs to come back in some aspect.

There was a question on the use of the Voyent alert for notices like chlorination. Discussion in the gallery was that perhaps the notice came too early, and it should come closer to the event so people don't miss it.

IN CAMERA RESOLUTION:

R12-19-23 Moved and seconded, that the meeting be closed to the public under Sections 90(1)(g) of the *Community Charter*.

Carried @ 8:21 p.m.

R13-19-23 Moved and seconded, that Council recess for 5 minutes.

Carried.

RECONVENE OPEN MEETING: Council reconvened the regular meeting at 8:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved and seconded, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

R14-19-23

Carried.

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

Originally Signed By:

Diana Lockwood

Mayor

Ange Qualizza

CAO/Corporate Officer

APPENDIX A



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF SALMO REPORT FROM COUNCIL

COUNCILLOR NEIL

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

PORTFOLIOS

Library Board Meeting Nov 13th.

Library Director's Report – October 2023

Community, Events & Programs

Lots of programming started up in October

Seniors Craft bags were a success for October. Helen brought in more for November.

CBAL Tech support is always busy on Monday afternoons. CBAL is also sending a Tech support worker when we send books to the Salmo Estates

Marianne is back going to Ymir Family Support group twice a month.

Marianne provided 24 craft bags for an Early Years Connections at Twilight evening held in Ymir.

Scrabble drop-in – we had 2 participants for one of the Fridays. One of them is a new member of the community.

LEGO club is back and the kids are loving it. We have 2 new youth volunteers running the program – Avery Ellis and

Rhythms and Rhymes is a Mum and child program running Monday mornings. So far the numbers have been 13 – 18 people! Lots of fun being had and great to see some new faces.

Typical week ran for the week of October 22, and we saw great numbers! We had 103 in-house library items used; 61 reference transactions; 35 public computer sessions; 360 in-person visits

Marianne attended a Dementia in Library workshop. Taylor is looking at putting together a specific dementia kit for families – this would include books, activities, games, and information.

Pro- D Day on October 20th was well attended. 15 children and 6 adults

For October e-magazines circulated 64 times, where as physical magazines 59

Digital items over all continue to increase in monthly circulation – 515 digital times went out in October

The Mystery book display for October looked great! Many people enjoyed this!

Grants and Funding

We will be open for the village market to sell t-shirts, bags and booksale items.

The Chili and trivia night was great success. Thanks to the Friends for doing such an amazing job! Everyone had a wonderful time. The winning table for trivia took home SVPL t-shirts

Upcoming Events

November 7th Dyren Collier author read

November 8th John Vallent Zoom Author reading

Nov 11 Library Closed Remembrance Day

Nov 18th CBAL – Ozobots program starting

Nov 13, 20, 27 CBAL Rhythms and Rhymes

Nov 17 Friends Soup & Bun

Nov 21 Village Delegation

Nov 24 Library Bookclub

Nov 24 Friends Tea

Noc 30 Friends will decorate the Library for the holidays

December 1 Village Market

December 9 Ymir Craft Fair

Education Portfolio:

Salmo Elementary School has been really struggling with staffing issues this year. There has been no secretary most the year. EA coverage has also been lacking. We were decreased from 7 EA's last year to 5 this year. However, they have only been able to fill 2 EA positions consistently. PAC, parents and staff are struggling to get more support from the district. PAC and parents have summited a letter of concern to Superintendent Smilie requesting adequate supports for our children.

PAC meeting Nov 9th attended.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Neil



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

MAYOR LOCKWOOD

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

Salmo & Area G Emergency Preparedness: There are new provincial guidelines for air spaces including both heating and cooling for housing units which may help with emergencies for vulnerable people.

All teams are ready for the winter months and messages were to have winter tires on, reduce your speed, check on your neighbors during cold snaps, and make sure your fire alarms are working.

This winter is supposed to be an El Nino winter, so it could be a warmer winter with less snowpack, less water and an earlier melt.

Fire Department: They held their annual dinner and went through their year accomplishments and rescues. It was my pleasure to give thanks from me and the entire community for all their volunteer hours.

Citizen Engagement: Community futures came to Salmo and did a presentation about who they are and what they can do for people getting started in a business. It was the first of many that they are doing in the Central Kootenay's. There were many economic ideas floating around the room and it was exciting to be a part of those discussions.

Salmo Arts Council: I met with Cheryl from the Arts Council to hear all the wonderful things the council is doing here in Salmo. She has provided me with a report from their events in 2022 and 2023. See attachment.

Ambulance Service Update: I am very pleased to say we will be moving to an ALPHA Station in the next two to four months. What does that mean - Salmo will have two people on shift 24 hours a day with a 90 second response to a call. Our two main people that own their positions presently will have guaranteed positions and will work four on four off which will be twelve-hour shifts, 2 days and 2 nights for them. There will be 8 full-time shifts also. Salmo and Fruitvale are the two municipalities that received ALPHA cars and we are happy to accept it.

RDCK:

Board: Next meeting November 16, 2023

Salmo & Area G Recreation Commission: Next meeting November 27, 2023

Economic Trust of the Southern Interior – BC (ETSI-BC): Next meeting December 1, 2023

Central Resource Recovery: Next meeting November 29, 2023

Joint Resource Recovery: Next meeting November 15, 2023

West Kootenay Hospital Board:

Nelson, Salmo, E, F, & G Regional Parks: Next meeting November 14, 2023. The Village will be open for public to attend if they so choose to.

Other meetings of note:

Mayor's and chair Highway 3 Coalition: Next meeting TBD

Ministry Meetings:

IHA Mayor's and Chairs regional meeting: TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor/Director Lockwood

2022/2023 SDAC Report

Cheryl Cook

2022 was a year of steady growth for SDAC. On July 1st we hosted a cooling station and lemonade fundraiser during the parade and saw a large multi generational crowd gather on the side lawn. It felt like a really nice use of the space and community building.

In August we hosted a Columbia Basin Tour site, highlighting the Historical building and stained glass, as well as showcasing multiple artist demos and an open art gallery upstairs.

Through the fall the SDAC hosted concerts in the park and at the community centre via grants from RDCK that also helped pay our rent.

In September SDAC hosted the Queen City Burlesque Festival in a sold out show that was very well received by community. This local support has led to other funding opportunities for the Salmo founded organization. We also hosted a Peace Vigil in the yard.

In October through much coordination and collaboration with the church via John Mobbs we managed to install the Saturn Bench Sculpture in the side yard. The community is responding very favorably to this. We also hosted local bands.

2023

Winter Prom at Erie Creek Brewery- fun opportunity to dress up, dance, be in community

In February SDAC hosted a herbalists social tea.

In April we hosted a lovely trio of female musicians who preformed separately and together. Looking forward to more concerts.

On April 28 in collaboration with John Mobbs and the Dungeons and Dragons folk we cut down and have begun processing the cedar that needed to be cut down due to fire hazard, as well as was rotten in the core. In collaboration with the unceded Sinixt, local Indigenous group, we facilitated a traditional bark stripping and harvest of much of the cedar, though the process will take a few more days. We were left with a stripped cedar pole (harvest from Cheryl's land as the on site cedar was too gnarled to process) to use as a peace pole.

May 5th 2023- Youth Arts showcase, SDAC hosting SVYCC

SDAC is using their insurance to host other cultural groups such as bridge club, dungeons and dragons. We are pleased to be able to collaborate in this way.

July 2023- Installation of Plant Based Art Show at Legion for Kootenay Herb Gathering

June 2023- Participation in West Kootenay Regional Arts Council /ARTS BC regional arts connect workshop

August- participation in the Columbia Basin Cultural Tour- multi day event with artist talks, performance, gallery, maker space

Sept 2023- Sponsorship of the "Salmo Strong" Hotel Fundraiser

Fall 2023- feature article in Articulate magazine- a West Kootenays Arts and Culture Magazine

Oct 2023- Participation/volunteering with SVYCC Fall Festival

October 2023- October 2024- Paid participation of 2 SDAC members In Arts BC's Many Parthways program- an opportunity for community leaders to deepen learning and skills around equity.

Nov 2023- Partnership with Queen City Burlesque Expo and Salmo Curling Rink to bring Line Dancing classes to the community. Also sponsorship of Burlesque fan workshop at SVYCC.

2024 plans:

Increase workshops, concerts, art shows and collaborations with Indigenous groups via community development funding from RDCK (confirmed), BCAC (pending) and CBT (pending)

Cheryl Cook and John Mobbs are going to work on an Infrastructure grant through BC Arts Council- This is a Stage 1 grant which will see us spending 9 months developing renovation plans that are well suited to our needs and community. We are needing to undergo some major renovations on the Church building at 304 Main street to maintain the space for community use in the decades to come.

Cheryl Cook is currently applying for professional development training and will be applying for ongoing operational funding for SDAC to facilitate dynamic community programming.

We feel it it truly remarkable how much we accomplish on a volunteer basis with little funding.