

Present: Mayor Everett
Councillor Barber: Absent
Councillor Bell
Councillor Johnson
Councillor Main
Administrator Ida

Mayor Everett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved and Seconded

To approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item 12 (i) Friends of Memorial Hall: Support for grant application

(a) February 15, 2011

Carried

2. Approval of the Minutes

Moved and Seconded

(a) January 18 , 2011 Regular Council Meeting

Carried

3. Delegation and Petitions:

4. Reports

(a) Public Works Foreman:

(b) Mayor Everett:

(c) Councillor Barber: Absent

(d) Councillor Bell:

Moved and Seconded

That Council send a thank you letter to Columbia Basin Trust for the \$30,000.00 Community Initiatives funds.

Carried

(e) Councillor Johnson:

(f) Councillor Main:

(g) Administrator Ida:

5. Public and Press Time:

6. Unfinished Business:

(a) RDCK: Woodstove Exchange Program: Refer to Budget meeting

7. Requests for Grant In-Aid:

8. Requests for Support:

(a) Silverton Community Club: Annual Volunteer Appreciation Evening

9. Correspondence for Information:

- (a) BC Hydro: Notice of Public Consultation: Table to next meeting
- (b) BC Hydro: Tree Releaf Program: make a plan
- (c) Letter to UNBC Engineering Department: Study of waste disposal
- (d) The Lung Association of BC: Smoke-free outdoor public places
- (e) Slocan Lake Stewardship Society: Newsletter
- (f) Slocan Lake Stewardship Society: Copy of letter to RDCK
- (g) E-mail: in the koots.com, a network of Kootenay based websites

10. Bylaws:

- (a) Zoning Bylaw No. 466 – 2011: DRAFT

11. Accounts Payable and Disbursements:

Moved and Second

- (a) Accounts Payable for the month of January, 2011: \$20,987.29
Carried

12. New Business:

Moved and Seconded

- (a) Council Conference table: Ratify expenditure
That Council ratify the additional expense of \$150.00 to build the wooden Council conference table.
Carried

(b) CRTC 2010-255:

Moved and Seconded

- Letter of request to the CRTC to reverse decision 2010-255
Carried

February 15, 2011

Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, K1A 0N2

Re: Decision CRTC 2010-255

The Council of the Village of Silverton requests the CRTC reverse its decision 2010-255 to allow incumbent Internet Service Providers (ISP's) to charge their customers including wholesale customers (smaller independent ISP's) based on a predetermined threshold of bandwidth use.

This decision allows incumbent ISP's to impose unjust financial limitations on how many gigabytes of usage their independent competitors can provide their customers, thereby severely limiting diversity in Canada's telecommunications sector.

Rural communities such as Silverton have fought for many years just to have a reasonable level of Internet service. This service is usually provided by community and small ISP's who must purchase their service from incumbent ISP's. It is imperative these small independent ISP's remain competitive and their service is sustainable.

Incumbent ISP's have no interest in supplying Internet service to rural Canada as it is not economically viable. This decision reverses much of the work communities and governments have done to eliminate the digital divide in Canada's rural communities. Businesses and individuals in rural areas need unmetered and affordable access to the Internet to remain competitive and conduct business in today's market place. Many rural communities already pay a premium for service due to the cost of last mile delivery. Some of Canada's rural communities still lack communication services found in third world countries.

The CRTC needs to foster communications in rural Canada and not hinder progress made to date.

Sincerely,

Mayor and Council of the Village of Silverton

CC: Alex Atamanenko, MP, Katrina Conroy, MLA

Red Mountain Internet Society, Columbia Wireless and Secure by Design

Moved and Seconded

Resolution: Usage-Based Internet Billing in Silverton

WHEREAS the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) has, in Telecom Decision CRTC 2010-255, allowed incumbent Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to charge their customers, including wholesale customers (smaller independent ISPs), based on predetermined thresholds of bandwidth use;

WHEREAS this decision has allowed incumbent ISPs to impose unjust financial limitations on how many gigabytes of usage their independent competitors can provide to their customers, thereby severely limiting diversity in Canada's telecommunications sector;

WHEREAS this pricing regime will result in impediments to independent ISPs' abilities to financially differentiate the services they provide to consumers from the services of incumbents, which harm competition and market innovation;

WHEREAS usage-based billing, or metering discriminates against certain forms of information, such as audio and video, insofar as it charges consumers more for content that requires the use of a large amount of gigabytes;

WHEREAS these high prices will act as a tax on innovation, free expression, and empowerment, as those who produce content become less able to produce and disseminate their work freely;

WHEREAS this pricing regime will increase the overall cost of Internet access for end- users, thereby deepening the digital divide, which is antithetical to the CRTC's broadband accessibility mandate;

WHEREAS usage based billing limits Silverton residents' ability to access online services, to become educated, and to communicate with others, and hampers the free and full exchange of information;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Silverton Village Council will write to CRTC to urge them to reverse Telecom Decision CRTC 2010-255 and to prevent incumbent ISPs from imposing usage-based billing on the independent ISPs that purchase wholesale broadband, and that this correspondence will be copied and sent to the relevant Provincial and Federal Ministers and the Regional District of Central Kootenay.

Carried

(c) Pitch-In Canada Week

(d) AKBLG: Notice of Annual General Meeting and call for Resolutions

(e) Letter: Mr. Wayne McCrory and the Valhalla foundation and McCrory family: Table to next meeting

Moved and Seconded

(f) Canada Summer Jobs 2011: Summer job opportunity for students

To make an application to the Canada Summer Jobs 2011 to provide a summer job opportunity for a student in the Parks and Recreation department and to assist the Campground Attendant.

Carried

Moved and Seconded

(g) LGMA: 2011 Elections Workshop, Nelson

That Council approve Elaine Rogers, CFO and Junko Ida, CAO attend the LGMA 2011 Elections Workshop to be held in Nelson on April 06, 2011. Registration fee is \$207.20 per employee.

Carried

(h) Appointment: Select Committee to review Council Remuneration Bylaw

Moved and Seconded

That Councillor Bell, Mr. Bruce Gardiner and Elaine Rogers, CFO be appointed to the Select Committee to review the Council Remuneration Bylaw.

Carried

(i) Friends of Silverton Memorial Hall: grant application

Moved and Seconded

That Council is in support of the Friends of Silverton Memorial Hall Society of applying for a grant to purchase a scissor lift for the Memorial Hall.

Carried

13. Bring Forward from In-Camera:

14. Public and Press Time:

15. Adjournment: 8:30 PM