

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

DATE: January 11, 2010
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Ken Becotte
Councillor Bob Perry
Councillor Dave Harris
Councillor Allan Jackson (**appearing by telephone**)
Chief Administrative Officer, Larry Burk
Executive Assistant, Debra Key (Recorder)

ABSENT: Councillor Dave Kenyon

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

CAO requested removal of the **Report of Chief Administrative Officer – January 5, 2010 – RC 003** Re: Professional Services for Memorial Hall Renovations

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Report of Chief Administrative Officer of January 11, 2010
Re: Upper Fraser Valley Bylaw Adjudication System Registry Agreement

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED
RC-2010-001**

4. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes – December 21, 2009

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 21, 2009 be adopted.

**CARRIED
RC-2010-002**

Errors & Omissions

Page 3 last paragraph, 6th sentence should read, “Director of Finance said there were....”.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

6. **PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS**

None

7. **DELEGATIONS**

None

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Email dated December 10, 2009 from Corporation of Delta re Board of Variance Concerns

Letter dated December 17, 2009 from the Village of Pemberton to Premier Campbell re Provincial Funding Assistance to the Arts

Letter dated December 30, 2009 from Metro Vancouver to Premier Campbell re Provincial Cutbacks to Cultural Services

9. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Delta Board of Variance

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT support be provided to the Corporation of Delta's submission of a resolution to UBCM to petition the Province to amend the *Community Charter* requiring all Boards of Variance issues be "in camera".

CARRIED
RC 2010-003

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
AND COMMISSIONS**

None

10. **REPORTS FROM MAYOR**

Invitation from Tourism Harrison to members of Council and staff to attend Wednesday, January 27, 2010 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at an open house wine and cheese reception at Tourism Harrison. Please RSVP to staff.

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Invitation from Harrison Preschool Society to an Open House, Saturday, January 23, 2010 10:00 to 12:00 noon.

The Mayor reported on the Green Paper on BC's Destination Marketing Network Funding and Structure and UBCM's response to destination marketing organizations and the additional hotel room tax. The key issue is to have submissions into the Minister of Finance by January 15, 2010. It was noted that if Council has not made submissions, they were encouraged to review and submit comments directly to the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Tourism, Culture and the Arts. The discussion paper is asking for approval of a model for the additional hotel room tax.

The CAO reported that the Whistler Centre for Sustainability Group has just recently completed forms to document the funds that have been expended and how much we will expend in the next 5 years based on the 5 year program. This was based on the amount of work that is still required and if we don't keep the funding up, we could lose the funding.

The Olympic Torch Relay Committee met today. Plans are underway for celebrations for the torch relay event on February 7, 2010. The Mayor extended an invitation to the public to participate in the festivities. There will be activities such as the "welcoming" of the Torch at the plaza, music and photo opportunities with the "Torch". We are also researching the possibility of purchasing a Torch. The main celebration will be at the Memorial Hall with a children's entertainer. We are also hoping to have a video type presentation in which the community can view the Olympic highlights throughout the event. Banners and flags will be available for children to wave. The Torch will arriving in the Village approximately 11:00 a.m.

11. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

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| Councillor Harris | Attended a meeting with Olympic Torch Relay Committee. The Mayor was elected Chair, Sonja Reyerse as Co-Chair. |
| Councillor Kenyon | Absent |
| Councillor Jackson | Nothing to report. |
| Councillor Perry | Nothing to report. |

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□ Interim Audit – 2009 –
January 4, 2010

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Report of Director of Finance – January 4, 2010 – RC 001
Re: Interim Audit – 2009

The 2009 Interim Audit Report from McConnell, Voelkl dated December 15, 2009 was received and filed.

□ Community-Based Needs
Assessment proposal –
January 4, 2010

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – January 4, 2010 – RC 002
Re: Community-Based Needs Assessment proposal

THAT a contract be approved with Jennifer Wilson Consultants Ltd. and Points of View Research & Consulting Ltd. to provide a Community-Based Needs Assessment per the proposal submitted December 8, 2009; and

THAT approval be given to the Mayor and CAO to prepare and sign documents accordingly.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR PERRY
RC2010-004

Councillor Perry expressed concern over the expenditure of \$18,500 on the basis that it mentions a multi-space facility. Why is this being discussed if renovations are going ahead at Memorial Hall. Requested that the consultants attend at Council and piggy back District of Kent. CAO says community needs assessment for District of Kent only involved a few residents of Harrison that was interested in the pool. The Cultural Scan was a different process between the Village and District of Kent.

The Mayor said this is a comprehensive review that looks at a lot of different community needs such as facilities, waste management services, leisure opportunities and tourism potential. It will be geared to see what the community wants. Councillor Jackson agrees in theory, but feels it is important for Council to meet before and decide upon priorities that Council wants to see happen in 2010 and 2011. As a Council, we do not know what our priorities are. There are issues that haven't been dealt with. We need to see what Council wants. We rely too much on Committees to do the work we were elected to do. This should wait until the Memorial Hall report comes back.

The CAO will provide Council with a cross section of what the needs of the Village residents are and what they see as important to them.

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Councillor Harris believes hiring a consultant is necessary to look at community based needs.

Councillor Perry doesn't feel that we should spend \$18,500 on community needs assessment and definitely not until the Memorial Hall renovation decision has been made.

The Mayor stated that the Memorial Hall renovation has been approved, budgeted for and will go ahead. The community needs assessment proposal is important to see what the people in the community really want. It is important to get the information that we need.

The CAO stated he will invite the consultants to meet with Council once Council is back in full quorum.

☐ Disposal of Asset over \$1,000 – 30 foot sailboat – January 5, 2010

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – January 5, 2010 – RC 004
Re: Disposal of asset over \$1,000 – 30 foot sailboat

THAT the 30 foot wooden sailboat left abandoned at the federal wharf be disposed of pursuant to Policy 2.31.

☐ Web Site Policy 2.27 – January 6, 2010

CARRIED
RC2010-005

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Perry

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – January 6, 2010 – RC 005
Re: Web Site Policy 2.27

THAT the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Web Site Policy No. 2.27 be adopted.

☐ Power Smart & Energy Manager Services – January 6, 2010

CARRIED
RC2010-006

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – January 6, 2010 – RC 006
Re: Power Smart & Energy Manager Services

THAT a meeting with the Chehalis Indian Band to explore opportunities to develop strategic energy management ideas be approved; and

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□ Upper Fraser Valley
Bylaw Adjudication System
Registry – January 11, 2010

THAT approval be given to become a Powersmart Partner and entering into an agreement with the Chehalis Indian Band to share an energy manager provided no costs are associated.

**CARRIED
RC2010-007**

**Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry**

**Report of Chief Administrative Officer – January 11, 2010 RC - 008
Re: Upper Fraser Valley Bylaw Adjudication System Registry
Agreement**

THAT the Fraser Valley Bylaw Notice Dispute and Adjudication Registry Agreement between the City of Chilliwack, District of Hope, District of Kent, Village of Harrison Hot Springs and Fraser Valley Regional District be entered into that reflects an amendment to the term of the agreement being “January 1, 2010 and continues in effect until December 31, 2012”.

**CARRIED
RC2010-008**

13.

BYLAWS

□ Bylaw No. 929 Officer
Establishment Bylaw

**Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry**

THAT Bylaw 929, 2009 Officer Establishment Bylaw be adopted.

**CARRIED
RC2010-009**

□ Hot Springs Road
Watermain Extension –
Bylaw No. 931 – January 6,
2010

**Report of Chief Administrative Officer – January 6, 2010 – RC 007
Re: Hot Springs Road Watermain Extension**

**Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Harris**

THAT Bylaw No. 931 Water Development Cost Charge Expenditure be given first reading;

**CARRIED
RC2010-010**

**Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Harris**

THAT Bylaw No. 931 Water Development Cost Charge Expenditure be given second reading;

**CARRIED
RC2010-011**

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Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT Bylaw No. 931 Water Development Cost Charge Expenditure be given third reading; and

**CARRIED
RC2010-012**

Councillor Harris excused himself from the Chambers due to a potential conflict at 7:55 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the expenditure of funds from the Water reserve fund for consultant engineering and inspection services to a maximum amount of \$25,000 be approved.

**CARRIED
RC2010-013**

Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the execution of a contract with Jakes Contracting for works on the Hot Springs Road water main extension to the end of the residential development on and McPherson Road to a maximum amount of \$327,000 be approved.

**CARRIED
RC2010-014**

Councillor Harris reentered the Chambers at 7:56 p.m.

Councillor Jackson excused himself from the meeting by telephone at 7:57 p.m.

14.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public commented on the letters received from the Village of Pemberton and Metro Vancouver re funding assistance to cultural Services. She asked whether Council would consider sending a letter to the Premier in support. The Harrison Festival Society and Harrison Arts Council are being cut 40% in 2010 and the projection so far will be a 90% cut in 2011. The CAO asked for some background information to include in the letter of support.

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Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT the Village of Harrison Hot Springs send a letter of support to Premier Campbell regarding provincial funding assistance to the arts and the potential devastation the cutbacks will create.

CARRIED
RC2010-015

A member of the public asked if the watermain service on McPherson Road will only be for fire department purposes. The Mayor advised it will be for all residences on McPherson Road and to the edge of Holiday Park.

A member of the public asked if the Memorial Hall renovations are still going to be going ahead and whether this will still go before Council.

A member of the public asked if there would be any consultation for the design for the Memorial Hall renovations and whether people will have an opportunity to submit their comments. The Mayor stated the work will be structural and will not require any input. The priority is for structural work, but any aesthetic renovations may solicit input from the community.

A member of the public asked what the percentage of response would be used from the community based needs assessment. The CAO stated a good number of response is approximately 28 – 32% which will give an acceptable standard to provide a decision. A matrix will be used based upon demographics which is the process that they go through to provide an accurate reading.

A member of the public asked that Council set a direction in terms of development and infrastructure and what needs to be done and suggests that the information from the Cultural Scan be used for the community based needs assessment.

The first meeting of the budget process will be at an Administration and Finance Committee which will be scheduled sometime the week of February 1-5, 2010.

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ADJOURNMENT


Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT the meeting be adjourned.

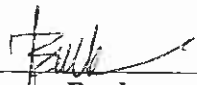
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED
RC2010-016

Certified a true and correct copy of the minutes of the
Regular Meeting of Council held January 11, 2010 in the
Council Chambers, Village of Harrison Hot Springs, BC



Ken Becotte
Mayor



Larry Burk
Chief Administrative
Officer