



**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
NOTICE OF MEETING
AND
MEETING AGENDA**

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| SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING |
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Date: Monday, March 16, 2009
Time: 9:00 A.M.
Place: Council Chambers, Village Office


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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | |
| | Meeting called to order by Mayor Becotte |

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| 2. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES | |
| | Special In Camera Minutes of March 10, 2009 |

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| 3. REPORTS FROM STAFF | |
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| 4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION | |
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| 5. ADJOURNMENT | |
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 Larry Burk
 Chief Administrative Officer

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OF THE SPECIAL IN CAMERA COUNCIL MEETING**

DATE: March 10, 2009
TIME: 9:07 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers
Harrison Hot Springs, B. C.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor K. Becotte (arrived at 9:34 a.m.)
Councillor D. Harris
Councillor A. Jackson (arrived at 9:12 a.m.)
Councillor D. Kenyon
Councillor B. Perry

Larry Burk, Chief Administrative Officer
Dale Courtice, Director of Finance

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER Acting Mayor Harris called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT pursuant to Section 90(1) (l) of the *Community Charter*, the meeting be closed to the public.

CARRIED

2. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES

3. LATE ITEMS

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

**2009
Financial
Plan** CAO Burk began with an introduction of the agenda item – being a meeting to consider details of the upcoming budget issues and inclusions such that relevant data could be made available, considered and brought forward when the public meeting(s) begin.

Councillor Jackson comment upon arrival was to question the process of this meeting being conducted In Camera. CAO Burk responded that for all intents and purposes the meeting was not so much a legislative issue about being In Camera, rather a collecting of facts, details, issues and discussions around what and how items would be included in this

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years budget so that as clear a picture as possible would be presented when this process opened up for public discussion and review. Councillor Jackson still wasn't satisfied but conceded to continue. His main question was being uncomfortable by being bound by conditions of confidentiality placed on an In Camera session. CAO Burk proposed a compromise. All issues to be discussed or reviewed at this meeting save one, in direct interpretation of the *Community Charter* may not necessarily follow the true measure of confidentiality as noted in Section 90 or 91 of the *Community Charter*.

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT Council relieve all members from the obligations of confidentiality, save and accept the issue with respect to employee remuneration, on any discussions or written forms that we were about to discuss at this time, and further that any minutes be available to the public should there be an official recording of details.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR KENYON

Questions:

- AJ In light of the current economic crisis and the better performances being seen in the bond market as opposed to other markets can we invest any of our surplus or investment dollars in bonds?
- DOF Will review with the MFA and provide response
- DOF Recommend for ease of administration and accounting that grants-to-groups be inserted in the budget as a single line item with decisions made as to who receives what and how much be dealt with by the Finance Committee;
- DOF indicated that this budget has changed a bit in the operational side because by law and legislation we cannot show contributions to operating reserves anymore;
- DOF recommended that the assessment appeal in non-statutory reserve be reduced from \$114,773 to \$20,000 because the issue with respect to the appeal by the Hot Springs Hotel on their assessment of a couple of years ago is completed and the appeal was turned down
- KB indicated that he wanted us to look much more closely at

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reducing sand erosion on the beach and provide for a lot of cleanup and reshaping of the beach front in light of tourist attraction appeal needs for the Village.

DOF indicated that in order to protect as low an increase to the budget as possible we could use beach non-statutory reserves for this work;

DOF then went into a description reasons for eliminating or reducing the statutory and non statutory reserves in this years budget mostly due to the fact that we have dealt with the intent of why these reserves were put forward in the first place. Much of the work is done, or no work needs to be done as it was handled under capital or operations etc. By taking these reserves out and transferring them to the general revenue accounts we can offset more of the capital and operational items being put forward this year.

AJ noted that the Tourist Society was interested in moving forward in conjunction with the Village to hire or provide funds to hire an Events Coordinator. With all the events that we have and others we could have in this community to provide for the attraction of tourists and visitors a person in this position and category could provide some significant benefits. He sited other communities that have such a person and the successes they have had because of this position.

AJ indicated that one of his hopes and recommendations to the final budget for this year will be in support of this potential position;

CAO/DOF further went through the operational and administrative items which we have been working on to date in that should Council require information or details that we can prepare for the public meeting.

The next meeting will be an open Special Council Meeting on March 16, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

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THAT the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Certified a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special In
Camera Council Meeting held March 10, 2009 in the Council
Chambers, Village of Harrison Hot Springs, BC.

Ken Becotte
Mayor

Larry Burk
Chief Administrative Officer