

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

DATE: July 11, 2016
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers
495 Hot Springs Road
Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Leo Facio
Councillor John Buckley
Councillor Sonja Reyerse
Councillor John Hansen
Councillor Samantha Piper

Chief Administrative Officer, Madeline McDonald
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer, Debra Key
Deputy Financial Officer, Tracey Jones
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey

ABSENT:

Recording Secretary: Jaclyn Bhatti

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Facio called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- Report of Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer
Re: Request to Discharge Development Permit DP02/99

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Hansen
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on June 20, 2016 be adopted.

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Council requested an update to Marg Doman's letter regarding a fire hazard sign.

The CAO advised that staff has contacted Tourism Harrison. The Village will supply and install a fire hazard sign with a sliding scale on the new Visitor Information sign outside the Tourism Office.

Councillor Piper inquired as to the possibility of a Forest Fire Safety Strategy Committee. The CAO advised that this will be discussed at the next Joint Emergency Program Committee meeting.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

i. Bylaws (a) Tax on Accommodation Bylaw No. 1088, 2016

ii. Agreements

iii. Committee/
Commission
Minutes

iv.
Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT Bylaw No. 1088 be adopted.

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7. DELEGATIONS

None

8. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Letter dated June 17, 2016 from the Province of British Columbia regarding Age-friendly Recognition.

(b) Letter dated June 24, 2016 from Mayor Jonathan Cote of New Westminster with respect to tenant eviction through renovations.

9. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Reyerse

THAT the Village use the \$1000 Age-friendly Award for the purpose of hosting an Age-friendly social gathering for the community at large to include a barbeque and information about the new Age-friendly Committee and its mandate.

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**10. REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS, COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
AND COMMISSIONS**

Councillor Piper

- Attended the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Meeting
- Participated in the fantastic Canada Day events

Councillor Buckley

- Attended the opening ceremonies for Canada Day and the July 8, 2016 grand opening for the Harrison Festival of the Arts.
- Accepted an offer to represent Harrison Hot Springs at the Agassiz Speedway Mayors Challenge on August 27, 2016.
- Attended the July 6, 2016 Age-friendly Committee meeting.
- Attended the Pulling Together Canoe Journey greeting at Rendall Park with Mayor Facio on July 8, 2016.

Councillor Reyerse

- Attended the District of Kent Open House for the Kilby Campsite Enhancement Project.
- Attended the Canada Day festivities.

11. REPORTS FROM MAYOR LEO FACIO

- Attended the arrival of the Pulling Together Canoe Journey at Rendall Park on July 8, 2016.
- The Kilby Historic Site will be celebrating their 110th anniversary of the General Store's opening on August 14, 2016.
- Attended the Festival Art Show Opening on July 8, 2016.
- Welcomed everyone to Harrison Hot Springs at opening of the 38th Festival of the Arts on July 9, 2016.
- Received the Scenic 7 Tourism Marketing Plan.
- Commented that the outside of the Village Office has been painted.
- Thanked everyone who helped make Canada Day a success. The Canada Day Committee, Debra Key and the Village staff and crew, volunteers, the RCMP, Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department, Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa and all of the businesses and people who donated over \$7,000 to the event. It was a banner day in our community with a wonderful fireworks display.
- Attended the Lower Mainland District RPS Mayor's Consultative Forum on June 20, 2016 where there were discussion on IHIT Funding Formula, Annual DNA Cost to Municipalities, and Provincial and Auxiliary Program updates.

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- Sasquatch Days were held on June 25 & 26, 2016. It was a wonderful event put on by the Sts'ailes First Nations.
- Reported that watering restrictions are now in effect.
- Reported that BC now has a registry for Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) and encouraged owners of AED's to register their device to help save lives.
- The Fraser Valley Regional District completed an Annual Report this year with highlights of what they do in our region.
- Spruce South residents are grateful for temporary signage to indicate no parking on either side of street.
- The FVRD is moving forward with the District of Kent and First Nations regarding sediment removal and bank erosion.
- Congratulated Fraser Valley Regional District CAO, Paul Gipps, for receiving the LGMA President's Award.
- The Agassiz Research and Development Centre will be holding an Open House on July 16, 2016.

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REPORTS FROM STAFF

(a) Report of Deputy Financial Officer – July 6 , 2016
Re: 2016 Annual Report

Public Input

- The new flood pump is shown as a \$1.9 million expense. After the grant how much of the tax payers money has been spent or has the Village incurred in debt to complete the project?
 - Most expenses occurred in 2016, so they are not in the 2015 Annual Report. \$600,000 was long term debt and there was \$1.72 million in grant money. There was a \$200,000 surplus which came from the general surplus fund.
- Regarding the Age-friendly strategy, can it include affordable housing, I am concerned for the 35 – 60 year old age group. What is the expected timeline for the affordable housing strategy?
 - There is no strategy as of yet and affordable housing has not yet been discussed.
- Given that the Village has been given Age-friendly status by the Province, do they have a mandate when this has to be done?
 - There is no time limit.
- May I suggest at the Age-friendly barbeque that they have a housing/homelessness survey?
 - There will be something so we can get ideas and suggestions.

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- Regarding emergency preparedness plan for the fire department. It should be done in 2016, need to invest in equipment or put money into public works or contract budget to clear out underbrush in Fire Hall Park to reduce risk of interface fires.

Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Reyerse

THAT Council receives the Annual Report for consideration.

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- (b) Report of Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer – July 8, 2016
Re: Request to Discharge Development Permit DP02/99

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Reyerse

THAT Council authorize staff to attend to the Discharge of Development Permit DP02/99 registered under BP029304 for the properties at 637 Pine Avenue and 657 Hot Springs Road.

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13. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Ken Cossey, Planning Consultant – July 11, 2016
Re: Second reading and authority to schedule a public hearing

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT second reading be given to "Village of Harrison Hot Springs Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1080, 2016 and;

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1081, 2016 be read a second time and;

THAT staff be authorized to schedule and host a public hearing;

AND THAT staff be authorized to share the referral comments from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the FVRD with the applicant.

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14. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Questions from the public were entertained.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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Leo Facio
Mayor



Debra Key
Corporate Officer