

Mayor and Council Newsletter

Village of Harrison Hot Springs

Mayor's Message

This year, the entire Province, including areas close to our community, experienced the worst fire season on record which resulted in considerable areas of devastation and hardships. We are extremely thankful for the Provincial fire crews, local firefighters and volunteers who worked tirelessly this summer. This is a good reminder for all of us to be proactive for our own property and the environment.

This year also marked the 150th year of Canada's birth which was celebrated on Canada Day and proved to be another highly successful celebration which realized approximately 10,000 visitors to our community.

The Village has been extremely busy over the last few months. A new organics collection program was introduced in June of this year as a component to the municipal curbside collection service. Each property owner in single family and duplex homes was provided an organics bin for collection of food waste, paper products, green waste and other organic material.

The Village was also successful in receiving grant funding for several projects including a Clean Water & Wastewater Grant for the extension of water service and upgrades; a Community Wildfire Protection Plan Grant for strategic wildfire prevention; A Rural Dividend Grant to create an interpretive park at the new Miami River Flood Pump. We have been awarded two Infrastructure Planning Grants, one for a Wastewater Treatment Plant review and another to undertake a seismic safety assessment of the Harrison Hot Springs Fire Hall. We are very fortunate and grateful for the funding opportunities that we have received from our Federal and Provincial partners.

Council is also very happy to report that new permanent, fully plumbed, age friendly, disability accessible toilet buildings have been installed in Rendall Park which replaces temporary port-a-potties. Other improvements to the beachfront will soon be completed with the installation of beach lock blocks along Esplanade Avenue west which will prevent erosion of the beach, made possible by a generous donation of \$20,000 from the Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa and Resort Municipality Initiative funds.

Finally, as we move into our winter season, we like to remind everyone to be prepared for any unpredictable weather. Please be safe and ensure you have enough supplies in case of an emergency. Remember to help your neighbors when and where you can— be a Snow Angel!

On behalf of Council, we wish to extend greetings to our residents, business and visitors for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Leo Facio, Mayor



Upcoming Schedule of Regular Council Meetings:

2017

- November 20
- December 4 & 18

2018

- January 15
- February 5 & 19
- March 5 & 19
- April 3 & 16
- May 7 & 22

Village Bylaws

The following bylaws have been recently adopted by Council:

Park Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1106

Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1107

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1108

Open Burning and Outdoor Fire Regulation Bylaw No. 1110

Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1111

Fire Department Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1112

Village Office Hours

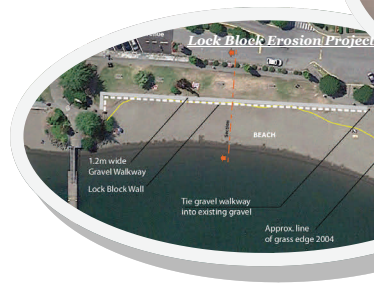
Monday to Friday from
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Telephone 604-796-2171
or visit our website at

www.harrisonhotsprings.ca

2017 Projects and Council Initiatives

- ◆ Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- ◆ Harrison Hot Springs Fire Hall Safety Assessment
- ◆ Lock Block Erosion Project
- ◆ Miami River Flood Pump Enhancement Project
- ◆ New Organic Collection Program
- ◆ Rendall Park Washroom Facilities
- ◆ Water Distribution Upgrade Project
- ◆ Wastewater Treatment Plant Sustainable Operation Review



MP Jati Sidhu,
Mayor Leo Facio
and MLA Laurie Throsson

Zoning Bylaw

The Village is in the process of updating its Zoning Bylaw. The draft Bylaw was presented to Council at the Regular Council Meeting of November 20, 2017. A public consultation opportunity on the new Zoning Bylaw will be scheduled sometime in the New Year.

Please check with the Village Office for the upcoming Public Hearing date or visit our website for more information.



Dog License Annual Renewal Deadline December 31, 2017

A reminder to dog owners, the Fraser Valley Regional District requires all dogs four months or older to have a current licence. A 25% penalty fee will apply to any late payments. Failure to license your dog, may result in a \$200 fine.

Please contact the CARE for more information on the program and payment options at 1-844-495-2273 or visit www.fvrd.ca



Kick off the holidays by coming out to Magic of Christmas on **Saturday, December 2 from 9:00am-12:00pm**. This festive special event celebrates community and fellowship with a pancake breakfast, crafts, story time, face painting and a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Perfect for the young and the young at heart. Tickets are \$2 for adults and free for children. Everyone must register. **Tickets are available at the Village Office.**

Organic Waste Bins

We would like to remind those who have not picked up an organic waste bin to visit our office to pick one up.

For more information on this please contact us at (604) 796-2171.



HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

Naturally Refreshed

ARE YOU A SNOW ANGEL?

During the snowy season, Village crews clear roadways and property owners are responsible for clearing the sidewalks that border their property.

This task is not always easy, particularly for seniors & those with limited mobility.

Consider clearing a neighbour's sidewalks when you clear your own.



Supported by the Age-Friendly Committee

Snow and Ice Removal



As winter approaches we would like to remind residents that clearing driveways and entrances is the responsibility of the property owners.

Property owners/occupants are asked to assist the Village to consider fellow residents when sidewalks adjacent to their properties. It is dangerous to place snow on the roadway. When clearing your driveway, pile the snow on the left side (as you look towards your house) of your driveway. In many cases this will reduce the amount of snow that the plows push back into your driveway.

For more information on snow and ice removal please contact the Village Office or view the guide at www.harrisonhotsprings.ca

Holiday Hours

The Village Office will be closed:
December 25, 2017 - January 1, 2018
The Village Office will re-open **January 2, 2018**.

The Public Works Department will be closed:
December 25 & 26, 2017 & January 1, 2018

Public Works Emergency Number: 1 (866) 924-5173



Christmas Tree Pick-Up

First Class Waste Services will pick-up on the following days:

**December 28, 2017
January 4, 11, 18 & 25, 2018**

First Class Waste Services (604) 798-9000