

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

DATE: March 15, 2021

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers, Memorial Hall
290 Esplanade Avenue, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Leo Facio
Councillor Samantha Piper
Councillor Ray Hooper
Councillor Gerry Palmer
Councillor Michie Vidal

Chief Administrative Officer, Madeline McDonald
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/CO, Debra Key
Community Services Manager Rhonda Schell
Operations Manager, Tyson Koch

ABSENT: None

Recording Secretary: Brianne Stevens

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Facio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Mayor Facio acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- Fraser Valley Regional Library request for support for campaign

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

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4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Palmer

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 1, 2021 be adopted.

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

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6. CONSENT AGENDA

- i. Bylaws
- ii. Agreements
- iii. Committee/Commission Minutes
- iii. Correspondence

None

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

None

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated March 3, 2021 to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Re: Emergency Fire Equipment and Facilities Funding for Small Rural Communities
- (b) Letter dated March 5, 2021 from The Township of Spallumcheen
Re: Support for 988 Crisis Line
- (c) Letter dated March 8, 2021 from Jean Howsam, Debra Cornish and Jim Curtis
Re: Walking Paths in Harrison
- (d) Letter dated March 11, 2021 from the City of Pitt Meadows
Re: Fair Taxation from Railway Operations & Industrial Parks
- (e) Email from the Fraser Valley Regional Library regarding funding for visually impaired and print disabled residents

Moved by Councillor Palmer
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT the correspondence be received.

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9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Palmer
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT letters be sent to the Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Disability Inclusion, the Hon. Carla Qualtrough, the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, the Hon. Chrystia Freeland, and the Member of Parliament, Brad Vis in support of the Center for Equitable Library Access and National Network for Equitable Library Services campaigns to reverse the funding cuts announced in the 2020 Fall Economic Statement.

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Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT a letter be sent to the Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in support of the District of Port Hardy, Town of Port McNeill and Village of Port Alice's request for Emergency Fire Equipment and Facilities funding for small rural communities.

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

Councillor Hooper

- Agassiz Harrison Historical Society – March 9, 2021 attended a Zoom meeting
- Fraser Health
 - March 5, 10 and 12, 2021 participated in a CNIB video conference
 - March 2 and 3, 2021 attended a webinar held by Tamarack Institute
 - March 8, 2021 attended a Zoom meeting for British Columbia Citizen Response Network
 - March 12, 2021 attended a Zoom meeting with members of the Foundry
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – no report
- March 3, 2021 attended a Road Safety at Work webinar
- March 15, 2021 attended the Miami River Stream Keepers Society AGM Zoom Meeting

Councillor Palmer

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – no report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – no report
- Public Art Committee – no report
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Councillor Piper

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – no report
- Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce –March 9, 2021 attended a Board of Directors Zoom meeting
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – no report
- Tourism Harrison - March 11, 2021 attended a Board of Directors Zoom meeting
- March 8, 2021 attended the UFV International Women's Day Virtual Celebrations

Councillor Vidal

- Agassiz Harrison Healthy Communities – no report
- Fraser Valley Regional District Board – no report
- Fraser Valley Regional District Hospital Board – no report
- March 12, 2021 attended a webinar on pandemic impact on youth mental health
- March 13, 2021 attended the 2021 Family and Friends Virtual Conference held by Fraser Health Family Support Services
- Noted that Agassiz Harrison Community Services is holding a free Income Tax Clinic for seniors

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- Thanked Council and staff for their support during her bereavement leave

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Moved by Mayor Facio

Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT Councillor Michie Vidal be appointed to the Fraser Valley Indigenous Relations Committee and Councillor Gerry Palmer be appointed as alternate to the Fraser Valley Indigenous Relations Committee

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- March 9, 2021 attended a Resort Municipality Initiative Meeting via Zoom, with Minister Josie Osborne, Minister Melanie Mark and Dr. Bonnie Henry regarding pandemic related health and safety measures in advance of Spring Break in tourism communities
- Staff will continue to ensure that proper safety protocols are in place to protect the Village from COVID-19
- Attended a Fraser Valley Regional District Board meeting and discussed parks and protocols in place for COVID-19

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Community Services Manager – March 10, 2021
Re: Land Use Planning Community Engagement

Moved by Councillor Vidal

Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT the future consideration of land use options concerning the lands located at the intersection of Hot Springs Road and Miami River Drive be deferred for further discussion during the OCP consultation process.

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- (b) Report of Chief Administrative Officer – March 11, 2021
Re: LMLGA Resolution re: Elimination of BC Sales Tax on Non-Medical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Moved by Councillor Piper

Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the following resolution be forwarded to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association for consideration at their 2021 Annual Conference:

Eliminating the BC Provincial Sales Tax on Non-Medical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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WHEREAS the BC Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General under the Emergency Program Act has issued Ministerial Order M012 effective January 8, 2021 mandating that non-medical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) be worn inside indoor public spaces to assist in reducing the spread of Covid-19 pandemic;

AND WHEREAS this mandate has resulted in an increased financial cost for the residents of British Columbia during the Covid 19 pandemic;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lower Mainland LGA and UBCM request the BC Provincial Government to eliminate the 7% Provincial Sales Tax applied to non-medical disposable or reusable PPE applied to these items at the point of sale.

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- (c) Report of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer – March 15, 2021 (verbal)
Re: Bylaw Enforcement Services

The Corporate Officer reported that a resolution made at an In Camera meeting held on March 15, 2021 was approved for release to the public as follows:

“THAT Jessica Scott be awarded the contract for one year, renewable for an additional two years, to provide Bylaw Enforcement Services at an annual cost of \$75,000; and

THAT the additional funding of 20,000 be funded from the COVID-19 Safe Restart Grant for 2021”.

13. BYLAWS

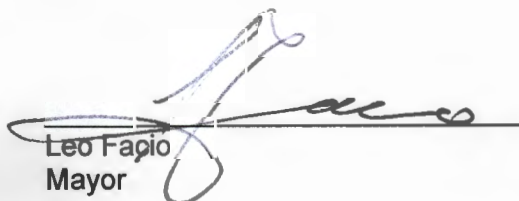
14. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (pertaining to agenda items only)

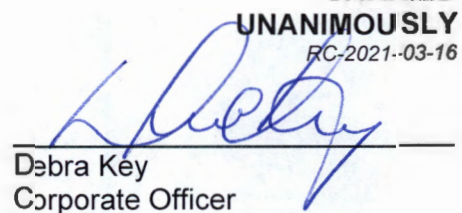
Questions from the public were entertained.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Palmer

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


Leo Fazio
Mayor

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Debra Key
Corporate Officer