



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, November 17, 2014
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, 495 Hot Springs Road
 Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Facio

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on November 3, 2014 be adopted.	Item 4a Page 1
THAT the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on November 12, 2014 be adopted.	Item 4b Page 5

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. CONSENT AGENDA

i. Bylaws	Financial Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1053, 2014 be adopted.	Item 6 i Page 7
ii. Agreements		
iii. Committee/ Commission Minutes		
iv. Correspondence		

7. DELEGATIONS

8. CORRESPONDENCE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter dated October 30, 2014 from Communities in Bloom re: 2015 National Edition • Letter dated November 3, 2014 from the Honorable Minister Mary Polak re: proposed boundary adjustment to Sasquatch Provincial Park 	Item 8 i Page 9 Item 8 ii Page 15
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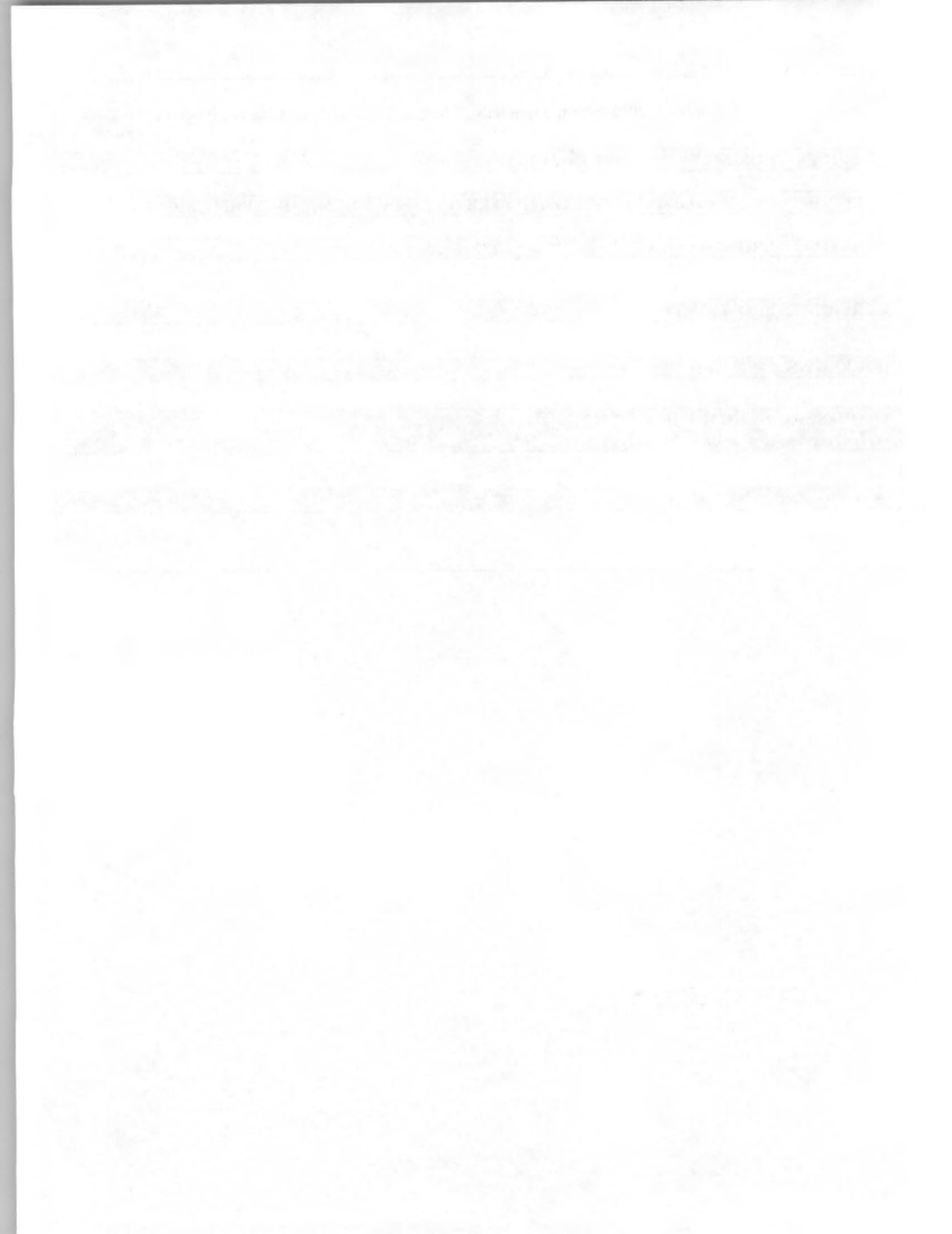
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10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND COMMISSIONS	
11. REPORTS FROM MAYOR	
12. REPORTS FROM STAFF	
13. BYLAWS	
14. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC	
(pertaining to agenda items only)	
15. ADJOURNMENT	



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

DATE: November 3, 2014
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 Zoltan Kiss
Councillor Allan Jackson
Councillor Sonja Reyerse

Chief Administrative Officer, Ian Crane
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/CO, Debra Key

Recording Secretary: Lana Taylor

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Reyerse

THAT the agenda be approved

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Reyerse
Seconded by Councillor Kiss

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 20, 2014 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

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5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

i. Bylaws

ii. Agreements

iii. Committee/
Commission
Minutes

Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2014

iv Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Kiss

THAT the Letter of appreciation received from the Honourable Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, regarding the 2014 UBCM Convention be removed from the Consent Agenda.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Reyerse

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

7. **DELEGATIONS**

None

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter of appreciation received from the Honourable Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

Councillor Reyerse requested clarification on whether funding could be available for critical infrastructure or for water looping under the Small Communities Fund as part of the New Building Canada Plan.

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The CAO reported that CTQ Consultants are presently finalizing the Water Master Plan. The Village had previously been refused on its application for water looping partly due to the Village not having Water Master Plan. Once the Water Master Plan has been approved by Council, it will assist in identification of priorities. Staff will be bringing forth recommendations for Council.

9. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

Councillor Jackson reported that the Halloween Costume Parade organized by the Communities in Bloom held on October 26, 2014 was enjoyed by youth.

Councillor Buckley reported that the Miami River Streamkeepers held their annual planting of shrubs and trees beside the Miami River. Approximately 30 volunteers attended the planting.

Councillor Reyerse reported that the Agassiz-Harrison Chamber of Commerce will be holding its Annual General Meeting and Dinner Social next week. The Kent-Harrison Foundation Grant Selection Committee will also meet next week.

11. **REPORTS FROM MAYOR LEO FACIO**

- Received a letter of appreciation from the Kent Elementary School drama students and teacher thanking the Village for the use of the Memorial Hall
- Reported on the Fraser Valley Regional Library Summer Reading Club
- Attended the 6th Annual Peace & Correctional Officers' "Appreciation Day" held at the Anglican Church
- Received an invitation for the Agassiz Agricultural and Horticultural Association's 4-H Achievement and Awards Night to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 22, 2014
- Reported that the Public Works Department was awarded a Certificate for the stewardship of Barn Swallows
- Reported that the Aqua Dams are being stored in the Public Works Compound

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12. **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

- 12.1 **Report of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer –
October 21, 2014**
Re: Christmas Closure Schedule - 2014

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Kiss

THAT the Village Office be closed on December 24, 2014 at noon; all day
January 2, 2015; and, re-open on Monday, January 5, 2015; and,

THAT Village staff be granted one-half day, with pay, on December 24, 2014.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

13. **BYLAWS**

None

14. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Reyerse

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

Leo Facio
Mayor

Debra Key
Corporate Officer

VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL

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DATE: Wednesday, November 12, 2014
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers
495 Hot Springs Road
Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Leo Facio
Councillor Allan Jackson
Councillor Sonja Reyerse
Councillor John Buckley
Councillor Zoltan Kiss

Chief Administrative Officer, Ian Crane
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/CO, Debra Key
Director of Finance, Dale Courtice
Operations Manager, Ian Gardner

Recording Secretary: Lana Taylor

1.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Facio called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2.

INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None

3.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

4.

DELEGATIONS

None

5.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

None

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6.

BYLAWS

Report of Director of Finance –November 12, 2014 (verbal)
Re: 2014 Financial Plan Revision

The Director of Finance reviewed the significant revisions to the 2014-2015 Revised Financial Plan for Council's consideration.

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Kiss

THAT the "Financial Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1061, 2014" be given first, second and third reading.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

7.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (Pertaining to Agenda Items Only)

None

8.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Reverse

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

Leo Facio
Mayor

Debra Key
Corporate Officer



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
BYLAW NO. 1062

A bylaw to amend "Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1053, 2014"

WHEREAS the Village of Harrison Hot Springs has deemed it necessary to amend the Financial Plan for the years 2014 – 2023;

AND WHEREAS public consultation regarding the amendments to the Financial Plan was provided by way of an open meeting;

NOW THEREFORE in open meeting assembled, the Mayor and Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs enacts as follows:

1. This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the Village of Harrison Hot Springs "Financial Plan Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1062, 2014".
2. That "Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1053, 2014" is hereby amended by deleting Schedule "A", attached thereto, in its entirety and substituting with a new Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this Bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 12th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014

ADOPTED THIS DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2014

Mayor

Corporate Officer

Schedule A
Bylaw No. 1062
Financial Plan
2014 - 2023

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenues										
Property Taxes - Residential	\$ 1,097,250	\$ 1,119,000	\$ 1,141,500	\$ 1,164,000	\$ 1,187,000	\$ 1,211,000	\$ 1,235,000	\$ 1,260,000	\$ 1,285,000	\$ 1,311,000
Property Taxes - Business	680,500	694,000	708,000	722,000	736,000	751,000	766,000	781,000	797,000	813,000
Property Taxes - Rec / Non Profit	72,250	74,000	75,500	77,000	79,000	81,000	83,000	85,000	87,000	89,000
Penalties and Interest	31,000	23,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000	21,000
Revenue Taxes	32,100	32,500	32,500	32,500	32,500	32,500	32,500	32,500	32,500	32,500
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	4,700	4,100	4,200	4,200	4,300	4,500	4,500	4,600	4,700	4,700
Sale of Services	5,600	5,600	5,100	5,100	5,100	5,100	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Revenues from Own Sources	1,356,100	1,251,000	1,250,500	1,249,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,250,000	1,247,100	1,249,100	1,249,100
Other Revenues	2,800	51,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300
DCC Revenues	279,800	331,000	246,000	202,999	566,000	413,500	809,999	451,000	1,452,500	570,000
Transfers from Other Governments	1,754,750	532,400	532,400	532,400	532,400	532,400	532,400	532,400	532,400	532,400
Total Revenues	\$ 5,316,850	\$ 4,117,900	\$ 4,018,000	\$ 4,011,499	\$ 4,414,600	\$ 4,303,300	4,740,699	\$ 4,420,900	\$ 5,467,500	\$ 4,629,000
Expenditures										
General Government	\$ 1,064,950	\$ 1,051,600	\$ 1,078,200	\$ 1,113,550	\$ 1,105,600	\$ 1,118,500	\$ 1,159,000	\$ 1,148,600	\$ 1,163,200	\$ 1,198,750
Community Services	180,500	135,200	126,700	126,700	126,700	126,700	126,700	126,700	126,700	124,100
Protective Services	182,100	172,750	174,950	169,900	169,550	168,150	173,250	173,250	166,750	170,750
Public Works	204,250	183,250	214,050	216,750	213,950	214,650	200,850	202,950	204,450	204,500
Transportation Services	119,550	110,600	110,600	112,600	112,700	102,700	100,200	100,200	100,200	100,200
Flood Protection	6,950	15,500	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000
Environmental and Public Health	130,200	129,200	129,200	129,200	129,200	129,200	129,200	129,200	129,200	129,200
Recreation and Culture	355,600	284,800	281,800	281,300	280,400	280,400	278,500	278,500	292,000	278,500
Sewer Utility	583,000	468,000	467,000	467,000	467,000	467,000	467,000	465,000	465,000	465,000
Water Utility	223,000	256,000	211,000	212,000	212,000	212,000	212,000	212,000	211,000	211,000
Debt - Interest	15,850	19,500	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	14,000	11,000	6,000	1,000
Amortization of tangible capital assets	710,000	710,000	710,000	710,000	710,000	710,000	710,000	710,000	710,000	710,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,775,950	\$ 3,536,400	\$ 3,533,500	\$ 3,569,000	\$ 3,557,100	\$ 3,559,300	\$ 3,586,700	\$ 3,573,400	\$ 3,590,500	\$ 3,609,000
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,540,900	\$ 581,500	\$ 484,500	\$ 442,500	\$ 857,500	\$ 744,000	\$ 1,154,000	\$ 847,500	\$ 1,877,000	\$ 1,020,000
Capital, Debt, Reserve Transfers and Borrowing										
Capital Expenditures	\$ (2,552,500)	\$ (1,264,000)	\$ (599,000)	\$ (560,000)	\$ (1,482,000)	\$ (845,000)	\$ (1,356,000)	\$ (974,500)	\$ (1,924,000)	\$ (1,045,000)
Repayment of debt	(118,900)	(29,500)	(63,500)	(55,500)	(158,500)	(150,000)	(100,000)	(150,000)	(63,000)	-
Replacement reserves	(346,000)	(508,000)	(532,000)	(537,000)	(15,000)	(459,000)	(408,000)	(433,000)	(600,000)	(685,000)
Reserves used for capital financing	668,000	510,000	-	-	88,000	-	-	-	-	-
Appropriation from surplus	98,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equity in tangible capital assets	710,000	710,000	710,000	710,000	710,000	710,000	710,000	710,000	710,000	710,000
	\$ (1,540,900)	\$ (581,500)	\$ (484,500)	\$ (442,500)	\$ (857,500)	\$ (744,000)	\$ (1,154,000)	\$ (847,500)	\$ (1,877,000)	\$ (1,020,000)

Surplus (Deficit) plus Capital, Debt

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Enhancing Green Spaces
in Communities



Mise en valeur des espaces
verts au sein des collectivités

Thursday, October 30, 2014

Village of Harrison Hot Springs
Councillor Allan Jackson
PO Box 160, 495 Hot Springs Road
Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia V0M 1K0

Dear Councillor Jackson:

This letter is to invite the **Village of Harrison Hot Springs** to participate in the **2015 National Edition** of Communities in Bloom.

Your municipality has the option to participate in one of the following categories (as detailed in the enclosed participation guidelines):

- **Population:** the invitation is extended to the two best municipalities, in each category, from each province, from the 2014 National Edition and to the 2014 Provincial participants recommended by their respective provincial organizations.
- **Friends / Mentoring:** these categories are now the responsibility of the Provincial Organizations - National Finalists wishing to participate non-competitively (evaluated or not) are invited to do so within their respective provincial program (*while retaining their rights and privileges towards the National Edition*). Please contact your Provincial Liaison for more information <http://www.communitiesinbloom.ca/contact-us/>

*****New in 2015***** Bronze, silver and gold levels will be introduced for evaluated communities who will have obtained 5 blooms in the National Edition and International Challenge. More details to follow.

The 2015 National Symposium on Parks & Grounds and the National Awards Ceremonies, hosted by Kamloops, British Columbia, will be held from September 30th to October 3rd, 2015.

The registration form (to be returned by January 29th, 2015) can be completed directly on-line by following this link: <http://www.communitiesinbloom.ca/cib2015>

Please feel free to contact us for more information or visit our website at www.communitiesinbloom.ca

Looking forward to the participation of your community.

Sincerely,

Raymond Carrière
Founding President
Encl.

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National Edition Participation Guidelines

This document outlines the participation guidelines for the National Edition of Communities in Bloom. The 2015 National Edition includes the following categories: Population, Circle of Excellence, Class of Champions, Grand Champions, International Challenge, Special Attractions and the Canadian Forces Sustainable Communities.

INVITATIONS:

Communities are invited, after the provincial and national awards ceremonies, to the following year's National Edition. The category that each community is invited to is outlined in the invitation letter, and is determined by the guidelines outlined below. Some communities may be invited to more than one category depending on eligibility.

POPULATION CATEGORY: *Competitive categories between all Canadian communities.*

Each population category is comprised of a maximum of four communities from each province. The following communities are invited to participate:

- *The top two communities from each province in each population category (excluding the winners of the category) **from the previous year's national edition** are invited back to national competition. To remain in the national edition, a minimum of 75% is recommended.*
- *Communities from the previous year's **provincial editions** as recommended by the respective provincial organization. **Up to two communities** can be recommended from each population category in each province. A minimum of 80% in the provincial edition is recommended to participate in the national edition.*

The population categories, which can be modified as determined by registrations, are:

Up to 1500, 5001-3000, 3001-5000, 5001-10000, 10001-20000, 20001-50000, 50001-150,000 and Over 300,000

Each community receives a mention for a special achievement or initiative and is awarded a bloom rating based on the score:

55-63 points: 2 blooms

64-72 points: 3 blooms

73-81 points: 4 blooms

82 and more: 5 blooms

The score determines the winner of the category. The winner of each population category is invited to participate for the following three years in the International Challenge, Class of Champions or in the Circle of Excellence category. After three years, past winners are eligible again to participate in their population category of the national edition, as long as they have continued to participate in the program.

*****New in 2015***** Bronze, silver and gold levels will be introduced for evaluated communities who will have obtained 5 blooms in the National Edition and International Challenge. More details to follow.



National Edition Participation Guidelines

INTERNATIONAL CHALLENGE: *A competitive category between national and international winners.*

The International Challenge is organized by Communities in Bloom in partnership with other National Programs (such as Britain in Bloom, America in Bloom, Tidy Towns of Ireland, Japan in Bloom, Entente Florale).

- *Past national and international winners from the previous two years are invited, based on criteria of their respective country, to compete with each other. The population categories are determined according to registrations. The evaluation is based on the Communities in Bloom criteria and the winner in each category is determined according to the highest score.*

CLASS OF CHAMPIONS: *A category where Canadian communities who have won in the Population category compete amongst themselves.*

Past winners who have won in the Population category compete against other Canadian communities to determine a winner amongst themselves. They are distributed in one or more categories (Small- Medium- Large) based on registrations.

GRAND CHAMPIONS: *A category where past winners of Population, International Challenge and Class of Champions compete amongst themselves.*

Past winners who have won in the Population, International Challenge and Class of Champions category compete to determine a winner amongst themselves.

CIRCLE OF EXCELLENCE: *A non-competitive category, with or without an evaluation.*

This category is only available to Past National Winners.

- ***Non-evaluated:*** *Communities are registered in the national edition (thus receive all benefits as such) but are not evaluated by a jury. They are expected to continue local "Communities in Bloom" initiatives to maintain their bloom rating. Please note that communities are required to be evaluated at least once every 3 years (ex. A community that remains non-evaluated for two years in a row, must be evaluated the third year).*
- ***Evaluated:*** *Communities are evaluated but are not competing with other communities. The evaluation is to confirm their bloom rating and, as stated above, must be done at least once every 3 years.*



2015 Communities in Bloom Pricing Information

The registration form (to be returned by January 29th, 2015) can be completed directly on-line by following this link: <http://www.communitiesinbloom.ca/cib2015>

Communities in Bloom will:

- ❖ provide a jury formed of two volunteer judges for an evaluation (between July 6 and 31)
- ❖ supply an evaluation report, mention and bloom rating;
- ❖ communicate with the community throughout the participation process;
- ❖ provide access to a reputable information exchange network;
- ❖ promote the community during the 2015 National Edition and the Awards Ceremonies (Kamloops, British Columbia – September 30 to October 3, 2015)

Participating communities will:

- ❖ involve their community and prepare for the evaluation;
- ❖ pay a registration fee;
- ❖ provide lodging for two single rooms for the two volunteer judges for the duration of the evaluation (2 nights generally, with a maximum of 3 nights for very large communities);
- ❖ provide transportation to and from the nearest airport, train station, or community where feasible

Pricing list: (Please note that QST (9.975%) will be added for communities in Québec)

For : Population / Circle of Excellence Evaluated / International Challenge (Canada) / Class of Champions / Grand Champions

1 - 1,000 population:	\$475 + \$23.75 GST = \$ 498.75
1,001 - 5,000 population:	\$580 + \$29.00 GST = \$609.00
5,001 - 10,000 population:	\$760 + \$38.00 GST = \$798.00
10,001 - 20,000 population:	\$875 + \$43.75 GST = \$918.75
20,001 - 50,000 population:	\$1,025 + \$51.25 GST = \$1,076.25
50,001 - 100,000 population:	\$1,150 + \$57.50 GST = \$1,207.50
100,001 - 300,000 population:	\$1,425 + \$71.25 GST = \$1,496.25
300,001 + population:	\$1,525 + \$76.25 GST = \$1,601.25

Cancellation Fees:

- Until March 31, 2015: Please note that a \$50.00 fee may be charged for cancellations.
- As of April 1, 2015: Registration fees are non-refundable.

Cancellations after May 1, 2015 may incur additional charges (due to costs in changing travel for judges).



Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement with focus on the enhancement of green spaces in community settings.

"People, plants and pride... growing together" is our slogan, and it captures the essence of the program.

History. Established with the guidance of Britain in Bloom, Tidy Towns of Ireland and *Villes et Villages Fleuris de France*, Communities in Bloom held its first edition in 1995 and 29 participating municipalities were honoured at the first awards ceremonies on Parliament Hill. The program now includes hundreds of communities across the country, and an international challenge involving communities from the United State, Europe and Asia allows participants to compete internationally.

Program. The program consists of communities receiving information and being evaluated either provincially or nationally by a volunteer jury of trained professionals on the accomplishments of their entire community (municipal, private, corporate and institutional sectors, citizens) on eight key criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape, Turf & Groundcovers, Floral Displays Community Involvement.

Benefits. The pride, sense of community and feeling of accomplishment generated through participation are visible in communities across Canada. These benefits make Communities in Bloom a program where everyone wins. Participants can benefit financially from the program through community tourism initiatives, business opportunities for the entire community, and other related projects. A valuable information exchange network allows communities to share accomplishments, best practices and projects.

All participants are showcased on the Communities in Bloom website through the "Explore our Communities" section, with a description page and a link to their respective community website. The *Communities in Bloom Magazine*, published twice a year, also features participants and program results, as well as articles and educational content. Communities in Bloom develops, with its partners and sponsors, initiatives and promotional opportunities.

National Symposium on Parks and Grounds. Held in conjunction with the annual national awards ceremonies, this event is a unique opportunity for elected officials, parks and grounds professionals and community volunteers to learn and share about current issues, trends and challenges not only in horticulture and gardening, but in community tourism and projects, environmental awareness, and much more.

The **Communities in Bloom Foundation**, established to support the educational aspect of its activities, is dedicated to funding, developing and disseminating education and awareness to a wide audience on the value, improvement, importance and sustainable development of green spaces and natural environment in Canadian society.

His Excellency, the Right Honourable David Johnston, C.C., C.M.M., C.O.M., C.D. Governor General of Canada is the Patron of Communities in Bloom.

***Within the context of climate change and environmental concerns,
all communities involved in the program can be proud of their efforts, which
provide real and meaningful environmental solutions and benefit all of society.***

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BY VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS



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Reference: 208834

NOV 03 2014

His Worship Mayor Leo Facio
and Councillors
Village of Harrison Hot Springs
PO Box 160
Harrison Hot Springs BC V0M 1K0

Dear Mayor Facio and Council:

Thank you for your letter of July 21, 2014, regarding the proposed boundary adjustments to Sasquatch Provincial Park. I apologize for the delay in responding.

BC Parks' Boundary Adjustment Policy provides guidelines to proponents seeking to bring forward proposals to change a park boundary to enable an activity that would not be permitted within a park. Consideration of such proposals is guided by a set of principles, and the proponent is required to address several informational requirements to enable me, as Minister of Environment, to consider the request. Local government consultation is an important consideration under the policy, so I appreciate you providing the position of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs regarding the Seabird Island First Nation's application.

Seabird Island First Nation is currently preparing a Stage 2 application. A greater level of detail is required for the information in this stage to determine what impacts the boundary adjustment would have on the park, how those impacts can be mitigated, what alternatives have been considered and why they are not considered feasible and what the potential benefits would be if the boundary was amended and the proposed activity permitted to proceed. I appreciate the concerns you have brought forward regarding industrial traffic in the park and on community roads and long-term implications on biodiversity and wildlife habitat. These concerns will be given consideration during the review of the detailed Stage 2 proposal.

Thank you again for taking the time to write and inform the ministry of your position on this application.

Sincerely,

Mary Polak
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His Worship
Mayor Leo Facio
Village of Harrison Hot Springs
PO Box 160
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Reference: 230128

Dear Mayor Facio:

Re: **Thank You**

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me at this fall's Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Convention in Whistler. I am glad we had the chance to discuss your interest in the resurfacing of Lillooet Avenue.

Each year, UBCM offers us new opportunities to learn from each other and find ways to help the people we represent. Meetings like ours focus attention on the issues that matter most to B.C. communities. They also renew the productive relationships that will lead to safer, healthier and more prosperous communities.

I found our meeting constructive, and I know your constituents would appreciate the dedication you and your team showed in ensuring their voices were heard. I have asked ministry staff to follow up with you directly to discuss the resurfacing of Lillooet Avenue in more detail, and to discuss opportunities for improving the cycling network in and around Harrison Hot Springs. Funding may be available through the Bike BC Program, which is a cost-share program with local governments to support the development of cycling infrastructure. Further information is available on-line at <http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/bikebc>.

Keeping B.C.'s transportation network strong will require cooperation and vision. As our two teams work together, I am confident we can look forward to a new year of progress.

Thank you again for taking the time to meet with me.

Sincerely,

Todd G. Stone
Minister

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