

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

**DATE:** February 16, 2009  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Council Chambers

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Ken Becotte  
Councillor Dave Harris  
Councillor Allan Jackson  
Councillor Dave Kenyon  
Councillor Bob Perry  
  
Chief Administrative Officer, Larry Burk

**ABSENT:** Recording Secretary, Debra Key

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

**Report of Chief Administrative Officer**  
Re: Janitorial Contract Award -2009

**Report of Chief Administrative Officer**  
Re: Remuneration of Public Advisory Committee to FVRD

Committees and Commissions update

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Councillor Harris**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kenyon**

**THAT** the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes – January 19, 2009

**Moved by Councillor Kenyon**  
**Seconded by Councillor Harris**

**THAT** the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2009 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

□ Special Council Meeting  
Minutes – January 15, 2009

**Moved by Councillor Jackson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Perry**

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of January 15, 2009 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

6. **PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS**

None

7. **DELEGATIONS**

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Strategic Review of Transit in the Fraser Valley – Information Update January 2009
- Email dated January 5, 2009 from HealthLinkBC, Emergency and Health Services Commission
- Letter dated January 19, 2009 from Honours and Awards Secretariat re Order of British Columbia Nominations for 2009
- Letter dated January 19, 2009 from Fraser Valley Regional Library (Agassiz Branch) re donation to Spirit of BC activities
- Email dated January 23, 2009 from Office of Housing and Construction Standards re Building Code Provisions
- Fax dated January 23, 2009 from UBCM re news release on accelerated infrastructure funding
- News Release of UBCM - response to Federal Budget 2009
- News Release dated January 29, 2009 re Province Funds New Bridge in Harrison Hot Springs
- News Release dated January 29, 2009 re New Webcam Helps Prepare Drivers
- Notice dated January 29, 2009 from UBCM Secretariat re Proposed Fire/Rescue System Model
- Letter dated January 19, 2009 from the Public Works Association of BC
- Letter dated January 30, 2009 from Community Social Services

**Moved by Councillor Perry**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kenyon**

THAT the correspondence be received.

**CARRIED**

9.

**BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillor Harris asked that staff review the Village's building bylaw and determine if changes to the new 6 story wood frame construction provisions in the BC Building Code can either be simply incorporated or are other changes required that require the building bylaw to be revised and report back to Council.

**Moved by Councillor Perry**  
**Seconded by Councillor Harris**

**THAT** Council approve a donation of \$250.00 to the Spirit of BC Committee for the upcoming Spirit of BC activities.

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Mayor Becotte**  
**Seconded by Councillor Harris**

**THAT** Phyllis Stenson be nominated for the Order of British Columbia.

**CARRIED**

10.

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

The Mayor reported on the status of the Committee and Commission positions.

The Mayor asked Council for support to establish two Select Committees.

**Moved by Mayor Becotte**  
**Seconded by Councillor Harris**

**THAT** Council approve a select committee for Heritage Advisory.

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Mayor Becotte**  
**Seconded by Councillor Kenyon**

**THAT** Council approve a select committee to coordinate the Canada Day Celebrations.

**CARRIED****OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR JACKSON**

## 11. Mayor's Report

### REPORTS FROM MAYOR

The Mayor reported that he had met with Sgt. McCarthy of the RCMP to discuss policing issues. There will be an RCMP officer specifically designated for Harrison Hot Springs for the summer months. There was also discussion about the prospect of establishing a community policing office in the Esplanade Avenue area. Due to the number of activities occurring on the west and east lakeshore areas, the police are researching the possibility of establishing a task group to look at solutions for the concerns. The Mayor stated they would also be looking at having community involvement to join the group and asked for interested persons in the Village to come forward for a recommendation to participate.

The Mayor reported that he had met with the Executive Director of Chilliwack Health Services to discuss health issues and the level of care needed for the area. The Director is looking to develop a full health care community plan for the Agassiz-Harrison area.

The Mayor also indicated he had received an invitation to the RCMP Spring Ball on April 18, 2009 at the Harrison Hot Springs Resort and Spa and expressed that the rest of Council consider responding affirmatively to the invitation as they wished.

The Mayor accompanied by Councilor Harris attended a short meeting with the Secretary Treasurer of School District #78 and discussed ongoing potential for joint venturing in a building which would include the School Board office along with a new Village office and other potential facilities in a central civic centre. In the past the Minister of Education has indicated strong support in developing a business plan combining a multi-function building in the Village. The Mayor stated that he would like Council to rejuvenate this concept begun earlier, including further community involvement and consultation. Stay tuned for more follow up in the next month or so.

Received an invitation to attend the Chilliwack Plowing Society match on April 4, 2009 on McSween Road in Chilliwack at 12:00 noon to participate in the Mayor's class event. The Society will supply the equipment and asked if Councillors would like to attend as he will be absent.

The Mayor reported that he received an invitation from the Harrison Hot Springs hiking group for a 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary party April 1, 2009 at Memorial and asked if Councilor Harris would like to attend due to the Mayor's absence at that time.

The Village received a plaque commemorating the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games and asked staff to mount it at a conspicuous location possibly the foyer of the Memorial Hall.

The Mayor reported that he had met with Patricia Ross, Chairperson for the Fraser Valley Regional District. She is visiting various municipalities to familiarize herself with each municipality and how the Regional District might provide or offer support. Ms. Ross offered full support in seeking more financial support from both the Federal and Provincial governments for the Kent Harrison Sewer Connection project. In connection with that the Mayor reported that he had met with Mayor Fisher of the District of Kent and together will lobby both the Federal and Provincial government Ministries to try to secure a better commitment for funding.

**Moved by Councillor Harris**

**Seconded by Councillor Kenyon**

**THAT** the Mayor's report be received.

**CARRIED**

### **REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

**Councillor Harris**

February 4, 2009 attended a meeting with School District #78 with Mayor Becotte. Councillor Harris stated that the cost of building a joint facility is approximately 1.8 million dollars but is still worth researching.

February 4, 2009 attended the Show Kids You Care meeting.

February 4, 2009 attended the Chamber of Commerce's Parking Committee meeting and reviewed results of the beach survey. A copy has been distributed to Council.

February 11, 2009 attended Joint PEP Committee meeting with District of Kent and indicated that plans are to go forward with an emergency "table top" exercise later in March.

Attended Local Government Leadership Academy training session. Enjoyed session with Gerry Berry.

Mayor Becotte added at this time that Gerry Berry will be attending the CAO's Annual Conference next week at the Harrison Hot Springs Resort and has agreed to provide a working session Feb 19, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rainbow Room. The Mayor also extended invitation to the public and staff and Directors of Tourism Harrison, Chamber of Commerce and Council.

Councillor Harris continued his report with information that the Committees in Bloom made application for a Community Garden for the Village and has received a grant for \$4500.00. The project was originally designed and sponsored to provide recognition and help in managing diabetes by providing space and assistance in helping people to grow healthy food. Community Services is the sponsor and champion of this project and will manage the project also. Councillor Harris put forward a recommendation that the Village indicate their support to Community Services in the potential hiring of Gerry Nootebos as their Coordinator. The recommended site for the Community Garden is on Village owned property on the old well site at the corner of Chestnut and McCombs Drive. Council concurred with the recommendation.

**Councillor Kenyon** Attended the Leadership Academy and found it to be very informative.

Attended the FVTAC meeting with Councillor Jackson.

Attended the monthly meeting with the Chamber of Commerce; and a thank you to the CAO for his notes and responses to his emails and voice messages.

**Councillor Jackson** Attended FVTAC January 27, 2009. 58 First Nations are currently in the treaty process with \$398 million already spent since 1993 on the negotiations.

Councillor Jackson suggested hosting a Community to Community forum session with a First Nations representative. The Mayor stated that staff is currently working on a funding application. The Mayor also reported that the Harrison Resort has received the final report from their consultants and is interested in moving forward with next steps in the development of the hot springs source plan which should involve members of First Nations.

Attended Harrison Tourism Society on January 29, 2009. The new 2009 "Here's Harrison" magazine and brochure is now available.

**Councillor Perry** Reported that James Atebe, the Mayor of Mission has been nominated for "top immigrant to Canada" and a very deserving honour as far as he is concerned.

Attended the Leadership Academy, but believes this session should be restricted to brand new elected officials.

Attended Speedwatch meeting in Agassiz. Members will be providing more support for Harrison Hot Springs.

On February 11, 2009 attended Fraser Health Municipal Government Advisory Committee meeting. Fraser Health will be providing Dr. Campbell with additional funding. Dr. Murray reported that Vancouver and the Fraser Valley will be sharing health services.

**Moved by Councillor Harris**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

THAT the Councillors' reports be received.

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

□ Water Treatment  
 Evaluation Proposal –  
 January 22, 2009

**Moved by Councillor Kenyon**  
**Seconded by Councillor Perry**

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated January 22, 2009 re: Water Treatment Evaluation Proposal be received; and

THAT Council approves option 3 in the report, that is: approve the proposal from Dayton and Knight in the amount of \$XXX,XXX.00 provided that successful application for Planning Grant funding is received.

**CARRIED**

□ 2009 Fraser Valley  
 Regional Library Budget for  
 Harrison Hot Springs  
 Assessment - January 29,  
 2009

**Moved by Councillor Perry**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

THAT the report from the Director of Finance dated January 29 re: 2009 Fraser Valley Regional Library Budget for Harrison Hot Springs Assessment be approved.

**CARRIED**

□ Janitorial Contract Award  
 2009

**Moved by Councillor Harris**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

THAT the report from the Chief Administrative Officer dated February 5, 2009 recommending that the janitorial contract for janitorial services to all Village buildings and facilities be awarded to Hatt's Services.

**CARRIED**





13.

**BYLAWS**

□ **Bylaw 904 Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw**

**Moved by Councillor Kenyon**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

**THAT** Revenue Anticipation Borrowing Bylaw No. 904, 2009 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

□ **Bylaw 905 Kent Sewer Line Temporary Borrowing Bylaw**

**Moved by Councillor Perry**  
**Seconded by Councillor Harris**

**THAT** Kent Sewer Line Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 905 be received for first reading;

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Councillor Perry**  
**Seconded by Councillor Harris**

**THAT** Kent Sewer Line Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 905 be received for second reading;

**CARRIED**

**Moved by Councillor Perry**  
**Seconded by Councillor Harris**

**THAT** Kent Sewer Line Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 905 be received for third reading.

**CARRIED**

15.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

M. Doman asked if the Community Garden ad was advertised in the Observer. Councillor Harris stated that the Agassiz Harrison Community Services were responsible for the ad.

M. Doman asked what kind of construction was happening at the end of Cottonwood Road. The CAO stated future water and sewer connections were going in for the Juneau property. M. Doman asked if this had been brought to Council for approval. The CAO explained that these new connections simply provide service to enable the Juneaus to connect in the future. The property will be included in the Village frontage tax and user fees will be paid at such time as they connect to the services. The CAO stated that should Council consider a report be necessary, he would provide one as requested.

The Mayor stated that policies referred to will have to be amended regarding the proposed sewer main extensions which will eventually connect to the District of Kent treatment plant.

L. Facio asked when the presentation by Gerry Berry was being held at the Resort.



Response by the Mayor that it was 9am at the Rainbow Room on Thursday.

L. Facio asked if Council could lobby Canada Post to voice concerns about returned mail by the post office and the possibility of installation of residential street boxes. The Mayor stated he would bring the topic to his meeting with MP Chuck Strahl.

G. Guimont asked who was on the parking committee and when are recommendations coming out? Councillor Harris stated R. Reyerse, T. Nootbos, E. Stenson, F. Peters, D. Wright, L. Lees, and himself as Council liaison.

G. Guimont asked if there was work underway to develop a capital plan for infrastructure development over the next 3 years. The Mayor stated this will be dealt with in the financial plan. He stated they will also be working on an integrated infrastructure management plan. G. Guimont asked what the anticipated timeline would be. The CAO stated Council will be reviewing and prioritizing the most important infrastructure issues at a strategic planning meeting which will be put forward for inclusion with this years budget issues. G. Guimont asked if the Village is in a position to apply for more infrastructure funding.

The Mayor stated although we have opportunity to apply for funding, we most often do not have the resources to be "shovel ready". The CAO stated there are "intake" processes and dates at which times we do our best to complete as time and resources dictate.

14.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor Perry**

**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

**THAT** pursuant to Section 90(1) (2) and (3) of the *Community Charter* the meeting be adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Certified a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held February 16, 2009 in the Council Chambers, Village of Harrison Hot Springs, BC

  
 Ken Becotte  
 Mayor

  
 Larry Burk  
 Chief Administrative Officer

