

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

**DATE:** March 2, 2009  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Council Chambers

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Ken Becotte  
Councillor Dave Harris  
Councillor Allan Jackson  
Councillor Bob Perry

Chief Administrative Officer, Larry Burk  
Director of Finance, Dale Courtice

**ABSENT** Councillor Dave Kenyon

Recording Secretary, Debra Key and Cindy Richardson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Harris  
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

**THAT** the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**

**4. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

Regular Council Meeting  
Minutes – February 16,  
2009

Moved by Councillor Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Harris

**THAT** the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of February 16,  
2009 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

Special Council Meeting  
Minutes – February 23,  
2009

Moved by Councillor Perry  
Seconded by Councillor Harris

**THAT** the minutes of the Special Council meeting of February 23,  
2009 be adopted.

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**CARRIED**

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**6. PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS**

None

**7. DELEGATIONS**

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- Visitor Centre Statistics for December 1 – 31, 2008 and January 1 – 31, 2009
- Letter dated February 10, 2009 from Fraser Health re West Nile Virus
- Memo dated February 12, 2009 from UBCM re Consulting Engineers of BC - TILMA Implementation
- Letter dated February 18, 2009 from City of Burnaby re Burnaby School Lands
- Notice dated February 29, 2009 from UBCM re Grant Opportunities and Upcoming Deadlines
- Letter dated February 24, 2009 from Ministry of Community Development re TILMA
- Notice dated February 24, 2009 from UBCM re West Nile Virus Reduction Funding

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

THAT the correspondence be received.

**CARRIED**

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9. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillor Jackson asked that the correspondence regarding the City of Burnaby School Lands be referred to the CAO to prepare a report for Council.

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

Appointments of Committees and Commissions

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

THAT Laura Hooper, Carolyn Harris and Gail Guimont be appointed to the Communities in Bloom Committee.

**CARRIED**

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

THAT Lorne Lees, Leo Facio and Raymond Hooper be appointed to the Advisory Planning Commission.

**CARRIED**

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

THAT Karl Dopf, Phyllis Stenson, Danny Crowell, Robert Reyerse, Frank Peters and Fred Gornall be appointed to the Economic Development Commission.

**CARRIED**

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

THAT Ed Stenson, Donna Cooney, Janne Perrin and Delphine Gornall be appointed to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

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

THAT Tony Nootbos, Brian Ogden and Bill Hopkins be appointed to the Harrison Lake Harbour Commission.

**CARRIED**

CAO Burk recommended that Committee and Commission meetings be held at 4:30 p.m. Councillor Harris stated he would prefer the Communities in Bloom meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.

The Mayor asked that each liaison canvas their members as to the times and dates for each respective Committee/Commission. Mayor Becotte will confer with the Harbour Commission members for dates.

Mayor Becotte stated Terms of Reference need to be prepared for each Committee and Commission.

**11. Mayor's  
Report**

**REPORTS FROM MAYOR**

Met with Keith Robinson, Acting Operations with RCMP for the Upper Fraser Valley (Hope, Mission, Chilliwack, Agassiz and Harrison Hot Springs). The police will be addressing beach issues and lakeshore environment. There was also discussion regarding the establishment of a Community Policing Office. An officer will be stationed in the Village of Harrison Hot Springs in the summer months.

Mayor Becotte stated he and Mayor Fisher met with MP Chuck Strahl regarding infrastructure funding specifically for the Kent-Harrison Sewer Line Project. They asked for support from Mr. Strahl with respect to funding participation from Corrections Canada. Mayor Becotte further added that he and Mayor Fisher have a meeting scheduled with Provincial Environment Minister Penner.

Attended an on site visit for the Spirit Square project with the construction manager and architect. The project is on schedule.

At last Council meeting a Select Committee was established for the Canada Day Committee for which volunteers are now requested. An application for funding has been submitted. The Village is also

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looking for volunteers for the Committee. There is an existing Bylaw in place for a Heritage Advisory Committee. The Bylaw needs to be revised and the Village will be looking for people to look at overall sites.

Reported that the CAO and himself walked the beach from Rendell Park to look at sand erosion problems. The Village will begin to reshape the beachfront, address sand erosion issues and sodding/planting as funds permit. The Mayor suggested a "community building" day in order to involve the community by inviting residents to come out and help clean up the beaches - maybe coordinated with Pitch-In Canada week.

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

THAT the Mayor's report be received.

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

- Councillor Harris** February 19, 2009 attended the seminar by Gerry Berry, Business Manager from Nanaimo. Thank you to Mayor Becotte for making this arrangement.
- February 20, 2009 attended Show Kids you Care in Hope. The meeting was to coordinate readings in the park for the summer months.
- February 23-26, 2009 attended Building Sustainable Communities Conference in Kelowna facilitated by Fresh Outlook Foundation. Provided a brief outline of the topics of discussion with specific reference to the uniqueness of teleconferencing used for some of the sessions.
- Councillor Kenyon** Absent on vacation
- Councillor Jackson** Attended the Harrison Tourism Society Directors Meeting on February 25, 2009. The "Here's Harrison" booklet is very beautifully done. Looking into possible branding exercise to focus on all of the positive aspects of the Village.

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**Councillor Perry**

February 19, 2009 attended Agassiz Harrison Healthy Communities Meeting.

February 19, 2009 attended the Fraser Valley Watershed Coalition meeting along with the Streamside Group and members of the DFO.

February 21, 2009 attended as a guest at Spring Gala of the Yacht Club.

February 24, 2009 attended the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board meeting.

Will be attending a two day conference at the Ramada Inn in Abbotsford and will be attending another meeting in Vancouver this week for the Library Board.

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

**THAT** the Councillors' reports be received.

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Strategic Community  
Investment Funds Agreement  
- February 26, 2009

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

**Report of Director of Finance – February 26, 2009**

Re: Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement

**THAT** Council authorizes the Village to enter into the Strategic Community Investment Funds Agreement with the Province of BC.

**CARRIED**

Revision of Policy for  
event, function or activity on  
Public Property or lands  
owned or leased by the  
Village

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

**Report of Chief Administrative Officer – February 27, 2009**

Re: Revision of Policy for event, function or activity on Public Property or lands owned or leased by the Village

**THAT** Council approves the creation of a new policy which designates authority for the Corporate Officer to approve an event, function or activity on public property or lands owned or leased by the Village; and

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**THAT** Council approves rescinding of current policies 4.1, 4.5, 4.10 and 5.1 that contradict or are irrelevant due to past practices and changes to current bylaws.

**CARRIED**

□ **Business Licence and  
Regulations Bylaw Proposed  
Changes – February 27, 2009**

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

**Report of Chief Administrative Officer – February 27, 2009**  
Re: Business Licence, Regulations Bylaw Proposed Changes

**THAT** Council receives the report on proposed changes to the Business Licence Bylaw and directs staff to proceed with these changes and bring the bylaw forward for appropriate readings at next regular council meeting.

**CARRIED**

□ **LGMA – CAO Conference  
(Verbal) – March 2, 2009**

**Report of Chief Administrative Officer – March 2, 2009**  
Re: LGMA – CAO Conference (Verbal)

The CAO reported that he attend the conference and reviewed items of interest:

1. A new police contract is currently being negotiated with the Province and will come out in the spring. There are talks of significant changes in the ways police assess situations as well as discussion on a Regional Police Force, similar to the OPP in Ontario. We will be receiving information on the levels of service for different municipalities soon.
2. New fire standard regulations for Fire Departments are being considered. The Committee responsible has asked for a response on the draft document from municipalities. The purpose is to refine standards for fire services in the Province. There was discussion at creating Regional Fire Departments to join up smaller neighbouring communities. Regionalizing training was also brought upon the draft document.

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3. TILMA – effective April 1, 2009 – The processes for RFP’s must now be required to include the ability to receive bids from Alberta companies and any purchasing cannot exclude bids or quotes from Alberta suppliers or contractors.

At the end of the workshop all CAO’s discussed concerns with respect to applying for grants from the provincial and federal governments. They commented on the number of applications and that we are given very little time to submit applications. It is extremely frustrating for municipalities that don’t have the staff resources to fill out the number of applications that are available. Everyone stated this process is very unfair and frustrating.

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

**THAT** the verbal report of the Chief Administrative Officer be received.

**CARRIED**

13.

**BYLAWS**

Bylaw 905 Kent Sewer  
Line Temporary Borrowing  
Bylaw

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

**THAT** Kent Sewer Line Temporary Borrowing Bylaw No. 905 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

15.

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

M. Doman asked why a letter she sent to Council was not on the agenda. The CAO stated not all letters go on the agenda.



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14.

**ADJOURNMENT**

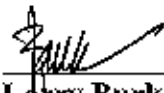
**Moved by Councillor Jackson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Perry**

**THAT** pursuant to Section 90(1) (2) and (3) of the *Community Charter* the meeting be adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Certified a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held March 2, 2009 in the Council Chambers, Village of Harrison Hot Springs, BC

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Ken Becotte  
Mayor

  
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Larry Burk  
Chief Administrative Officer

