VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

DATE:

March 16, 2009

TIME:

9:00 a.m.

PLACE:

Council Chambers

Harrison Hot Springs, B. C.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor K. Becotte Councillor B. Perry Councillor D. Harris Councillor A. Jackson Councillor D. Kenyon

Larry Burk, Chief Administrative Officer

Dale Courtice, Director of Finance

Ken Fleckenstein, Superintendent of Public Works

Recording Secretary, D. Key

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Becotte called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES Moved by Councillor Jackson Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the minutes of the Special In-Camera Meeting of March 10, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

3. LATE ITEMS

4. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

We began roughly where we left off from last meeting - page 16: pink section. Councillor Harris asked about repair or replacement of the fencing along the east side of the works yard. The Superintendent will repair existing sections.

Councillor Harris asked who is responsible for the cost of archaeological study on the proposed new works yard site. The CAO reported that a planning grant perhaps. The Mayor asked for confirmation that it is an archaeological site. Cost should be borne by Province. Councillor Perry commented that perhaps the Ministry has already done a report. CAO to research this.

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Councillor Harris commented that the greenwaste and recycling area is full of blackberries and Japanese knotwort. He would like this area to be cleaned up. CAO commented plans are in the works to move all the logs and dirt as well as the blackberries, etc.

CAO made a recommendation that 3 vehicles be purchased this year with recovery from the gas tax. Vehicle maintenance has been carefully reviewed and pared down.

Mayor Becotte reported that the angle parking lines on Lillooet have deteriorated and should be repainted. There was discussion surrounding the necessity of a crosswalk at Maple and Chehalis. CAO to review protocol for asking MOT about this work.

CAO reported that the drainage at the back of Chestnut and on Bear Avenue could be done as part of the recommendations from the drainage study. It would cost about \$125,000 for Chestnut and Bear Avenue works. Councillor Harris indicated that an alternative to piping the rear of Chestnut could be directional drilling out to Chestnut main. Mayor Becotte asked Councillors Jackson and Harris to think about ways to reduce the cost of street lighting. CAO recommended the business case done by UBCM with respect to conversion/reduction of costs for lighting.

CAO reported that there are some issues with throwing garbage into the garbage truck. The current truck is built for lifting garbage cans, not hand collection. There was a recommendation to purchase a side bin for the truck. Councillor Harris commented that the Sustainable Communities Conference promoted composting. FVRD should be encouraging and promoting a central greenwaste/recycling facility. Mayor Becotte asked Councillors Harris and Jackson to look into ideas to reduce costs for garbage collection.

There was discussion about the purchase of a new/used fire truck. Reserve has \$343,000 in this pre-budget at \$400,000. CAO reported that a used fire truck is available for \$310,000 plus costs for delivery, etc. Mayor Becotte commented that he would like a proper report on the type, use and feasibility of one truck vs another before we go rushing off buying a truck just because we have money. Other aspects are costs to train on new apparatus and do we really need the apparatus which then constitutes more cost to train.

Drop \$400,000 (New Fire Truck, Capital) and put \$50,000 into Fire Department Reserve Contribution.

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CAO reported that the public works building roof is leaking. But Counillor Harris suggested we not put a 15 to 20 year roof on a building which may only last for 2 to 6 years. Add \$3,000 into repairs for roof and fixing floor on and remove \$9,000 out of capital. Public Works equipment includes a broom for the Kubota.

- Take \$25,000 out of drainage (capital) and put in repairs in maintenance on page 18.
- Walkway/parking on Lillooet would be asphalt
- Take \$728,000 out of McCombs Drive Bridges Upgrade and move into 2010. Since we won't be doing work this year keep \$30,000 for engineering, etc (shelf ready) and move \$700,000 to 2010.
- CAO reports that an engineering and design assessment needs to be done on the Memorial Hall. Leave \$30,000 in Memorial Hall, take out \$364,000.
- On the Kent Harrison Sewer, an RFP will be out soon for Engineering Services. Mayor Becotte has concerns about who is going to pay for what. Harrison is paying the bulk of the project. CAO Burk gave a brief outline of the history of the existing sewer scenario to date.
- Councillor Harris asked about water main upgrading in areas such as Pine, Lakberg, etc. CAO stated he could do an assessment on what we have now and will look at the current model.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.

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5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Jackson Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:20 p. m.

CARRIED

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

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Ken Becotte

Mayor

Larry|Burk

Chief Administrative Officer