

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

DATE: April 6, 2009
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers

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

Chief Administrative Officer, Larry Burk

ABSENT:

Recording Secretary, Cindy Richardson and Debra Key

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Kenyon

Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of March 16, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Harris

Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of March 18, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Mayor requests that staff draft a letter to Canada Post regarding the procedure involved to acquire Community Mailboxes.

5. **PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS**

6. **DELEGATIONS**

Mayor Becotte and Councillor Harris presented plaques to winners of the Harrison Hot Springs Christmas Lights Contest.

The winners were:

Peter & Linda Bugden, Residential 1st Place, 407 Miami River Dr
Emil & Marianne Strutz, Multi Family Residential 1st Place, #19-730
McCombs Drive

John & Michelle DeMartin, Animated Decorations 1st Place, 232
Miami River Drive
Crazy Fish Bistro, Commercial 1st Place

Councillor Harris thanks the Communities In Bloom Committee members for the judging.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Letter dated February 27, 2009 from LMLGA RE: 2009 AGM and Convention
- Memo dated March 9, 2009 from LMLGA RE: 2009 Resolutions
- Letter dated March 11, 2009 from Minister of the Environment RE: Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers
- Letter dated March 16, 2009 from UBCM RE: Proposed Indigenous Recognition Act
- Letter dated March 17, 2009 from Harrison Hot Springs Sand Sculpture Society
- News Release dated March 19, 2009 from MLA Barry Penner RE: Major Grants for Community Projects in Hope
- Letter dated March 24, 2009 from Squamish-Lillooet Regional District RE: Expanded Use of Section 941 in Lien of Park Lands
- Letter dated March 25, 2009 from Mayor Lorne Fisher RE: Appointments to Harrison Lake Harbour Commission
- Letter dated April 1, 2009 from British Columbia Ambulance Service RE: CUPE Local 873 Negotiations Update/Essential Services

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Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE

8.

Sand Sculpture Society.

Councillor Kenyon asked what equipment the Sand Sculpture Society referred to in the letter as no list of equipment was provided. The Mayor suggested that staff inquire what assets the Society have. The Mayor also advised that he has received the numerous phone calls regarding the demise of the Sand Sculpture Society and what will become of the contest itself.

UBCM Proposed Indigenous Recognition Act

The Mayor reported that there will be further consultation before the legislation moves forward and suggests that we follow this very closely.

9.

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

The Mayor reported that Committee and Commission appointments are complete. Councillor Harris and the Communities In Bloom Committee will be having their first official meeting this Wednesday April 9, 2009 and the Economic Development Committee will be scheduling meetings shortly.

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT Council approve the appointment of Janice Gilbert and Fred Dellezay to the Canada Day Committee.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT Councillor Darcy Striker be appointed as the district of Kent's representative and Darcey Kohuch, Director of Development Services be appointed as staff representative to the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Harrison Lake Harbour Commission.

CARRIED

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**10. Mayor's
Report**

REPORTS FROM MAYOR

The Mayor thanked Councillor Harris for his Acting Role as Mayor while he was away on vacation.

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT the Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Harris

On March 19, 2009 attended as a member of the Joint Emergency Operations Committee an emergency tabletop exercise with the scenario being a flood in Harrison Hot Springs due to Miami River backup.

On March 24, 2009 attended Olympic Torch Relay meeting on behalf of the Mayor. Harrison and Agassiz will have torch bearers. Applications are still available until the end of April through the Royal Bank and Coke websites. Councillor Harris encouraged Harrison Hot Springs to have its own Torch Celebration Relay Event.

On March 27, attended the opening of the Strong Start Program at Kent Elementary on behalf of the Mayor.

On March 27, 2009 Minister Barry Penner attended the Village to announce an award for Towns for Tomorrow of a \$400,000 grant for the Memorial Hall upgrades.

On April 1, 2009 attended meeting for Show Kids You Care. 49 Children from Kent Elementary who designed posters also attended meeting/party.

On April 1, 2009 Garden plots opened on the Corner of Chestnut and McCombs. 15 plots available with only 1 left.

On April 6, 2009 attended Show Kids You Care meet & greet at Harrison & Kent Elementary. Councillor Harris and Fire Chief Wilson attended the Harrison Elementary. Councillors Perry from Harrison Hot Springs and Councillor Van Laerhoven from the District of Kent attended at Kent Elementary.

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- Councillor Jackson** On March 24, 2009 attended Fraser Valley Regional District Advisory Committee Treaty In-Camera meeting.
- On March 24, 2009 attended a FVRD board meeting on behalf of the Mayor and listened to a delegation from Spectra Energy; the topic of discussion being an Upgrade to Solid Waste Disposal in the Fraser Valley.
- Attended Air Quality workshop in Vancouver.
- Asked that staff include Fleet Passes to the Boat Launch fees in the Fee Schedule Bylaw.
- Advised that Chief Charlie and Boyd Peters of the Chehalis First Nations would be able to meet with Council either April 21 or 29, 2009.
- Councillor Kenyon** Attended meeting at Harrison Hot Springs Resort with R.C.M.P. and members of other Law Enforcement Agencies from various locations for fraud prevention seminar.
- On Saturday attended a plowing contest on behalf of the Village and came in Third in category.
- Recommended Staff look into a touch key/man-gate to allow local residents' access to the Green Waste Area.
- Would like staff to look into a private contractor to take over Recycling contract.
- CAO stated he would review some of the aspects of Recycling and will attempt to provide report and recommendations shortly.
- Councillor Perry** On March 31, 2009 attended on behalf of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Reading Link Finals at UFV.
- On April 1, 2009 attended Agassiz Library with Councillor Harris for Show Kids You Care.
- On April 6, 2009 attended Kent Elementary on behalf of the Show Kids You Care meet and greet group.
- Requested that staff consider an introduction of a Chain of Office for the Mayor of Harrison Hot Springs.

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Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Mayor and Councillors who served the Village of Harrison Hot Springs from December 2005 through November 2008 be recognized in Council Chambers by the display of their individual portraits; and

THAT all elected officials who served the Village of Harrison Hot Springs from July 7, 1949 in the capacity of Chairman, Mayor, Alderman or Councillor, also be similarly recognized by way of their individual portraits displayed on the walls of our Council Chambers.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT the Councillors' reports be received.

CARRIED

REPORTS FROM STAFF

Connection to lands
outside the boundaries of the
Village – March 31, 2009

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – March 31, 2009
Re: Connection to lands outside the boundaries of the Village

THAT Council receives this report; and

THAT Council rescinds policy 6.11 and approves the connections subject to consent from the District of Kent to provide services to lands outside the municipal boundaries per Section 13 of the Community Charter and execution of an acceptable agreement for these services with the owner.

CARRIED

OPPOSED COUNCILLOR JACKSON
OPPOSED COUNCILLOR PERRY

Regulate the Use of
Explosive Agents for Blasting
– Policy 4.17 - March 31,

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

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Report of Chief Administrative Officer – March 31, 2009

Re: Regulate the Use of Explosive Agents for Blasting – Policy 4.17

THAT Council approves Policy 4.17 to Regulate the Use of Explosive Agents for Blasting.

CARRIED

□ Village of Harrison Hot Springs New Letterhead & Logo – “60th Anniversary” – April 2, 2009

Moved by Councillor Kenyon

Seconded by Councillor Harris

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – April 2, 2009

Re: Village of Harrison Hot Springs New Letterhead & Logo – “60th Anniversary”

THAT Council approves the design for new letterhead and logo commemorating the 60th anniversary of incorporation of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

CARRIED

□ Tree Bylaw – April 2, 2009

Moved by Councillor Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Harris

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – April 2, 2009

Re: Tree Bylaw

THAT this report be received; and

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report and possible bylaw for presentation to the public and eventual consideration.

CARRIED

11.

BYLAWS

□ Fee Schedule Bylaw No. 906, 2009 – April 6, 2009

Moved by Councillor Kenyon

Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT “Village of Harrison Hot Springs Fee Schedule Bylaw No. 906, 2009” be adopted.

CARRIED

□ Business Licence Bylaw No. 908 – March 16, 2009

Moved by Councillor Kenyon

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

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THAT Business Licence Bylaw No. 908 be adopted.

CARRIED

April 25, 2009 is Community Pitch in Day all Volunteers and Public Works will meet at 8:30 a.m. at Spirit Square for beach area cleanup.

12.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

John Allen asked why he was unfairly denied a water connection in 2004. Why are we permitting a water connection to a resident outside of the Village boundaries? Mr. Allen wants the property in question to be brought into the boundaries of Harrison Hot Springs so that Village Bylaws and taxes apply to this property. Mr. Allen would like to know when he can expect his water connection.

Mayor Becotte suggested that Mr. Allen make an appointment to discuss this topic with CAO Larry Burk.

Marg Doman questioned why her letter of March 30, 2009 addressed to the Mayor and Council was not on the agenda. Ms. Doman feels that her letters should always be acknowledged in the correspondence section so that the community can be informed of her opinion on all topics of discussions.

CAO Larry Burk explained that her letter was received and addressed in the form of a report. CAO Burk also explained that not all correspondence is addressed in the agenda and when it is addressed it does not necessarily fall under the correspondence section.

Mayor Becotte assured Ms. Doman that all correspondence is received and read.

Mr. Strutz of McCombs Drive asked if Council plans to have permanent speed bumps on McCombs as he has witnessed a massive number of cars speeding on this road. He used his military range finder to obtain this information.

Mayor Becotte addressed that speeding through the Village is definitely an issue.

J. Allen wants to know if Council is aware of new court ruling of the BC Civil Liberties vs. the District of Powell River that states it is completely improper to suppress issues and concerns of a member of the community on any public issue. Would like to know if Council

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has read this ruling as he feels Council is ignoring correspondence from the community.

Mayor Becotte states that he is unaware of this ruling.

Mrs. Stenson wants to know about the Tree Protection Bylaw as Hydro has cut down two trees on her property, they advised that the trees were too high and in the way of the hydro lines. Does Hydro need a permit?

CAO reported that the practice of sending a copy of the tree bylaw to BC Hydro asking to be informed is a useful tool.

A member of the public stated that BC Hydro and Terasen Gas have an unwritten right of way if trees interfere with the power or are too close to a transformer.

Janne Perrin would like to thank Council for acknowledging her letter regarding the pruning of the trees. She is pleased to hear that a certified arborist may be advising the Village.

CAO stated that he will look into further.

Elizabeth Scotson advised that the Harrison/Agassiz Painters have their annual show in the United Church and will be unable to attend the Community Building Event on April 25, 2009.

13.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Perry

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 6, 2009 in the Council Chambers, Village of Harrison Hot Springs, BC



Ken Becotte
Mayor



Larry Burk
Chief Administrative Officer