

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

**DATE:** April 20, 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  
Director of Finance, Dale Courtice

**ABSENT:**

Recording Secretary, Cindy Richardson

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:06p.m.

**2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

☐ Report of CAO RE:  
Letter dated April 8, 2009 -  
Infrastructure Grant  
Program Update

**Report of Chief Administrative Officer**  
Re: Infrastructure Grant Program Update – April 8, 2009

March 13 minutes from the Administration and Finance Committee

**Report of Chief Administrative Officer**  
Requested reports from staff of speed bumps and speed limits on  
McCombs Drive – April 21, 2009.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

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4. **ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

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

**THAT** the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 6, 2009 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

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

**THAT** the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of April 14, 2009 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

5. **PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS**

6. **DELEGATIONS**

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

☐ Letter dated March 24, 2009, from City of Burnaby – Office of the Mayor Derek R. Corrigan RE: Six Storey Wood-Frame Residential Buildings

☐ Letter dated March 31, 2009, from Assistant Deputy Minister Mike Furey RE: Towns for Tomorrow Grant

☐ Letter dated April 2, 2009, from SPARC BC RE: Access Awareness Day – June 6, 2009

☐ Letter dated April 2, 2009, from UBCM RE: Provincial Responses to 2008 UBCM Resolutions

☐ Letter dated April 6, 2009, from UBCM RE: Election Readiness Strategy

☐ News Release April 13, 2009, from Local MLA Barry Penner RE: New Wildlife Management Areas for Fraser Valley

☐ Letter dated April 14, 2009, from Homeowner Protection Office RE: Important Information for Building Departments about HPO Forms

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

THAT the correspondence be received.

**CARRIED**

**8. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Councillor Jackson recommends that all Councillors review the report from the City of Burnaby re: Six Storey Wood Frame Residential Buildings and would like the Fire Chief and CAO to report back to Council with their recommendations.

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

☐ Grants to Groups in 2009  
Financial Plan -April 15,  
2009

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

**Report of Administration & Finance Committee – April 15, 2009**  
RE: Grants to Groups in 2009 Financial Plan

THAT Council endorses the Administration & Finance Committee apportionment of grants to groups as noted in their minutes; and

THAT Council approves adding a \$750.00 grant to the Harrison Highlanders as a contribution for purchasing uniforms; and

THAT Council approves the placement of the remainder of the \$30,000 budgeted limit into a contingency fund in case another group applies to the Administration & Finance Committee for a grant-in-aid during the year.

**CARRIED**

**10. Mayor's  
Report**

**REPORTS FROM MAYOR**

☐ Draft Terms of Reference

Mayor Becotte requests Councillors sitting on Committees or Commissions in any capacity to review the initial draft with the Executive Assistant Debra Key to determine what specific items they would like the Committees and Commissions to begin working on, using the Resort Development Strategy Plan as a framework.

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Mayor has been receiving positive feedback on the projects taking place in the Village along the Plaza and beachfront areas.

April 25 is Pitch In Day and volunteers are needed for Community Cleanup. Mayor would like to extend his thanks to staff and CUPE Local for taking part in the event. Lunch will be provided.

Mayor would like to extend thanks to all the fire departments who responded to the fire on Ramona. He also conveyed Council's concern to the family during this difficult time.

Walnut Bridge project is complete with landscaping underway and near completion.

Chipping operation at the Green Waste site today removed 99% of the green waste on site. The material will be used on trails and areas in the community.

Final grading and seeding is almost completed at Rendall Park. There will be a grass surface and full sand beach ready for tourist season. A new crosswalk and entrance south of the boat launch will be safer for the public to enter the park area.

The work on Hot Springs Road and in the Plaza is almost complete and is looking great.

Boat launch and sani-station is now open for use and receiving great response from the public.

Miami River Bridge on Hot Springs Road is on schedule and will be useable for May long weekend with full completion shortly thereafter.

The water reservoir project is slightly behind due to geo-technical problems. Estimated completion by the fall.

Financial Plan meetings have been ongoing with Council being pleased with the results.

Community to Community forum April 21, 2009 with representatives from the Chehalis First Nations and the Village at the Harrison Hot Springs Resort. Invitations have been extended to Committees and groups to take part in the forum.

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May 6, 7, 8 Harrison Hot Springs is the host community for the Lower Mainland Local Government Association. All Municipalities for the Lower Mainland regions will be attending. The Mayor would like to encourage members of Council to attend this event as it would be a valuable meeting event.

Harrison Hot Springs will have a Community Page in the Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of the Observer.

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

THAT the Mayor's report be received.

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

**Councillor Harris**

Wed. April 8, 2009 attended Joint Emergency Preparedness Program at the Emergency Operations Center in Kent.

April 14, 2009 attended a Show Kids You Care meet and greet with Constable Rory Webb from the RCMP Agassiz detachment at Chehalis Elementary.

April 16, 2009 attended Show Kids You Care meet and greet with Carol Scott from the Agassiz/Harrison Library at Seabird Island Community School.

April 20, 2009 attended Show Kids you Care meet and greet with Constable Kelly Boudreau from the Agassiz RCMP Detachment and Fire Chief Chris Wilson at the Christian School.

April 17, 2009 attended Change of Command event at the Corrections Center in Agassiz. Outgoing Warden Alex Lubimiv handed over command to new Warden Mark Kemdall.

Councillor Harris asked for input from the Community for names for the new bridges.

**Councillor Jackson**

April 7, 2009 attended Air Quality meeting in Chilliwack to discuss waste disposal ideas for the future.

April 14, 2009 Harrison Tourism Society meeting to look at doing a professional ¼ hr video of Harrison.

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May 27, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. is scheduled for the Annual General Meeting for the Tourism Society. Location is to be determined at a later date.

April 16, 2009 UBCM Joint Community Advisory committee meeting on behalf of FVRD. Councillor Jackson expressed his displeasure that this meeting was held in-camera. Grand Chief Dan Kelly from Cultus Lake was the guest speaker.

**Councillor Kenyon** Attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting where he encouraged the Chamber to contact Fire Chief Chris Wilson to discuss their ability to assist in the purchase of a defibrillator for the Harrison Fire Department. The requested was met with an enthusiastic response.

Councillor Kenyon would like the use of BBQ's banned on the beach except for in designated areas. Mayor requests staff report back on this subject.

**Councillor Perry** Councillor Perry would like to address the issue of Spirit Square late night skateboarding and the fact that the port-a-potty was tipped over.

April 9, 2009 attended Agassiz/Harrison Healthy Communities meeting.

April 16-18, 2009 attended convention of the BC Library. The last day was spent as a member of the Trustees Association for their annual general meeting and voted on the new budget.

April 18 attended RCMP military ball.

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

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

**CARRIED**

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□ Amendment of the  
Funding Agreement under  
the General Strategic  
Priorities Fund Program-  
April 15, 2009

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

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

**Report of Director of Finance – April 15, 2009**

RE: Amendment of the Funding Agreement under the General  
Strategic Priorities Fund Program

**THAT** the Mayor and Corporate Officer be authorized to execute the  
Amendment Agreement between the Village of Harrison Hot Springs  
and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities for the  
Sustainability Vision and ICS Planning for Infrastructure projects.

**CARRIED**

□ 2008 Audited Schedule of  
Expenditures, Port  
Operations – April 15, 2009

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

**Report of Director of Finance – April 15, 2009**

RE: 2008 Audited Schedule of Eligible Expenditures, Port Operations

**THAT** the Audited Schedule of Eligible Expenditures, Port  
Operations for the Twelve Month Period Ended December 31, 2008 of  
the Village of Harrison Hot Springs be adopted.

**CARRIED**

□ Support of District of Kent  
Application – April 16, 2009

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

**Report of Chief Administrative Office – April 16, 2009**

RE: Support of District of Kent application to : Canada – British  
Columbia Building Canada Fund – Communities Component  
(Recreation)

**THAT** Council supports the District of Kent in its application for  
funding from the Canada – British Columbia Building Canada Fund –  
Communities Component (Recreation) for a proposed aquatic centre.

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Moved by Councillor Harris  
Seconded by Councillor Perry

**Report of Chief Administrative Officer – April 20, 2009**  
Re: Infrastructure Grant Program Update – April 8, 2009

**THAT** the verbal report of the CAO be received.

**CARRIED**

Moved by Councillor Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Perry

**THAT** the CAO inquire from Assistant Deputy Minister if it is possible to reallocate money to bring water to South Harrison.

**DEFEATED**  
**OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS KENYON AND**  
**HARRIS**  
**MAYOR BECOTTE**

Moved by Councillor Harris  
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

**Report of Chief Administrative Officer – April 20, 2009**  
Re: Speed bumps on McCombs Drive

**THAT** the verbal report of the CAO be received.

**CARRIED**

**11.**

**BYLAWS**

□ Text Amendment Bylaw  
No. 912 – April 16, 2009

Moved by Councillor Kenyon  
Seconded by Councillor Harris

**Report of Chief Administrative Officer – April 16, 2009**  
Re: Text amendment Bylaw No. 912 – A bylaw to amend Village of Harrison Hot Springs Zoning Bylaw Number 672-1996 – C5 Tourist Commercial Zone on a specific property at 750 Hot Springs Road

**THAT** Council approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the ZONING BYLAW TEXT AMENDMENT BYLAW 912, 2009; and

**THAT** Council set a public hearing date at the earliest opportunity.

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

**THAT** the Public Hearing for Text Amendment Bylaw No. 912 be set for May 11, 2009 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

**CARRIED**

**12.**

**QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Marg Doman questioned if the renovations for Memorial Hall include seismic upgrading. CAO Larry Burk responded that the major issue of Memorial Hall was to fix the roof in order to bring the building up to a safer standard.

Ms. Doman expressed concern with the several fires in South Harrison and would like Council to take the money from the contingency fund to resolve this issue. Mayor Becotte had mentioned earlier in the meeting that the previous Council had put fire service in the area and Council is looking at other areas in town this year to continue the looping of this service. He assured Ms. Doman that as new development comes into the area the water project will be expanded to the Naismith, Pine and Emerald loops.

Marcel Juneau asked if the home owner at the Ramona Place fire residence will have to adhere to the new foundation height for any new construction.

CAO has had meeting with owner and is waiting on response from the Fire Chief and Insurance carrier to know if the home will be a re-build or more than 75% destroyed and will be reviewing amendments of in-fill standards and will bring topic forward for discussion.

Zolton Kiss would like Council to consider a pedestrian walkway for the Walnut Bridge. Hats off to the green space project. He would like Council to have a demonstration compost area for the new community garden.

A member of the public asked if there will be public consultation regarding traffic on McCombs and will there be a traffic study of the re-routed traffic.

CAO needs to review if it is possible to do an overall traffic assessment. Will review to see if a study could be done in house or if the Village would have to hire an engineering firm to conduct a study.

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Zolton Kiss suggested that the CAO review the minutes of June 25, 2008 Council meeting of noted traffic study results.

Would like to know what is happening with the lot on Eagle where the excavator is located.

CAO and Mayor assured that the contractor has been notified and asked to clean the property up or the Village will be coming in to clean it up.

Leo Facio thanked everyone for the cards and well wishes during his illness.

A new Civic Center has been a topic for many years and a motion was made to move ahead with consultation from the public. He feels that this has been put aside and feels that the Village needs a facility for the public. Why has this gone to the back burner? He feels that the population has increased to a level that the Village requires a facility that all the residents of Harrison would be able to use.

Mayor Becotte assured that this is not the case and that planning is still looking into a multi-use Civic Center. The process is not to replace Memorial Hall, but the best route will be on the agenda for this year.

CAO Larry Burk stated that there is no intent to slow down the process. Public will be consulted as to what is wanted from the community for the community. A Community Needs assessment will be done before any decisions are made.

Gail Guimont re Spirit of BC new Agassiz/Harrison Volunteer Recognition Committee would like Council support for special recognition event for all volunteers in the community. She would like an appointee from Council to be on the committee. Next meeting is April 30, 2009 at the Agassiz Library at 3:30 p.m. Mayor Becotte assured Ms. Guimont that the Committee will have the full support of the Council and feels the new Volunteer Recognition Committee is a great idea.

Leo Facio asked that the Canadian Flag be flown at half mast for the loss of a soldier.

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Spiro Halatsis apologized for speaking out of order earlier in the meeting but would like in the future for hats not to be worn in Council Chambers.

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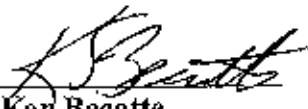
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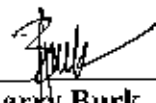
**Moved by Councillor Jackson**

**Seconded by Councillor Kenyon**

**CARRIED**

Certified a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held April 20, 2009 in the Council Chambers, Village of Harrison Hot Springs, BC

  
Ken Becotte  
Mayor

  
Larry Burk  
Chief Administrative Officer

