

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS  
MINUTES OF THE  
COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE MEETING**

**DATE:** May 13, 2009  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Council Chambers, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chair D. Harris  
Vice-Chair B. Perry  
G. Guimont  
C. Harris  
C. Hepnar  
L. Hooper (arrived at 7:22 p.m.)

Recording Secretary, D. Key

**ABSENT:**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. **MINUTES**

**Moved by G. Guimont**  
**Seconded by C. Hepnar**

**THAT** the minutes of the Communities in Bloom Committee meeting of April 8, 2009 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

3. **DELEGATIONS**

None

4. **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**a. Community to  
Community  
Meeting with  
Chehalis -  
April 21, 2009**

The Chair reported that on April 21, 2009 Council met with Chehalis First Nations to discuss the Hot Springs source and their claim to be the primary band in Harrison Hot Springs. Chief Charlie gave a verbal history report regarding the useage of the hot springs. The Seabird Island Band, Cheam Band and Chehalis are all members of the StoLo Nation and have made claim to the hot springs. Chehalis is interested in promoting some of their culture throughout Harrison Hot Springs and incorporating this information in the new Plaza. The Chair has had discussions with Gordon Mohs, Administrator of the Chehalis Band and is in charge of aboriginal

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title. They have asked to have the Sasquatch symbol used in Harrison Hot Springs. The Chair has asked Todd's Signs to construct a plastic/plywood sign to be erected at the Entrance Sign. The plan is to have one sign on each side of the road at the entrance. \$500.00 each for the sign, total \$1,000 plus brackets and electric services costing in the neighborhood of \$1,500 in total.

A member asked how this image will be carried throughout the Village. The Chair stated he hoped this to also be at the Plaza. A member asked if Tourism Harrison would be also marketing this symbol.

The Chair reported that the Harrison Resort has completed studies on the hot springs source, but budget has been deferred.

A member stated the Chehalis has only given the Committee permission to use this image for entrance purposes only.

A member asked if the Committee wanted this as the Village's trademark as she really doesn't know how historical the "sasquatch" symbol is. Are we representing Chehalis or Harrison? Not so sure that this is the image Harrison wants to project

The Chair also stated that "Sasquatch Days" has also been suggested by the Chehalis to be resurrected.

Co-Chair said we should follow protocol and should be communicating and asking direction from the Grand Chief at StoLo Nation.

The Chair reported that the Village could also incorporate historical information from other local Bands.

**Moved by C. Harris**

**Seconded by L. Hooper**

**THAT** Council agree to Communities in Bloom Committee funding for the manufacturing and erection of the two "sasquatch" signs subject to approaching StoLo First Nations and expedite the completion of the signs to have them erected sometime in June.

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**5. COMMITTEE MEMBERS REPORT**

- a. **Garden of the Week Report** G. Guimont and L. Hooper met to view some gardens. A notice went in the newspaper and selected "Garden of the Week". Also discussed having a secret garden by recommending someone else's garden. Unique and interesting - Criteria is environmental.

Pictures have been taken of the open spaces in Harrison parks in the spring and then will take other pictures for the summer version.

**6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- a. **Judging Day 2009** July 20, 2009 is Judging Day. Chair has sent names of Judges to all Committee members by email. Judges are Don Alberg and Ria Smith from Armstrong. There was discussion about welcome gift packages. Co-Chair suggested "People of the Harrison". There was suggestion to have baskets containing chocolate, coffee and a book perhaps using Native Baskets. New photo album to be started.

The Chair said the Community Profile Book now has 20 pages. The book has criteria for the CIB and projects...perhaps compile a "new" book for this year rather than try and update last year's book.

The Chair is thinking about getting Sunshine Valley introduced to CIB.

- b. **2009 CIB Conference** The Chair stated we need a welcome booklet, such as Agenda, handouts, seed packages, welcome from the Village. Co-Chair asked if any Chamber members have any personalized items they may want to provide. There was discussion about discount coupons or a free night stay at the Resort. Perhaps the Heritage House would donate a "door prize" or "draw".

There was also a suggestion of a B & B stay in Agassiz for the Judges as they will be in both communities.

"Landscaping with Nature" is the theme. A member asked if Teresa, Village Gardener would lead a seminar at the conference. What about highlighting local talent such as Agassiz gardener? The Chair said he would inquire.

The Co-Chair asked what sort of entertainment we are looking for. There was suggestion to have Minister Penner and Lieutenant Governor Steven Point invited. The Chair will ask Leo Pacio to open with O Canada. Perhaps Minister Penner could do an opening address at 7:00 p.m. Reception at 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Chair suggested the Committee members could look for some sponsors and perhaps ask the Chamber.

Banner recommendation will go to Council.

A member asked if it was possible for work to be done in front of the Arts Council. Next meeting the Committee can take a tour of that area.

c. **Adopt a Road  
Clean-up**

Chair will find all material and ask Mary of the walk and talk people.

7.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by C. Harris**

**Seconded by C. Hepnar**

That the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Certified a true and correct copy of the  
minutes of the Communities in Bloom  
Committee Meeting held May 13, 2009 in  
Council Chambers, Village of  
Harrison Hot Springs, B.C.



Dave Harris  
Chair

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Larry Burk  
Chief Administrative Officer