VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

DATE:

October 19, 2009

TIME:

4:00 p.m.

PLACE:

Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Ken Becotte Councillor Bob Perry Councillor Dave Harris Councillor Dave Kenyon Councillor Allan Jackson

Larry Burk, Chief Administrative Officer

Dale Courtice, Director of Finance

Guest: Lorne Davidson, Civic Consultants

ABSENT:

Recording Secretary, D. Key

1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>

Mayor Becotte called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. LATE ITEMS

Christmas Lights

Council Procedure Bylaw 914 re Acting Mayor

Dangerous Trees

3. <u>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</u>

☐ Sewer Line to District of Kent

Sewer Line

CAO invited Lorne Davidson, Civic Consultants to provide a report regarding the Kent Harrison sewer line project. Dayton & Knight had previously provided costs for the proposal. Civic Consultants also reported on preliminary cost estimates for upgrading the existing plant in the Village and costs for upgrading the sewer connection to the District of Kent. Four cost estimates were received from contractors. The costs of upgrading the plant versus the extension of the sewer line to District of Kent were discussed.

- wastewater plant site lease: This lease is to expire soon, so need to check into renewing?
- Mayor expressed the need to compare upgrading our own plant or connect to Kent.
- Need total costs from District of Kent are they going to

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participate or not?

CAO will discuss with the consultant any adjustments to these
preliminary costs while maintaining existing use, sludge
handling facilities, find someone to take sludge, benefits
converting sludge into biomass or composting, and associate
cost recovery for this.

CAO to obtain definite numbers from District of Kent and report to Council by November 16, 2009 if possible.

☐ McCombs Road

McCombs Road

Mayor reports that there have been many concerns regarding the roundabout. CAO reports the office has also been fielding calls. Councillor Harris said he has received many complaints from residents. Many people that own RVs are unhappy because the roundabout and speed tables require them to access Hot Springs Road at Emerald which they feel poses safety risks due to sight line issues.

CAO will look into adjusting the roundabout by adding a wider shoulder.

Acting Deputy Mayor

Mayor introduced Alex Kent who is here on a work experience program through the Agassiz Elementary Secondary School. She has been working on reviewing some bylaws in the Village. In the current Council Procedure Bylaw under Deputy Mayor and Acting Mayor the definitions are fine. Need to appoint a Deputy Mayor for the three month period as Acting Mayor positions were appointed under the old bylaw.

The Mayor received a telephone call from a resident at 225 Balsam – Firehall Park regarding a tree that could potentially be a dangerous tree. Mayor said one tree the maple is rotted from the top – will need to have public works look at tree. Current bylaw requires a dangerous tree assessment. CAO will have the Village gardener assess it.

Christmas Lights

Chamber of Commerce and staff have chosen Christmas lights for poles. The Chamber has contributed \$8,000 toward the cost of the lights. Pictures of the chosen Christmas lights were passed around. 27 poles and 1 entrance banner will cost approximately \$9,501.00 plus tax (US funds, delivered).

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Councillor Harris asked to have the banner removed from the front entrance of the Village. CAO will have public works attend to the removal.

Council agreed to purchase lights on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce and CAO will check into electrical connection costs.

4. DELEGATIONS

None

5. REPORTS FROM MAYOR, REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

None

6. <u>STAFF REPORTS</u>

None

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Harris Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the meeting be adjourned at5:40 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the October 19, 2009 in Council Chambers, Village of Harrison Hot Springs, BC

Ken Becotte

Mayor

Larry Burk

Chief Administrative Officer