

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

DATE: October 19, 2009
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers

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

Chief Administrative Officer, Larry Burk
Director of Finance, Dale Courtice

ABSENT:

Recording Secretary, 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 Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4. **ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

☐ Regular Council Meeting
Minutes – September 21,
2009

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 21, 2009 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Errors & Omissions

Page 7 last paragraph after word contribution, amend to read “for the clinic improvements from the Village”.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

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6. **PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS**

None

7. **DELEGATIONS**

Andrew Baziuk

Mr. Baziuk appeared as a delegation to talk about approval to use a converted RV trailer as a food concession/restaurant operation. He explained his interpretation of the zoning bylaw was more accurate and appropriate than that previously expressed by the CAO. He stated there had been previous approval for the concession stand at the Glencoe Motel. When he applied for a business license it was denied by the Village due to non-conformance with the current zoning.

Frank Scigliano

Mr. Scigliano talked about his application for a development variance permit to build a boat shelter at 380 Eagle Street that had been denied and asked Council if this could be reconsidered. The Mayor suggested that Mr. Scigliano make an appointment with staff to discuss some options.

Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the delegations be received.

CARRIED

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- ☐ Letter dated September 17, 2008 from the British Columbia Achievement Foundation
- ☐ Letter dated September 24, 2009 from UBCM re Community Tourism Program (Phase 2)
- ☐ Email dated September 25, 2009 from MLA Barry Penner re new park land
- ☐ Letter dated September 28, 2009 from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and the Arts re Olympic Torch Relay grant
- ☐ Letter dated October 6, 2009 from the Harrison Festival Society re damage deposit reconsideration
- ☐ Email dated October 8, 2009 from CivicInfo re HST
- ☐ Letter dated October 8, 2009 from the City of Richmond re 2010 Olympic Games
- ☐ Fax dated October 9, 2009 from UBCM re grant opportunities
- ☐ Letter received October 13, 2009 from the HHS Preschool Society re Breakfast with Santa

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Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED

9. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE

☐ Letter received October 13, 2009 from the HHS Preschool Society re Breakfast with Santa

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council contribute \$3,000 from the Festival of Lights budget to the Harrison Hot Springs Preschool Breakfast with Santa, to include advertising and stipend for Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus.

CARRIED

☐ Letter dated October 6, 2009 from the Harrison Festival Society re damage deposit reconsideration

The Mayor offered that the Harrison Festival Society issue be referred to Mayor and staff to resolve.

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND COMMISSIONS

☐ Advisory Planning
Commission Meeting of July
21, 2009

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the minutes of the Advisory Planning Commission of July 21, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

☐ Advisory Planning
Commission Meeting of
August 17, 2009

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT the minutes of the Advisory Planning Commission of August 17, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

☐ Communities in Bloom
Committee Meeting Minutes
of August 12, 2009

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the minutes of the Communities in Bloom Meeting of August 12, 2009 be received.

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□ Economic Development
Commission Meeting of
August 19, 2009

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Commission Meeting of August 19, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

□ Bylaw and Policy Review
Committee Meeting of
August 4, 2009

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT the minutes of the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee Meeting of August 4, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

11.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR

The Mayor reported that he attended this year's annual UBCM conference along with Councillors Perry and Kenyon as well as the CAO. Topics included the state of the economy and he was most interested in the overall focus on tourism throughout the conference by delegates. Workshops focused on the Climate Action Charter and how many other municipalities were adapting to this initiative brought on by the Province.

The Mayor reported on a grant that is available to local sports development groups. This may help our community develop sports initiatives for our youth or seniors.

The Mayor also talked about the City of Golden's youth programs. Their youth in this small community were engaged in and involved in the design and construction of their skate board park. Perhaps the grant noted above of \$2,000, could be used to develop a program for this community. The Mayor will pass the information on to the Parks & Recreation Commission. Deadline for the application is November 13, 2009.

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT the Mayor's report be received.

CARRIED

The Mayor welcomed and introduced Alex Kent, a Grade 12 student who is participating in a work experience program through the Agassiz Elementary Secondary School. She will be contributing 100 hours of work experience here in Harrison to learn about opportunities and futures in local government politics and work.

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12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Harris October 6, 2009 attended first Show Kids you Care gathering. Resolved to keep this program going.

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT \$500 be contributed to the Show Kids you Care for 2009/2010 from Grants to Groups.

CARRIED

October 14, 2009 attended the regular Joint Kent-Harrison Emergency Preparedness meeting in Kent.

The October 14, 2009 CIB meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. Due to the reduced numbers of members on the Committee, it will be suspended until after the new year.

Attended Citizen's Advisory Committee at Mountain Institution where they discussed the use of work release inmates. Would like to use inmates to provide manual labour work on trails and asked staff to consider this option.

There was discussion regarding the removal of invasive species and weed cutting as part of a work release program.

Councillor Kenyon Attended groundbreaking ceremonies at Springs RV Resort.

September 22, 2009 received a letter from Fraser Health regarding smoking regulations. The Mayor advised that the Bylaw and Policy Review Committee are currently reviewing the regulations.

Attended UBCM – good experience. One of the trade shows displayed solar powered trash compacting garbage cans, equipped with baskets on the outside, but they are very expensive.

Chamber of Commerce will be involved in Village lighting for Christmas.

EDC will meet on Wednesday.

Councillor Jackson On October 6, 2009 attended the Environment Committee to talk about waste to energy. PM2.5 – delegation from Banco is now taking some garbage from Abbotsford. This concept is compulsory in the States. It has no pollution – they pick up garbage and turn it into fertilizer.

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October 14, 2009 attended Harrison Tourism Society meeting. Hotels are doing quite well. The Harrison Tourism Society advertising has really paid off.

Councillor Perry September 23, 2009 attended FVRL Board meeting in Abbotsford. New CEO was brought on board.

September 24, 2009 attended FVRL employee recognition awards.

September 26, 2009 attended Springs RV Resort open house and turned sod for new pool.

September 27 to October 2, 2009 attended UBCM. Items of interest were the resolutions and Annual General meeting.

October 6, 2009 was a guest speaker at Resort Hotel to open the Medical Officers of BC conference.

October 8, 2009 attended Healthy Communities at Kent Boardroom.

The Mayor reported on a food digester container into which you can put food wastes into this "green cone" shaped container which then reduced considerably through composting process. The container is partially imbedded into the ground and is relatively animal friendly.

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the Councillors' reports be received.

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REPORTS FROM STAFF

□ UBCM Conference and
Clerk's and Corporate
Officers Forum

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – Verbal

Re: UBCM Conference & Clerk's and Corporate Officers Forum

Attended UBCM and reported a lot of effort and time is being put into Climate Action. The Village is required to move into these initiatives before 2010. 1830+ delegates attended.

Attended Clerk's and Corporate Officers Forum in Sun Peaks last week. Topics of discussion were:

- Officer's role in planning process – where we discovered that we need to review and possibly make changes in some bylaws.
- Refresher on parliamentary procedures and Robert's Rules of Order in our procedures. Changes will be recommended soon.
- Board of Variance procedure and case law update: We should look seriously at establishing a Board of Variance. A prerequisite recommendation is to set very specific qualifications so that there is assurance that members are sufficiently conversant with issues and regulations.
- A half day legal session update – how to deal with rezoning, public hearing, OCP amendments, procedural fairness rules etc. were talked about.

Attended a FVRD meeting to discuss the proposed increase tipping fee assessments by them. This may occur in January 1 or July 1 of 2010. VHHS needs to implement a solid waste and recycling program asap. Planning needs to be completed for the new year in order to have a proper and appropriate solid waste, recycling, and composting program for the Village.

Councillor Harris excused himself from the chambers at 8:05 p.m. due to potential conflict of interest.

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□ Project management
services for McCombs
bridges

Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – October 19, 2009
Re: Project management services for McCombs bridges

THAT Council approve Mr. Gerritt Romeyn of Neelco Construction/B&B Contracting to provide project management services for the replacement of the McCombs Road Bridges as per the letter from Civic Consultants dated Oct 9, 2009 (attached); and

THAT Council authorizes the CAO to sign a contract with Mr. Romeyn et al as prepared by Civic Consultants.

CARRIED

Councillor Harris reentered the Chambers at 8:07 p.m.

□ 470 Esplanade – nuisance
building

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Perry

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – October 13, 2009
Re: 470 Esplanade – nuisance building

THAT Council receives this report; and

THAT Council declares that the buildings at 470 Esplanade Ave, Harrison Hot Springs BC are a nuisance and dangerous to public safety and that these buildings be deemed nuisance buildings pursuant to Division 12 sections 72, 73, 74 of the Community Charter and be demolished. The buildings are also deemed unsightly pursuant to Bylaw 741; and

THAT the CAO be directed to file a Warning Notice under section 57 of the Community Charter against the property, in order to warn prospective purchasers that there are violations of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Regulation of Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 741, 1999. Should the buildings be demolished the Section 57 notice need not be applied or can be withdrawn.

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☐ 430 Esplanade - nuisance building

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Harris

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – October 13, 2009

Re: 430 Esplanade – nuisance building

THAT Council receives this report; and

THAT Council declares that the principal building and accessory building at 430 Esplanade Ave, Harrison Hot Springs BC a nuisance and dangerous to public safety and that these buildings be deemed nuisance buildings pursuant to Division 12 sections 72, 73, 74 of the Community Charter and be demolished. The buildings are also deemed unsightly pursuant to Bylaw 741; and

THAT the CAO be directed to file a Warning Notice under section 57 of the Community Charter against the property, in order to warn prospective purchasers that there are violations of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Regulation of Unsightly Premises Bylaw No. 741, 1999. Should the buildings be demolished the Section 57 notice need not be applied or can be withdrawn.

CARRIED

☐ Special Event Brochure

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Perry

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – October 14, 2009

Re: Special Event Brochure

THAT the report regarding the Special Event Brochure be received.

CARRIED

☐ Transport Canada Contribution Agreement

Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Harris

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – October 6, 2009

Re: Transport Canada Contribution Agreement

THAT Council request an extension to the Contribution Agreement for a period of (2) two years; or alternatively, or more years if reasonably expected to expend the remaining Contribution.

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BYLAWS

☐ Bylaw No. 924 Fee
Schedule Amendment Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT Bylaw No. 924 Fee Schedule Amendment Bylaw be adopted.

CARRIED

☐ Bylaw No. 925 Advisory
Planning Commission Repeal
Bylaw – August 21, 2009

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT Bylaw No. 925 Advisory Planning Commission Repeal Bylaw be adopted.

CARRIED

☐ Bylaw No. 926 Recreation
Commission Repeal Bylaw –
August 21, 2009

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT Bylaw No. 926 Recreation Commission Repeal Bylaw be adopted.

CARRIED

The Mayor reported on the differences of the old Council Procedure Bylaw and the new Council Procedure Bylaw in their definitions of “Acting Mayor” and “Deputy Mayor”.

Moved by Mayor Becotte
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT Councillor Perry be appointed Deputy Mayor for the term of October, November and December.

CARRIED

Councillor Jackson spoke about his interest in attending a forum with respect to economics and climate change in the environment.

Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT Councillor Jackson attend the Public Procurement Forum in Victoria.

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13.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public advised that a local parent of the Youth Program is no longer running the program.

A member of the public talked about the invasive plants and asked if Council wanted to sit on the Invasive Plants Council. The streamkeepers group is also interested in doing work along the Miami River.

A member of the public expressed concern about Mountain Institution inmates coming into the Village for potential work programs.

A member of the public asked if the roundabout is complete. The Mayor reported staff will be looking at some concerns.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Kenyon

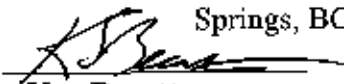
Seconded by Councillor Perry


THAT pursuant to Section 90(1)(a), (c) and (j) of the *Community Charter*, the meeting be closed to the public.

The meeting closed to the public at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED

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


Ken Becotte
Mayor


Larry Burk
Chief Administrative Officer

