

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

DATE: November 2, 2009
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers

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

Chief Administrative Officer, Larry Burk

ABSENT: Councillor Allan Jackson

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 Perry
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES

☐ Regular Council Meeting
Minutes – October 19, 2009

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 19, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

☐ Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting Minutes
– August 18, 2009

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of August 18, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

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□ Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting Minutes
– September 8, 2009

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of September 8, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

□ Economic Development
Commission Meeting Minutes
– September 23, 2009

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Commission Meeting of September 23, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

□ Committee of the Whole
Meeting Minutes – October
19, 2009

Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of October 19, 2009 be adopted.

CARRIED

5.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

□ Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting Minutes
– September 8, 2009

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT the Parks and Recreation Commission recommend ideas to improve access to the Ranger Station via a walkway connection.

THAT the Parks and Recreation Commission has input into the feasibility of providing additional washroom facilities on the beachfront.

CARRIED

□ Economic Development
Commission Meeting Minutes
– September 23, 2009

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT a sub committee consisting of R. Reyerse, D. Kenyon, S. Key and P. Stenson be formed to coordinate and assist in the hiring of an Event Coordinator; and

THAT Council endorses the recommendation by the EDC to hire an Events Coordinator for a period of 52 weeks; and

THAT Council authorizes the writing of a letter of support for the Festival Society's application to them for assistance in hiring a person for this position.

CARRIED

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The Mayor advised that only Council has the authority to appoint Sub Committees. Receipt of the Economic Development Commission minutes is based on the intent that group formed is a "task force". This clarification will be brought forward at the next Economic Development Commission meeting for their information.

6. PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS

None

7. DELEGATIONS

None

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- ☐ Letter dated October 9, 2009 from the Ombudsman re complaint
- ☐ Letter dated October 20, 2009 from the Heart & Stroke Foundation re proclamation
- ☐ Letter dated October 20, 2009 from the Fraser Valley Regional District re: Elizabeth's Wildlife Centre
- ☐ Letter dated October 22, 2009 from Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce re Christmas lighting and events
- ☐ Letter received October 26, 2009 from the All Saints Anglican Church in Agassiz re request for financial assistance
- ☐ Memorandum date October 28, 2009 from the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch re policy directive

9. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE

- ☐ Letter dated October 20, 2009 from the Heart & Stroke Foundation re proclamation

Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT staff send a letter to the Heart and Stroke Foundation expressing support for their cause, and advise that Council has a policy to not make proclamations.

CARRIED

- ☐ Letter dated October 20, 2009 from the Fraser Valley Regional District re: Elizabeth's Wildlife Centre

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT Council acknowledges receipt of the FVRD's letter requesting support for the Elizabeth's Wildlife Centre Society which provides services to sick and injured wildlife and that staff provide a letter to the FVRD endorsing the efforts of the Centre, however, declining Council participation or contributions of any funds at this time.

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□ Letter dated October 22, 2009 from Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce re Christmas lighting and events

The Mayor acknowledged the letter from the Agassiz Harrison Chamber of Commerce and provided a brief overview of the upcoming festivities.

□ Letter received October 26, 2009 from the All Saints Anglican Church in Agassiz re request for financial assistance

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Harrris

THAT the letter from the All Saints Anglican Church requesting financial assistance be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee.

CARRIED

10.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND COMMISSIONS

The Mayor reported that the Harrison Lake Harbour Commission will meet on November 5, 2009. Has had several meetings with RCMP and asked to have an RCMP member sit on the Commission. Officer Scott Stoughton will be attending a Commission meeting.

The Mayor reported that the Parks and Recreation Commission had endorsed applying for a planning grant up to \$2,000 to help in a proposed development of Youth Sport Activities. The idea is to put together a committee to look at all aspects of establishing a skateboard park our the community. He has asked work experience student Alex Kent, Agassiz Elementary Secondary Student to assist in the application process.

11.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR

One of the tools the FVRD board use following a board meeting is a preparation of a bulletin called "Board in Brief". It is put on their website and allows the general public to read a summary of discussions and actions. He would like to see staff consider doing a similar format in a one to two page synopsis of Council meetings on a monthly basis. The Mayor asked staff to review and report back to Council.

Councillor Perry asked that one electronic copy of council minutes be sent to the Agassiz Library.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions – the Village has been working towards reducing GHG's. A workshop has been scheduled for December 1, 2009 to discuss and consider policies and actions for the Village. A formal invitation will go out to the Chairs of the Commissions and Committees for interested attendees.

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On October 25, 2009 attended a memorial service at All Saints Anglican Church for peace officers that have fallen in the line of duty. Guest speaker, Sgt. McCarthy spoke and gave a slideshow.

The Mayor indicated we are basically at the one year mark of our 3 year term and commended Council for all of the work done in the past year.

12.

REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Harris Attended the Parks and Recreation Commission and is pleased to hear the potential regarding a grant for a skate board park.

Is excited to have been invited to attend and observe a Parole Board Hearing as the liaison to the Citizen's Advisory Committee for Corrections Canada.

Councillor Kenyon Chamber of Commerce requires gallon jugs for the elementary school to make floats for the Christmas celebrations.

Reported that Council had endorsed support for a letter received from the City of Duncan regarding cell phone use in vehicles. Effective January 1, 2010 legislation will be in place to prohibit the use of all electronic communication devices in vehicles.

Asked staff to review the 30 kph speed limit posted on McCombs Drive with the thought to return it to 50 kph.

Asked staff about the status of the damaged walkway around the plaza. The CAO reported contractors are being consulted to make repairs as soon as possible.

The Harrison Hot Springs Elementary School will celebrate its 60th anniversary on November 18, 2009.

Councillor Jackson Absent

Councillor Perry Attended Anglican Church for the peace officer memorial service. He also noted the church is 103 years old.

Last Wednesday attended the FVRL Board meeting for 2010 budget planning. Grants have been reduced by 20%.

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REPORTS FROM STAFF

☐ Flood Control Level
Exemption – 670 Hot Springs
Road – Springs RV Resort

Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – October 29, 2009
Re: Flood Control Level exemption at 670 Hot Springs Road –
Springs RV Resort park amenity building

THAT Council approves the flood control level exemption for the amenity building at 670 Hot Springs Road to allow the amenity building to be constructed at 14.0 m geodetic.

CARRIED

☐ Street Banner Display
Policy 4.18

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – October 29, 2009
Re: Street Banner Display Policy 4.18

Councillor Perry asked that the words “clean and untorn” be added after “Material must be re-enforced nylon or vinyl,” in sections (a)(i) and (b)(ii).

THAT Council adopt Street Banner Display Policy No. 4.18 as amended; and

THAT Council rescind Banner Installation Policy No. 4.7.

CARRIED

☐ Rezoning application at
626 Hot Springs Road

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – October 29, 2009
Re: Rezoning application at 626 Hot Springs Road

THAT Council recommends forwarding this application to the APC for review and recommendations.

CARRIED

☐ Endorsement of
recommendation of EDC –
Event Coordinator for 2010

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Harris

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – October 29, 2009
Re: Endorsing of recommendation from the EDC for the hiring of
Event Coordinator for 2010

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THAT Council endorse the hiring of an Event Coordinator by the Harrison Festival Society; and

THAT Council approves providing "in-kind" assistance in the form of office space at the Community Safety and Information Office including office furniture, phone and some office supplies provided that the duties of the Event Coordinator can include providing basic general assistance to the public from that office as and when necessary.

CARRIED

13.

BYLAWS

□ Fire Department
Establishment Bylaw 923 and
Fire Department
Remuneration Policy 3.8

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT Council give Bylaw 923 Fire Department Establishment Bylaw first reading;

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT Council give Bylaw 923 Fire Department Establishment Bylaw second reading;

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT Council give Bylaw 923 Fire Department Establishment Bylaw third reading;

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT Council approves establishment of Policy 3.8 – "Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department – Remuneration" and rescinds Policy 3.7 – "Fire Department – Honorariums & Call Out Rates".

CARRIED

14.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public clarified the Chamber of Commerce letter which stated that the plaques were given by the Village. The commercial plaque was donated by Gina Charlie and the residential plaque was donated by Leo Facio

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A member of the public asked for clarification for the hiring of the Event Coordinator position. The Mayor said the event coordinator will be hired by the Harrison Festival Society through the Employment and Labour Market Services. The position will be supervised through the EDC. The CAO clarified that all event avenues will be explored throughout the Village.

Councillor Perry stated that the Council of Council's meeting will be held on Friday and he will be attending.

The Mayor reported that Councillor Perry will be attending Remembrance Day ceremonies at StoLo and the Mayor will attend at Agassiz.

A member of the public asked why the flag has not been lowered for fallen soldiers. The Mayor reported that the flag would be lowered constantly. The current policy does not provide for the lowering of the flag for fallen soldiers.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Perry


Seconded by Councillor Harris

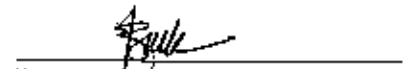
THAT the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the minutes of the
Regular Meeting of Council held November 2, 2009 in
the Council Chambers, Village of Harrison Hot
Springs, BC


Ken Becotte
Mayor


Larry Burk
Chief Administrative Officer