

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

DATE: December 21, 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

Dale Courtice, Director of Finance
Executive Assistant, Debra Key (Recorder)

ABSENT: Chief Administrative Officer, Larry Burk

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Report of Economic Development Commission

Report of Parks and Recreation Commission

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES

Regular Council Meeting
Minutes – December 7, 2009

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of December 7, 2009 be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Errors & Omissions

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of November 16, 2009, Page 4, paragraph 7, the sentence, “On the East Sector are you planning on buying up to the buffer to the properties on Cottonwood...” should read: “On the East Sector are you planning on having a buffer to the properties to Cottonwood...”

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□ Parks and Recreation
Commission Meeting
Minutes – November 24, 2009

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the minutes of the Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of November 24, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

□ Economic Development
Commission Meeting
Minutes – November 25, 2009

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the minutes of the Economic Development Commission Meeting of November 25, 2009 be received.

CARRIED

5.

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The December 7, 2009 Regular Council Meeting minutes there was an appointment of a director to the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board, but the alternate appointment was overlooked.

Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT Councillor Jackson be re-appointed to fulfill the role as alternate director for the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board.

CARRIED

6.

PUBLIC AND STATUTORY HEARINGS

None

7.

DELEGATIONS

□ Leo Facio

Leo Facio – Health Service

Mr. Facio gave a brief statement on the importance to having a medical practitioner in the Village of Harrison Hot Springs. Inquiries to Fraser Health were made to acquire a doctor. Dr. Campbell approached the Village in March 2008 and was interested in setting up practice in Harrison Hot Springs. He purchased premises at #2-160 Lillooet. Dr. Campbell met with Fraser Health and proposed upgrades to the facility, but exceeded funding allowable by Fraser Health. The Provincial Government also had budget cuts and did not provide funding. Work has been carried out in the premises. Costs estimates to complete the renovations to the clinic would be approximately \$35,000 - \$40,000. Mr. Facio asked Council to consider waiving the rules of procedure to allow this issue to be referred to administration.

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Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the rules of procedure be waived to allow this issue to be referred to administration.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT staff to review the request for health services and report back to Council.

CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter dated November 27, 2009 from British Columbia Hotel Association re Additional Hotel Room Tax
- Letter dated December 8, 2009 from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities re Additional Hotel Room Tax Revenue
- Memo dated December 9, 2009 from UBCM re New Management Framework for Off Road Vehicles (ORVs)
- Letter dated December 11, 2009 from 2010 Legacies Now re Local Sport Program Development Fund

9.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE

Letter dated November 27, 2009 from British Columbia Hotel Association re Additional Hotel Room Tax

Councillor Kenyon suggested that the letters regarding the Additional Hotel Room Tax be referred to the Economic Development Commission and Tourism Harrison for comments.

Letter dated December 8, 2009 from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities re Additional Hotel Room Tax Revenue

Councillor Jackson stated that Tourism Harrison has already responded in writing. Tourism Harrison is actively involved and is encouraging the Provincial Government to look at a new model to keep the 2% hotel tax. Tourism Harrison has outlined how successful this has been in Harrison Hot Springs with the 2% tax and how well it has been spent. The money should go directly to Tourism Harrison rather than flowing through municipalities. A new model will allow for the direct flow to the municipality. Director of Finance said there are 13 resort municipalities in the Province that are actively pursuing this issue with Ministry. Mayor says there is a lot of effort being put on the Province for this contribution. The Mayor said this Council needs to address the issue with the Province more specifically. The Mayor requested that this issue be brought back to the next Council meeting.

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

□ EDC Meeting minutes of
November 25, 2009

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT EDC recommends to Council that they consider including the Event Coordinator position in 2011; and

THAT EDC recommends to Council to include \$10,000 in this years budget as funds to be used by the new Event Coordinator to perform functions within the Village throughout the year; and

THAT S. Key, R. Reyerse and P. Stenson be tasked to oversee the duties of the Event Coordinator in the implementing programs and events as well as expenditure of these funds.

CARRIED

□ Parks & Recreation
Commission Meeting
Minutes November 24, 2009

Moved by Councillor Harris
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT way finding signs, similar to ones used on the Chehalis trail, be provided on public trails in the Village; and

THAT Council approved the expenditure of a surveyor location plan of the existing memorial benches.

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Perry
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the agenda be amended to allow the delegation to appear at 7:30 p.m.

CARRIED

Delegation

□ Jacki Meisner

Jacki Meisner – McCombs Road

Ms. Meisner asked Council to reconsider lowering the speed limit to 30 km on McCombs Road due to safety issues. Tabletops and roundabouts have made a huge difference. Would also like to see the speed limit lowered at the south end of McCombs from Emerald to McPherson. The posted speed limits are confusing.

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The Mayor advised that there will be reconstruction starting in the New Year on McCombs as well as the replacement of the bridges. Additional traffic calming methods will also be researched. Council will also be looking at developing a Traffic Management Plan. At the next meeting with the RCMP the Mayor will request additional police presence.

Councillor Harris advised that the bridge at Angus Estates on McCombs will have a raised desk and ramp that will act as an additional calming device.

Councillor Jackson suggested that the existing signs be left as they are until the Traffic Management Plan has been completed.

The Mayor asked Councillor Jackson to discuss the issue of leaving the posted speed of 30 km with the CAO.

10.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR

Deputy Mayor
appointments for 2010

Moved by Mayor Becotte
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT Councillor Harris be appointed as Deputy Mayor for the months of January 1st to March 31, 2010.

CARRIED

Appointments to Olympic
Torch Relay Committee

Moved by Mayor Becotte
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

THAT a Olympic Torch Relay Committee be established for the purpose of organizing an event for the Olympic Torch Relay; and

THAT D. Harris, K. Becotte, S. Key, P. Stenson, S. Reyerse, I. Maw, C. Wilson, A. Kent and C. Blank be appointed to the Olympic Torch Relay Committee.

CARRIED

Moved by Mayor Becotte
Seconded by Councillor Harris

THAT Councillor Jackson be permitted to attend the Regular Council meeting on January 11, 2010 by electronic device.

CARRIED

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The Mayor advised that the Chamber of Commerce is planning a business excellence awards event on February 18, 2010 at the Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa. Sponsorship details will be provided to Council in the New Year.

11. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Harris December 8, 2009 attended a Show Kids you Care Committee. The Committee is having another art contest with public schools. Will be choosing 12 selections for bookmarkers which will be printed in April or May. Also working on updating the "Little Black Book".

December 14, 2009 attended Citizen's Advisory Committee Christmas luncheon.

December 18, 2009 attended the Village and Staff Christmas Party.

Would like staff to inquire as to whether the traffic counter reports are being completed.

Councillor Kenyon Councillor Kenyon praised the CAO, Director of Finance and staff for their hard work in bringing in projects under budget.

Councillor Jackson Wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Councillor Perry December 10, 2009 attended a Healthy Communities meeting about homelessness. This issue will be addressed in the New Year.

December 10, 2009 attended an Agassiz RCMP volunteers meeting luncheon.

December 16, 2009 attended FVRL Board meeting in Abbotsford where a 3 year contract was signed with the Union.

Attended a reception at the Harrison Hot Springs Resort Hotel where awards were presented to the winners of the Festival of Trees contest.

Attended a reception at Chilliwack with John Les and Barry Penner.

Met with CEO of the Fraser Valley Library Board for lunch.

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REPORTS FROM STAFF

□ Report on IRCA –
December 21, 2009

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – December 21, 2009

Re: Report on meeting with F. Adab & G. Marzara re IRCA (Verbal)

Michael Rosen, Planning Consultant gave a brief overview of a meeting on December 8, 2009 with the developers. The developer has had some financing issues and has been looking at other ways to secure financing. In order for the project to meet financing requirements, a proposal will be forwarded to develop the site by changing the building scheme. The height of the building will scale down to 7 stories from 10. The hotel component would be removed. There will only be commercial on the 1st level; residential on other. More commercial development will be wrapped around the back onto Lillooet. Floor space would be reduced from 60,000 sq. ft. to 56,000 sq. ft. Residential suite sizes would be reduced from 63 to 56. There is a proposal to change the heating from gas to hot water. A formal application would need to come forth to amend the Development Permit.

□ Transport Canada
Contribution Agreement –
amendment to definitions –
December 10, 2009

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Kenyon

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – December 10, 2009

Re: Transport Canada Contribution Agreement – amendment to definitions

THAT the amendment to the Contribution Agreement to amend the definitions of “Port Facilities” and “Port Lands” be approved and executed.

CARRIED

□ Continuation of work on
McCombs Bridges –
December 15, 2009

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – December 15, 2009

Re: Continuation of work on McCombs Bridges

Received for information and filed.

□ Korbitron Studio of
Performing Art – December
21, 2009

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Re: Korbitron Studio of Performing Art (Verbal)

Removed from agenda

□ Upper Fraser Valley
Bylaw Adjudication System
Registry Agreement –
December 16, 2009

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Harris

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – December 16, 2009

Re: Upper Fraser Valley Bylaw Adjudication System Registry Agreement

THAT the Fraser Valley Bylaw Notice Dispute and Adjudication Registry Agreement between the City of Chilliwack, District of Hope, District of Kent, Village of Harrison Hot Springs and Fraser Valley Regional District be entered into for a period of three (3) years commencing January 1, 2010 and continuing to December 31, 2013; and

THAT Larry Burk, Chief Administrative Officer be appointed as representative to serve on the Administrative Committee; and

THAT the Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer attend to execution of the said agreement.

CARRIED

13.

BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 929 Officer Establishment and Appointment Bylaw – December 10, 2009

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT Bylaw 929, 2009 Officer Establishment Bylaw receive third reading as amended; and

CARRIED

Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Perry

THAT the Corporation of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Officers Bylaw No. 733, 1999; the Corporation of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Officer Establishment Bylaw No. 818, 2004; and the Corporation of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Officer Establishment Amendment Bylaw No. 823, 2004 hereby be repealed.

CARRIED

Bylaw No. 930 Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw – December 15, 2009

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Harris

Report of Chief Administrative Officer – December 15, 2009
Re: Bylaw No. 930 Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw

THAT the report from the Planning Consultant entitled Amendment to Official Community Plan – Neighbourhood Plan – Pine Avenue dated December 15, 2009 be received; and

THAT Bylaw No. 930, 2009 Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw be received for first reading; and

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THAT pursuant to s. 879 of the Local Government Act, the comments previously received by the Advisory Planning Commission, the Fraser Valley Regional District, the Ministry of Transportation and from the public information meeting held on September 16, 2009 be considered sufficient for consultation purposes; and

THAT staff be authorized to prepare the necessary notification and schedule a public hearing regarding "Village of Harrison Hot Springs Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 930, 2009".

CARRIED

The public hearing will be scheduled for January 18, 2010.

14.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public asked why the boat shelter is still up on Eagle Street.

The Mayor said that staff has been dealing with the issue.

ADJOURNMENT

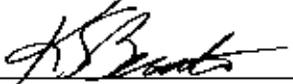
Moved by Councillor Kenyon
Seconded by Councillor Harris

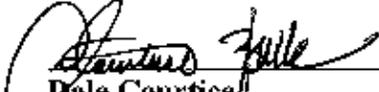
THAT the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Certified a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held December 21, 2009 in the Council Chambers, Village of Harrison Hot Springs, BC


Ken Becotte
Mayor


Dale Courtyce
Acting Chief Administrative Officer

