

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

DATE: March 27, 2012
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers
495 Hot Springs Road

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Leo Facio
Councillor Allan Jackson
Councillor Sonja Reyerse

CAO, Ted Tisdale
DCAO/Corporate Officer, Debra Key
Director of Finance, Dale Courtice
CEDO, Andre Isakov
Manager of Revenue Services, Peggy Parberry

Krystal Sobie, Recording Secretary

ABSENT:

Councillor Zoltan Kiss

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Facio called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Reyerse

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES**

None

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

CONSENT AGENDA

i. Bylaws

Water Regulation and Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 999, 2012.

Sewer Regulation and Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 1000, 2012.
Sewer Frontage Tax and Water Frontage Tax Repeal Bylaw No. 1001,
2012.

ii. Agreements

**iii. Committee/
Commission
Minutes**

iv. Correspondence

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Reverse

THAT the bylaws be removed from the Consent Agenda and be tabled to
the next Regular Council meeting of April 2, 2012.

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DELEGATIONS

None

8.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

9.

BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

None

10.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR

None

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11.

REPORTS OF STAFF

Remediation of Village Office

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Reverse

THAT Gerry Enns Contracting Ltd. be contracted to provide the remediation and renovation to the Village Office in the amount of \$35,748.11 plus HST.

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UNANIMOUSLY**

13.

BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 1003, 2012 Sewer Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Temporary Transfer

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Reverse

THAT Bylaw No. 1003, 2012, Sewer Development Cost Charge Reserve Fund Temporary Transfer be read for a first, Second, and third time.

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Bylaw No. 999, 2012 Water Regulation and Fee Amendment, Bylaw No. 1000, 2012 Sewer Regulation and Fee Amendment Bylaw. Bylaw No. 1001, 2012 Sewer Frontage Tax and Water Frontage Tax Repeal Bylaw

Water Regulation and Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 999, 2012.
Sewer Regulation and Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 1000, 2012.
Sewer Frontage Tax and Water Frontage Tax Repeal Bylaw No. 1001, 2012.

Director of Finance provided the public with the background and the need for the increase to the sewer fees.

Operations Manager informed the public with the upgrades to the new plant along with the filtration and cleaning process.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Q. It is my understanding that we have an increase to our fees but after one year the fees could be increased again?

A. Yes we will not know what it will cost to run the new plant until we are able to run it for a year.

Q. Is there any projects that can be put on hold to pay towards the increase of fees to help offset the costs?

A. All projects allocated for this year are subject to grants.

Q. Can Schedule A be clarified so that residents/business owners are able to understand it more clearly?

A. Schedule A has not changed over the past 20 years and it has not been brought to the attention of the Village that there was any uncertainty about it but it can be reviewed to see how it can be made clearer for the readers.

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Q. At the Regular Council Meeting on March 5, 2012 there was an actual cost figure of 28% and the extra 22% was for unseen cost. Could you explain that to the public?

A. When the numbers were developed there were other costs that had to be looked at besides just the actual cost of the plant. A user fee is to cover the operating cost it is not used to build another capital project.

Q. Was there any non-destructive or destructive examination done of the concrete? Was it included in the quote?

A. I believe that was in the original quote.

Q. The original plans for the sewer plant were 2.7 million and it ended up being double and now we have no money to pay for it. Why do we need a plant that is capable of providing for more than 8000 people when we only have 1500 in the Village?

A. This plant is sufficient to provide for 3800 people and there are two future phases that can be put in place to provide for additional residents.

Q. Does the user fee go down with development or are we subsidizing development?

A. The more users there are the fewer fees will be implemented.

Q. as an average homeowner could you put it into a dollar amount what we will be paying this year?

A. For example on your tax notice you would have seen your sewer user fee, water user fee. Sewer user fee was 150 and will now be 225 water user was 311 and this will stay the same water frontage was 283 and is now 207.

Q. When the system was installed was there no fixed solid prices for the plant and maintenance fees?

A. In May of last year it was determined that the operating cost was going to be higher than what was originally intended.

Q. Did the cost of the project go over budget?

A. The capital costs did not go over budget.

Q. When you restructured everything allocation went from 7% to 14% so businesses went up and residents went down?

A. The allocation now is 86% for residents and 14% for businesses. It is based only on frontages.

Q. I live on a cul-da-sac do I have to pay a sewer frontage on all 3 streets that my property fronts?

A. It depends where the sewer line runs, if it fronts on more than one street the numbers will be added and divided by the number of frontages.

Q. People are missing that for the last 15 years or so there has been no major increase to any fees. Structures are deteriorating and now there needs to be an increase to get them back into good standings.

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Q. Can these bylaws be tabled until the next Council meeting to allow more people in the community to find out what the costs are going to be?

A. This could be tabled until the next Regular Council meeting on April 2, 2012.

Q. Is this Bylaw retroactive?

A. These rates will be effective as of January 1, 2012.

15.

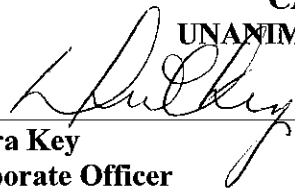
ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Reyerse

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:02.


Leo Facio
Mayor

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Debra Key
Corporate Officer