

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

DATE: March 21, 2014
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Leo Facio
Councillor John Buckley
Councillor Zoltan Kiss
Councillor Allan Jackson
Councillor Sonja Reyerse

Chief Administrative Officer, Ian Crane
Deputy Chief Administrative Office/CO, Debra Key
Manager of Development and Community Services, Lisa Grant

ABSENT:

Recording Secretary: C. Friesen

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Facio called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

- Life Saving Equipment – Beach area
- Art work on Esplanade Avenue

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Reyerse
Seconded by Councillor Kiss

THAT the agenda, as amended, be approved.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Report of Manager of Development Services
Re: Liquor Policy

The Manager of Development and Community Services provided a power point presentation and overview of the final report of the BC Liquor Policy Review.

The following was presented to Council:

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Deem alcohol consumption on public lands to be a public safety issue and therefore undertake the following:

1. amend Community Event Policy to require events where alcohol will be served to be fenced;
2. amend the Park Regulation Bylaw;
3. review the Zoning Bylaw to determine if open alcohol can be banned in public spaces (sidewalks, beach areas, etc.); and,
4. request additional information from the Provincial Government concerning the implementation of recommended changes to the liquor regulations where public safety is an issue.

Following discussion, Council voiced opposition to the proposed changes to eliminate fencing and enclosed areas for beer gardens and the carrying of alcohol between businesses or buildings.

Moved by Councillor Buckley

THAT Council in Committee recommend that the presentation with respect to the BC Liquor Policy Review be received and referred back to staff to provide recommendations to Council.

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Lisa Grant excused herself from the Chambers at 10:45 a.m.

**Report of Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer
Re: Smoking and E-cigarettes**

Moved by Councillor Kiss

Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT Council in Committee recommend that the report regarding "Smoking and E-cigarettes" be received;

- and further that the Mayor forward a letter to the appropriate Ministry expressing Council's concerns regarding the lack of regulations associated with electronic cigarettes;
- and further that the Park Regulation Bylaw be amended to prohibit the use of electronic cigarettes and other vaporizing systems;
- and further that Council forward a resolution to UBCM for consideration at the Annual General Meeting with respect to regulating electronic smoking products;

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- and further that the matter be referred back to staff to prepare a full report to Council.

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Report of Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/ Corporate Officer
Re: Temporary Sidewalk Extension Program Policy

The Chief Administrative Officer suggested that Council consider waiving the Licence of Occupation application fee for the year 2014 in view of the disruption to businesses during the construction process.

Discussion ensued with respect to raised patio areas vs flush to existing patio area; landscaping; hours of operation; seasonal vs yearly permits; fees; minimum size/space of occupation; geographical boundaries; unauthorized use of space and how to regulate and enforce; ability to transfer Licence of Occupation; enforcing unsightly premises; minimum maintenance standards; and, storage of seasonal equipment.

Moved by Councillor Kiss
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT Council in Committee recommend that the report with respect to “Esplanade Block 1 Revitalization – Temporary Sidewalk Extension Program” be received and further that staff be directed to bring back a Policy to include other options for implementation.

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Specified Areas - Dog off Leash

Councillor Jackson noted receipt of several emails where concerns were expressed regarding the lack of off-leash areas for dogs. Ensuing discussion revealed that there are no areas available. Council noted that the cost of providing off-leash areas has been discussed in the past and that ongoing discussions with the Fraser Valley Regional District includes a dog off-leash area in the proposal for the Recreation Sites and Trails area in the east sector lands.

Artwork on Esplanade

Mayor Facio suggested that the matter regarding artwork for Esplanade Avenue be referred back to staff to prepare a report for Council addressing ideas/options and costs.

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Lifesaving equipment

Mayor Facio suggested that lifesaving rings and first aid equipment be considered along the beach as well as by the boat launch operators.

Councillor Reyerse questioned the status of the Blue Flag Program.

Council asked staff to prepare a report addressing options for the provision and management of lifesaving rings.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS


A member of the public commented that the proposed criteria described in the sidewalk extension plan may not be feasible for their business.

Council asked staff to prepare a report providing additional options with respect to the sidewalk extension criteria.

ADJOURNMENT


Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:16 p.m.



Leo Facio
Mayor

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FR Debra Key
Corporate Officer