

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

**DATE:** July 28, 2014  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Council Chambers

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

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Facio called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

- Appointment of Council liaison to local media – The Mayor suggested that this item be referred back to staff to provide clarification on the appropriateness of this type of representation.

- Overflow Parking
- Canada Day Debriefing
- Overflow/Traffic Control
- Recovering Recyclables
- New Hiking Trail Publication – accolades to the author
- Ashtray Containers

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Councillor Buckley**  
**Seconded by Councillor Reyerse**

THAT the agenda, as amended, be approved.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

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**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Unightly Premises**

The Mayor expressed concern with respect to invasive species, i.e. blackberry bushes; and, overgrown lawns. It was suggested that enforcement of the bylaw be reviewed, including the definition of unsightly.

**Moved by Councillor Reyerse**

That Council in Committee recommend that “Regulation of Unightly Premises Bylaw No. 741, 1999” be referred to staff for review.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

**Signage – Sandwich Boards**

Council discussed the proliferation of signage in the Village Plaza and the possibility of limiting the distance between sandwich board signs as well as the number of signs permitted per business.

**Moved by Councillor Reyerse**

That Council in Committee recommend that “Sign Bylaw No. 987, 2011” be referred to staff for review.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

**Signage – Election Signs**

Discussion ensued with respect to prohibiting the posting of election signs within the area of the front entrance to the Village.

**Moved by Councillor Buckley**

That Council in Committee recommend to Council that the posting of election signs be prohibited on civic property encompassing the front entrance sign to the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

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**Bylaw Enforcement – Weekend Schedule**

The Mayor expressed concern that more bylaw enforcement coverage should be considered on weekends and during evening hours.

The Chief Administrative Officer to discuss the hours of work schedule with the Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

**Traffic Control – Canada Day**

Councillor Kiss suggested that traffic control should be considered at the 3-way stop at Lillooet Avenue and Hot Springs Road during events. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is considering signalization at this location.

**Events on Long Weekends**

The Mayor provided comment regarding the provision of sufficient port-a-potties and garbage containers during long weekend events. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that events are coordinated by Tourism Harrison; however, budgetary provisions will be made next year to ensure that sufficient port-a-potties are provided. The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer noted that the public washrooms at Memorial Hall are only available when the facility is not booked for a private function.

Councillor Reyerse asked if either extra garbage containers could be provided or emptied on a more frequent basis. A concern was expressed that the Village is providing washroom facilities for special events.

Councillor Kiss suggested that consideration be given to introducing a permit fee to organizers of special events to cover the cost of supplying port-a-potties and garbage containers.

**Moved by Councillor Reyerse**

That Council in Committee recommend that staff review whether funds are available to provide additional port-a-potties and garbage containers for the upcoming BC Day long weekend.

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**Recovering Recyclables**

Councillor Kiss advised that a citizen, who on a regular basis collects recyclables, has offered to clean up the recyclable areas provided she receives the benefit of the recyclables. The Operations Manager expressed concern that currently the areas are left unkempt and that staff are investigating ways to mitigate this problem. Currently, Village staff collect the recyclables and any monies collected go into General Revenue.

**Moved by Councillor Kiss**

That Council in Committee recommend that the issue of handling recyclables be referred back to staff for review.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

**Cost Shared Signage for Business – Lillooet West**

The Mayor raised a concern brought to his attention by the business owners in the Lillooet West area regarding cost-sharing of signage. The Chief Administrative Officer advised that Council is not permitted to provide a benefit to business owners and suggested the matter be referred to the Chamber of Commerce to coordinate.

**Southside Boulevard - Remove for Parking**

The Mayor suggested that, for future budgeting, consideration be given to angled parking along the southside boulevard.

**Overflow Parking**

Councillor Kiss noted that the uncontrolled area for overflow parking has caused some concern to the users and suggested a controlled method for handling parking be considered. Councillor Kiss expressed a further concern regarding homeowners putting up barricades on the boulevard along Spruce Street.

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**Moved by Councillor Kiss**

That Council in Committee recommend that parking enforcement on the boulevard along Spruce Street be referred back to staff to discuss with Bylaw Enforcement.

**DEFEATED  
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR JACKSON  
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR REYERSE  
OPPOSED BY MAYOR FACIO**

**Post Office Parking**

The Mayor suggested parking enforcement beyond the normal operating hours of the Post Office is required.

**Moved by Councillor Buckley**

That Council in Committee recommend that restricted parking for Post Office patrons only be implemented on Lillooet Avenue fronting Canada Post; that the restricted parking area be increased to the tree outside the Casa Gift Shop; and further, that the wording for the new signage be referred back to staff.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

**Enforcement of 2-hour Parking – Lillooet Avenue West**

Discussion ensued regarding instituting a 2-hour parking limit per 24 hour period, with no overnight parking, along Lillooet Avenue West. The Chief Administrative Officer cautioned Council that by adding more restrictions tends to move the issue to another area and cause more problems.

**Moved by Councillor Reyerse**

That Council in Committee recommend that Council approve a 2-hour parking limit, with no overnight parking permitted, on Lillooet Avenue from Hot Springs Road to St. Alice Street.

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**Extra Street Lights – Lillooet, Eagle, Lillooet West and Echo West**

The Mayor outlined new areas where additional street lighting should be considered and suggested that this be brought forward to the next budget deliberations. Councillor Kiss provided comment on replacing the existing streetlights with LED lights.

**No Smoking Signs on Businesses/Ashtrays**

Discussion ensued regarding posting of “No Smoking” signs on businesses and the placement of ashtrays. Following discussion, Council in Committee resolved to take no further action.

**Esplanade Avenue Vehicle Parking Stalls – Pedestrian Walkway to Beach Blocked**

The Operations Manager provided clarification. No action required.

**Hot Springs Road and Esplanade Stop Signs East/West Side**

**Moved by Councillor Buckley**

That Council in Committee recommend to Council that stop signs be installed on the east and west side of Esplanade Avenue at Hot Springs Road and that the area be monitored for effectiveness.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

**New Planters on Streetscape**

The Mayor expressed concern that the public is walking across the planters and landscaping and suggested small “Please Do Not Walk on Landscaping” signs be installed. No action.

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**5.**

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Q. A member of public asked Council to consider proper crosswalk markings on the three crosswalks and that they be painted black and white. A further request was made with respect to circulating a copy of the minutes of this meeting to the merchants of Esplanade Avenue and Lillooet Avenue for comment.

A. The Chamber of Commerce will be contacted in regards to relaying information to local businesses.

Q. A member of the public commented on the overall maintenance along Esplanade Avenue and how the Village is meeting its needs.

Q A member of the public suggested that the Village, after completing a financial analysis, include a capital budget line item in 2015 for the purchase of port-a-potties.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor Jackson**

**THAT** the meeting be adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

  
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**Leo Facio  
Mayor**

  
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**Debra Key  
Corporate Officer**