

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

DATE: February 16, 2015
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers
495 Hot Springs Road
Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Leo Facio
Councillor John Buckley
Councillor Sonja Reyerse
Councillor John Hansen
Councillor Samantha Piper

Chief Administrative Officer, Ian Crane
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/CO, Debra Key

ABSENT:

Recording Secretary: Jaclyn Bhatti

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

None

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Hansen
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on February 2, 2015
be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

i. Bylaws None

ii. Agreements

iii. Committee/
Commission
Minutes

iv Correspondence

7. DELEGATIONS

Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department – Fire Chief Don Labossiere

Fire Chief Labossiere provided Council with an Annual Report and gave an update on the Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department.

Harrison Festival Society – Andy Hillhouse, Executive Director

Andy Hillhouse provided Council with an update on the Harrison Festival Society.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None

9. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE

None

10. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND COMMISSIONS

- Councillor Reyerse reported that she and Councillor Hansen attended the Fraser Valley Library board meeting. The draft budget was discussed with the board voting to keep the status quo.

Councillor Reyerse reported that she attended the Chamber of Commerce yearly breakfast meeting. As membership has continued to decrease the Chamber of Commerce is looking at creating potential members incentives.

11.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR LEO FACIO

- Met with Innergex on February 12, 2015 to discuss funding opportunities.
- Reported that Family Day weekend was a success with approximately 1500 people attending the Family Fun Carnival over the two days. The community volunteers were greatly appreciated.
- Attended the Don Ramsay Memorial Scholarship Society event at Memorial Hall.
- Attended a meeting with the CAO, Fraser Valley Regional District representatives, MLA Laurie Throness and the Ministry of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations to discuss the proposed Regional Park.
- Attended the Kent-Harrison Joint Emergency Operations Program Committee meeting in Agassiz with Councillor Buckley. Discussion included getting emergency kits from the Red Cross as well as the emergency route. Both communities are looking for volunteers for the Emergency Social Services program.
- Reminder that the Order of British Columbia is calling for nominations.
- Attended the Community to Community Forum meeting along with other members of Council. The main topic of discussion was gravel removal.
- Attended the Fraser Valley Regional District Regional and Corporate Services Committee meeting. A two day strategic planning meeting is going to be held in March.

The Cascade Falls suspension bridge, which was funded by the Regional District and Innergex, should be opening this spring.

A presentation from the Air Quality group was given.

The Experience the Fraser project is still moving ahead.

- The Age-Friendly Community Results Open House is on February 25, 2015 at Memorial Hall.

12.

REPORTS FROM STAFF

**Report of Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer –
February 4, 2015**

Re: Special Event Applications under the Use of Public and Municipal
Property Policy 4.1 – The Help Project

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Reverse

THAT the user fee for the rental of the Memorial Hall facility for The Help
Project's Special Events scheduled for May 8, 2015 and November 7, 2015 be
waived.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

**Report of Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer –
February 5, 2015**

Re: Special In Camera Council Meeting – March 11, 12 and 13, 2015

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Hansen

THAT the Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa be approved as the venue for a
Special In Camera Council Meeting to be held on March 11, 12 & 13, 2015.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

Moved by Councillor Reverse
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT staff be directed to give notice under s. 94 of the *Community Charter*
and prepare an amendment to the Council Procedure Bylaw authorizing:

1. Council meetings to be held at any venue within municipal
boundaries; and
2. Inclusion of Reports of Councillors to the Order of Business at a
Regular Meeting of Council.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

13.

BYLAWS

**Report of Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer –
February 10, 2015**

Re: Sign Bylaw Amendments

Moved by Councillor Reyerse
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT “Sign Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1064, 2015” be given introduction and three readings.

Moved by Councillor Hansen
Seconded by Councillor Reyerse

THAT “Sign Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1064, 2015” be referred back to staff for review and minor amendments.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

14.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Q: What is the rationale in the change of venue for the Special In-Camera Council meeting?

A: It is quite a common practice for Council and staff to discuss strategic planning for the community.

Q: Will the Sign Bylaw affect special events at Memorial Hall?

A: No, special events are an exemption under the Bylaw.

15.

ADJOURNMENT


Moved by Councillor Reyerse
Seconded by Councillor Hansen

THAT the meeting be closed to the public at 8:05 p.m. except for Council and senior staff and for the purpose of receiving and adopting Closed Meeting Minutes convened in accordance to Section 90 of the *Community Charter* and to consider matters pursuant to:

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Section 90 (1)(l) discussion with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures, and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under Section 98.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**



Leo Facio
Mayor



Debra Key
Corporate Officer