

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

DATE: August 10, 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/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

- Hobie Cat Regatta

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

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UNANIMOUSLY**

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Reyerse

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on July 13, 2015 be adopted.

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

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6. CONSENT AGENDA

i. **Bylaws** Boat Launch Facility and Parking Lot Regulation Bylaw No. 1075, 2015

ii. **Agreements**

iii. **Committee/
Commission
Minutes**

iv. **Correspondence** (a) Letter dated July 24, 2015 from the Union of BC Municipalities regarding Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund payment.

(b) Letter dated July 27, 2015 from the City of Chilliwack thanking the Village of Harrison Hot Springs for their support regarding the prolific offenders resolution.

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

THAT Boat Launch Facility and Parking Lot Regulation Bylaw No. 1075, 2015 be adopted and the correspondence be received.

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7. DELEGATIONS

None

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None

9. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

Councillor Piper

- Thanked the crews fighting the Wood Lake fire and asked recreational users to please stay out of the restricted areas.

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- Thanked Kent Harrison Search and Rescue, local fire fighters, ambulance and the RCMP for rescuing a group of youth off of Bear Mountain.
- Volunteered at Agassiz Farm Cycle Tour. Approximately 500 visitors came through the tour.
- Attended Pacific Agri-Food Research Centre open house and commented that it is an outstanding facility.
- Attended the Fraser Valley Sustainable Housing Coalition meeting, they hope to move towards a more regional approach towards homelessness.
- Attended the Lakefront Car Show planning meeting which is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 2015.
- Thanked the residents of Angus Estates for the invitation to their annual Block Watch barbeque.

Councillor Reyerse

- Reported that the Fraser Valley Regional Library late fee charges were down \$35,000 in 2014.
The Library will be holding a Local Government Workshop in November.
- Attended a Scenic 7 marketing presentation for their new website, which was held at the Stave Lake Power House. Each community will have their own page on the website.
A presentation was also given on the new Stave West development, which will see 12,000 acres turned into a family friendly recreation park which will include zip-lines and camping.
QuestUpon has a new gaming platform that gamifies communities.

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REPORTS FROM MAYOR LEO FACIO

- Expressed condolences to the families of the two individuals who drowned in June and on the latest report of another drowning victim last Friday at Cogburn near Bear Creek.
- Reported on two letters in the Observer. The first was regarding the sales of homes in Harrison. Between January and August of 2015 sales of homes and lands have doubled. The second letter was regarding the new townhouse development. Mayor Facio clarified that the current Council had nothing to do with it and there are no secret meetings they are closed as per the *Community Charter*. Disappointed someone would write this in the newspaper.

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- Attended the Quality Foods Canadian Open Sand Sculpting Competition and Exhibition in Parksville. There were 30 sculptures and the winners will proceed to the World Championships.
- Reported that seven young people were rescued from Bear Mountain. Congratulations to Search and Rescue on a fine job.
- On Sunday, August 9, 2015 there was a lost person at the Harrison Resort & Spa. Search and rescue were present and she was found and reunited with family.
- Attended the Harrison Art Expo, it a was fantastic event.
- Reported that the Black Forest Restaurant has been voted the top 10 German restaurants in BC through TripAdvisor.
- Expressed gratitude to the fire fighters on ground and in the air fighting fires, especially the Wood Lake fire. God bless you all.
- Expressed appreciation to Kent Harrison Search and Rescue who have had a busy year.
- Reported that the next Community to Community Forum is scheduled for August 20, 2015.
- Informed Council of an invitation to visit Green Timbers to meet RCMP District Management Team.
- Reported on BC Hydro's Annual Beautification funding opportunity.
- Commented that Peter Fassbender has now been appointed as the Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development and Minister Responsible for Translink.
- Thanked Councillors Buckley and Piper and the entire Lakefront Car Show committee for a wonderful job. The 3rd annual Lakefront Car Show will be held this Saturday.
- Commented on another successful Festival of Arts. 100 more people attended the shows at Memorial Hall compared to last year.
- The Dragon Boat Festival was held on July 25, 2015. There were 68 teams with approximately 1700 rowers. It was a wonderful, well organized event.
- September 9, 2015 marks the Queen's longest reign. We will be raising the Union Jack flag for the occasion.
- If any member of Council has any discussion topics for the Small Talk Forum at UBCM, please forward these to the CAO.
- The Terry Fox Run will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2015 and will start and finish at Cheam Village. There will be 2km, 5km and 10km routes.
- The Friendship House in Agassiz celebrated 25 years of establishment.

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- Attended a presentation on Zero Waste at the Fraser Valley Regional District.

Reported that the FVRD is looking into purchasing electric vehicles and installing fast charging stations in Boston Bar and Chilliwack.

Reported that the Fraser Valley Regional District was successful in securing \$24,250 through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program to upgrade and repair day use area amenities and trails within the proposed East Sector Lands Regional Park. Thank you to Christina Vugteveen, Manager of Regional Parks and David Urban, Planner II of the FVRD and our Manager of Development and Community Services, Lisa Grant.

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

Report of Chief Administrative Officer/CO – August 10, 2015 (verbal)

Re: Memorandum from Manager of Development and Community Services – Hobie Cat Regatta

Moved by Councillor Buckley

Seconded by Councillor Hansen

THAT the use of Rendall Park by the Hobie Cat Association for a Division 4 Regatta be extended from the evening of August 26th to August 30th 2015 with the following conditions:

1. The two security vehicles (motorhomes), and Hobie Cat boat trailers will be permitted to be parked in Rendall Park in the designated area, as shown on Attachment A, or as approved by the Village’s Manager of Operations.
2. Obtain a Use of Public and Municipal Property Permit.

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13. BYLAWS

Report of Chief Administrative Officer/CO – July 15, 2015

Re: Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1073

Moved by Councillor Buckley

Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1073, 2015 be given second and third reading as amended.

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14. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Q: On the Mayor's report, were you the Mayor when the condos across from Firehall land was rezoned and the OCP changed?

A: Mayor Becotte was the Chair when it was zoned for the townhouse complex.

Q: Who was the Chair of the Advisory Planning Committee?

A: I'm not sure at that time.

Q: Was it you? Were you on the APC?

A: No, I was not Chair for that one. I was on the APC later.

Q: On the Boat Launch Facility and Parking Lot Regulation Bylaw No. 1075, I asked several times to speak to Council and I was denied as a delegation. And I think that was wrong. Is Council aware that you have adopted an illegal procedure. You haven't done a proper amendment.

A: No comments.

Q: It is great the FVRD is going ahead with East Sector Park and thank you for your comments about the Art Expo.

Q: Does the FVRD plan to include all of the east sector in the park? That being the 67 acres behind Cottonwood Avenue?

A: That is private property. I'm making reference to the Crown land and Village land. The east sector land will be a Regional Park except for the private land.

Q: So the east sector has been reduced then?

A: No.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

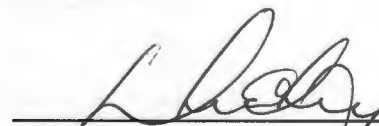
Moved by Councillor Hansen

Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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Leo Facio
Mayor


Debra Key
Corporate Officer