

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

DATE: August 25, 2015
TIME: 10:00 a.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: Irene Petty

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the agenda be approved.

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UNANIMOUSLY**

4. DELEGATION

Representatives of Harrison Awareness, friends and families of Daniel Reid and Gary Duong.

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Hansen

That Council waive the rules of procedure to allow the delegation additional time to present.

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Susanne Tabata, Moderator of Harrison Awareness advised Council she is a representative for the families of Gary Guong and Daniel Reid. She spoke to the danger of recreation in glacier fed lakes. Ms. Tabata presented Council with more than 600 letters in support of this proposal. Mayor Facio accepted the letters on behalf of Council.

Members of the delegation addressed Council on the dangers of Harrison Lake and requested improved signage. Speakers included:

- Jesse Heimsoth, friend of Daniel Reid
- Alexa Henry of BC/Yukon Lifesaving
- Scott Lebus, a Delta Police Officer and President of Legacy Search and Recovery Society
- Jim Heimsoth
- Bob Reid, father of Daniel

Mayor Facio assured the delegation that their presentation will be taken under advisement in consideration with other agencies and levels of government involved in responsibilities at Harrison Lake. Mayor Facio emphasized that this is a terrible tragedy and of great concern to the Village of Harrison Hot Springs. He stated that this issue will be taken back to Council for consideration.

Gordon Chan, cousin of Gary Duong asked to be heard and spoke to the urgency of ensuring that users of Harrison Lake understand the dangers.

Mayor Facio reiterated that Harrison Hot Springs will be moving ahead, as quickly as possible, with signage focusing on safety awareness and drowning prevention for Harrison Lake.

5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

None

6. **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

None

7. **BYLAWS**

None

8. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

A member of the public commented that Search and Rescue Society has a boat on the water and RCMP assistance is available.

A member of the public expressed concern about the loss to the families, and commented that this is an opportunity to look for ways to improve safety.

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ADJOURNMENT

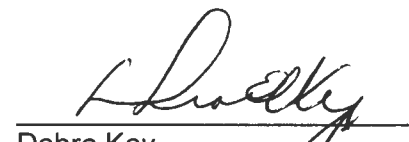
Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Reyerse

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

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Leo Facio
Mayor



Debra Key
Corporate Officer