

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

**DATE:** October 19, 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  
Manager of Development and Community Services, Lisa Grant

**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**

- Off leash dog park

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Councillor Buckley**  
**Seconded by Councillor Piper**

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

4. **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 14, 2015 be adopted.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

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**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

i. **Bylaws**           None

ii. **Agreements**

iii. **Committee/  
Commission  
Minutes**

iv. **Correspondence**

**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 Buckley**

- Attended the vigil for missing women at the United Church. It was a very moving ceremony and very well attended.

**11. REPORTS FROM MAYOR LEO FACIO**

- The Help Project is having a fundraiser dance on November 7, 2015 at Memorial Hall.
- Reported that on Friday, October 30, 2015 there will be a Halloween Fun event in the Plaza.
- Reported that the Director of Finance, Dale Courtice, resigned to take a position in Hope and wished him all the best.
- Congratulated Tyler Simmonds, on successfully achieving certification and professional designation as a "Professional Operator" for Waste Water Treatment Class II.
- Attended the Harrison Beer Festival last weekend. Thank you to Tourism Harrison and all the volunteers.
- Reported on a letter regarding the British Columbia Youth Parliament and requested that it be forwarded to Agassiz Secondary School.

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- Reported on the upcoming Community Response Network Meeting at Agassiz Harrison Community Services on October 26, 2015.
- Reported that the Fraser Valley Regional District will be hosting a public event on the impacts of air pollution on October 26, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the University of the Fraser Valley in Abbotsford.
- Attended the Regional Mayor's Round Table Discussion on homelessness and populations at-risk on October 15, 2015.
- Reported on the UBCM Convention held in September. There were very interesting sessions, including the Small Talk Forum which had a good array of discussion with other small communities.

Met with Premier Christy Clark regarding concerns on RMI funding.

Received a letter from Minister Shirley Bond thanking the delegation for taking time to share thoughts and ideas with her.

Overall it was a very good convention and is looking forward to the next UBCM Convention in Victoria in 2016.

12.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**Off leash dog park**

**Moved by Councillor Reyerse**

**Seconded by Councillor Buckley**

THAT staff be directed to research the feasibility and cost of an off-leash dog park in Fire Hall park.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

13.

**REPORTS FROM STAFF**

**Report of Manager of Development and Community Services -  
September 25, 2015**

Re: Amendment to Resort Development Strategy and Events Service Agreement

**Moved by Councillor Buckley**

**Seconded by Councillor Hansen**

THAT Council approve option two as outlined in the above report;

AND THAT the Events Service Agreement be terminated;

AND THAT the Resort Development Strategy be approved as shown in Attachment A.

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**Report of Manager of Development and Community Services – October 10, 2015**

Re: Negotiations for Lands Adjacent Camp Cove between Sts'ailes First Nation and Provincial Government

**Moved by Councillor Buckley**  
**Seconded by Councillor Piper**

THAT a letter be sent to Sts'ailes First Nation and the Provincial Government stating that the Village's interest are unaffected by this proposal, however, the Village supports and encourages the Province and Sts'ailes to continue working together in good faith to address the long-standing trespass issue.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

**Report of Chief Administrative Officer/CO – October 14, 2015**

Re: Christmas Closure Schedule – 2015

***Councillor Piper excused herself from the Chambers at 7:44 p.m. due to a potential conflict of interest stating she is a member of the same CUPE local.***

**Moved by Councillor Reyerse**  
**Seconded by Councillor Hansen**

THAT the Village Office be closed on December 24, 2015 at noon, all day December 29, 30 & 31, 2015, and January 1, 2016 and re-open on Monday, January 4, 2016; and

THAT Village staff be granted one half day with pay on December 24, 2015.

**CARRIED**

***Councillor Piper re-entered the Chambers at 7:47 p.m.***

**Report of Chief Administrative Officer/CO – October 14, 2015**

Re: Celebrate Canada Funding Application – July 1, 2016

**Moved by Councillor Buckley**  
**Seconded by Councillor Hansen**

THAT an application for funding from the Canadian Heritage Celebrate Canada program for the purposes of Canada Day celebrations for 2016 be submitted.

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**Report of Chief Administrative Officer/CO – October 14, 2015**

Re: Interim Director of Finance

**Moved by Councillor Hansen**  
**Seconded by Councillor Piper**

THAT Corien Becker be appointed as Interim Director of Finance for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

**14. BYLAWS**

None

**15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Q: Regarding the proposal for the dog park, I ask that you look for another location as it is too close to homes.

A: We are very limited on locations, we will wait until we get a report back from staff.

Q: With the half day paid closure for December 24, 2015 is that coming out of taxes?

A: Yes.

Q: Is that actually legal?

A: There is nothing illegal about it.

Q: For the change in RDS, changing to option 2, does that mean that Tourism Harrison will get less RMI money to operate as there will be less events?

A: Yes their funding will go down, they will have to use more of their own revenues.


**16. RESOLUTION TO CLOSE MEETING**

**Moved by Councillor Buckley**  
**Seconded by Councillor Reverse**

THAT the meeting be closed to the public at 7:54 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:

Section 90(1)(c) labour relations or other employee relations

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Leo Fazio  
Mayor

  
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Debra Key  
Corporate Officer