

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

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

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

Chief Administrative Officer/CO, Debra Key
Manager of Development and Community Services, Lisa Grant
Interim Director of Finance, Corien Becker

ABSENT: Councillor John Buckley

Recording Secretary: Jaclyn Bhatti

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

The Mayor requested that all persons in attendance rise for a moment of silence in honour of the victims of the Paris tragedy.

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 Reyerse
Seconded by Councillor Piper

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

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

6. **CONSENT AGENDA**

i. **Bylaws**

ii. **Agreements**

iii.
**Committee/
Commission
Minutes**

iv.
Correspondence

Letter dated November 5, 2015 from the Auditor General for Local Government regarding a new Auditor General.

Moved by Councillor Reyerse
Seconded by Councillor Hansen

THAT the correspondence be received.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

7. **DELEGATIONS**

Petition re: Property Maintenance Bylaw

The petition received and filed by the Corporate Officer was received as submitted. No action was taken.

8. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Emailed dated November 4, 2015 from Joyce Seidel regarding support for Strata Plan LMS 2443's application to the Heart & Stroke Foundation PAD program.

Moved by Councillor Reyerse
Seconded by Councillor Hansen

THAT a letter be forwarded to the Heart & Stroke Foundation in support of Strata Plan LMS 2443's application to the Public Access to Defibrillation Program (PAD) program.

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9. **BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

None

11. **REPORTS FROM MAYOR LEO FACIO**

- Reported that a suggestion for an Adopt-a-Path program was brought forward and that this will be discussed further in the future.
- Attended the Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Celebration in Agassiz along with other members of Council. It was a great service with good attendance.
- Reported that the Canadian Coast Guard will be on Harrison Lake this week with their Hovercraft to refurbish navigational aids.
- Reported that the Mayor and Council Fall/Winter Newsletter has now been distributed and reminded residents that if they have any concerns to please contact the Village Office.
- Attended Minister Thomson's announcement regarding the approval of a 1.5 billion dollar long term expansion plan at Hemlock Resort.
- Reported that April 10 – 16, 2016 is Volunteer Recognition Week and if there are names to put forward from the community to please contact the Chief Administrative Officer.
- Reported that at the Fraser Valley Regional District meeting there was discussion regarding kennel space in Chilliwack. There is adequate space for animals, and more spaces than in larger cities.

Reported that in 2016 all E-Comm 911 calls will be coming in from Vancouver, they are presently coming from Chilliwack and Abbotsford.

Reported that the Regional District is looking into a regional program for geese control. The FVRD is also looking into surface water monitoring that would include all lakes including Harrison.

Reported that the FVRD budget for mosquito control services will be increased in 2016.

Reported that funding of regional parks is 54% financed by the City of Chilliwack and 24% by the District of Mission.

12. **REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Report of Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer – November 4, 2015

Re: 2016 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

Moved by Councillor Reyerse
Seconded by Councillor Hansen

THAT the proposed Regular Council meeting schedule for 2016 be approved as submitted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

Report of Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer – November 10, 2015

Re: Pay Parking Implementation – Amendment

Moved by Councillor Reyerse
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT the resolution approved at the Regular Council meeting June 1, 2015 wherein:

“THAT pay parking for Esplanade Avenue, St. Alice Street (north), Maple Street (north), Cedar Street (north) and Spruce Street (north) be implemented in the Spring of 2016,

AND THAT no changes for parking be implemented in 2015.”

be amended to read:

“THAT pay parking for Esplanade Avenue, St. Alice Street (north), Maple Street (north), Chehalis Street (north) and Spruce Street (north) and be implemented in the Spring of 2016;

AND THAT no changes for parking be implemented in 2015.”

**CARRIED
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Moved by Councillor Reyerse
Seconded by Councillor Hansen

THAT the four (4) stalls on Hot Springs Road north between Esplanade Avenue and Lillooet Avenue be included in the pay parking implementation.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

**Report of Manager of Development and Community Services -
November 12, 2015**

Re: Analysis of Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1033, 2013

Moved by Councillor Reyerse
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT the report titled "Analysis of Revitalization Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 1033, 2013" be received for information.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

13. BYLAWS

None

14. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Q: On the 2016 Council Meeting schedule, when is UBCM?

A: September 26 – 30, 2016.

Q: Will UBCM affect a date for the Council meeting in September?

A: No, we only have one meeting scheduled in September as per the Council Procedure Bylaw.

Q: I did write some suggestions for paid parking and I was wondering if Council has seen my letter?

A: All Councillors have received your correspondence.

Q: Regarding Bylaw No. 1033, the bylaw encourages development on private property, on the map in Schedule A there is a large amount of publically owned property is shown as being tax exempt. Specifically, around the lagoon, the beach and the property adjacent to the Village Office. It seems that Council intends to sell these to developers. Can Council explain why these areas of key public land have been included in the map for tax exemption?

A: The land adjacent to the Village Office was included after an APC meeting, at one point there had been thoughts to sell the land to fund infrastructure. Not sure why it goes around Lagoon, it is currently in place and the Bylaw will be re-evaluated in 2018.

Q: Why does Council adopt a bylaw that is in conflict with the Provincial legislation that requires all bylaws to comply with the Official Community Plan?

Q: Why doesn't Council complete the review of the Bylaw, look at map and remove these public lands from the development?

A: Thank you for your comment, we will take under consideration.

Q: Regarding the Emerald Street situation, what has been done to solve the problem? I have filed several reports on unsightly premises. Why is the unsightly premises bylaw in place, why has it not been administered and the property cleaned up?

A: We have been dealing with this property for several months and several agencies are dealing with it.


15. **RESOLUTION TO CLOSE THE MEETING**

Moved by Councillor Reyerse
Seconded by Councillor Hansen

THAT the meeting be closed to the public at 7:36 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)(a) personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality.

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Leo Facio
Mayor


for Debra Key
Corporate Officer