

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

DATE: Monday, October 24, 2016
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, Madeline McDonald
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/ Corporate Officer, Debra Key
Financial Officer, Tracey Jones

ABSENT:

Recording Secretary: Jaclyn Bhatti

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- Move Item 4(d) - Short Term Rentals to Item 4(a)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Hansen

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Councillor Reyerse excused herself from the Chambers at 10:01 a.m. due to a potential conflict of interest stating she is an accommodation provider.

- (a) Report of Chief Administrative Officer – October 20, 2016
Re: Short Term Rentals Update

Council in Committee inquired about reaching out to other municipalities for support with lobbying the government on this issue.

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Hansen

THAT Minister Fassbenders' letter of April 8, 2016 be brought forward to the next Council meeting.

CARRIED

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Councillor Reyerse re-entered the Chambers at 10:07 a.m.

- (b) Report of Financial Officer – October 18, 2016
Re: 2017 Property Tax Due Date

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Consideration for consultation with the business community
- Changing the due date in 2018 or later to give people time to adjust/save.

Moved by Councillor Hansen

THAT Council repeal Bylaw 237 Percentage Addition Bylaw and establish a general tax collection scheme in accordance with section 234 of the *Community Charter*.

MOTION FAILED

Moved by Councillor Buckley

THAT businesses be canvased regarding the property tax due date with a response time of no later than November 30, 2016.

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- (c) Report of Financial Officer – October 13, 2016
Re: Pay Parking Summary of Revenue and Expenditures 2016

Enforcement costs consisted of:

- Pay parking ambassador
- Vehicle cost for that individual

Operation costs consisted of:

- Contractual costs for rentals
- Communication/wifi on machines
- Administrative/accounting costs

Council in Committee discussed the following:

- Amount of tickets/cost of fine
- If the pay parking ambassador was from the community
- Residents being under the impression that taxes would be lowered due to revenues from pay parking

Received for information and filed.

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- (d) Report of Chief Administrative Officer – October 20, 2016
Re: Boat Launch Repairs & Budget

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Consideration for funds to go into the reserve and using that money to improve the washroom facility at the boat launch.

Received for information and filed.

- (e) Memorandum of Financial Officer – October 20, 2016
Re: 2017 Budget Timeline

Received for information and filed.

- (f) Christmas Event

The CAO asked Council in Committee for direction on the Christmas Event.

Ideas for a Christmas event in the future were discussed.

The consensus was to proceed with a shared event for 2016, and review a Christmas event for 2017.

Designated Swimming Areas

Council in Committee discussed:

- Having a designated swimming area west of the lagoon
- Expanding the Rendall Park swimming area, to deter boats from beaching in the area
- Staff to provide information on cost for new swim area, current size of Rendall Park swim area and possibility for expansion.

Stenciled Signage on Beach Walkway

Council in Committee discussed:

- Adding no skateboards to stencil on walkways, use a more general term.
- Using pictograms
- Having this on banners instead
- Refer to staff

Election Signage

Council in Committee discussed:

- Some municipalities donate money to the food bank or similar instead of having signage on their boulevards, something to consider
- Leaving as is, as there has not been any issues
- Would like to see what the District of Kent does
- Staff to provide a copy of District of Kent bylaw for Council

Replacement of Banners on Esplanade Avenue

The CAO gave an update on the banners; it is a difficult environment for them due to aggressive winds.

Council in Committee discussed:

- Can we extend the life by taking them down at the end of the tourist season?
- Damage is on tails, we need to pursue with the supplier as material seems to be at fault
- Can we look into aluminum with laser cutting, or hard boards as they hold up better in high wind areas

Stop Signs/School Zone Signage Update

Council in Committee discussed:

- Public Works Foreman is working with ICBC; ICBC has offered to assist with the costs

Memorial Bricks at Memorial Hall

Council in Committee discussed:

- Can we put something to the east of Memorial Hall with Memorial Bricks that people can purchase?
- Refer item back to staff to research cost

Canadian Geese in Public Green Spaces

Council in Committee discussed:

- What can we do to decrease the amount of geese in public areas? Public Works staff are spending a lot of time cleaning up after them
- Can we put something other than grass down, as they tend to like those areas, but not the areas with tall grasses such as the north side of the lagoon
- Need to be proactive on this
- Refer item back to staff to research

5. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Questions from the public were entertained.


6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Reyerse
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the meeting be closed to the public at 11:26 a.m., except for Council and senior staff and for the purpose of receiving and adopting Closed Meeting Minutes convened in accordance to Section 90(1) of the *Community Charter* and to consider matters pursuant to:

(k) negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality if they were held in public

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Leo Facio
Mayor



Debra Key
Corporate Officer

