

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

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 19, 2019  
**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Council Chambers  
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Leo Facio  
Councillor Ray Hooper  
Councillor Gerry Palmer  
Councillor Samantha Piper  
Councillor Michie Vidal

Chief Administrative Officer, Madeline McDonald  
Deputy Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer, Debra Key  
Tracey Jones, Financial Officer  
Troy Davis, Infrastructure Manager  
Ken Cossey, Planning Consultant (*via conference phone*)

**ABSENT:**

*Recording Secretary: Nicole Sather*

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Councillor Piper**  
**Seconded by Councillor Vidal**

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2019-02-09*

**4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Moved by Councillor Palmer**  
**Seconded by Councillor Hooper**

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 4, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2019-02-10*

**Moved by Councillor Piper**  
**Seconded by Councillor Palmer**

THAT the Special Council Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2019-02-11*

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- i. (a) Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1136, 2019
- iii. (a) Draft Resort Development Committee Meeting Minutes of January 31, 2019

**Moved by Councillor Piper**  
**Seconded by Councillor Vidal**

THAT Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1136, 2019 be adopted; and

THAT the draft Minutes of the Resort Development Strategy Committee meeting be received.

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*RC-2019-02-12*

**7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS**

- (a) Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation, Robert Beischer  
Re: Foundation work in the region

Robert Beischer gave a PowerPoint Presentation overviewing Fraser Valley Health Care Foundation. The Foundation primary purpose is to raise funds and awareness to further the improvement of health care in the facilities and programs operated, funded or endorsed by the Fraser Health Authority within the Fraser Valley Regional Hospital District through providing the best medical equipment, programs and facilities, to better serve the communities of Abbotsford, Mission, Chilliwack, Hope, Agassiz and Harrison Hot Springs.

Robert Beischer announced that the Inaugural Fraser Valley Grand Gala will be held on November 15, 2019 in Harrison Hot Springs.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Community Wildfire Protection Plan 2017

**Moved by Councillor Piper**  
**Seconded by Councillor Vidal**

THAT the Community Wildfire Protection Plan be received.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2019-02-13*

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

*Item 8(a)*

Community Wildfire Protection Plan 2017

**Moved by Councillor Piper**  
**Seconded by Councillor Palmer**

THAT Council request a meeting with the Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations at the 2019 Union of British Columbia Municipalities Convention for the purpose of requesting the Province to further assist communities that are exposed to wildfire smoke for an extended period of time; and

THAT staff draft a resolution for consideration at the 2019 Union of BC Municipalities Convention in support of Objective 6 of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (2017) prepared by B.A. Blackwell & Associates, requesting that the Province undertake measures to assess and mitigate risks associated with wildfire smoke.

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

**Councillor Vidal**

- Attended Council's Strategic Planning Session held on February 7, 2019
- Attended the Community Wildfire Protection Plan presentation by B.A. Blackwell and Associates held on February 11, 2019
- Attended the Fraser Valley Aboriginal Relations Committee held on February 14, 2019
- Attended a Special Council meeting held on February 14, 2019
- Attended the Financial Budget Open House held on February 15, 2019

**Councillor Hooper**

- Attended Council's Strategic Planning Session held on February 7, 2019
- Attended the Community Wildfire Protection Plan presentation by B.A. Blackwell and Associates held on February 11, 2019
- Attended a webinar hosted by Tamarack Community focusing on Indigenous relationships held on February 15, 2019
- Attended the Financial Budget Open House held on February 15, 2019

**Councillor Palmer**

- Attended Council's Strategic Planning Session held on February 7, 2019
- Attended a Special Council meeting held on February 14, 2019
- Attended the Fraser Valley Diversities Award event held on February 15, 2019

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**Councillor Piper**

- Attended the Council's Strategic Planning Session held on February 7, 2019
- Attended the Community Wildfire Protection Plan presentation by B.A. Blackwell and Associates held on February 11, 2019
- Attended a Special Council meeting held on February 14, 2019
- Reported that Pink Shirt Day is recognized on February 27, 2019

**11. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Attended a meeting with Sergeant D. Rennie from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), Agassiz detachment. Reported that a letter was sent to the Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General regarding the concern of the RCMP staffing levels in the local detachment.
- Reported that Ruth Altendorf, a well-known community volunteer had passed away and sends his condolences to the family.
- Attended a meeting with Federal Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne of Infrastructure and Communities hosted by the Chilliwack's Chamber of Commerce
- Announced that the Order of British Columbia nominations deadline is March 1, 2019
- Attended the Community Wildfire Protection Plan presentation by B.A. Blackwell and Associates held on February 11, 2019
- Reported that the East Sector Recreational Park is closed until further notice due to hazardous conditions
- Announced that on Saturday, February 23, 2019 the Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department will hold an Open House
- Attended the Council's Strategic Planning Session held on February 7, 2019
- Attended the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) Board meeting held on February 12, 2019
- Reported on a call received from the Minister of Tourism, Art and Culture, Lisa Beare regarding the funding under the Resort Municipalities Initiative

**Moved by Councillor Piper**

**Seconded by Councillor Palmer**

THAT a letter be sent to the Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Tourism, Arts and Culture, and the Honourable Minister Carole James, Minister of Finance, expressing the Village's gratitude for funding under the Resort Municipality Initiative.

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**12. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

- (a) Report of the Infrastructure Manager – January 23, 2019  
Re: Fire Hall Seismic

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**Moved by Councillor Piper**  
**Seconded by Councillor Vidal**

THAT the Fire Hall Seismic Report be received.

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*Corporate Officer connected Ken Cossey via phone at 7:38 p.m.*

*Councillor Michie Vidal excused herself from Chambers at 7:38 p.m. due to a potential conflict of interest stating she pays moorage at the Harrison Hot Springs Marina.*

- (b) Report of the Planning Consultant – February 4, 2019  
Re: To start the Development Variance Permit process – 102 Rockwell Drive

**Moved by Councillor Hooper**  
**Seconded by Councillor Piper**

That staff be authorized to start work on application 3090-20-DVP11/18 for land legally described as: DL 5031, Group 1, New Westminster District.

**CARRIED  
RC-2019-02-17**

*Councillor Vidal re-entered the Chambers at 7:42 p.m.*

- (c) Report of the Planning Consultant – February 4, 2019  
Re: To start the Development Variance Permit process – 875 Hot Springs Road

**Moved by Councillor Piper**  
**Seconded by Councillor Hooper**

That staff be authorized to start work on application 3090-20-DVP01/19 for land legally described as: Lot G, Sec 12, Twp 4, Rg 29, W6M, New Westminster District Plan 16245.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

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- (d) Report of the Financial Officer – February 15, 2019  
Re: Inter-Municipal Business Licence Program

**Moved by Councillor Piper**  
**Seconded by Councillor Vidal**

THAT Council authorize staff to pursue registering the Village of Harrison Hot Springs as a participant in the Fraser Valley Inter-Municipal Business Licence program starting in the year 2020.

**CARRIED  
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**Public Consultation – Financial Plan 2019-2023**

The Mayor invited the public to make any comments on the 2109-2023 Financial Plan.

**Allan Jackson**

- Reported on his experience in the financial sector
- Expressed concern over Council giving up income by reducing the business class tax rates
- Reported that Village of Harrison Hot Springs business tax rates are similar to the City of Delta
- Reported that Delta has a major industrial sector that does support this tax rate
- Expressed concern over the unsustainability of the Village's rate considering the opportunity for growth within the Village
- Reported on the community demographics
- Complimented staff on the layout of the report
- Shared concerns over the generated income, grant funds and borrowed funds considering the federal elections in the fall
- Reported that businesses are capable of re-coop a portion of taxes in the forms of write-offs compared to residents
- Recommended to Council to refer the 2019-2023 Financial Budget back to staff

**13. BYLAWS**

- (a) Report of the Financial Officer – January 30, 2019  
Re: 2019-2023 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1134, 2019

The Financial Officer reported that a Financial Budget Open House was held on February 15, 2019 to provide the public an opportunity to ask questions. Reported that there were no questions at that time to be brought back to Council.

**Moved by Councillor Vidal**  
**Seconded by Councillor Hooper**

THAT the 2019-2023 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1134, 2019 be given second reading as amended;

FURTHER THAT the 2019-2023 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1134, 2019 be given third reading.

**OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR PIPER**  
**CARRIED**  
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- (b) Report of the Planning Consultant – February 19, 2019  
Re: Business Licence Bylaw No. 1128, 2018

**Moved by Councillor Hooper**  
**Seconded by Councillor Palmer**

THAT Bylaw 1128, 2018 be given the first two readings; and

THAT staff be authorized to set up a community notification process as per the requirements of the Community Charter. This will include the posting of the Notice of Intent advertisement and the setting up of a community session to collect any written and/or any verbal comments on the bylaw.

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**14. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (pertaining to agenda items only)**


Questions from the public were entertained.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

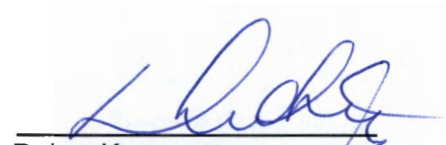
**Moved by Councillor Palmer**  
**Seconded by Councillor Vidal**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

**CARRIED**  
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Leo Facio  
Mayor



Debra Key  
Corporate Officer