

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

**DATE:** Monday, March 4, 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  
Rhonda Schell, Community Services Coordinator

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

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2019-03-01*

**4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2019-03-02*

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor Piper raised the first point under the Mayor's Report regarding the concern of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) staffing levels in the local detachment.

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

THAT a meeting be requested with the Honourable Mike Farnsworth, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, at the 2019 UBCM Annual Convention; and

THAT the District of Kent be invited to attend the meeting in a joint capacity in order to discuss concerns relating to funding and staffing models for local and regional RCMP personnel.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2019-03-03

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

iii. (a) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2018

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

THAT the Minutes of the Age-Friendly Committee meeting be received.

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UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2019-03-04

**7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS**

None

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

(a) Letter dated February 26, 2019 from Lower Mainland Local Government Association  
Re: 2019 Call For Nominations

(b) Letter dated February 26, 2019 from Lower Mainland Local Government Association  
Re: 2019 Call For Resolutions – Annual General Meeting

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

THAT the correspondence be received.

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UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2019-03-05

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

- Councillor Piper reported that she intends to run for the Lower Mainland Local Government Association for a Director of Large position and will require nominators.

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

**Councillor Vidal**

- Attended the Sts'ailes Community Open House held on February 28, 2019
- Reported on engagements with residents regarding the Resort Development Strategy

**Councillor Hooper**

- Attended the Harrison and Agassiz Social Club gathering held on February 25, 2019
- Attended the Healthy Heart Day event held on February 27, 2019
- Chaired the Age-Friendly Committee Meeting held on February 28, 2019
- Attended the Sts'ailes Community Open House held on February 28, 2019
- Attended the Active Transportation event in Surrey held on March 1, 2019

**Councillor Palmer**

- Attended the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board retreat held on February 27 and 28, 2019

**Councillor Piper**

- Attended the Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee meeting held on February 25, 2019 and announced that Deputy Warden Andreassen and Warden Fortnum were awarded the 2019 Provincial Employer Support Award from the Canadian Armed Forces on February 26, 2019. Also, reported on the Correctional Institute's activities including the success of their Pet Program, a new video visiting tool and taking part of Seabird's Career Fair which will be held on March 6, 2019.
- Attended the Lower Mainland Local Government Association executive meeting held on March 1, 2019.
- Attended the Active Transportation Regional Forum in Vancouver held on March 2, 2019 and announced that the Province has a new online engagement tool, [www.engage.gov.bc.ca](http://www.engage.gov.bc.ca), and encouraged the public to visit the site regularly as the question will update every two (2) weeks
- Attended the In Camera Council Meeting held on March 4, 2019

**11. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Attended the Fire Department Open House on February 23, 2019 and reported that three (3) new members were recruited by the Fire Department
- Attended the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) Committee of the Whole and the Fraser Valley Regional Hospital District Board held on February 26, 2019
- Reported that the East Sector Recreational Lands remains closed
- Reported on Fraser Valley Regional District approved a general tax increase of 3 % for all regional services
- Reported that BC Transit underestimated the fuel budget for the Fraser Valley Express budget and looking at solutions to recover cost

**12. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

- (a) Report of the Infrastructure Manager – February 26, 2019  
Re: Beach Front Willow Tree Lights

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

THAT the electrical upgrades to the tree lighting system along the north side of Esplanade Avenue be approved.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2019-03-06

- (b) Report of the Community Services Coordinator – February 26, 2019  
Re: 2018 Grants to Groups

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

THAT the community groups be provided with funding, under the Grants to Groups program, as follows:

• Fraser Valley Paddling Club	\$1,800.00
• Kent-Harrison Arts Council	\$2,000.00
• Agassiz-Harrison Community Services	\$ 500.00
• Agassiz Baseball Association	\$ 500.00
• Miami River Streamkeepers Society	\$ 525.00
Total	\$5,325.00

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**UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2019-03-07

- (c) Report of the Chief Administrative Officer – February 27, 2019  
Re: Wildfire Smoke – Draft Resolution for Consideration at LMLGA

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

THAT the following resolution be forwarded to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration at the LMLGA 2019 Annual General Meeting:

WHEREAS wildfire smoke is increasingly present in and around the Village of Harrison Hot Springs during the summer months;

AND WHEREAS wildfire smoke negatively impacts human health and the public's comfort and ability to enjoy the natural beauty of Harrison Hot Springs' parks and beaches; which has a negative impact to the economy of our Resort Municipality;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province take a more proactive role in assessing risks associated with exposure to wildfire smoke and create decision making tools to assist communities in determining what measures should be taken to mitigate those risks.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2019-03-08*

- (d) Report of the Community Services Coordinator – March 1, 2019  
Re: Resort Development Strategy Survey Results – Public Engagement Summary

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

THAT Council approves of the Resort Development Strategy 2019-21 being developed around

- 1) Synthetic outdoor rink which includes improvements to the adjacent building, washrooms and the preparation of surface to support the rink;
- 2) Lagoon and beach area improvements including accessibility upgrades; and
- 3) Public art on the lagoon or beach front area,

for submission to the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2019-03-09*

**13. BYLAWS**

- (a) Report of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/ Corporate Officer – February 6, 2019  
Re: Increases to parking penalties under Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw

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

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw Schedule A, under Section Highway and Traffic Bylaw No. 974, applicable provision lines be increased as follows:

- A1 Penalty Payment \$100
- A2 Early Payment \$ 90
- A3 Late Payment \$110

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

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

THAT the 2019-2023 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1134, 2019 be adopted.

**OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR PIPER**  
**CARRIED**  
RC-2019-03-11

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

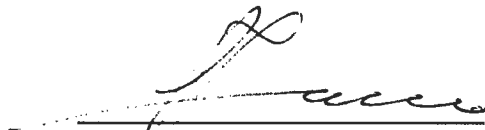
Questions from the public were entertained.

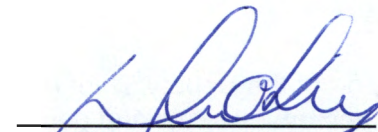
**15. ADJOURNMENT**

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2019-03-12

  
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Leo Pacio  
Mayor

  
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Debra Key  
Corporate Officer