

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

DATE: April 6, 2021

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers, Memorial Hall
290 Esplanade Avenue, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

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

Chief Administrative Officer, Madeline McDonald
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/CO, Debra Key
Community Services Manager Rhonda Schell
Financial Officer, Tracey Jones
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey

GUESTS: Brian Szabo, BDO Canada LLP
Kayla Northcote, BDO Canada LLP

ABSENT: None

Recording Secretary: Jaclyn Bhatti

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Facio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Mayor Facio acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None

The Corporate Officer raised a point of information stating that page 77 is to be struck from the Agenda as it was inadvertently attached.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2021-04-01

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 15, 2021 be adopted.

**CARRIED
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RC-2021-04-02

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- i. Bylaws
- ii. Agreements
- iii. Committee/Commission Minutes
- iii. Correspondence

None

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

None

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated February 12, 2021 from Harrison Art Show
Re: Pay Parking start date and The Harrison Art Show
- (b) Letter dated March 10, 2021 from Village of Belcarra to Honourable Nelly Shin, Member of Parliament
Re: Belcarra Council Motion – Endorsement of 9-8-8 Crisis Line Initiative
- (c) Letter dated March 16, 2021 from Miami River Streamkeepers Society
Re: Miami River Greenway Completion
- (d) Letter dated March 17, 2021 from the City of Prince George to Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Health
Re: Opioid Crisis and Call for Overdose Action Plan
- (e) Letter dated March 17, 2021 from the City of Prince George to BC Utilities Commission
Re: British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority (BC Hydro): 2020 Street Lighting Rate Application
- (f) Letter dated March 18, 2021 from District of Sicamous to Honourable Katrine Conroy, Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Re: Aquatic Invasive Species Enforcement
- (g) Email dated March 27, 2021 from Shirley and John Dishon
Re: Overflow Parking Survey

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Moved by Councillor Palmer
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the correspondence be received.

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RC-2021-04-03

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff work cooperatively with the Harrison Art Show to accommodate parking requests related to their upcoming event, as requested in their letter of February 12, 2021.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2021-04-04

Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Hooper

THAT a letter be sent to the Village of Belcarra expressing support of a National 3-Digit Suicide Prevention Hotline throughout Canada and copied to MP Brad Vis.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2021-04-05

Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT a letter be sent to the City of Prince George, and copied to the BC Utilities Commission, in response to their letter of March 17, 2021, expressing support of Prince George's opposition to BC Hydro's proposed surcharge to recover the costs of conversion of HPS light fixtures to LED light fixtures.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2021-04-06

Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT a letter be sent to the District of Sicamous, and copied to the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, in response to Sicamous' letter of March 18, 2021 expressing support of their resolution for an aquatic invasive species enforcement initiative.

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Moved by Mayor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT a response be sent to Shirley and John Dishon providing clarification of the Village's public engagement and communication process and what communication tools will be used for the upcoming Official Community Plan review.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2021-04-08

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

Councillor Hooper

- Agassiz Harrison Historical Society – no report
- Fraser Health
 - March 17, 19 & 24, 2021 attended online workshops with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.
 - March 18, 2021 attended webinar held by the Tamarack Institute.
 - March 26, 2021 attended a Zoom meeting with members of the Foundry for a Youth Addiction Knowledge Exchange
 - March 31, 2021 attended a BC Citizens Response Network meeting.
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – no report
- Will be attending The End of Poverty Conference May 5 & 6, 2021.

Councillor Palmer

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – no report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – no report
- Public Art Committee – no report

Moved by Councillor Palmer
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Councillor Hooper be reimbursed for registration fees for attendance at the Tamarack Institute's, The End of Poverty Conference in May of 2021.

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OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR PIPER**
RC-2021-04-09

Councillor Piper

- March 16, 2021 attended a National Dialogue Series with the University of the Fraser Valley
- Corrections Canada Citizens Advisory Committee – attended a March 18, 2021 online meeting.
- Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce – no report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – no report

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- Tourism Harrison – attended the March 31, 2021 Board of Directors meeting via Zoom.

Councillor Vidal

- Agassiz Harrison Healthy Communities
 - March 16, 2021 attended a webinar on the top scams affecting seniors.
 - March 18, 2021 attended the Healthy Communities meeting and reported that Community Services will provide transportation for individuals to COVID vaccination clinics.
 - Reported that there are free income tax clinics through Community Services.
- Fraser Valley Regional District Board – no report
- Fraser Valley Regional District Hospital Board – no report
- March 18, 2021 attended the Lower Mainland Local Government Association Executive Meeting.
- March 25, 2021 attended a virtual Municipal Finance Authority of BC Annual general Meeting and Financial Forum.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Reported on the COVID-19 vaccination roll out and how to book appointments.
- Reported on the updated Public Health Orders regarding restaurants.
- Reported that there are upcoming meetings in regards to health and will report at the next meeting.

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Community Services Manager – March 26, 2021
Re: 2020 Grants to Groups

Moved by Councillor Piper

Seconded by Councillor Palmer

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

Agassiz-Harrison Community Services	\$1,500.00
Earthwise Society	\$1,000.00
Agassiz-Harrison Aquanauts Swim Club	\$2,000.00
Storytime in the Park	\$1,000.00
Kent-Harrison Arts Council	\$2,000.00

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- (b) Report of Community Services Manager – March 26, 2021
Re: Grants Policy 1.02

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Piper

Councillor Palmer requested that “environmental enhancement” be added to the purpose.

THAT Grants Policy No. 1.02 be adopted as amended.

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UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2021-04-11

Councillor Hooper left the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

- (c) Report of Financial Officers – March 30, 2021
Re: 2020 Audited Financial Statements

Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the 2020 Financial Statements of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs be approved; and

THAT the Independent Auditors Report be received, and

FURTHER THAT the Independent Auditor’s Report be attached to the approved Financial Statements of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

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RC-2021-04-12

13. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Planning Consultant – March 22, 2021
Re: Development Procedure Amendment Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT Development Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 1160, 2021 be given first, second and third readings.

MOTION FAILED

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Moved by Councillor Palmer
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Development Procedures Amendment Bylaw No. 1160, 2021 be referred back to staff for consideration at a future Committee of the Whole.

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

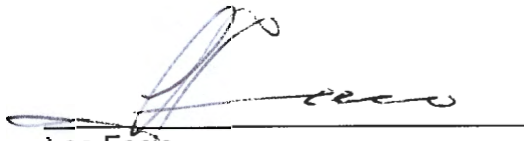
There were no questions from the public.

15. ADJOURNMENT

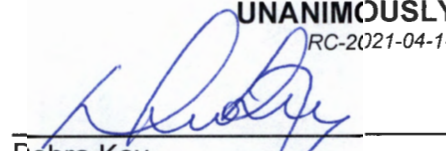
Moved by Councillor Palmer
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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Leo Facio
Mayor



Debra Key
Corporate Officer

