

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

**DATE:** Monday, October 18, 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  
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey

**ABSENT:**

*Recording Secretary: M. McDonald*

**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

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Amendments to Report of Planning Consultant re: Consideration on the issuance of Development Variance Permit – 470 Esplanade Avenue

The Chief Administrative Officer cited corrections to Page 26 to clarify that the proposed development under consideration at 470 Esplanade Avenue is 4 stories and comprised of 28 units.

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

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2021-10-10*

**4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2021 be adopted.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2021-10-11*

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**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- i. Bylaws
  - (a) Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw No. 1172, 2021
- ii. Agreements
- iii. Committee/Commission Minutes
- iv. Correspondence
  - (a) Letter dated September 21, 2021 from UBCM re Emergency Mitigation and Preparedness resolution

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

THAT the Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw No. 1172, 2021 be adopted and the correspondence be received.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2021-10-12*

**7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS**

- (a) Agassiz RCMP Detachment – Sgt. Mike Sargent  
Re: Seasonal Policing Report – 2021

Sgt. Mike Sargent provided a verbal presentation on the Harrison Hot Springs Seasonal Policing Report for 2021. Mayor Facio thanked Sgt. Sargent for his presentation.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

None

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

**Councillor Hooper**

- Agassiz Harrison Historical Society
  - Attended an Agassiz Harrison Historical Society meeting on October 12, 2021
- Fraser Health
  - Attended a zoom meeting and training with CNIB on October 6, 8 and 13, 2021
  - Attended a zoom meeting with members of LGBTQ2 on October 7, 2021
  - Took part in a webinar with Alzheimer Society of BC on October 14, 2021
  - Attended a zoom meeting on October 15, 2021

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- Took part with Tarmarack Institute on a Building Equitable Economies- Participatory Grantmaking Project on October 15, 2021
- Attended a Public Safety Webinar held by UBCM on October 12, 2021
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – no report

**Councillor Palmer**

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

**Councillor Piper**

- Corrections Canada Citizens Advisory Committee – no report
- Attended a webinar presented by UBCM and the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General regarding provincial priorities with respect to policing and public safety modernization on October 13, 2021
- Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce
  - Attended Agassiz Harrison Chamber Board Meeting on October 12, 2021
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee - no report
- Tourism Harrison – no report

**Councillor Vidal**

- Agassiz Harrison Healthy Communities – no report
- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – no report
- Fraser Valley Regional District Hospital Board (Alternate Municipal Director) - no report

**11. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Attended a zoom meeting on October 13, 2021 with Minister Josie Osborne with a guest speaker UBCM President Laurey-Anne Roodenburg. Reported that there were 36 communities in attendance. Areas of discussion included, mental health, RCMP resources, low-cost housing, and additional resources for small communities dealing with COVID and transportation.
- Attended a Fraser Valley Regional District meeting on October 14, 2021 to discuss Metro Vancouver's 2050 Long Term Strategy and new costs for animal licencing and impoundment.
- Reported that October is Foster Parent Month
- Attended the RCMP Upper Fraser Valley Regional Detachment meeting on October 5, 2021 to discuss Surrey's transition from RCMP, RCMP Contract and body camera costs to municipalities and staff to run the program with an anticipated start up in spring 2022.

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**12. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

- (a) Report of Planning Consultant – October 7, 2021  
Re: Consideration on the issuance of Development Variance Permit – 470  
Esplanade Avenue

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

THAT Development Variance Permit DVP 3/21, as amended, be issued to Oasis at Harrison Lake Developments Ltd. for the property located at 470 Esplanade Avenue, Harrison Hot Springs for land legally described as:

Lot A, Sec 13, Twp 4, Rg 29, W6M, New Westminster District Plan EPP 112669.

**CARRIED**  
**OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HOOPER**  
*RC-2021-10-13*

**Moved by Councillor Hooper**

THAT Development Variance Permit DVP 3/21 report be brought back to Council by the end of November with more development detail for further review by Council.

**MOTION FAILED**  
**LACK OF SECONDER**

- (b) Report of Chief Administrative Officer – October 12, 2021  
Re: Public Facility Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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

THAT Council Meetings and public hearings remain at Memorial Hall until further decision of Council.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2021-10-14*

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

THAT the Council Procedure Bylaw be amended to allow for open meetings of Council to be conducted electronically or in a hybrid fashion to include both in-person and electronic attendance.

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

THAT modifications be made to Memorial Hall, at a cost of up to \$6000, to be funded from the COVID-19 Restart Grant to secure council meeting equipment so as to allow for community events organized by the Harrison Festival Society or Tourism Harrison River Valley to be undertaken at the Hall.

**CARRIED  
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*RC-2021-10-16*

**13. BYLAWS**

None

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

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

THAT Village staff produce a report outlining the process and costs associated with identifying a section of pathway on the promenade or identifying a crosswalk as an ideal location to include a paint project that reflects the Village's commitment of continued reconciliation efforts with our indigenous neighbours; and furthermore, that the report be provided in a timely manner enabling Council to consider the budget for the initiative within the 2022 budget cycle.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2021-10-17*

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

Questions from the public were entertained.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

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

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2021-10-18*

  
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Leo Facio  
Mayor

  
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Debra Key  
Corporate Officer

