



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, November 7, 2022
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers,
Memorial Hall, 290 Esplanade Avenue,
Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

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1. CALL TO ORDER

- (a) Meeting called to order by Corporate Officer.
- (b) Presentations to Outgoing Council
- (c) Administration of Oaths of Office to:
 - Ed Wood, Mayor-elect
 - John Buckley, Councillor-elect
 - Leo Facio, Councillor-elect
 - Allan Jackson, Councillor-elect
 - Michie Vidal, Incumbent Councillor

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

- (a) THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2022 be adopted.

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

6. CONSENT AGENDA

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

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS	
8. CORRESPONDENCE	
9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE	
10. REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS, COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND COMMISSIONS	
11. REPORTS FROM MAYOR	
12. REPORTS FROM STAFF	
<div>(a) Report of the Chief Election Officer – November 1, 2022 Re: 2022 Municipal Election Results</div> <div>Recommendation:</div> <div>THAT the results of the 2022 Municipal Elections be received; and</div> <div>THAT staff bring forward draft amendments to remove the mail ballot voting provisions and include provisions for the placement of election signage in the General Election and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 1121, 2022.</div>	
13. BYLAWS	
14. NEW BUSINESS	
15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (pertaining to agenda items only)	
16. ADJOURNMENT	
Performance of “God Save the King”	

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

DATE: Monday, October 17, 2022

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Chief Administrative Officer, Madeline McDonald
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/CO, Debra Key
Finance Manager, Scott Schultz
Community Services Manager, Rhonda Schell
Operations Manager, Tyson Koch

ABSENT:

Recording Secretary: T. Kafi

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

Moved by Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the agenda be approved.

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4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Palmer
Seconded by Councillor Piper

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2022 be adopted.

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RC-2022-10-07

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5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

None

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

None

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 – No Report
- Fraser Health – 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
 - Attended a meeting on October 5, 2022
- Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce
 - Attended a meeting on October 11, 2022
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended the Lets'emot Community to Community meeting on October 6, 2022
- Attended the Seasons of the Wild kick-off event on October 12, 2022

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
- Attended the Lets'emot Community to Community meeting on October 6, 2022

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MAYOR'S REPORT

- Reported on the Fraser Valley Regional and Corporate Services Committee meeting on October 13, 2022
- Reported on the current Councils' accomplishments during their term of 2018 – 2022
- Gave thanks to Councillors Piper, Palmer and Hooper for their service to the community
- Thanked the community and business in Harrison Hot Springs for their support over the years
- Congratulated Councillor Vidal and Mayor-Elect Ed Wood

11. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Chief Administrative Officer – October 11, 2022
Re: Regional Fire Training Facility

Moved By Councillor Piper
Seconded by Councillor Palmer

THAT the Village of Harrison Hot Springs support the District of Kent's application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for a grant in support of the development of a Regional Fire Training Facility at the Agassiz Fire Hall site.

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UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2022-10-08

12. BYLAWS

None

13. NEW BUSINESS

Moved By Mayor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT The Village submit a written statement to the BC Electoral Boundaries Commission expressing opposition to the proposed new boundaries for the Chilliwack-Kent and Fraser-Nicola provincial electoral ridings; and

THAT the Village send representation to the Public Hearing on November 2, 2022 in Langley, BC, to speak this issue.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR HOOPER
RC-2022-10-09

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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 Piper

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

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Leo Facio
Mayor

Debra Key
Corporate Officer



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

REPORT TO COUNCIL

TO: Mayor and Council **DATE:** November 1, 2022
FROM: Rhonda Schell **FILE:** 4200-01
Chief Election Officer/Deputy CO
SUBJECT: 2022 Municipal Election Results

ISSUE: Results of the 2022 Municipal Election

BACKGROUND:

The General Voting Opportunity for the Offices of Mayor and Councillor for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs and School Trustees for School District #78 was held on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at the Harrison Hot Springs Elementary School. In addition, an Advance Voting Opportunity was also held at the Village Office Council Chambers on October 5, 2022 (required under s. 107 of the *Local Government Act*).

Mail Ballot Voting was also available to electors. The Village received twelve (12) requests for Mail in Ballot packages. Eleven (11) Mail in Ballot packages were received in time for the Ballot count on October 15, 2022. Of the eleven (11) received, three (3) of the packages were rejected due to incomplete Certification Envelopes resulting in eight (8) accepted ballots. Mail ballot voting is an optional provision under the *Local Government Act* (s.110). Because there are very few electors in the Village who take advantage of this opportunity and the amount of work and cost associated with providing this service, staff is recommending that it be removed from the General Election and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 1121, 2022. There are 31 municipalities in British Columbia who do not provide this service, according to a survey completed by CivicInfo in 2022.

The estimated number of eligible voters for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs was 1,598. The total number of ballots cast in the 2022 municipal election was 775, resulting in a 48% voter turnout.

The Determination of Election Results was made on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 in the Council Chambers at the Village Office. The number of votes for each candidate was unchanged from the Preliminary Results announced at the close of the General

Voting Opportunity on October 15, 2022. The Official Results for the 2022 Municipal Election was declared on October 19, 2022 as follows:

<i>Office of Mayor (1)</i>	<i>Advanced Voting Opportunity</i>	<i>General Voting Opportunity (including mail ballots)</i>	<i>Total</i>
WOOD, Ed	74	263	337
ALLEN, John	26	144	170
PIPER, Samantha	90	174	264

<i>Office of Councillor (4)</i>	<i>AVO</i>	<i>GVO</i>	<i>Total</i>
FACIO, Leo	105	260	365
GHEZESAN, Leslie	53	261	314
VIDAL, Michie	116	324	440
BUCKLEY, John	160	478	638
JACKSON, Allan	130	374	504

<i>Agassiz/Harrison Electoral Area School Trustee (3)</i>	<i>AVO</i>	<i>GVO</i>	<i>Total</i>
COLMAN-LAWLEY, Wendy	72	206	278
HENSEN, Andrea	100	281	381
WARREN, Marilyn	58	206	264
CLARK, Wendy	68	269	337

DISCUSSION:

One candidate for councillor withdrew prior to the deadline for withdrawal of nomination packages. There were no declarations of ineligible candidates or challenges.

Election signage was prevalent throughout the community. The current Sign Bylaw under s. 2.1 General Requirements and s. 5.12 Election Signs do not align. Therefore, staff is recommending that provisions for election signage be removed from the Sign Bylaw and be included in the General Election and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw.

The election process ran smoothly for both the Advanced Voting Opportunity and the General Voting Opportunity. However, the Village Office was not sufficient in size for the advanced voting opportunity which had a relatively high turnout in comparison with previous years and lacked adequate lighting. While the Harrison Hot Springs Elementary School was sufficient in size for the General Voting Opportunity, it was not fully accessible and a temporary ramp was installed. Staff suggests that future elections take place at Memorial Hall.

The election staff worked tirelessly throughout the entire voting process and their assistance and dedication to the integrity of the election was greatly appreciated. The Automated Voting Tabulators were used by the Village in the 2018 and 2022 elections and assisted in an efficient and accurate tabulation of the ballots. Same day registration of electors continued to work well.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT the Results of the 2022 Municipal Election be received; and

THAT staff bring forward draft amendments to remove the mail ballot voting provisions and include provisions for the placement of election signage in the General Election and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 1121, 2022;

Respectfully submitted:

Rhonda Schell

Rhonda Schell
Chief Election Officer/Deputy CO

REVIEWED BY:

Madeline McDonald

Madeline McDonald
Chief Administrative Officer