

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

DATE: Tuesday, February 21, 2023

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Ed Wood
Councillor John Buckley
Councillor Leo Facio
Councillor Allan Jackson
Councillor Michie Vidal

Finance Manager, Scott Schultz
Operations Manager, Tyson Koch

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- **Moved by Mayor Wood**
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT Staff be directed to assist the District of Kent in their petition for funding of the new Public Pool where residents can sign at the Village Office and advertise on the Village Website and social media pages.

**MOTION DEFEATED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON, VIDAL**

- Under section 131 of the Community Charter, Mayor Wood requested Council's reconsideration on the following motion from the January 26 & 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting:

THAT Lift Station #1 be replaced as detailed in the Sanitary Lift Station #1 Replacement report dated January 17, 2023 with the assembled engineering team of Wedler Engineering LLP, Watanabe Engineering and GeoWest Engineering at a value of up to \$2,392,500.00 to be funded by sanitary sewer DCC's and sanitary sewer reserves.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED MAYOR WOOD
RC-2023-02-01**

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- Under section 131 of the Community Charter, Mayor Wood requested Council's reconsideration on the following motion from the January 26 & 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting:

THAT staff update Council Remuneration and Expense Policy 1.16 to increase remuneration for Mayor and Council by 30%, increase \$10.00 per meal, be provided an allowance for cell phone usage, be provided a Village issued laptop computer or an annual allowance of \$1000 for conducting Village business on personal computers, and the option to attended the FCM or UBCM conferences.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED MAYOR WOOD**
RC-2023-02-02

- Procedural Bylaw Amendment
- Correspondence to Inspector of Municipalities
- Submit a resolution to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association (LMLGA) for consideration during their conference in May

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the agenda dated February 21, 2023 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-02-03

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-02-04

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Committee of the Whole Minutes of January 26 & 27, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-02-05

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

iv. Correspondence

- (a) Letter dated January 23, 2023 from Allan Garneau
Re: Committee of the Whole Meetings

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the consent agenda be received.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-02-06

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

- (a) Agassiz RCMP Detachment – Sgt. Sargent & Insp. Darren Pankratz
Re: 2022 Annual Policing Report

Sgt. Mike Sargent and Insp. Darren Pankratz provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2022 Village of Harrison Hot Springs Policing Report.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Email dated February 7, 2023 from Fraser Valley Regional District
Re: Draft Regional Growth Strategy
- (b) Letter dated February 13, 2023 from Harrison-Agassiz Chamber of Commerce
Re: 2023 BC Chamber of Commerce Week
- (c) Email dated February 14, 2023 from the BC Ombudsperson
Re: BC Ombudsperson's role in working with the public and Local Governments

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the email dated February 7, 2023 from Fraser Valley Regional District, the letter dated February 13, 2023 from Harrison-Agassiz Chamber of Commerce and the letter dated February 14, 2023 from BC Ombudsperson be received.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-02-07

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

Councillor Buckley

- Agassiz Harrison Healthy Communities
 - Attended a meeting on February 16
- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce – No Report
- Attended the Lower Mainland Local Government Association conference on February 8-10, 2023

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Health – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting on January 26, 2023
 - Attended a meeting on February 2, 2023
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended the Follow your Heart Fundraiser event on February 18, 2023
- Wished retiring CAO Madeline McDonald all the best and a happy retirement
- Attended the Lower Mainland Local Government Association conference on February 8-10, 2023

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting on February 16, 2023
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Attended the Lower Mainland Local Government Association conference on February 8-10, 2023

Councillor Vidal

- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors
 - Attended a meeting on January 24, 2023
- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee
 - Attended a meeting on February 1, 2023
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee
 - Attended a meeting on January 18, 2023
- Attended the Lets'emot Community to Community meeting on January 26, 2023
- Attended the Lower Mainland Local Government Association conference on February 8-10, 2023
- Attended the Follow your Heart Fundraiser event on February 18, 2023
- Wished retiring CAO Madeline McDonald a happy retirement

MAYOR'S REPORT

None

11. REPORTS FROM STAFF

None

12. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Community Services Manager/Deputy CO – January 30, 2023
Re: Highway and Traffic Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1185, 2023

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1185, 2023 be given first, second, and third readings.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-02-08

- (b) Report of Community Services Manager/Deputy CO – January 30, 2023
Re: Boat Launch Facility and Parking Lot Regulation Bylaw No. 1075, 2015 Schedule "A" Fees

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Boat Launch Facility and Parking Lot Regulation Amendment Bylaw 1186, 2023 be given first, second, and third readings.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-02-09

13. NEW BUSINESS

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT Council endorse the following UBCM motion and forward it to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association Executive Board with a request that it be included in the resolution session for the conference held in May:

WHEREAS the UBCM Working Group on Responsible Conduct has worked to support British Columbia Local Governments and Boards in addressing misconduct by elected officials and providing Local Government and Board members with a set of fundamental principles which can be utilized to enact codes of conduct;

AND WHEREAS smaller Local Governments and Boards in British Columbia do not have the financial resources to establish an independent and autonomous Ethics Commissioner to investigate and resolve allegations of misconduct;
AND WHEREAS the current legislative framework available to small Local Governments and Boards in British Columbia regarding alleged breaches of code of conduct can result in expensive legal processes which may produce limited conclusions;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LMLGA and UBCM call upon the provincial government to immediately create an Independent Municipal Ethics Commissioner within the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to serve the public, elected officials and officers in an advisory, instructive and investigative role in the application and enforcement of codes of conduct.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-02-10

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT a formal letter be sent to the Province of British Columbia Inspector of Municipalities to provide assistance to Council in the form of guidance and direction; and

THAT MLA Kelli Paddon be cc'd in the letter.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-02-11

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

Questions from the public were entertained.

15. ADJOURNMENT


Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-02-12



Ed Wood
Mayor



Kelly Ridley
Interim Chief Administrative Officer/
Acting Corporate Officer