

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

**DATE:** Monday, March 20, 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

Interim Chief Administrative Officer/ Acting CO, Kelly Ridley  
Finance Manager, Scott Schultz  
Operations Manager, Tyson Koch  
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey (via Zoom)

**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**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Facio  
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the agenda dated March 20, 2023 be approved.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2023-03-14*

**4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Jackson  
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2023-03-15*

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**Moved by Councillor Jackson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Vidal**

THAT the Regular Pre-Closed Council Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2023-03-16*

**Moved by Councillor Vidal**  
**Seconded by Councillor Buckley**

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2023-03-17*

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS**

None

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Letter dated March 7, 2023 from Blair Degenstein  
Re: Residents Opportunity to be more Involved with the Village
- (b) Email dated March 7, 2023 from District of Kent  
Re: Lets'emot C2C meeting hosted by the Village of Harrison
- (c) Letter dated March 9, 2023 from Sgt. Mike Sargent  
Re: Clarification of Misinformation Regarding the Agassiz RCMP
- (d) Letter dated March 9, 2023 from Superintendent Davy Lee  
Re: 2023-2025 UFVRD Strategic Planning Process
- (e) Letter dated March 10, 2023 from Mayor Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent  
Re: Disaster Financial Flood Relief
- (f) Email dated March 13, 2023 from Shirley Dishon  
Re: Council Remuneration, Sewer Infrastructure and Pay Parking Increases

**Moved by Councillor Jackson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Buckley**

THAT the letter dated March 7, 2023 from Blair Degenstein, the email dated March 7, 2023 from District of Kent, the letter dated March 9, 2023 from Sgt. Mike Sargent, the letter dated March 9, 2023 from Superintendent Davy Lee, the letter dated March 10, 2023 from Mayor Sylvia Pranger, District of Kent, and the email dated March 13, 2023 from Shirley Dishon be received.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2023-03-18

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

**Moved by Councillor Facio**  
**Seconded by Councillor Buckley**

THAT the Village of Harrison Hot Springs host the next Lets'emot C2C meeting.

**CARRIED**  
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RC-2023-03-19

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

**Councillor Jackson**

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Municipal Director) – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report

**Councillor Buckley**

- Agassiz Harrison Healthy Communities
  - Attended a meeting on March 16, 2023.
- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce
  - Attended a meeting on March 14, 2023.

**Councillor Facio**

- Fraser Health – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
  - Attended a Strategic Planning meeting on March 16 and 17, 2023
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Reported that students at the Harrison Hot Springs Elementary school will be picking up garbage around town on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Staff will be helping at road crossings and the Harrison Hot Springs Resort will be providing lunches for the students during their event.



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**Councillor Vidal**

- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors
- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended the Lets'emot C2C meeting on March 8, 2023
- Attended a LMLGA Executive Board meeting on March 16, 2023
- Attended a Chamber event hosted by Muddy Waters on March 16, 2023

**11. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Reported that Council decided during the March 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting that the Draft OCP Bylaw No. 1184, 2022 will be rescinded back to first reading. The public will have the ability to put forward comments about the draft OCP Bylaw.
- Addressed concerns about the relationship between Mayor and Council and advised that The BC Inspector of Municipalities is now working with Mayor and Council going forward.

**12. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

- (a) Report of Interim Chief Administrative Officer/ Acting Corporate Officer – March 20, 2023  
Re: Reporting out from Closed Meeting Resolutions

**Moved by Councillor Jackson**

**Seconded by Councillor Buckley**

THAT the following closed meeting resolutions be received for information at the March 20, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

**February 21, 2023**

1. That Council request Lidstone and Company to prepare and send a letter to resident [REDACTED] to cease and desist posting derogatory comments against Council and staff on the Facebook site [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and to request resident [REDACTED] of the site to permanently ban [REDACTED] [REDACTED] from posting any comments on [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. RIC-2023-02-02  
Redacted under Section 22 3 (j) FOIPA
2. That Council retain Lidstone and Company and under their direction proceed immediately with an independent, third party investigation into allegations of bullying and harassment in the workplace contrary to Harrison Hot Springs Code of Conduct and Respectful Workplace Policies, WorkSafe BC regulations and the BC Human Rights Code and to further report the findings and provide recommendations to Council. RIC-2023-02-03

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4. That Councillor Facio be designated as the sole elected official to correspond with Lidstone and Co where legal advice is required on all matters related to the Village of Harrison Hot Springs and to Council as a governing body. This is defined as matters relating to Council affairs, governance and procedure, or their employee, and for Councillor Facio to communicate any advice which is obtained at the direction of and on behalf of the Council to all Council members. *RIC-2023-02-04*

Rescinded

5. That Council request the BC Privacy Inspector to investigate the Facebook site [REDACTED] for slanderous and defamatory postings against Council members and staff. *RIC-2023-02-05*

Redacted under Section 22 3 (j) FOIPA

6. That Kelly Ridley be interviewed for the position of Interim Chief Administrative Officer/Acting Corporate Officer. *RIC-2023-02-09*

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7. That Council appoint Kelly Ridley to the position of Interim Chief Administrative Officer/Acting Corporate Officer for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs effective February 28, 2023. *RIC-2023-03-03*
8. That Council appoint Tyson Koch to the position of Acting Deputy Chief Administrative Officer on a trial basis, in addition to his continued duties and responsibilities as Operations Manager for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs effective February 28, 2023. *RIC-2023-03-04*
9. That Council for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs support the hiring of an independent facilitator to assist in improving Council relations to support them working together efficiently for better governance of the village. *RIC- 2023-03-08*

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2023-03-20*

- (b) Report of Operations Manager/ Acting Deputy CAO – March 20, 2023  
Re: UBCM Motion Amendment

**Moved by Councillor Buckley**  
**Seconded by Councillor Facio**

THAT Council endorse the following amended 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 in addressing misconduct by elected officials and providing Local Government with a set of fundamental principles which can be utilized to enact codes of conduct;*

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*AND WHEREAS smaller Local Governments 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 in British Columbia regarding alleged breaches of code of conduct can result in expensive legal processes which may produce limited conclusions;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that LMLGA and UBCM call upon the provincial government to immediately create an Independent Local Government 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.*

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RC-2023-03-21

**13. BYLAWS**

- (a) Report of Finance Manager – March 15, 2023  
Re: 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1187, 2023

Mayor Wood announced that the public be invited to provide any public comment.

The Village received comments from the public.

**Moved by Councillor Facio**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

THAT the 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1187, 2023 be given third reading.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2023-03-22

- (b) Report from Planning Consultant – March 8, 2023  
Re: Consideration on the Issuance of the Requested Revised Development Permit

*Councillor Buckley excused himself at 8:01 p.m. due to a conflict of interest stating that one of the applicants is a personal friend.*

**Moved by Mayor Wood**  
**Seconded by Councillor Facio**

THAT Development Permit DP 04/21 (revised) be issued to Harrison Hot Springs LLC No. 802862187 and John Giovanni Fogliato, for the property located at 694, 712, and 720 Harrison Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs for land legally described as:

- a. Parcel "A" (Explanatory Plan 12236) Lot 12 Section 12 Township 4 Range 29 West of the Sixth Meridian, New Westminster District Plan 5519 (PID: 011-150-637)



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- b. Lot 12 Except: Parcel "A" (Explanatory Plan 12236); Section 12 Township 4 Range 29 West of the Sixth Meridian, New Westminster District Plan 5519 (PID: 011-150-661)
- c. Lot "D", Section 12, Township 4, Range 29, West of the Sixth Meridian, New Westminster District Plan 9647 (PID: 011-424-494),

Subject to the following:

- 1. The applicant supplying an Irrevocable Letter of Credit in the amount of \$115,625.00,
- 2. The applicant entering into a floodplain covenant with the Village

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**Moved by Councillor Vidal**  
**Seconded by Councillor Facio**

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- b. Lot 12 Except: Parcel "A" (Explanatory Plan 12236); Section 12 Township 4 Range 29 West of the Sixth Meridian, New Westminster District Plan 5519 (PID: 011-150-661)
- c. Lot "D", Section 12, Township 4, Range 29, West of the Sixth Meridian, New Westminster District Plan 9647 (PID: 011-424-494),

Subject to the following:

- 3. The applicant entering into a covenant with the Village to ensure that their well water is used only for the watering of plants.

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

*Councillor Buckley re-entered Council Chambers at 8:27 p.m.*

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**14. NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) Request from Councillor Facio  
Re: Request to establish a council committee pursuant to section 142 of the Community Charter (Select Committees of Council) to consider and inquire into workplace related matters regarding the administration of the Village.

**Moved by Councillor Facio**  
**Seconded by Councillor Buckley**

THAT Council refer the establishment of a Council Committee to enquire into workplace related matters back to the Chief Administrative Officer for further information.

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

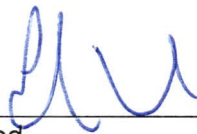
Questions from the public were entertained.

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Councillor Facio**  
**Seconded by Councillor Buckley**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

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**UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2023-03-25

  
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Ed Wood  
Mayor

  
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Kelly Ridley  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer/  
Acting Corporate Officer