

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

DATE: Monday, April 3, 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

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 Vidal

THAT the agenda dated April 3, 2023 be approved.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

RC-2023-04-01

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Vidal

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2023 be adopted as amended by amending resolution COW-2023-03-06 from the March 14, 2023 Special Committee of the Whole meeting by removing the words "75 acres" and replacing them with:

"On the lots legally described as:

Lot 1, Section 13, Township 4, Range 29, West of the Sixth Meridian, New Westminster Land District

Legal Subdivision 4, Section 18, Township 4, Range 28, West of the Sixth Meridian, New Westminster Land District"; and

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THAT the Special Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of March 14, 2023 be adopted as amended.

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

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-04-03

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2023 be adopted.

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

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

None

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

- (a) Gwen Schmidt and Heidi Hill, Community Futures North Fraser
Re: Community Futures Program Highlights

Ms. Schmidt and Ms. Hill gave a presentation on what Community Futures North Fraser is and what they do.

- (b) Gabriele Thornton
Re: Petition against Council Remuneration Increase and Request for Councillors Resignation

Gabriele Thornton presented two petitions and a letter to Council.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated March 15, 2023 from Richard Fife and Jenny Peters
Re: Reconsideration of Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1185

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- (b) Letter dated March 22, 2023 from Kelli Easton
Re: Lack of Funding Allocation for Recreation/Playground Equipment
- (c) Email dated March 23, 2023 from Grace Admiraal, Agassiz-Harrison Community Services
Re: Request for Letter of Appreciation from the Mayor for National Volunteer Appreciation Week
- (d) Letter dated March 28, 2023 from Laura Sivilay
Re: Request for Childrens Playground in Woods Park

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the Letter dated March 15, 2023 from Richard Fife and Jenny Peters, the letter dated March 22, 2023 from Kelli Easton, the email dated March 23, 2023 from Grace Admiraal, Agassiz-Harrison Community Services, and the letter dated March 28, 2023 from Laura Sivilay be received.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-04-05

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT all zones pay \$2.00 per hour, and for it to be reviewed next year.

THAT block 3 have an extra 15 minute free parking spot in front of Rocky Mountain and Muddy Waters, and;

THAT parking ambassadors be mindful of deliveries to businesses in paid parking zones.

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RC-2023-04-06

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the letter dated March 22, 2023 from Kelli Easton regarding lack of funding allocation for recreation/playground equipment be referred to a Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion.

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Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT staff come back to Council with costs to construct a small play area in Woods Park with equipment and ground cover, and that the report be brought back for Council's consideration at the May 1, 2023 Regular Council Meeting;

THAT no trees be cut down for the construction of a play area; and

THAT staff seek input/public engagement from residents on Driftwood Avenue and Cottonwood Avenue for putting in a small play area in Woods Park.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-04-08

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the Village forward a letter of support and appreciation to Agassiz-Harrison Community Services in recognition of National Volunteer week.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-04-09

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

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Health – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended the Board of Directors meeting on March 23, 2023
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report

Councillor Vidal

- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors
 - Attended a meeting on March 28, 2023
- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee
 - Attended the Changing of the Seasons ceremony on March 22, 2023
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report

Councillor Buckley

- Agassiz Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce – No Report

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Municipal Director) – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Canada day Committee update

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Reported that a facilitator provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs is working with Mayor and Councillors.
- Mayor Wood read out the letter of no confidence that he received from the Councillors in February.

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Operations Manager/Acting Deputy CAO – April 3, 2023
Re: 2022-2023 Synthetic Outdoor Rink Operations Report

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the 2022-2023 Synthetic Outdoor Rink Operations Report be received.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-04-10

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the matter of the Synthetic Ice Rink be referred to a Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-04-11

- (b) Report of Emergency Programs Coordinator – April 3, 2023
Re: UBCM – CEPF – EOC Grant Application

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the Emergency Program Coordinator attend the next Committee of the whole meeting to discuss the emergency alerting processes and the status of the evacuation route.

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Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT a letter of endorsement be forwarded to the Emergency Program Coordinator for their application to the 2023 Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) Emergency Operations Center grant for up to \$30,000.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-04-14

- (c) Report of Interim CAO/Acting CO – April 3, 2023
Re: Working Committee for Flood Disasters

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the LMLGA resolution as developed by the Lets'emot C2C forum provided to Council at the March 6, 2023 regular Council meeting be amended by removing the last four words "in the Lower Mainland" and the amended resolution be forwarded to the LMLGA for their meeting in May.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-04-15

- (d) Report of Interim CAO/Acting CO – April 3, 2023
Re: Deputy Mayor Appointments

Moved by Mayor Wood

THAT Councillor Vidal perform the duties of Deputy Mayor effective Immediately for the next 3 months.

**MOTION FAILED FOR
LACK OF SECONDER**

13. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Finance Manager – April 3, 2023
Re: 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1187, 2023

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the 2023-2027 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1187, 2023 be adopted.

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- (b) Report from Planning Consultant – April 3, 2023
Re: The Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1184, 2022

Council discussed using the website, open houses, world cafes and noted that the opportunities for input should be after-hours and on weekends to allow for the public to attend and provide input

- (c) Report from Interim CAO/Acting CO – April 3, 2023
Re: Draft Code of Conduct

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the draft Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 1189, 2023 be reviewed by legal counsel and provide any changes or amendments that may be necessary

**CARRIED
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14. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Request from Councillor Facio
Re: Council Indemnity Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff bring forward a Council Indemnity Bylaw for Council's consideration.

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RC-2023-04-18

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

Questions from the public were entertained.

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Item 7(b) the two petitions brought forward by Gabriele Thornton be received for information.

MOTION DEFEATED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS BUCKLEY, FACIO, JACKSON

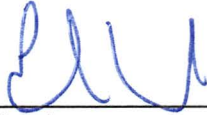
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16. ADJOURNMENT

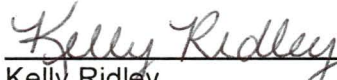
Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:01 p.m.

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Ed Wood
Mayor



Kelly Ridley
Interim Chief Administrative Officer/
Acting Corporate Officer