

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

DATE: Monday, April 17, 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

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 Facio

THAT the following two items be added to the agenda under section 2:

- Re-vote of the following motion on the April 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.
"THAT Item 7(b) the two petitions brought forward by Gabriele Thornton be received for information."
- Request staff to investigate a payment the Village made to the developer of 798 Hot Springs Road on March 17, 2023 in the amount of \$427,000.

Mayor Wood recalled the following motion from the April 3, 2023 Regular Council Meeting Agenda as he believed there may have been an error in recording the vote.

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

Moved by Mayor Wood

Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Item 7(b) the two petitions brought forward by Gabriele Thornton at the April 3, 2023 regular council meeting be received for information.

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Moved by Mayor Wood

THAT staff report back at the next meeting of council as to what and why the Village made a payment of \$427,000 to the developer of 798 Hot Springs Road.

**MOTION FAILED
LACK OF SECONDER**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

THAT the agenda dated April 17, 2023 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-04-21

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

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

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of April 03, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-04-22

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

None

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

None

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Email dated April 3, 2023 from Northwest Hydraulic Consultants
Re: Lower Fraser River Floodplain Mapping
- (b) Letter dated April 7, 2023 from Judith Barron
Re: Concerns about Council Meetings, Mayor and Council
- (c) Letter dated April 11, 2023 from John Allen
Re: Hidden Beach Hazards

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- (d) Letter dated April 6, 2023 from Teresa Omelus
Re: The Harrison Challenge Lets'emot Fundraiser

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the email dated April 3, 2023 from Northwest Hydraulic Consultants, the letter dated April 7, 2023 from Judith Barron, the letter dated April 11, 2023 from John Allen, and the letter dated April 6, 2023 from Teresa Omelus be received.

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RC-2023-04-23

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

None

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

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
 - Attended a July 1st Committee Meeting

Councillor Vidal

- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report
- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee
 - Attended a meeting on April 5, 2023
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended a LMLGA executive board meeting on April 15, 2023

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Health – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended the Regional Corporate Services meeting on April 13, 2023
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended a July 1st Committee Meeting with Tourism Harrison

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Councillors attended a workshop on April 17, 2023 with the third-party facilitator.
- Reported on Bill 43 – Housing Supply Act and how it will affect the Village.
- Reported that the Village is still in negotiations with the CUPE Union.
- Reported that Staff and Managers have done an outstanding job through the last 5 months.
- Reported on a RCMP pay raise.

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Interim CAO/Acting CO – April 17, 2023
Re: Release of Closed Meeting Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the following closed meeting resolutions be received for information at the April 17, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

“THAT Councillor Vidal perform the duties of the Deputy Mayor for the rest of 2023 and for the year 2025; and

THAT Councillor Facio perform the duties of the Deputy Mayor in 2024 and in 2026.”
RIC-2023-03-32

Mayor Wood declared item 12(a) and 12(b) out of order.

- (c) Report of Bylaw Officer – April 17, 2023
Re: Park Regulation Bylaw No. 1150, Regulation 4

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT Park Regulation Bylaw No. 1150 be amended to allow for canopy tents no larger than 12 feet X 12 feet and that they be anchored down to the ground throughout the beach front.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO AND VIDAL
RC-2023-04-24

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the 2022 Bylaw Enforcement Services Annual Report be received for information.

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- (d) Report of Interim CAO/Acting CO – April 17, 2023
Re: Approval of Council Policy 1.16 Council Remuneration and Expense Allowance

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the following changes be made to Council Policy 1.16 Remuneration and Expense Allowance.

Section 3 - Remuneration – subsection a. Mayor's remuneration of \$30,000 per year is amended to \$41,691 (2023) and subsection b. Councillors remuneration of \$15,000 is amended to \$20,846 (2023).

Section 7 Meals is amended by changing Breakfast allowance from \$20.00 to \$30.00, Lunch allowance from \$30.00 to \$40.00 and Dinner allowance from \$40.00 to \$50.00/

Under Section 9 subsection a. is amended by adding the following to the end of the sentence "or the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference."

Under Section 9 subsection e. the following wording be added to the end of the sentence "and not to exceed the annual budgeted allocation."

Adding the following two new sections and renumbering the subsequent section accordingly.

11. CELL PHONE

- a. Council will be given a monthly allowance for cell phone usage in the amount of \$50.00.

12. ANNUAL ELECTRONIC ALLOWANCE

- a. The Village will provide a laptop computer or an annual allowance of up to \$1000 for an eligible electronic device. Councillors will receive reimbursement upon submission of a sales receipt for the following eligible devices:
- Laptop Computer
 - Tablet
 - Personal Computer
 - Monitor
 - Printer
 - Smartphone

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the above motion be amended by adding to Council Policy 1:16 reference to Mayor and Councillors receiving dental and medical benefits, budget allocation for expense amounts, and wording that states Council members may receive compensation for attending meetings held by outside agencies/governments/boards or committees.

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- (e) Report of Interim CAO/Acting CO – April 17, 2023
Re: Draft Urban Forest Management Plan

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Council receive for information the April 14, 2023 Draft Urban Forest Management Plan prepared by B.A. Blackwell & Associates Ltd.; and

THAT staff invite the Mr. Bruce Blackwell to a future Committee of the Whole meeting to present his report and answer questions from Council.

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- (f) Report of Interim CAO/Acting CO – April 17, 2023
Re: Proposed Amendment to the Highway and Traffic Bylaw No. 974, 2011

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council approve Option 3 for parking rates in which Zone 2 has the same parking rates per hour as Zone 1 and the Highway and Traffic Bylaw No. 974, 2011 would be amended to change the hourly parking fee from \$5.00 per hour in Zone 2 to Hour 1 - \$2.00, Hour 2 - \$3.00, Hour 3 - \$4.00 and Hour 4 - \$5.00 with the daily rate remaining the same.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FAICO AND VIDAL
RC-2023-04-28

13. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Finance Manager – April 17, 2023
Re: Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1188, 2023

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1188, 2023 be given first, second and third readings.

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- (b) Report from Interim CAO/Acting CO – April 17, 2023
Re: Council Indemnification Bylaw No.1190

Moved by Councillor Facio

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Section 2 Interpretation sub-section c. Council Indemnification Bylaw No. 1190, 2023 Section c. "Municipal Official" be amended by adding the following wording: "a person who is or was a person referred to in section 287 (1) of the *Local Government Act*, only in relation to the exercise of powers or performance of duties or functions for or on behalf of the Village; but does not include an independent service provider, professional advisor or contractor engaged by the Village from time to time on a fee for service basis."

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14. NEW BUSINESS

None

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

Questions from the public were entertained.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Facio

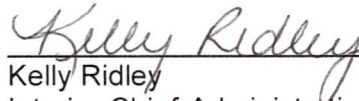
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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Ed Wood
Mayor



Kelly Ridley
Interim Chief Administrative Officer/
Acting Corporate Officer