

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

**DATE:** Monday, May 15, 2023

**TIME:** 7:00 p.m.

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mayor Ed Wood  
Councillor Allan Jackson  
Councillor Michie Vidal

Interim Chief Administrative Officer/ Acting CO, Kelly Ridley  
Finance Manager, Scott Schultz  
Operations Manager/Deputy CAO, Tyson Koch  
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey

**ABSENT:** Councillor John Buckley  
Councillor Leo Facio

**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**

- Mayor Wood announced that the Community Services Manager/Deputy Corporate Officer had resigned. He also announced that the Interim Chief Administrative Officer/Acting Corporate Officer has given Council notice that her last day will be June 30, 2023.
- Mayor Wood requested the reconsideration of motions RC-2023-05-11 for the proposed Woods Park and RC-2023-05-13 for the Official Community Plan Open House from the May 1, 2023 Regular Council Meeting due to a staff shortage.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

THAT the agenda dated May 15, 2023 be approved as amended by adding reconsideration of Woods Park playground and authorizing staff to set up an OCP open house.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2023-05-27*

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Mayor Wood requested reconsideration of Resolution RC-2023-05-11. In light of the staff shortage, he would like to delay it to a later date.

THAT the proposed Woods Park playground be referred back to staff to look into available funding and research additional options for a natural looking playground and a report be brought back for Council's consideration at the June 5, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

**MOTION FAILED  
OPPOSED MAYOR WOOD AND COUNCILLOR JACKSON**

*Mayor Wood requested reconsideration of Resolution RC-2023-05-13. In light of the staff shortage, he would like to delay it to a later date.*

THAT staff be authorized to set up an open house.

There was no mover or seconder to this motion for reconsideration.

**4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2023 be adopted as amended by changing motion RC-2023-05-11 to read

"THAT the proposed Woods Park playground be referred back to staff to look at available funding and research additional options for a natural looking playground and a report be brought back to council at a future date when staff are in place."

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2023-05-28

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

None

**7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS**

- (a) Kim Halowski, FortisBC  
Re: FortisBC's Low Carbon Transition Plan

Ms. Halowski provided a PowerPoint presentation to Council on FortisBC's Low Carbon Transition Plan.

- (b) John Coles

Re: Proposed Emergency Evacuation Route through Sasquatch Park

Mr. Coles spoke to Mayor and Council regarding concerns with the proposed evacuation route through Sasquatch Provincial Park on the east side of Harrison Lake.

**Moved by Mayor Wood**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

THAT the report provided by Mr. Coles as part of his delegation be received.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2023-05-29*

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Letter dated May 8, 2023 to Premier Eby  
Re: Opposition to Bill 43

- (b) Email dated May 9, 2023 from the Emergency Planning Secretariat  
Re: Invitation to the Lower Fraser Floodplains Forum, Friday, June 9, 2023

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

THAT the letter dated May 8, 2023 to Premier Eby and the email dated May 9, 2023 from the Emergency Planning Secretariat be received.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2023-05-30*

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**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
- Attended the LMLGA Conference in the Village on May 3-5, 2023

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**Councillor Vidal**

- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors
  - Attended a meeting on April 25, 2023
- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee
  - Attended a meeting on April 19, 2023
- Attended the LMLGA Conference in the Village on May 3-5, 2023
- Delivered a post-community welcome to the modular housing association conference in the Village on May 9, 2023
- On behalf on LMLGA, presented a cheque to AHCS in the amount approximately \$3500.00 on May 11, 2023

**11. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Acknowledged Teresa Omelus for her recent charity work. Teresa walked with the District of Kent Mayor to raise funds for the Lets'emot aquatic center and raised approximately \$2280.00 towards the new pool.
- Reported on the current Transit strike
- Reported that Mayor and Council are still working with third-party facilitator with Ministry of Municipal Affairs
- Reported on how the flood gates and screw pump work
- Reported on the current freshet update

**12. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

- (a) Report of Operations Manager/Acting DCAO – May 15, 2023  
Re: Public Works Buildings – Vermiculite Abatement

**Moved by Councillor Vidal**

**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

THAT Council authorize the addition of \$15,000.00 to the initial budget of \$30,000.00 for the Public Works Building vermiculite abatement project at a total value of \$45,000.00 to be funded from Public Works Reserves; and

THAT Council award the Public Works Building vermiculite abatement project to PCS Pre-Construction Services at a value of up to \$45,000.00.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2023-05-31*

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- (b) Report of Operations Manager/Acting DCAO – May 15, 2023  
Re: Off-Leash Dog Park

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

THAT Council authorize staff to install a temporary dog park in the overflow parking lot in September 2023 for a term of 6 months.

THAT Council authorize staff to fund eligible expenses up to \$10,000.00 from the parkland reserves for the temporary dog park.

That Council authorize staff to add \$5,000.00 to the operational budget for the temporary dog park.

THAT Staff report back to council, in the spring of 2024, with a review of the trial period to include operational, communal and financial information.

**MOTION FAILED**  
**OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD AND COUNCILLOR JACKSON**

- (c) Report of Interim CAO/Acting CO – May 15, 2023  
Re: Strategic Planning Session – June 26 and 27, 2023

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

THAT the Strategic Planning Session report be referred back to staff to work with Mr. Poole and provide other options for meeting times.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2023-05-32*

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- (d) Report of Operations Manager/Acting DCAO – May 15, 2023  
Re: Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 1189, 2023

The Operations Manager brought to Council's attention clerical items that had to be changed.

On page 77, under sec 4.1.1, the blue coloured changes should read "Deputy CAO" and not "Deputy CO" in three places.

On Page 84, the very first sentence reads "the publication of the letters contemplated in subsections (i) and (ii)" be changed by removing "and (ii)".

On Page 88, sec 5.1.1 be changed from "The CAO shall..." to "The CAO may..."

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

THAT the Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 1189, 2023 be referred back to staff to bring the report back at the next Regular Council Meeting.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2023-05-33*

**13. BYLAWS**

- (a) Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1191, 2023

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

THAT Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1191, 2023 be given final reading and adoption.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2023-05-34*

- (b) Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1192, 2023

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

THAT Parks Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1192, 2023 be given final reading and adoption.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2023-05-35*

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- (c) Report of Planning Consultant – May 15, 2023  
Re: Rezoning Amendment Bylaw

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

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw 1193, 2023 be given first and second reading; and

THAT staff be authorized to refer the application to the Advisory Planning Commission, Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department, and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and the FVRD; and

THAT staff be authorized to schedule a public hearing.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2023-05-36*

Mayor Wood requested to see drawings and reports prior to moving forward

The Planning Consultant advised Council that he is working towards amending the development process to allow for the developers to make a presentation on the development when the bylaw comes forward for first and second reading.

- (d) Code of Conduct Bylaw No 1189, 2023

Item 13.(d) was removed from the agenda as Item 12. (d) was referred back to staff to be brought to the next Regular Council Meeting.

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

Questions from the public were entertained.

Mayor Wood requested That the OCP Open house be held at the Memorial Hall instead of The Village Office. Councillor Vidal voiced her opposition.

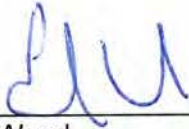
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**16. ADJOURNMENT**

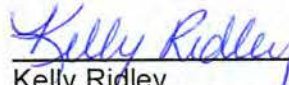
**Moved by Councillor Jackson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Vidal**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2023-05-37*



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Ed Wood  
Mayor



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Kelly Ridley  
Interim Chief Administrative Officer/  
Acting Corporate Officer