

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

DATE: Monday, June 5, 2023

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Interim Chief Administrative Officer/ Acting CO, Kelly Ridley
Operations Manager/Deputy CAO, 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

- Mayor Wood announced that Councillor Buckley has resigned from Council and wished him well. Furthermore, he asked to speak on the current evacuation route.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the agenda dated June 5, 2023 be approved as amended.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-06-01

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2023 be adopted.

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

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council approve removing Sasquatch Park from consideration as a possible evacuation route and that a letter be sent to John Coles thanking him for his delegation presentation at the May 15, 2023 Regular Council Meeting

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO AND VIDAL

6. CONSENT AGENDA

None

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

- (a) John Allen
Re: Dog Park Proposal

Mr. Allen spoke to Mayor and Council regarding a low-cost off-leash Dog Park at the southern end of the overflow parking lot.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated May 1, 2023 from John Allen
Re: Dog Park Proposal
- (b) Email dated May 5, 2023 from Wallace Mah, District of Kent
Re: Invitation for Joint Council Meeting
- (c) Email dated May 15, 2023 from Ross Buchanan
Re: Disaster Avoidance
- (d) Letter dated May 23, 2023 from Jason Lum, Chair of the Fraser Valley Regional District
Re: Lower Mainland Traffic Services – Alteration to the Service Delivery Model for South Coast Highway Patrol services
- (e) Letter dated May 23, 2023 from the Advisory Planning Commission Chair
Re: Resignation Letter
- (f) Email dated May 30, 2023 from Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Re: BC E-Bike Rebate Program
- (g) Letter dated May 30, 2023 from the Allan Garneau
Re: Code of Conduct Bylaw 1189, 2023
- (h) Email dated May 31, 2023 from the BC Hydro
Re: UBCM Meeting Request Form

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Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the letter dated May 1, 2023 from John Allen, the email dated May 5, 2023 from Wallace Mah, District of Kent, the email dated May 15, 2023 from Ross Buchanan, the letter dated May 23, 2023 from Jason Lum, Chair of the Fraser Valley Regional District, the letter dated May 23, 2023 from the Advisory Planning Commission Chair, the email dated May 30, 2023 from Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, the letter dated May 30, 2023 from Allan Garneau, and the email dated May 31, 2023 from BC Hydro be received.

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UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-06-03

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff coordinate with Council the best dates to have a Joint-Council meeting with the District of Kent.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD**
RC-2023-06-04

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT a letter of support be sent to the Fraser Valley Regional District regarding their letter for Fraser Valley Regional District Chair, Jason Lum to have a meeting with Minister Mike Farnworth to discuss distribution of policing resources.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-06-05

Moved by Mayor Wood

THAT the Harrison Hot Springs Advisory Planning Commission be dissolved and a Board of Variance be enacted in its place.

**MOTION FAILED
LACK OF SECONDER**

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Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff investigate the difference between an Advisory Planning Commission and a Board of Variance and that a report be brought back to Council recommending which system would work best in the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

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UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-06-06

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

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Health – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director) – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Thanked Councillor Buckley and wished him the best.

Councillor Vidal

- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors
 - Attended a meeting on May 16, 2023
- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee
 - Attended a meeting on May 17, 2023
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended the RCMP meeting at the Memorial Hall on May 30, 2023
- Attended the Agassiz Elementary Secondary School 2023 Graduation Ceremony on June 2, 2023
- Thanked Councillor Buckley for all his work on the current and previous Council terms and wished him the best.

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting at the end of May.
- Tourism Harrison
 - Attended a meeting and thanked Mayor Wood for his donation towards the event.
- Thanked Councillor Buckley for his work on Council through the years and wished him the best.

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Reported on the Official Community Plan open house meetings that took place on May 29 - 31, 2023. The meetings were very well attended.
- Reminded that water restrictions are in place from June 1 to September 30.
- Reported on the RCMP open house meeting at the Memorial Hall on May 30, 2023.
- Reported that the Agassiz-Harrison Museum has a new display called "Our Living Language" and encouraged the public to stop by and have a look.
- Reported that a new Chief Financial Officer will be joining the Village Office in August, and a new Corporate Officer will be starting on June 12, 2023.

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Interim CAO/Acting CO – June 5, 2023
Re: Strategic Planning Session
See also report dated May 15, 2023 – Strategic Planning Session – June 26 and 27, 2023

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs approve rescheduling the Strategic Planning session with Mr. Ron Poole until the week of August 21, 2023 to allow for senior staff to be hired and in place.

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- (b) Report of Operations Manager/Acting DCAO – June 5, 2023
Re: Harrison Lake Dike Upgrade Project

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Harrison Hot Springs Council authorize up to \$550,000.00 (excl. GST) of the Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) in British Columbia – Strategic Priorities Fund funding to complete the detailed design of the upgrade to the Harrison Lake protective dike, the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Access Road and the area around the Waste Water Treatment Plant; and

THAT the Village retain the team assembled by Northwest Hydraulic Consultants that includes Northwest Hydraulic Consultants, Space2place Design Inc. and Thurber Engineering to prepare the detailed design for Harrison Lake protective dike, the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Access Road and the area around the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD**
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13. BYLAWS

- (a) Report from interim CAO/Acting CO – June 5, 2023

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Council for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs give the Council Code of Conduct Bylaw, 1189, 2023 First Three Readings; and

THAT the current Village of Harrison Hot Springs Code of Conduct Policy No. 1.33 be cancelled once Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 1189, 2023 is adopted.

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14. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Request from Councillor Facio
Re: Community Garden

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff contact Audrey Johnstone regarding her request for repairs on the community garden, and that a report be brought back to Council with proposed repairs including cost.

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RC-2023-06-10

- (b) Request from Councillor Facio
Re: Age-Friendly Grants

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff apply for the 2023 Age-Friendly Grant by July 28, 2023

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

Questions from the public were entertained.

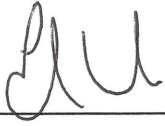
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16. ADJOURNMENT

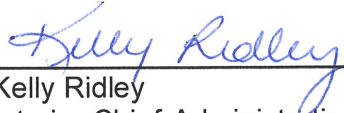
Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Ed Wood
Mayor



Kelly Ridley
Interim Chief Administrative Officer/
Acting Corporate Officer

