

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

DATE: Monday, July 10, 2023

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

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

Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Chief Financial Officer, Scott Schultz
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Community Services Coordinator, Christy Ovens
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 July 10, 2023 be approved.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-07-01

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-07-02

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Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of June 19, 2023 be adopted.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-07-03

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT staff prepare a presentation on the proposed evacuation route through Sasquatch Park including the history, length of time, urgency, and briefing notes from other meetings with Ministers to be presented to a Minister at the UBCM conference in September and a one-on-one meeting with a Minister.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-07-04

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff create a Board of Variance Committee.

The Planning Consultant explained that staff is waiting to create a Board of Variance Committee until an application is submitted that would require a Board of Variance. An updated bylaw will also be brought to Council for approval. Mayor Wood rescinded the above motion.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

None

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

None

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General from Mayor Paul Horn, City of Mission dated June 16, 2023
Re: Recent Decision to Reduce the Role of Highway Patrol in Responding to Traffic Collisions on Numbered Provincial Highways
- (b) Letter to the Minister of Housing from Mayor Peter Jones, District of North Saanich dated June 21, 2023
Re: Province of British Columbia's Home For People Action Plan

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- (c) Resolution from the City of Prince George
Re: Resolution Submitted to the 2023 UBCM Convention – Reimbursing Local Governments for Medical Services Provided by Local Government Fire and Rescue Service
- (d) Letter to Fraser Valley Regional District Chair Jason Lum from the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General dated June 30, 2023
Re: Response Regarding Changes to the BC Highway Patrol Service Delivery Model
- (e) Email from Ross Buchanan dated July 4, 2023
Re: Interface Fires
See also FOI Letter of Response to Mr. Buchanan dated October 13, 2022
- (f) Letter from Mayor Brenda Locke, City of Surrey dated July 5, 2023
Re: Surrey Police Transition

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the letter to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General from Mayor Paul Horn, City of Mission dated June 16, 2023, the Letter to the Minister of Housing from Mayor Peter Jones, District of North Saanich dated June 21, 2023, the resolution from the City of Prince George, the Letter to the Fraser Valley Regional District Chair Jason Lum from the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General dated June 30, 2023, the Email from Ross Buchanan dated July 4, 2023 and the letter from Mayor Brenda Locke, City of Surrey dated July 5, 2023 be received.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-07-05

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT a letter of support be sent to Mayor Paul Horn regarding the changes to the Highway Patrol Service Delivery Model.

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Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT a letter of support be sent to UBCM in support of the City of Prince George's motion regarding Medical Services provided by Local Government Fire and Rescue Services.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-07-07

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT a letter of support be sent to FVRD Chair Jason Lum regarding his letter to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General dated June 30, 2023.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-07-08

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Staff reach out to Fire Chief Todd regarding background and procedure on current operational procedures for interface fires to determine deficiencies for future assessment.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED MAYOR WOOD**
RC-2023-07-09

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

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Health
 - Attended the Regional Board meeting via zoom on June 20, 2023
- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director) – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended a Kent-Harrison Joint meeting on June 22, 2023
- Thanked Councillor Jackson, Tourism Harrison River Valley and all the volunteers for their hard work on making Canada Day happen

Councillor Vidal

- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors
 - Attended a meeting on June 27, 2023
- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended a Closed Kent-Harrison Joint meeting on June 22, 2023
- Attended Canada Day Celebrations on July 1, 2023 and thanked Tourism Harrison River Valley, Staff and all the volunteers who helped out

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Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting on June 21, 2023
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Attended a Kent-Harrison Joint meeting on June 22, 2023

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

- The strategic planning survey is up on getintoitharrison.ca with paper copies available at the Village Office. Please fill it out and let Council know what your vision is for the future of the Village. These comments will come to Council in a strategic planning meeting in August.
- The Official Community Plan public hearing meeting is approved and will be on August 9. Mayor Wood encouraged everyone who can to attend.
- Tourism Harrison River Valley's Executive Director has informed Mayor Wood that he plans to retire at the end of the year.
- There will be some Committees being established soon. Please keep an eye out and apply if any are of interest.

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Corporate Officer dated July 10, 2023
Re: 2023 By-Election Appointments

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT pursuant to Section 58(1) of the Local Government Act, Kelly Ridley be appointed Chief Election Officer for the 2023 by-election to be held in September 2023; and

THAT Amanda Graham be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2023 by-election; and

THAT Tyson Koch be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2023 by-election.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-07-10

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff add to the ballot of the upcoming by-election a survey questions for approval of a full-time Fire Chief at a cost determined by Chief Financial Officer

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO AND VIDAL

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- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated July 10, 2023
Re: 2023 Terry Fox Run Permit

Councillor Vidal excused herself from Council chambers at 7:58 pm stating a conflict of interest as she is on the planning committee for the Terry Fox Run event.

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Council for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs approve waiving the Event Application Fee and Damage Deposit for the 2023 Terry Fox Run/Walk.

CARRIED
RC-2023-07-11

Councillor Vidal returned to Council Chambers at 7:59 pm.

- (c) Report of Community Services Coordinator dated July 10, 2023
Re: 2023 Grants to Groups

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the following community groups be provided with funding under the Grants to Groups program:

Agassiz-Harrison Community Services	\$3,000.00
Agassiz-Harrison Aquanauts Swim Club	\$1,500.00
Kent Harrison Arts Council	\$2,000.00
Miami River Streamkeepers Society	\$1,000.00

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-07-12

- (d) Report of Community Services Coordinator dated July 10, 2023
Re: Harrison Community Gardens Request for Funding
See also memo dated June 27, 2023 from Paulene Bechtel

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Harrison Community Gardens Request for Funding Report dated July 10, 2023 be received for information.

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- (e) Report of Planning Consultant dated July 10, 2023
Re: Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1184, 2022 – Public Hearing Date

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Official Community Plan Bylaw No 1184, 2022 – Public Hearing Date report dated July 10, 2023 be received.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-07-14

Moved by Mayor Wood

THAT the public hearing be held the first week after the new Councillor has been sworn into office.

**MOTION FAILED
LACK OF SECONDER**

13. BYLAWS

None

14. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) New Business from Councillor Facio
Re: Health and Wellness Fair Next Spring

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff research having a health and wellness fair in the Spring of 2024 and a report be brought back to Council.

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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 Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-07-16



Ed Wood
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer