

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

DATE: Monday, October 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. and
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Ed Wood
Councillor John Allen
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
Operations Manager, Jace Hodgson
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

Mayor Wood requested, as per Councillor Facio and Councillor Vidal's requests, that Council move into a closed meeting following item 15 – Questions from the Public.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the agenda be approved as amended by moving to a closed meeting after item 15 – Questions from the Public.

MOTION NOT VOTED ON

Moved by Councillor Vidal

THAT New Business item 14 (c) – Oak Trees on Lillooet Avenue be removed from the agenda as per section 131 of the *Community Charter*.

Mayor Wood called the motion out of order as the discussion and debate took place before the motion.

Councillor Allen raised a point of order as to whether there was a motion on the floor. Mayor Wood clarified that the motion on the floor is for approval of the agenda as amended.

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Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the agenda be approved as amended by moving to a closed meeting after item 15 – Questions from the Public.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON AND VIDAL

Councillor Allen raised a point of order that without approval of the agenda, the meeting should be adjourned.

Councillor Allen raised a point of order that Council should have voted on amending the agenda by adding a motion to move into a closed meeting at the end of the agenda.

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the agenda be approved.

MOTION NOT VOTED ON

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT New Business item 14 (c) – Oak Trees on Lillooet Avenue be removed from the agenda as per section 131 of the *Community Charter*.

MOTION NOT VOTED ON

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR VIDAL
RC-2023-10-08

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of October 3, 2023 be adopted.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-10-09

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- iii. (a) Advisory Planning Commission Minutes of August 30, 2022
- iv. (a) Email dated August 9, 2023 from the Forest Practices Board
Re: Wildfire Management Report
- (b) Letter dated August 10, 2023 from the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
Re: Evacuation Route
- (c) Letter dated August 11, 2023 from the District of Kent to the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
Re: Evacuation Route
- (d) Letter dated August 11, 2023 from the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
Re: Support for District of Kent's Letter Re: Evacuation Route
- (e) Letter dated August 22, 2023 from Allan Garneau
Re: Strategic Planning
- (f) Letter dated August 22, 2023 to the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General from the FVRD Chair and Mayor's Committee
Re: Changes to BC Highway Patrol Services
- (g) Letter dated September 7, 2023 from Harrison Lake Hotel
Re: Starlight Skating Rink
- (h) Letter dated September 8, 2023 from Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa
Re: Starlight Skating Rink
- (i) Letter dated September 8, 2023 from Tourism Harrison River Valley
Re: Starlight Skating Rink
- (j) Letter dated September 8, 2023 from the Blue Dandelion Stores
Re: Starlight Skating Rink
- (k) Letter dated September 9, 2023 from BC Sport Fishing Group
Re: Starlight Skating Rink
- (l) Letter dated September 9, 2023 from Muddy Waters
Re: Starlight Skating Rink
- (m) Email dated September 10, 2023 from Canwest Art Gallery on the Lake

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Re: Starlight Skating Rink

- (n) Letter dated September 14, 2023 from the Youth Parliament of British Columbia
Re: Youth Invitation to 95th Youth Parliament
- (o) Email dated September 22, 2023 from Gail Mitchell
Re: Aquamation
- (p) Letter dated September 25, 2023 from BC Geographical Names Office
Re: Invitation for Comments – Proposed Area Name Changes

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Consent Agenda be received.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-10-10

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

None

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated August 4, 2023 from Megan Hart
Re: Evacuation Route
- (b) Email dated August 25, 2023 from Harrison Watersports
Re: New Tenure Application
- (c) Email dated October 3, 2023 from Megan Hart
Re: Council Meeting Location
- (d) Email dated October 4, 2023 from Gabriele Thornton
Re: Council Meeting Location
- (e) Email dated October 5, 2023 from Loretta Melanson
Re: Council Meeting Location
- (f) Email dated October 10, 2023 from Wolf Thornton
Re: Council Meeting Location

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Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the letter dated August 4, 2023 from Megan Hart, the email dated August 25, 2023 from Harrison Watersports, the email dated October 3, 2023 from Megan Hart, the email dated October 4, 2023 from Gabriele Thornton, the email dated October 5, 2023 from Loretta Melanson and the email dated October 10, 2023 from Wolf Thornton be received.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-10-11

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Wood announced that the Village's joint application with the District of Kent for the park boundary adjustment was sent to the Province last week and the Village expects to receive a response by the end of the month.

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT item 8(b) – Email from Harrison Watersports be referred back to staff for more information.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR ALLEN
RC-2023-10-12

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT Council Meetings be moved back to Memorial Hall.

Amendment moved by Councillor Vidal

THAT the matter of moving Council Meetings back to the Memorial Hall be referred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD AND COUNCILLOR ALLEN
RC-2023-10-13

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

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting on September 27, 2023
- Tourism Harrison
 - Attended a meeting on September 27, 2023

- Attended the UBCM convention from September 18-22, 2023

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Councillor Allen

- Attended the Special Council meeting on October 12, 2023

Councillor Vidal

- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report
- Corrections Canada Citizen’s Advisory Committee
 - Attended meetings on September 6, 2023 and October 4, 2023
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee
 - Attended a meeting on September 26, 2023
- Participated in the Terry Fox Run on September 1, 2023
- Attended the UBCM convention from September 18-22, 2023
- Attended the Lower Mainland Local Government Association Strategic Planning session on September 27, 2023
- Attended the Fire Department Open House on October 14, 2023
- Congratulated Councillor Facio on receiving a plaque at the UBCM convention for 27 years of service to local government

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Health – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended meetings on September 14 and 28, 2023 and October 12, 2023
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended the UBCM convention from September 18-22, 2023

11. MAYOR’S REPORT

- Spoke on the rule of law and procedural fairness and forthcoming updates to the land development bylaws
- Reported that Storytime in the Park had a large turnout at the Harrison Hot Springs Elementary School
- Toured the Fraser Valley Regional District’s Emergency Operations Centre
- Attended the Lets’emot C2C meeting on August 30, 2023
- Reported on various meetings with the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness regarding the proposed evacuation route
- Reported on visitor numbers this year
- Reported that the CUPE collective agreement has been ratified
- Thanked the candidates who ran during the By-Election
- Reported on the use of Memorial Hall as an emergency cooling centre and thanked the volunteers for their contributions
- Reported on a Kent-Harrison Historical Society newsletter
- Visited the Social Club that operates on Thursdays at Memorial Hall
- Attended the Terry Fox run with Mayor Pranger and Councillor Vidal
- Reported on a FireSmart community meeting organized by a resident which featured Mayor McCormick of Kimberley as a speaker
- Reported on the October 12, 2023 Special Council Meeting orientation with Ron Poole
- Thanked the Fire Department and Fire Chief for putting on their Open House event

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

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- (a) Report of Chief Election Officer dated October 16, 2023
Re: Results of By-Election

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the results of the 2023 Municipal By-Election Report be received; and

THAT staff bring forward draft amendments to the General Election and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 1121, 2022 to include provisions for the placement of election signage.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-10-14

- (b) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated October 16, 2023
Re: Release of Closed Meeting Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the following closed meeting resolutions be received for information at the October 16, 2023 Regular Council Meeting:

THAT due to a public safety concern for people and property, Council authorize staff to have all four oak trees on Lillooet Avenue removed; and

THAT Council authorize staff to fund the tree removals and replacements from reserves.
SIC-2023-08-06

THAT staff be directed to research options including costing to make the oak tree removal area on Lillooet Avenue more aesthetically pleasing and report their findings back to Council; and

THAT staff be directed to work with the contractor during the removal of the oak trees to determine whether there is any salvageable wood that can be saved for possible use in a future beautification project of that same area.
SIC-2023-08-07

THAT the Kent – Harrison Joint Emergency Response and Recovery Plan be referred to the next Committee of the Whole meeting.; and
SIC-2023-08-12

THAT Council accept the resignation of Fire Chief Trevor Todd; and

THAT Council appoint Curtis Genest as Acting Fire Chief; and
SIC-2023-08-14

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THAT Ms. Judy Duffus, Mr. Allan Garneau and Mr. Robert Guimont be appointed to the Advisory Planning Commission.
SIC-2023-08-17

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR ALLEN
RC-2023-10-15

- (c) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated October 16, 2023
Re: 2023-2026 Strategic Plan

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Council adopt the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan as amended by changing the name to "2023 Strategic Plan".

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR ALLEN
RC-2023-10-16

- (d) Report of Community Services Coordinator dated October 16, 2023
Re: Resort Municipality Initiative

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Resort Municipality Initiative Report dated October 16, 2023 be received for information.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD
RC-2023-10-17

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Mayor Wood

THAT the businesses wanting the artificial skating rink to operate this winter be invited to lease the equipment from the Village and form a business partnership to operate it.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON AND VIDAL

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Moved by Mayor Wood

THAT the funds that were to be used for the rink cover, firepits, and concession stand washrooms be redirected to fund the evacuation route project subject to the province's authorization.

**MOTION FAILED
LACK OF SECONDER**

Councillor Facio raised a point of order that the question was called.

- (e) Report of Community Services Coordinator dated October 16, 2023
Re: Health and Wellness Fair

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Community Services Coordinator be authorized to work with the Age-Friendly Committee and community volunteers to plan a Health and Wellness Fair to be held on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at Memorial Hall.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD**
RC-2023-10-18

- (f) Report of Community Services Coordinator dated October 16, 2023
Re: Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure (REDIP) and Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be authorized to submit a grant application to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure (REDIP) for up to \$1,000,000.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD**
RC-2023-10-19

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be authorized to submit a grant application to the British Columbia Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants program for up to \$500,000.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD**
RC-2023-10-20

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- (g) Report of Community Services Coordinator dated October 16, 2023
Re: Community Emergency Preparedness Fund

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT staff be authorized to submit a grant application to UBCM's Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training program for up to \$30,000.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-10-21

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff be authorized to submit a grant application to UBCM's Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation program for up to for up to \$5,000,000.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-10-22

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff be authorized to submit a grant application to UBCM's Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training program for up to \$30,000.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-10-23

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be authorized to submit a grant application to UBCM's Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and Training program for up to \$30,000.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-10-24

- (h) Report of Community Services Coordinator dated October 16, 2023
Re: FireSmart Program and Funding Opportunities

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT staff be authorized to begin the process of having the Village recognized as a FireSmart neighbourhood; and

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THAT staff be authorized to prepare an application for the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Program, an initiative of the Community Resiliency Investment Program up to a maximum of \$200,000 per year for up to two years.

Amendment moved by Mayor Wood
Amendment seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT the motion in the FireSmart Program and Funding Opportunities report dated October 16, 2023 be amended by adding the following:

THAT staff be directed to implement a plan in alignment with the Village's 2023 Strategic Plan to brand the Village as a FireSmart community, ensuring public life and infrastructure are at the forefront; and

THAT the utilization of the funding include the prioritization of the creation of a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan, detailed Fuel Management Prescriptions and the completion of prioritized fuel management.

MOTION NOT VOTED ON

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:51 p.m. and reconvene at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-10-25

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
Mayor Wood acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the Regular Council meeting be reconvened at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 18, 2023.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-10-26

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF (CONTINUED)

- (h) Report of Community Services Coordinator dated October 16, 2023
Re: FireSmart Program and Funding Opportunities

Amendment moved by Councillor Allen

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THAT Council resolve into a Committee of the Whole to discuss the FireSmart Program and Funding Opportunities.

**MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR FACIO, JACKSON AND VIDAL**

**Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Allen**

THAT staff be authorized to begin the process of having the Village recognized as a FireSmart neighbourhood; and

THAT staff be authorized to prepare an application for the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Program, an initiative of the Community Resiliency Investment Program up to a maximum of \$200,000 per year for up to two years; and

THAT staff be directed to implement a plan in alignment with the Village's 2023 Strategic Plan to brand the Village as a FireSmart community, ensuring public life and infrastructure are at the forefront; and

THAT the utilization of the funding include the prioritization of the creation of a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan, detailed Fuel Management Prescriptions and the completion of prioritized fuel management.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO AND VIDAL
*RC-2023-10-27***

**Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Allen**

THAT the motion in the FireSmart Program and Funding Opportunities report dated October 16, 2023 be further amended by adding the following:

THAT staff retain a Registered Professional Forester with a fee not exceeding \$10,000 to work with the Fire Chief and staff to complete the application to UBCM for FireSmart Community Funding.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
*RC-2023-10-28***

Councillor Allen raised a point of order as to whether Council needs to vote on the main motion as amended.

**Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Vidal**

That Council approve the motion in the FireSmart Program and Funding Opportunities report dated October 16, 2023 as amended:

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THAT staff be authorized to begin the process of having the Village recognized as a FireSmart neighbourhood; and

THAT staff be authorized to prepare an application for the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Program, an initiative of the Community Resiliency Investment Program up to a maximum of \$200,000 per year for up to two years; and

THAT staff be directed to implement a plan in alignment with the Village's 2023 Strategic Plan to brand the Village as a FireSmart community, ensuring public life and infrastructure are at the forefront; and

THAT the utilization of the funding include the prioritization of the creation of a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan, detailed Fuel Management Prescriptions and the completion of prioritized fuel management; and

THAT staff retain a Registered Professional Forester with a fee not exceeding \$10,000 to work with the Fire Chief and staff to complete the application to UBCM for FireSmart Community Funding.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-10-29

- (i) Report of Planning Consultant dated October 16, 2023
Re: The Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1184, 2022

Mayor Wood called for a first time if any Councillor wished to declare a conflict of interest in relation to item 12 (i).

Mayor Wood called for a second time if any Councillor wished to declare a conflict of interest in relation to item 12 (i).

Mayor Wood ruled item 12 (i) out of order as per Section 473, Division 4 of the *Local Government Act*.

- (j) Report of Planning Consultant dated October 16, 2023
Re: Rezoning Amendment Bylaw

Mayor Wood ruled item 12 (j) out of order due to procedural fairness not having been followed.

- (k) Report of Planning Consultant dated October 16, 2023
Re: Consideration on the Issuance of the Requested Development Permit

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Development Permit DP 02/22 be issued to Razin Enterprises Limited for property located at 200 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs for land legally described as:

Lot 7, Blk 1, Sec 13, Twp 4, Rg 29, W6M, New Westminster District Plan 251

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Subject to the following:

- a) The registration of a save-harmless flood covenant that is acceptable to the Village, be placed on the title;
- b) For the installation of or the placement of any signs on the building or structure, the applicant must follow the requirements as outlined in the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Bylaw No. 1126, 2018, as amended from time to time. To start this process, a Comprehensive Sign Plan application must be submitted, and approved by the Village;
- c) The Village receiving an irrevocable letter of credit in the amount of \$1,072,058.00;
- d) The registration of a covenant on title, ensuring that four (4) accessible parking stalls are created for this development; and
- e) The authorization of staff to enter into negotiations for a Community Amenity Contribution, as opposed to a cash-in-lieu of parking settlement.

**MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD, COUNCILLORS ALLEN AND VIDAL**

13. BYLAWS

None

14. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) New Business from Councillor Facio
Re: FireSmart Open House

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff be directed to liaise with the Fire Department, the Emergency Program Coordinator, Emergency Support Services and Emergency Management BC to organize a FireSmart Open House to be held at Memorial Hall to be held approximately the first week of November.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD**
RC-2023-10-30

- (b) New Business from Mayor Wood
Re: Emergency Preparedness

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Allen

WHEREAS the Village qualifies for the highest in province, wildland-urban interface fire risk class, and

WHEREAS the Village has no evacuation emergency exit, only a single lane road in and out of the Village, and

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WHEREAS the District of Kent will be submitting the application for the Ruby Creek evacuation route through parkland to the province for approval at the September 2023 UBCM convention, and

WHEREAS the province extended the state of emergency for unprecedented wildfires and drought this past summer, and

WHEREAS the province ministers had weekly meetings with all mayors and their senior staff this past summer where Mayor Wood spoke four (4) times with an urgent plea to expedite the approval of the emergency route through provincial parkland to no avail, and

WHEREAS the Village has a very high level and mostly incomplete joint emergency response and recovery plan with the District of Kent, and

WHEREAS the Village has no evacuation plan, and

WHEREAS as per Bylaw No. 610, 1994 the Village is to provide a four (4) program approach addressing prevention, preparedness, response and recovery, of which the Village has no prevention or preparedness plan and an incomplete response and recovery plan 29 years later, and

WHEREAS the Village has a 2017 Village Wildfire Master Plan of which no recommendations have been implemented six (6) years later, and

WHEREAS McCombs Drive between McPherson Road and Hadway Drive is the Village's second exit route if Hot Springs Road is blocked and this area lacks municipal fire hydrants, and

WHEREAS the Village's present municipal water system for interface fire fighting is inadequate, and

WHEREAS during the 2023 "heat dome" the municipal water storage reservoir went into alarm, indicating the need for more storage as supported in the 2015 Water Master Plan, and

WHEREAS the Village lacks an interface fire response plan, only having a "process", and

WHEREAS the Village lacks an asset plan for replacement, new fire fighting equipment and facility needs due to the increasing heights of new development approved and pending, and

WHEREAS the Village relies on the District of Kent's water tanker for distribution due to lack of hydrants or water sources, and

WHEREAS the Village relies on paid volunteer fire fighters, chief, and has no fulltime dedicated staff for public emergencies, and

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WHEREAS the FVRD has professional staff in emergency management, and

WHEREAS as per section 116 of the *BC Community Charter*, it is the Mayor's responsibility to, in the Mayor's opinion, recommend bylaws, resolutions and other measures that may assist the peace, order and good government of the municipality, therefore be it resolved

THAT staff be directed to engage with the FVRD with urgency and report back to Council with availability, timeframe, and costs to produce and oversee an evacuation plan, a prevention plan, a preparedness plan and a response and recovery plan.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO AND VIDAL
RC-2023-10-31

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Facio

WHEREAS the Village is waiting for the District of Kent to submit the application for the Ruby Creek evacuation route through provincial parkland to the province, and

WHEREAS no submission has been made to date, and

WHEREAS Village Council approved this route almost four (4) years ago, and

WHEREAS the province ministers had weekly meetings with all mayors and their senior staff this past summer where Mayor Wood spoke four (4) times with an urgent plea to expedite the approval of the emergency route through provincial parkland to no avail, therefore be it resolved

THAT staff be directed to immediately work with the District of Kent to set up a joint meeting with all parties involved for approval of the Ruby Creek evacuation route and to provide all Councillors a copy of the pending application submission by the District of Kent.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-10-32

Mayor Wood recalled the following motion:

"THAT the funds that were to be used for a cover for the rink, firepits, and concession stand washrooms be redirected towards the proposed evacuation route project subject to the province's authorization."

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Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT the funds for a cover for the rink, firepits, and washrooms be redirected towards the proposed evacuation route project subject to the province's authorization.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON AND VIDAL

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Allen

WHEREAS the Village relies on paid volunteer fire fighters, chief, and have no fulltime dedicated staff for public emergencies, therefore be it resolved

THAT staff be directed to report back to Council at the next regular meeting of Council with recommendations on using FVRD or Village staff for a Paid Fire Chief/Public Safety Manager role.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON AND VIDAL

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Allen

WHEREAS the Village lacks an asset plan for replacement, new fire fighting equipment, and facility needs due to the increasing heights of new development approved, pending, and interface fires, therefore be it resolved

THAT staff be directed to provide Council with a report of fire equipment and facility needs for asset planning and funding.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-10-33

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Facio

WHEREAS McCombs Drive between McPherson Road and Hadway Drive is the Village's second exit route if Hot Springs Road is blocked and this area lacks municipal fire hydrants, therefore be it resolved

THAT staff be directed to engage a professional engineering consultant to produce a grant funding application for municipal fire hydrants along McCombs Drive between McPherson Road and Hadway Drive.

CARRIED
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RC-2023-10-34

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Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

WHEREAS the Village has not prepared the forest areas for interface fires, therefore be it resolved

THAT staff be directed to report back to Council at the next regular meeting of Council with recommendations on the prescribed treatment of the Spirit Trail as per the 2017 Wildfire Master Plan, not to exceed \$30,000.00 and to be funded internally.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-10-35

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Allen

WHEREAS the Village's present municipal water system for interface fire fighting is inadequate, and

WHEREAS during the 2023 "heat dome" the municipal water storage reservoir went into alarm, indicating the need for more storage as supported in the 2015 Water Master plan, and

WHEREAS the Village relies on the District of Kent's water tanker for distribution due to lack of hydrants or water sources, and

WHEREAS the Village presently has approximately 200 more new connections with developments already approved by Council to be added, therefore overloading the municipal water system, therefore be it resolved

THAT staff be directed to expedite the updating of the Water Master Plan per Council's 2023 Strategic Plan and to report back to Council on the lack of fire fighting municipal water during a recent heat dome.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-10-36

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Allen

WHEREAS the Mayor does not have emergency contacts available, therefore be it resolved

THAT staff provide names and cell phone numbers of all senior staff, Councillors and all emergency staff, and the list be put on a wallet sized laminated card for all of Council.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
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- (c) New Business from Councillor Allen
Re: Oak Trees on Lillooet Avenue

Councillor Vidal raised a point of order that this agenda item is inappropriate as it talks about consideration of a matter that has been previously dealt by council.

Mayor Wood recognized the point of order and overruled it.

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Mayor Wood

WHEREAS the last surviving oak trees on West Lillooet Avenue are an important part of the Village streetscape, and

WHEREAS the trees have historic and cultural value, beyond their environmental value, and

WHEREAS the Village's Urban Forest Management Plan calls for the retention and maintenance of mature trees, and

WHEREAS Council has not yet seen the arborist report concerning these trees, therefore be it resolves

THAT staff be instructed to take no further action concerning these four oak trees until Council has had an opportunity to review the arborist report and explore preservation options for them.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON AND VIDAL

- (d) New Business from Councillor Allen
Re: Wildfire Hazard Management

Councillor Allen withdrew this item as it had been addressed in the discussions of item 12 (h).

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

Questions from the public were entertained.

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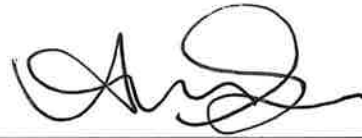
Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

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Ed Wood
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer