

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

DATE: Monday, November 20, 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 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 Manager, 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

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the agenda be approved.

Amendment moved by Councillor Jackson
Amendment seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the agenda be approved by removing items 14(a) and 14(b).

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD AND COUNCILLOR ALLEN
RC-2023-11-09

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD AND COUNCILLOR ALLEN
RC-2023-11-10

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4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Special Council Meeting minutes of November 1, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-11-11

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting minutes of November 6, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-11-12

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting minutes of November 7, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-11-13

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of November 8, 2023 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-11-14

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

None.

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated November 2, 2023 from the Minister of Forests
Re: UBCM Meeting Recap - Wildfire Prevention and Fuel Maintenance
- (b) Letter dated November 9, 2023 from the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
Re: Emergency & Disaster Management Act
- (c) Letter dated November 9, 2023 from the Minister of Housing
Re: New Legislation to Support Local Government Housing Initiatives

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the letter dated November 2, 2023 from the Minister of Forests, the letter dated November 9, 2023 from the Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, and the letter dated November 9, 2023 from the Minister of Housing be received.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-11-15

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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

Councillor Vidal

- Attended the Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 11, 2023 at the Agassiz Cenotaph
- Attended an LMLGA Senior Executive Meeting on November 14, 2023
- Attended the Lights by the Lake opening event on November 18, 2023
- Attended a closed Council to Council Meeting with Sts'ailes on November 20, 2023
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report
- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report

Councillor Allen

- Attended the Lights by the Lake opening event on November 18, 2023

Councillor Jackson

- Attended a closed Council to Council Meeting with Sts'ailes on November 20, 2023
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Municipal Director) – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report

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Councillor Facio

- Attended the Remembrance Day ceremonies on November 11, 2023 at the Agassiz Cenotaph
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – attended a meeting bY Zoom on November 16, 2023
- Attended the Lights by the Lake opening event on November 18, 2023
- Fraser Health – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director) – provided an updated on air quality stations and Freedom of Information request fees
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated November 20, 2023
Re: Release of Closed Meeting Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the following closed meeting resolution be received for information at the November 20, 2023 Regular Council Meeting:

THAT Anthony Siedschlag be appointed as Fire Chief of the Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department.
SIC-2023-11-04

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-11-16

- (b) Report of Planning Consultant dated November 20, 2023
Re: Rezoning Amendment Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be authorized to refer the Zoning Amendment application for 259 Hot Springs Road to the Advisory Planning Commission, the Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department, and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; and

THAT Council request the developer to set up a Public Notification meeting as per section 11.0 of the Village's Development Procedure Bylaw No. 1090, 2016.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD AND COUNCILLOR ALLEN**
RC-2023-11-17

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- (c) Report of Corporate Officer dated November 6, 2023
Re: 2024 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT the proposed Regular Council Meeting schedule for 2024 be approved as submitted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-11-18

- (d) Report of Corporate Officer dated November 20, 2023
Re: Deputy Mayor Appointments

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT Councillor Allen be appointed as Deputy Mayor for 2024.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS JACKSON, FACIO AND VIDAL

- (e) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated November 20, 2023
Re: Council Liaison, Municipal Director, Board and Committee Member Appointments

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Councillor Allen be appointed as Council liaison for Agassiz Harrison Healthy Communities.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-11-19

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Mayor Wood remain as the Council liaison for the Agassiz Harrison Historical Society.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-11-20

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Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Councillor Vidal remain as the Council liaison for Community Futures North Fraser.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-11-21

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Councillor Vidal remain as the Council liaison for the Corrections Canada Citizens Advisory Committee.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-11-22

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Fraser Health be removed from the Council liaison list as the liaison was appointed to receive updates during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2023-11-23

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Mayor Wood

THAT Mayor Wood be appointed to fulfill the role of municipal director for the Fraser Valley Regional District and Hospital Boards; and

THAT Councillor Facio be appointed to fulfil the role of alternate municipal director for the Fraser Valley Regional District and Hospital Boards.

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

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Councillor Jackson be appointed to fulfill the role as municipal director for the Fraser Valley Library Board for 2023-2024; and

THAT Councillor Facio be appointed to fulfil the role of alternate municipal director for the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board for 2023-2024.

**CARRIED
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Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Councillor Allen be appointed as Council liaison to the Harrison-Agassiz Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-11-25

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Councillor Facio be appointed as Council Committee Member to the Accessibility Committee; and

THAT Councillor Allen be appointed as alternate Council Committee Member to the Accessibility Committee.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-11-26

- (f) Report of Community Services Manager dated November 20, 2023
Re: Spirit Trail Maintenance

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be authorized to seek quotes for the development of a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan while awaiting the results of the FireSmart grant funding application.

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT the recommendations in the Spirit Trail Maintenance report be referred back to staff to report at the next Council meeting.

MOTION FAILED
OPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON AND VIDAL

Council voted on the original motion.

CARRIED
OPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD AND COUNCILLOR ALLEN
RC-2023-11-27

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be authorized to move forward with fuel treatment for the Spirit Trail once a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan with current, up to date recommendations for fuel management is completed.

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Amendment moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the motion be amended by removing the words "once a Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan with current, up to date recommendations for fuel management is completed".

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-11-28

Council voted on the original motion as amended, with the final wording as follows:

THAT staff be authorized to move forward with fuel treatment for the Spirit Trail.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-11-29

- (g) Report of Community Services Coordinator dated November 20, 2023
Re: Community to Community Grant Program

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff submit a grant application of up to \$10,000.00 to UBCM's Community to Community Grant program to support hosting a Community to Community (C2C) Forum meeting in the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2023-11-30

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

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the FireSmart Program Update report be received for information; and

THAT the FireSmart Open House originally planned to be held in November be deferred to March 2024 to allow for the creation of a FireSmart Neighbourhood Committee and for the event to contribute to the Village's recognition as a FireSmart community; and

THAT the Community Services Manager/Local FireSmart Representative be authorized to put out an expression of interest for a FireSmart Neighbourhood Committee and assist interested residents in the formation of the committee.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD
RC-2023-11-31

13. BYLAWS

None

14. NEW BUSINESS

- (c) New Business from Councillor Allen
Re: Policy 1.11 Amendment

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

WHEREAS the Village's Disposal of Surplus Items and Equipment Policy 1.11 permits disposal by tender, and

WHEREAS the "sealed tender" process which has been used in the past has included the opening of bids secretly, rather than in public, and

WHEREAS the sealed tender process has been unfair to buyers and has not produced the best possible financial returns for the Village, therefore be it resolved

THAT Policy 1.11 be amended by (a) removing the option to use any tender process and by (b) limiting all such disposals to a public auction to be conducted by the Chief Executive Officer, thus ensuring complete transparency and maximum value for Village assets being sold off.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO AND VIDAL
RC-2023-11-32

- (d) New Business from Councillor Allen
Re: Offer of Firetruck

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Mayor Wood

WHEREAS the Village has a surplus firetruck which is up for disposal, and

WHEREAS the Agassiz-Harrison Search and Rescue organization (SAR) is in need of an equipment truck while waiting for a new truck to be delivered, therefore be it resolved

THAT the Village offer Agassiz-Harrison Search and Rescue the use of the Village's Volvo firetruck until such time as their new truck is put in service, after which the Volvo will be sold by auction.

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

Questions from the public were entertained.

16. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO AND VIDAL
RC-2023-11-33



Ed Wood
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer