

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

DATE: Friday, November 24, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
SC-2023-11-03

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
SC-2023-11-04

4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Dike Upgrade

Neville Berard from Northwest Hydraulic Consultants and Jeff Cutler, Laura MacDonald and Louisa Kennett from Space2Place attended via Zoom and presented three proposed options for the dike upgrade project along the beachfront.

(b) Mobi-Mat Replacement with Boardwalk

Moved by Councillor Facio

THAT the replacement of Mobi-Mats be referred to staff.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD
COW-2023-11-06**

(c) Village Summer Party

Moved by Councillor Facio

THAT a Village Summer Party be referred to staff.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

(d) Joint Application for Park Boundary Adjustment

Moved by Mayor Wood

WHEREAS the joint application for a park boundary adjustment has recently been officially submitted by the District of Kent and the Village of Harrison Hot Springs to BC Parks; and

WHEREAS there is a resolution of Council from the October 18, 2023 Regular Council Meeting as follows:

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; and

WHEREAS time is of the essence to have the evacuation route open for the 2024 fire season; and

WHEREAS there are no detailed construction plans engineered; and

WHEREAS the Village does not have a financing agreement or budget in place, therefore be it resolved

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THAT staff be directed to immediately work with the District of Kent to produce engineering drawings with detailed construction plans ready for contractor bids; and

THAT staff be directed to immediately work with the District of Kent to establish a joint budget for the construction and future operating/maintenance costs of the evacuation route; and

THAT staff be directed to immediately work with the District of Kent to pre-approve contractors for construction ensuring the completion before the 2024 fire season; and

THAT staff be directed to provide monthly progress reports to Council.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
COW-2023-11-07

(e) Wildfire Risk Assessment Report

Moved by Councillor Allen

WHEREAS the Village has paid for a Wildfire Risk Assessment Report by Blackwell & Associates; and

WHEREAS that report is fundamentally flawed because it has the summer wind pattern stated erroneously backwards; and

WHEREAS the afternoon hot winds blow from South to North and not from North to South as erroneously stated; and

WHEREAS this results in a gross understatement of the wildfire risk, therefore be it resolved:

THAT the Village demand that the report be corrected using the proper wind pattern in Harrison Village instead of the irrelevant wind data from Haig station in Hope and that a corrected and revised report be provided to the Village as soon as possible.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO AND VIDAL**
COW-2023-11-08

(f) Sight Lines at Intersections

Moved by Mayor Wood

WHEREAS Councillor Allen has identified a number of sight line infractions; and

WHEREAS preservation of life and safety is identified as the top priority in Bylaw Enforcement and Complaint Policy No 1.38; and

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WHEREAS Zoning Bylaw No. 1115 defines the specific sight line requirements at intersections; and

WHEREAS Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 855 defines the fines for breaching zoning requirements and outlines the designation of Bylaw Enforcement Officer; and

WHEREAS Delegation of Powers, Duties and Functions of Council Bylaw No. 1041 establishes the position of the Chief Administrative Officer as per Section 147 of the *Community Charter* which states the following:

147 A bylaw under section 146 may establish the position of chief administrative officer of the municipality, whose powers, duties and functions include the following:

(a) overall management of the operations of the municipality;

(b) ensuring that the policies, programs and other directions of the council are implemented; and

WHEREAS Section 116 of the *Community Charter* lays out the responsibilities of the Mayor as follows:

116 (1) The mayor is the head and chief executive officer of the municipality.

(2) In addition to the mayor's responsibilities as a member of council, the mayor has the following responsibilities:

(a) to provide leadership to the council, including by recommending bylaws, resolutions and other measures that, in the mayor's opinion, may assist the peace, order and good government of the municipality; and

WHEREAS the Chief Administrative Officer recently informed Council that enforcement of the Village's bylaws is the responsibility of Council and not staff unless it has been delegated to either the Bylaw Enforcement Officer or administrative staff; and

WHEREAS Council has delegated the authority of bylaw enforcement to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer, therefore be it resolved:

THAT staff direct the Village's Bylaw Enforcement Officer to enforce Zoning Bylaw No. 1115 for intersection sight lines with respect to the issues identified by Councillor Allen.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO AND VIDAL
COW-2023-11-09

(g) Starlight Skating Rink

Moved by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Starlight Skating Rink be erected and installed as soon as possible.

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

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(h) Village of Harrison Hot Springs 75th Anniversary

Moved by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff be directed to research viable options for a 75th year anniversary celebration and report back to Council.

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COW-2023-11-11

Moved by Mayor Wood

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report to Council.

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UNANIMOUSLY**
COW-2023-11-12

5. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

None.

6. REPORTS FROM STAFF

None.

7. BYLAWS

None.

8. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

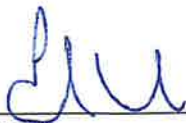
Questions from the public were entertained.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

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UNANIMOUSLY**
SC-2023-11-05



Ed Wood
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

