

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

DATE: Monday, February 5, 2024

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 Allen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the agenda be approved.

Amendment moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the agenda be approved as amended by removing New Business item 14(b) – Wind Monitor and New Business item 14(c) – Construction Fencing at 511 Lillooet Avenue from the agenda.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD AND COUNCILLOR ALLEN
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Councillor Allen raised a point of order stating that he believes the motion is out of order and that he is entitled to bring new business before Council.

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4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of January 15, 2024 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-02-02

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting minutes of January 25, 2024 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-02-03

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- iv. (a) Letter dated January 11, 2024 from the Ministry of Public Safety
Re: Follow up – Seasonal Policing and Provincial Police Resourcing
- (b) Letter dated January 13, 2024 from Girl Guides of Canada
Re: Support for Girl Empowerment February 22, 2024
- (c) Letter dated January 18, 2024 from Okanagan Basin Water Board
Re: Call for Immediate Action to Prevent Invasive Mussel Introduction
- (d) Letter dated January 26, 2024 from Forest Enhancement Society
Re: FESB Accomplishments Update
- (e) Letter dated January 26, 2024 from the District of Sicamous
Re: Support for Bill 34

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the consent agenda be received.

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7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated January 11, 2024 from the Blair Degenstein
Re: Proposed Dyke Height Increase
- (b) Email dated January 24, 2024 from Kevin Penney
Re: Crosswalk Safety
- (c) Email dated January 26, 2024 from Councillor Allen
Re: Opportunity to Minimize the Impact of Dyke Raising Along our Waterfront

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT the letter dated January 11, 2024 from Blair Degenstein, the email dated January 24, 2024 from Kevin Penney and the email dated January 26, 2024 from Councillor Allen be received.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-02-05

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT item 6.iv.(b) – Letter dated January 13, 2024 from Girl Guides of Canada be released from the Consent Agenda.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-02-06

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be directed to turn on blue lights on the exterior of the Village Office and at the plaza on February 22, 2024 in recognition of BC Girl Guides World Thinking Day.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-02-07

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

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting on January 24, 2024
- Tourism Harrison
 - Attended a meeting on January 31, 2024

Councillor Allen

- Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report

Councillor Vidal

- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors
 - Attended a meeting on January 23, 2024
- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee
 - Attended a meeting on January 31, 2024

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting on January 25, 2024
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Reported that the Variety Children's Charity/Follow Your Heart Event is taking place at Memorial Hall on February 17, 2024 at 7:00 pm
- Reported that the Community Programs and Services Survey is currently up on our website and will be open until February 14, 2024
- Reminded residents that the public hearing regarding 511 Lillooet Avenue will be Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Memorial Hall
- Requested a staff update on the status of the evacuation route application. Staff reported that the application is still with the Province.

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Bylaw Officer dated February 5, 2024
Re: 2023 Annual Bylaw Report

Moved by Councillor Vidal

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff complete all recommendations brought forward in the 2023 Annual Bylaw report regarding updating signage and amending bylaws.

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- (b) Report of Community Services Manager dated February 5, 2024
Re: PacificCan Tourism Growth Program

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be authorized to apply to the Tourism Growth Program presented by Pacific Economic Development Canada for funding up to \$250,000.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-02-09

- (c) Report of Corporate Officer dated February 5, 2024
Re: Notice of Failure to File Disclosure Statement

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Corporate Officer's report dated February 5, 2024 regarding Leslie Ghezesan's failure to file a disclosure statement be received for information.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-02-10

- (d) Report of Corporate Officer dated February 5, 2024
Re: Lease and Services Agreement – 499 Hot Springs Road

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Village enter into a lease and services agreement with Harrison Tourism Society for a term starting February 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2034 with a continued Village contribution of \$21,000 per annum.

Amendment moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT the matter be referred back to staff for further information.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON AND VIDAL

Council voted on the original motion.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD AND COUNCILLOR ALLEN
RC-2024-02-11

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- (e) Report of Corporate Officer dated February 5, 2024
Re: FVRD Boat Launch Operation Agreement

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council approve entering into a new agreement with the Fraser Valley Regional District for the operation and management of the boat launch for a two year term with the option to renew for an additional two years.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD AND COUNCILLOR ALLEN

RC-2024-02-12

- (f) Report of Planning Consultant dated February 5, 2024
Re: Consideration on the Issuance of a Development Variance Permit

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Development Variance Permit DVP 03/23 not be sent to the adjacent properties for property located at 604 McCombs Drive, Harrison Hot Springs for land legally described as:

Lot 123, Sec 12, Twp 4, Rg 29, W6M, New Westminster District Plan 52598, until the following has been provided, by the applicant, to the satisfaction of Village:

1. A surface water discharge report. This report must indicate the potential volume and direction of any potential surface water runoff and must be signed by a professional engineer with at least 10 years of competent experience. If the engineer deems that this is not applicable, they must indicate this in writing and they must sign the letter.
2. If the runoff is applicable the report must also indicate what mitigation measures may or may not be required and the costs of these potential measures; and

THAT staff be authorized to deliver a Notice of Intent to the adjacent owners of the land, defined as a distance of 30 M from the site, once a surface water discharge report has been provided to the Village's satisfaction.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD AND COUNCILLOR ALLEN

RC-2024-02-13

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- (g) Report of Planning Consultant dated February 5, 2024
Re: Development Permit – 200 Hot Springs Road

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

1. THAT this revised application be treated as substantially amended from the original application, and
2. 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

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 Sign 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 \$1,093,750.00; and
- d) Comments received by the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Amendment moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT the proposed development permit for 200 Hot Springs Road be referred to the Advisory Planning Commission and the Environmental Advisory Committee.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON, VIDAL

Council voted on the original motion.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD AND COUNCILLOR ALLEN
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- (h) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated February 5, 2024
Re: Potential Acquisition of Land – 905 Hot Springs Road

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the offer to donate a portion of the lot located at 905 Hot Springs Road to the Village as part of the proposed subdivision application be respectfully declined; and

THAT staff be authorized to advise the developer in writing of same.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR WOOD AND COUNCILLOR ALLEN
RC-2024-02-15

- (i) Report of Community Services Manager dated February 5, 2024
Re: Committee Member Appointment Recommendations

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the following applicants be appointed to the Communities in Bloom Committee:
Teresa Omelus and Susan Galvao; and

THAT the following applicants be appointed to the Age-Friendly Committee:
Peggy Arndt, Alison Douglas, and Laura Lanfranchi; and

THAT the following applicants be appointed to the Environmental Advisory Committee:
Mark Schweinbenz, Cheri Norris, Susan Galvao, and Gary Webster.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-02-16

13. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Chief Financial Officer dated February 5, 2024
Re: Sewer Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1197, 2023

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the following motion be rescinded:

THAT the Sewer Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1197, 2023 be given first reading and that the matter be referred to a budget meeting or Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion; and

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THAT Sewer Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1197, 2023 be reconsidered amended and given first, second and third readings.

**CARRIED
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RC-2024-02-17

- (b) Report of Chief Financial Officer dated February 5, 2024
Re: Water Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1198, 2023

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT the following motion be rescinded:

THAT the Water Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1198, 2023 be given first reading and that the matter be referred to a budget meeting or Committee of the Whole meeting for further discussion; and

THAT Water Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1198, 2023 be reconsidered amended and given first, second and third readings.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-02-18

14. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) New Business from Councillor Vidal
Re: Routine Mammogram Screening Program

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT Council endorse the following resolution and forward the resolution to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association by no later than February 28th, 2024 for consideration at the annual conference; and

THAT staff be directed to request letters of support from the Fraser Valley Regional District and the District of Kent prior to submission:

WHEREAS access to regular routine mammogram screening is inadequate within the Province of BC; and

WHEREAS an increasing number of women are being diagnosed with more aggressive breast cancer between the ages of thirty to forty; and

WHEREAS early detection of breast cancer is paramount to diagnosis and treatment, therefore be it resolved

THAT UBCM call upon the Provincial Government to increase the number of mobile

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mammogram screening units available to rural and remote communities; and

THAT UBCM call upon the BC Government to lower the age of MSP coverage for routine mammogram screening to the age of thirty.

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RC-2024-02-19

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

Questions from the public were entertained.

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

**CARRIED
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Ed Wood
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer