

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

DATE: Monday, November 18, 2024
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Memorial Hall
290 Esplanade Avenue, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Fred Talen
Councillor Leo Facio
Councillor Allan Jackson
Councillor Mark Schweinbenz
Councillor Michie Vidal

Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Fire Chief, Curtis Genest

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Mayor Talen 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.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-11-18

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Public Hearing Record dated November 4, 2024 be received.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

Amendment moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Public Hearing Record be amended by adding, after Mr. Allen's remarks on page 7, that the CAO stated that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure had reduced the developer's setback requirements to 2 meters.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-11-19

Council voted on the motion as amended.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-11-20

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2024 be adopted.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

Amendment moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes be amended to reflect that Councillor Vidal did not have a report for Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities on page 5.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-11-21

Council voted on the motion as amended.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-11-22

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Special Council Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2024 be adopted.

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UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-11-23

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- iv. (a) Email dated October 30, 2024 from Provincial Director of Child Welfare and Provincial Director of Adoption
Re: Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the consent agenda be received.

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RC-2024-11-24

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

- (a) Superintendent Davy Lee, RCMP – Upper Fraser Valley Regional Detachment
Re: Upper Fraser Valley Regional Detachment Strategic Plan

Superintendent Davy Lee provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Upper Fraser Valley Regional Detachment 2024-2027 Strategic Plan.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

None.

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

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting on November 14, 2024
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended the 75th Anniversary Event at the Harrison Hot Springs Elementary School on November 15, 2024

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Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee
 - Attended a meeting on November 6, 2024
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended a Committee of the Whole Meeting on November 8, 2024
- Attended a Lets'emot C2C Meeting on November 13, 2024

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Municipal Director) – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Attended a Committee of the Whole Meeting on November 8, 2024
- Attended the 75th Anniversary Event at the Harrison Hot Springs Elementary School on November 15, 2024
- Attended the Legacy of Lightfoot Concert at Memorial Hall on November 15, 2024

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society
 - Attended a meeting on November 13, 2024
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors
 - Attended a meeting on October 14, 2024
- Met with Kyle Wang from BC Timber Sales regarding forestry practices on November 11, 2024

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Met with the owner and general manager of the Harrison Hot Springs Resort, with the CAO, regarding the public hot springs on November 7, 2024
- Attended a Committee of the Whole Meeting on November 8, 2024
- Attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Agassiz Cenotaph on November 11, 2024
- Attended the Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting at the Fraser River Lodge on November 12, 2024
- Met with a Provincial Inspector for Natural Resources investigating the public hot springs at the Resort on November 13, 2024
- Attended the Lets'emot C2C Meeting on November 13, 2024
- Attended the Fraser Valley Health Foundation Gala fundraiser on November 15, 2024

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated November 18, 2024
Re: Release of Closed Meeting Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the following closed meeting resolutions from the September 4, 2024 Special Closed Council Meeting be received for information at the November 18, 2024 Regular Council Meeting:

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THAT staff be directed to seek a written agreement from Fraser Health outlining their commitment to providing primary care services in the Village; and

THAT staff be directed to seek a lease agreement for the available unit at 160 Lillooet Avenue for a term of three or four years with the option to purchase at a later date, to be funded by taxation subject to Fraser Health providing a written commitment; and

THAT staff be directed to move forward with the four-office renovation plan as provided by Kurts Construction to be funded by surplus, subject to the agreements with Fraser Health and the property owner.

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RC-2024-11-25

- (b) Report of Community Services Manager dated November 18, 2024
Re: Curbside Collection Contract Award

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Community Services Manager's Report dated November 18, 2024 be received for information.

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UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-11-26

- (c) Report of Community Services Manager dated November 18, 2024
Re: 2024 Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the 2024 Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan be adopted with the following amendments:

Decreasing the priority level of recommendation #18 from Moderate to Low; and

Increasing the priority level of recommendation #19 from Moderate to High; and

Updating recommendation #25 (Maintain Fire Department Training) to read 'Fire Department Training & Resources' and include in the recommendation to continue working towards the completion of a Structure Protection Unit Trailer and ensuring that fire department resources are reviewed regularly.

Amendment moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the motion be amended by removing the following sentence: "Decreasing the priority level of recommendation #18 from Moderate to Low".

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR TALEN AND COUNCILLOR SCHWEINBENZ
RC-2024-11-27

Amendment moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the motion be amended by removing the following sentence: "Updating recommendation #25 (Maintain Fire Department Training) to read 'Fire Department Training & Resources' and include in the recommendation to continue working towards the completion of a Structure Protection Unit Trailer and ensuring that fire department resources are reviewed regularly".

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-11-28

Council voted on the main motion as amended, with the final wording being:

THAT the 2024 Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan be adopted with the following amendment:

Increasing the priority level of recommendation #19 from Moderate to High.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-11-29

13. BYLAWS

- (a) Report from Community Services Manager dated November 18, 2024
Re: Park Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1212, 2024

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Park Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1212, 2024 be adopted.

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UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-11-30

14. NEW BUSINESS

None.

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

Questions from the public were entertained.

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

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Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer