

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

DATE: Wednesday, December 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
Chief Financial Officer, Scott Schultz
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey

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.

Mayor Talen announced the holiday lighting contest winners:
Residential Category: Matt D., 831 Myng Crescent
Commercial Category: Muddy Waters

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-12-15

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2024 be adopted; and

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THAT the Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2024 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-12-16

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- iii. (a) Accessibility Committee Meeting Minutes dated October 9, 2024

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the consent agenda be received.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-12-17

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Email dated November 29, 2024 from Salmon Arm High School Students
Re: Harrison Hot Springs Flag Redesign
- (b) Email dated December 3, 2024 from Cathy Peters
Re: UNDRIP Impact, Drugs & Sex Trafficking

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the email dated November 29, 2024 from Salmon Arm High School Students and the email dated December 3, 2024 from Cathy Peters be received.

**CARRIED
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RC-2024-12-18

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff send a letter to the Salmon Arm High School students thanking them for their letter and flag redesign.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-12-19

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff be directed to contact the school to gauge interest in a student flag or poster contest and have Council, staff or the public adjudicate the submissions.

Mayor Talen did not call for a seconder, stating that staff can address this matter during regular engagement with the school.

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 December 5, 2024
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended the Accessibility Committee meeting on December 11, 2024
- Reported that the Mayor of Sun Peaks, Al Raine, has passed away.

Moved by Councillor Facio

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

That a letter of condolences be sent to the Council of Sun Peaks and Al Raine's family regarding his passing.

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RC-2024-12-20

Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended the Historical Society's Dickens Tea Fundraiser on December 7, 2024
- Attended the Special Closed Council Meeting on December 10, 2024
- Attended a meet and greet with MLA Tony Luck on December 13, 2024
- Attended the Fire Department Christmas Banquet on December 14, 2024
- Attended a virtual meeting of the Resort Community Collaborative on December 16, 2024
- Attended a pizza lunch for staff on December 18, 2024

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Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Municipal Director) – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Attended a meet and greet with MLA Tony Luck on December 13, 2024
- Attended the Fire Department Christmas Banquet on December 14, 2024

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society
 - Attended a meeting on December 11, 2024
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report
- Attended a meeting with the RCMP on December 11, 2024
- Attended a meet and greet MLA Tony Luck on December 13, 2024
- Attended the Fire Department Christmas Banquet on December 14, 2024

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Harrison-Agassiz Chamber of Commerce
 - Attended a meeting on December 10, 2024
- Attended a Resort Community Collaborative pre-meeting on December 5, 2024
- Reported that the new accessible Beach Playground grand opening will be at 1:00 pm on December 20, 2024
- Reported on ringing bells for the food bank contribution fundraiser organized by Freddy Marks
- Attended the Fire Department Christmas Banquet on December 14, 2024

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Corporate Officer dated December 18, 2024
Re: Release of Closed Meeting Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Facio

Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the following closed meeting resolutions from the November 25, 2024 Special Closed Council Meeting be received for information at the December 2, 2024 Regular Council Meeting:

THAT Council approve the 2025-2027 CUPE 458 Collective Agreement;

THAT the Land Use Planning Consultant Contract be awarded to KWC Planning Services;

THAT staff be authorized to negotiate and enter into a contract on behalf of the Village with KWC Planning Services for a period of one (1) year with the option to renew for one (1) additional year; and

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*THAT Council approve the creation and wage rates for an exempt
Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator position.*

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- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated December 18, 2024
Re: FVRD Air Quality Management Service Area Merger and Establishment Bylaw No. 1753, 2024

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs consent to the Fraser Valley Regional District's Air Quality Management Service Area Merger and Establishment Bylaw No. 1753, 2024.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-12-22

- (c) Report of Corporate Officer dated December 18, 2024
Re: Surf Lakes

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Corporate Officer's report dated December 18, 2024 regarding Surf Lakes be received for information.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-12-23

13. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Planning Consultant dated December 18, 2024
Re: 260/270 Esplanade Avenue Zoning Amendment Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1209, 2024 be given third reading; and

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1209, 2024 be adopted subject to the following:

- (a) The applicant entering into a Works and Services Agreement to address the servicing of the site and frontage improvements to include a sidewalk, curb, and gutter from Maple Street to Hot Springs Avenue on Lillooet Avenue.

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Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

That the motion be amended by adding “including tall trees to the liking of Council”.

Mayor Talen did not call for a seconder as further discussion ensued and the following amendment was made:

Amendment moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the word “landscaping” be inserted between the words “curb” and “and gutter”.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-12-24

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT The two sites are consolidated into a single lot.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-12-25

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

The Village's receipt and acceptance of a report prepared by a competent professional with at least 10 years of professional experience, and accepted by the Village, that addresses:

- i. An estimation on the demand to be generated by the proposed development for water and sewer services and, in the case of any phased development, by each phase of the development;
- ii. An analysis of the existing community water and sewer systems outlining the options available for the supply and delivery of water and the provision of sewer services to the proposed development;
- iii. An estimation of the volume of additional surface drainage that could be generated by the proposed development and the options available for on-site retention/absorption, collection, storage, and dispersal of such drainage, in addition to exploring the potential for rainwater recycling; and
- iv. Identifies, if applicable, the new capital works required for the proposed development for water, sewer, and the drainage systems and their cost and the potential funding sources for these expenditures.

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Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

The Village's receipt and acceptance of the following:

- i. A Traffic Impact study that provides estimates on the number of additional vehicle trips per day generated by the proposed Development and, in the case of phased Development, by each phase of the Development. The Impact Report must identify, if applicable, any Highway upgrading, reconstruction, reconfiguration or expansion to the Highways that may be necessary in order to accommodate the current or any additional vehicle trips per day to be generated by the proposed Development, including the construction of or alterations to intersections, turning lanes, merge lanes, traffic lights and pullout area and a cost estimate to perform the works and services;
- ii. A Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) report;
- iii. A report outlining how this development will be reducing their overall carbon imprint; and
- iv. A sunshade study, reflecting various dates and times.

Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the motion be amended by adding a fifth section to include a plan for aesthetic variations on the long and high walls.

MOTION FAILED

OPPOSED BY MAYOR TALEN, COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON AND VIDAL

Council voted on the main motion.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-12-27

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council approve the staff recommendation as amended.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-12-28

- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated December 18, 2024
Re: Indemnification Amendment Bylaw No. 1215, 2024

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Indemnification Amendment Bylaw No. 1215, 2024 be introduced and given first reading.

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**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-12-29

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Indemnification Amendment Bylaw No. 1215, 2024 be given second and third readings.

Amendment moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Indemnification Amendment Bylaw No. 1215, 2024 be given second reading and referred back to staff for further review and clarification.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-12-30

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-12-31

14. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) New Business from Councillor Schweinbenz
Re: Pesticide Use

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

WHEREAS at the July 19, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting, Council passed a resolution directing staff to draft a bylaw banning the use of non-essential pesticides in the Village; and

WHEREAS section 74(1) of the *Integrated Pest Management Regulation* allows licensees and confirmation holders to use glyphosate along bodies of water; and

WHEREAS the Village contracts the Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society (FVISS) to control Japanese Knotweed on public lands using glyphosate; and

WHEREAS the FVISS has indicated an interest in mapping Japanese Knotweed on public lands, therefore be it resolved

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee be directed to work with FVISS to create a map identifying locations of Japanese Knotweed infestations on public lands in the Village; and

THAT staff be directed to develop a reporting system for locations of Japanese Knotweed infestations on private lands; and

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THAT staff be directed to research options to obtain a permit to treat Japanese Knotweed with a herbicide other than glyphosate; and

THAT staff be directed to develop a draft bylaw banning the use of non-essential pesticides and herbicides.

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the matter of Pesticide Use be tabled.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-12-32

- (b) New Business from Councillor Schweinbenz
Re: Development Procedures Bylaw No. 1090, 2016

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT staff be directed to update Development Procedures Bylaw No. 1090, 2016 to incorporate provisions for signage on the lot for land use applications requiring public notice.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-12-33

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

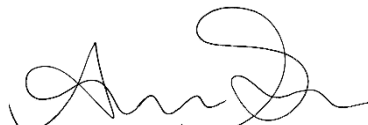
Questions from the public were entertained.

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-12-34



Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer