

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

DATE: Thursday, February 13, 2025

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 1:00 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**
SC-2025-02-01

4. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Chief Financial Officer dated February 13, 2025
Re: Lets'emot Regional Recreation & Aquatic Centre Update

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be directed to form a regional partnership with the District of Kent using population-based financial contributions towards the capital and operating costs of the new Lets'emot Regional Recreation & Aquatic Centre, with the contributions coming in the form of an annual requisition from the Fraser Valley Regional District.

**CARRIED
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SC-2025-02-02

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Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT staff be directed to research better integration between the Village and the District of Kent regarding recreational programming.

Amendment Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the motion be amended to add “and community-based” between the words “recreational” and “programming”.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
SC-2025-02-03

Council voted on the original motion as amended.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
SC-2025-02-04

5. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Corporate Officer dated February 13, 2025
Re: Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1216, 2025

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT section 6(b)(ii) of the bylaw state that regular Council meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
SC-2025-02-05

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT section 6(b)(iii) of the bylaw be amended so that Council meetings will be adjourned by no later than 8:30 p.m. unless Council resolves to proceed past that time.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR SCHWEINBENZ**
SC-2025-02-06

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Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the definition of “Electronic Means” on page 2 of the bylaw be amended by adding “teleconferencing or” before “videoconferencing technology” to allow for teleconference participation at meetings.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
SC-2025-02-07

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT section 7(b) of the bylaw be amended by removing “except” and replacing it with “including” to allow for electronic participation in closed meetings.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
SC-2025-02-08

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT section 9(a) of the bylaw be amended by adding the words “at least” before “24 hours”.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
SC-2025-02-09

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT section 12(a) of the bylaw be amended by removing item 19 “Closed Session (if required) from the order of proceedings and business at regular Council meetings.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
SC-2025-02-10

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT staff be directed to investigate options for regularly scheduling closed meetings.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR JACKSON**
SC-2025-02-11

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Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT section 12(a) of the bylaw be amended by removing item 6 “Declarations of Conflict of Interest” from the order of proceedings and business at regular Council meetings.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR TALEN, COUNCILLORS SCHWEINBENZ AND VIDAL

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT section 12(a) of the bylaw be amended by moving item 7 “Question Period” to the end of the order of proceedings and business at regular Council meetings.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR TALEN AND COUNCILLOR SCHWEINBENZ
SC-2025-02-12

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT section 12(a) of the bylaw be amended by adding “Notices of Motion” to the order of proceedings and business after “New Business”.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
SC-2025-02-13

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT section 31(j) of the bylaw be amended to read “Individuals appointed to a Committee or Commission shall serve until the next general local election”.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR SCHWEINBENZ
SC-2025-02-14

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Mayor Talen

THAT section 31(l) of the bylaw be amended to read “...must submit a resignation letter in writing to the Chief Administrative Officer of the Village.”

CARRIED
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SC-2025-02-15

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Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT section 31(r) of the bylaw be amended by adding the word “any” after the word “consider” and before “Committee”, and by adding the words “recommended by the Committee or Commission” after the words “work plan” and before the words “developed by”.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
SC-2025-02-16

6. NEW BUSINESS

None.

7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Questions from the public were entertained.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT pursuant to Sections 90 and 92 of the Community Charter, this Special Meeting of Council be closed to the public as the subject matter being considered relates to the following:

- Section 90(1)(a) - personal information about an identifiable individual who holds or is being considered for a position as an officer, employee or agent of the municipality or another position appointed by the municipality;
- Section 90(1)(e) - the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements, if the council considers that disclosure could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality;
- Section 90(1)(g) - litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality; and
- Section 90(1)(k) - negotiations and related discussions respecting the proposed provision of a municipal service that are at their preliminary stages and that, in the view of the council, could reasonably be expected to harm the interests of the municipality.

CARRIED
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Adjourned to Special Closed Council Meeting at 3:37 p.m.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'FT', written over a horizontal line.

Fred Talen
Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Amanda', written over a horizontal line.

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer