

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Minutes**

DATE: Thursday, April 17, 2025
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Fred Talen
Councillor Leo Facio
Councillor Allan Jackson
Councillor Mark Schweinbenz
Councillor Michie Vidal

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Chief Financial Officer, Scott Schultz
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson
Communications & Community Engagement
Coordinator, Kalie Wiechmann
Corporate Clerk, Tyler Kafi

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Talen acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
COW-2025-04-01

4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- (a) Presentation of Dan Maldoff, Northwest Hydraulic Consultants
Re: Dike Upgrade

Mr. Maldoff provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Dike Upgrade project including a history of the project, current work being done and next steps.

Discussions ensued on the following:

- Road design in zones 1, 2 and design in zone 6
- Work will begin on zones 1 and 2 (Water Treatment Plant Road) and zone 6 (Rendall Park)
- Questions regarding whether funding will cover zones 1, 2 and 6. Staff advised that there is 11 million dollars in funding for this project and these three zones will be funded from that pool
- Including climate change in the data and/or future projections
- Climate change projections seem to show that the spring freshet will increase over time
- Timelines, particularly around which zones will begin work first and approximately when. The current plan is to have zones 1, 2 and 6 constructed first and staff is hoping to begin work by the end of the year
- BC's diking framework and the role of individual municipalities as opposed to several municipalities working together to provide diking strategy for an entire region
- The Village's reliance on the District of Kent's diking system

Mayor Talen advised Council that he will prepare a Notice of Motion for the next Regular Council Meeting intending to move this project forward. Council agreed that the dike upgrades in zones 1, 2 and 6 should proceed and asked staff if they need any other direction from Council to proceed. Staff confirmed that they do not need further direction.

Moved by Mayor Talen

THAT Council re-affirm their past direction to staff to proceed with dike improvements to provincial standards to zones 1, 2 and 6 of the dike project.

CARRIED
COW-2025-04-02

(b) Report of Director of Operations
Re: Village Lands Master Plan

The Director of Operations provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Village Lands Masterplan including the history of the project and design options.

Discussions ensued on the following:

- The various design ideas in the plan and potential partnerships
- Phasing of the project
- Moving the public works yard to McCombs Drive
- Questions and discussion on a senior living building
- Repurposing buildings, adding Memorial Hall to the Master Plan, possible change of use or upgrades to the Hall
- Discussions with School District #78 creating some possibilities down the road

Moved by Mayor Talen

THAT Council adopt the Civic Lands Masterplan; and

THAT staff report back to Council on the cost and feasibility of moving the public works yard and pursuing community partnerships.

CARRIED
COW-2025-04-03

5. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Vidal

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

CARRIED
COW-2025-04-04



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer