



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, June 18, 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 Michie Vidal

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councillor Mark Schweinbenz

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
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

THAT the agenda be approved.

Amendment moved by Mayor Talen

THAT the order of Items for Discussion 4(b) Anti-Racial and Anti-Discrimination Policy No. 1.42 and 4(c) Off-Leash Dog Park be switched on the agenda.

CARRIED
COW-2025-06-01

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

CARRIED
COW-2025-06-02

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- (a) Presentation of Megan Turnock and Andrew Banks, Lees & Associates
Re: Draft Parks and Trails Master Plan

Megan Turnock and Andrew Banks provided a PowerPoint presentation on the draft Parks and Trails Master Plan.

Discussions ensued on the following:

- Earthwise Society's efforts in connecting trails in the District of Kent to the Village's trail system
- Alignment of this plan with the next Resort Development Strategy and the Resort Municipality Initiative funding
- Private land ownership of trails, formalizing relationships with landowners and liability issues
- Prioritizing placing gravel on the trails in the East Sector lands to promote accessibility
- Having an agreement with the elementary school to use their field or gym for community activities
- Bylaws for the management of invasive plant species
- Including the floatplane dock and the federal wharf as amenities in the plan
- Including the Dragonboat Festival and the Hobie Cat events in the plan
- Expansion of trails in the East Sector and partnerships with the FVRD to enhance the Campbell Lake Trail
- Developing a boulevard bylaw that would better define how public boulevards adjacent to private properties are maintained
- Invasive species management plan
- Promoting rain gardens and bioswales in boulevards
- Acquiring lots adjacent to Spring Park for future development
- Firehall Park and talks with the School District regarding future plans
- The creation of a loop trail near Whippoorwill Point

The Director of Operations advised that the Village is working with Sts'ailes and that there will be some additional changes, after which the finalized plan will be brought to a future regular Council meeting for adoption.

Moved by Councillor Jackson

THAT the draft Parks and Trail Master Plan be received.

CARRIED
COW-2025-06-03

- (b) New Business from Councillor Facio
Re: Off-Leash Dog Park

Council discussed the creation of a temporary off-leash dog park in the area along Echo Avenue adjacent to the lacrosse box at Spring Park, using temporary fencing and incorporating signage that the Village is seeking feedback from the public while the park is temporarily in place. Discussion ensued on the one-acre parcel along McCombs Drive, east of the Community Gardens, which would require tree removal and permission from the Agricultural Land Commission.

Moved by Councillor Facio

THAT staff report back to Council with a feasibility study for a temporary off-leash dog adjacent to the lacrosse boxes at Spring Park including costs; and

THAT staff be directed to submit a Non-Farm Use application to the Agricultural Land Commission for the one-acre parcel along McCombs Drive.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR JACKSON
COW-2025-06-04

RECESS AT 10:12 A.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:25 A.M.

- (c) Presentation of Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator
Re: Anit-Racial and Anti-Discrimination Policy No. 1.42

The Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator provided a PowerPoint presentation on the current Anit-Racial and Anti-Discrimination Policy No. 1.42.

Council discussed the current language of the policy potentially leaving the policy open to interpretation, and the need for the policy to be made more concise. Council expressed a desire for increased clarity regarding the process for lodging a complaint and the role of the CAO.

Moved by Councillor Facio

THAT the Draft Anti-Racial and Anti-Discrimination Policy No. 1.42 be referred to the Village's legal counsel.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-05

5. **ADJOURNMENT**


Moved by Councillor Jackson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-06



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer