

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Wednesday, May 8, 2024
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Ed Wood
Susan Galvao
Cheri Norris
Mark Schweinbenz
Gary Webster

Tyson Koch, Chief Administrative Officer
Christy Ovens, Community Services Manager

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wood called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.
Mayor Wood acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- Tours of Village Facilities brought forward by Mayor Wood to be added as Item for Discussion 5(c)
- New Members brought forward by Mayor Wood to be added as Item for Discussion 5(d)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mark Schweinbenz
Seconded by Gary Webster

THAT the agenda be approved as amended with the addition of the late items.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
EAC-2024-05-01

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Cheri Norris
Seconded by Mark Schweinbenz

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting minutes of April 10, 2024 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
EAC-2024-05-02

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5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Delegation – Miami River Streamkeepers Society

Sylvia Sutton of the Miami River Streamkeepers Society gave a presentation on the organization and reported on their current operations.

Moved by Cheri Norris
Seconded by Gary Webster

THAT Council direct staff to explore thermoplastic options to replace the existing fish markings on storm drains in the Village.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
EAC-2024-05-03

Moved by Mayor Wood
Seconded by Mark Schweinbenz

THAT staff invite Paul Neufield from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to an upcoming Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
EAC-2024-05-04

Amendment by Chair Wood
Seconded Mark Schweinbenz

THAT the motion be amended to include invitations to representatives from Sts'ailes.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
EAC-2024-05-05

(b) Village of Harrison Hot Springs 2023 Strategic Plan

The Community Services Manager highlighted the Environmental Protection Strategic Priority and gave an overview of the priority actions including developing a climate action and mitigation plan, conducting an environmental review of the Miami River, and developing an action plan for a portion of the lagoon. The Miami River Streamkeepers Society conducts regular water testing at multiple sites along the river. If a representative from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans can attend an upcoming meeting, the Committee can have the opportunity to ask about further testing and/or assessments.

The Community Services Manager advised that the Fraser Valley Regional District is planning to do a regional Climate Action Plan that would include the Village of Harrison

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Hot Springs. There will be opportunities for engagement from the community and the Committee when that process begins.

The Committee agreed that updates on the Miami River should be a standing item on the Committee's agenda.

The Committee agreed to add "Action Plan for Portion of the Lagoon" to the next agenda.

(c) Tours of Village Facilities

Susan Galvao reported that no progress has been made as of yet due to the weather.

(d) New Members

The Community Services Manager reported that no new applications have been submitted for the Environmental Advisory Committee. There is still an open call for committee members.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mark Schweinbenz
Seconded by Susan Galvao

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
EAC-2024-05-06

Respectfully submitted:



Ed Wood, Chair
Environmental Advisory Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer