

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

DATE: Wednesday, July 10, 2024

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE: Deputy Mayor Facio
Susan Galvao
Cheri Norris
Mark Schweinbenz
Gary Webster

Amanda Graham, Corporate Officer
Christy Ovens, Community Services Manager

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Cheri Norris
Seconded by Susan Galvao

THAT the agenda be approved.

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UNANIMOUSLY**
EAC-2024-07-01

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Mark Schweinbenz
Seconded by Cheri Norris

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting minutes of June 26, 2024 be adopted.

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UNANIMOUSLY**
EAC-2024-07-02

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5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Update from July 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

The Corporate Officer advised that at the July 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, Council unanimously voted in favour of referring the new arborist report on the four oak trees on Lillooet Avenue West to the Committee.

(b) Tour of Village Facilities

The Committee will be going on a tour of the Water and Waste Water Treatment Plants tomorrow, Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 9:00 am.

(c) Update on Meeting with Miami River Streamkeepers (Susan)

Susan Galvao provided an update on the June 3, 2024 Miami River Streamkeepers meeting. She advised that the Streamkeepers discussed bank stabilization and planting willow sticks to aid in stabilization. The area is hard to get into and would not be a suitable project to involve elementary school students in. The Streamkeepers will be planting 93 ferns in the fall with grant funding. They have 200 fish marking stickers to try out, although they're unsure of how well they'll work because they need to be hammered into place. They provided Susan with a "Think Tank" binder and Susan will go through and pull out the highlights.

The Streamkeepers indicated to Susan that there is invasive periwinkle behind the Branches condo units. The Committee discussed that the Fraser Valley Regional District sprays pesticides in public spaces and the need for larger signage. Deputy Mayor Facio advised that he would bring this forward at the next Fraser Valley Regional District Board meeting.

(d) Update on Miami River and Delegations from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Sts'ailes

The Committee agreed to change this agenda item to Riparian Zone Jurisdiction and refer the matter to staff to connect with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and return to the Committee with more information about what can and cannot be done in a riparian zone and by whom.

(e) Action Plan for Portion of the Lagoon

The Committee discussed the Lagoon Master Plan and various details of the lagoon including the depth of the lake, where the water comes from, how many aerators there are and the impact of opening up the water flow to the lake.

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6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Cheri Norris

Seconded by Mark Schweinbenz

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:58 am.

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UNANIMOUSLY**
EAC-2024-07-03



Leo Facio, Chair
Environmental Advisory Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

