

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

DATE: Wednesday, June 26, 2024

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

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

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

Amanda Graham, Corporate Officer
Christy Ovens, Community Services Manager
Jace Hodgson, Director of Operations (until 9:34 am)

ABSENT: Susan Galvao

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

- Move Item for Discussion 5(f) Action Plan for Portion of the Lagoon to item 5(a)
- Add Oak Trees on Lillooet Avenue as Item for Discussion 5(g)

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Gary Webster
Seconded by Mark Schweinbenz

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

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UNANIMOUSLY**
EAC-2024-06-01

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Cheri Norris
Seconded by Mark Schweinbenz

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting minutes of May 8, 2024 be adopted.

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5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Action Plan for Portion of the Lagoon

The Director of Operations spoke about the Lagoon Master Plan. The bridges on the plan will not be feasible as part of the current project due to cost. If the lagoon were to be opened up to flowing water, it would likely be deemed a fish habitat by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. The Village would then require permits to do maintenance on the lagoon, which can take a long time to obtain. The Committee discussed the intent of Master Plans as conceptual and subject to funding and feasibility.

(b) Update from May 21, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

The Corporate Officer provided an update from the May 21, 2024 Regular Council Meeting advising the Committee that their recommendation for Council to direct staff to explore thermoplastic options to replace the existing fish markings on storm drains was approved by Council.

(c) Thermoplastic Options for Fish Markings on Storm Drains

The Community Services Manager advised that staff obtained a quote for thermoplastic paint in the amount of \$26,830. It was determined that this would be cost prohibitive and would not allow for participation by students. The Committee discussed options such as keeping with past practice and providing the paint to the Miami River Streamkeepers. Staff will work with the Miami River Streamkeepers regarding any assistance the Village can provide.

(d) Tour of Village Facilities

The Committee walked through the East Sector on May 23, 2024. The Committee discussed oil traps to screen water draining into the watershed, hydrants along McCombs Drive and an old hydro pole by Memorial Trail that may still be live and presenting a fire risk. Staff will research the hydro pole matter to determine whether it is still live. Staff will connect with the Utilities Manager regarding a tour of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and Water Treatment Plant.

(e) Update on Meeting with Miami River Streamkeepers

The Committee agreed to table this item to the next meeting when Susan Galvao can be present.

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

The Community Services Manager requested clarification regarding what the Committee would like to have the DFO present on. Some suggestions included a subject matter expert on Riparian Area Regulations, the work the Streamkeepers currently do, a one-day clean up of the Miami River, jurisdiction, degradation of the banks and what materials to fix that with. The Committee agreed to table this item to the next meeting in case Susan has an update from her meeting with the Streamkeepers.

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(g) Oak Trees on Lillooet Avenue

Moved by Mark Schweinbenz
Seconded by Cheri Norris

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee be given the opportunity to review the updated arborist's report regarding the oak trees on Lillooet Avenue prior to Council making any decision to move forward.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mark Schweinbenz
Seconded by Gary Webster

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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UNANIMOUSLY
EAC-2024-06-04


Leo Facio, Chair
Environmental Advisory Committee


Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

