

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

DATE: Monday, July 8, 2024
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE: Deputy Mayor Leo Facio
Councillor John Allen
Councillor Allan Jackson
Councillor Michie Vidal

Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Chief Financial Officer, Scott Schultz
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey (by Zoom and telephone)

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Facio called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Deputy Mayor Facio acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- Attachments for Bylaws item 13(b) Rezoning Application – 421 Emerald Avenue, draft Bylaw No. 1204, 2024 and Site Plan

Moved by Councillor Allen

THAT “Council Meeting Locations” be added to the agenda as New Business item 14(b).

**MOTION FAILED
LACK OF SECONDER**

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the agenda be approved as amended with the attachments for item 13(b) Rezoning Application – 421 Emerald Avenue added.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-07-01

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2024 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-07-02

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Special Council Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2024 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-07-03

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- iii (a) Environmental Committee Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2024
- (b) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of May 16, 2024
- iv. (a) Letter dated June 14, 2024 from Ministry of Housing
Re: Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH)
- (b) Letter dated June 21, 2024 from Tourism Harrison River Valley
Re: Visitor Centre and Sasquatch Museum Grand Opening

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the consent agenda be received.

Amendment moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Consent Agenda item 6(iv)(b), letter dated June 21 from Tourism Harrison River Valley re: Visitor Centre and Sasquatch Museum Grand Opening be moved to Correspondence item 8(c).

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**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-07-04

Council voted on the main motion.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-07-05

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated July 2, 2024 from the Allan Garneau
Re: Advisory Planning Commission
- (b) Letter dated July 2, 2024 from Various Businesses in the Village
Re: Overflow Parking Sign
- (c) Letter dated June 21, 2024 from Tourism Harrison River Valley
Re: Visitor Centre and Sasquatch Museum Grand Opening

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the letter dated July 2, 2024 from Allan Garneau, the letter dated July 2, 2024 from Various Local Businesses in the Village and the Letter dated June 21 from Tourism Harrison River Valley be received.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-07-06

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff work with the current Advisory Planning Commission and put out a posting for new members; and

THAT staff work with the Advisory Planning Commission to develop terms of reference to provide proper operating and reporting rules and procedures.

The Corporate Officer reported that an additional call for members was put out recently and there are currently four (4) applicants for the Advisory Planning Commission. Councillor Vidal amended her motion with final wording being as follows:

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Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff work with the Advisory Planning Commission to develop terms of reference to provide proper operating and reporting rules and procedures.

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RC-2024-07-07

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the sign at the overflow lot be updated to read free parking.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-07-08

At 7:20 pm the Corporate Officer advised Council that the video stream on the Zoom broadcast was not functioning and requested a short recess to reset the camera. Deputy Mayor Facio agreed to recess the meeting.

RECESS AT 7:21 PM

MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:25 PM

10. REPORTS OF COUNCILLORS, COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND COMMISSIONS

- (a) Report of Environmental Committee dated July 8, 2024

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee be allowed to review the arborist report regarding the four oak trees on Lillooet Avenue West prior to Council making a decision on the trees' outcome.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-07-09

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Municipal Director) – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Attended the Canada Day Celebration on July 1, 2024

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Councillor Vidal

- Attended the opening of the Tourism River Valley Info Centre and Sasquatch Museum on June 21, 2024
- Attended the Annual Sasquatch Days Event on June 22 and 23, 2024
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors
 - Attended a meeting on June 25, 2024
- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended the Canada Day Celebration on July 1, 2024

Councillor Allen

- Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report
- Attended the Environmental Advisory Committee on June 26, 2024
- Reported on a new restaurant in the Village

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

Deputy Mayor Facio

- Reported on the small fire on the west side of the Village at the end of June and advised that a private citizen will be commended at the August Regular Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Vidal

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Staff send letters of appreciation regarding the fire on the west side of Harrison to the Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department, Agassiz Fire Department, Seabird Fire Department and BC Wildfire Service.

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RC-2024-07-10

- Contacted a Vancouver based chain who will be conducting a feasibility study on putting a grocery store in the Village
- Reported that the Central Community Church will be opened up as a cooling center on July 8 and 9, 2024
- Attended the Sasquatch Days Event on June 22 and 23, 2024
- Attended the Canada Day Celebration on July 1, 2024
- Reported on FireSmart home assessments being done by the Village's FireSmart Coordinator
- Reported on recent comments on social media about Freedom of Information requests and the process by which they are handled

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated July 8, 2024
Re: Early Detection Wildfire System Update

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council direct staff to engage Rogers Communications to use their authorized contractor to install the SenseNet package including 100 sensors, 5 Gateways and 3 cameras at a cost of up to \$20,000.00 to be funded by reserves.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-07-11

- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated July 8, 2024
Re: 2024 By-Election Appointments

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT pursuant to Section 58(1) of the Local Government Act, Kelly Ridley be appointed Chief Election Officer for the 2024 by-election to be held in September 2024; and

THAT Amanda Graham be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2024 by-election; and

THAT Tyson Koch be appointed Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2024 by-election; and

THAT Council authorize an expenditure of up to \$40,000 for the 2024 by-election to be funded by taxation.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-07-12

- (c) Report of Corporate Officer dated July 8, 2024
Re: 430 Esplanade Avenue – Nuisance Property

Moved by Councillor Allen
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council declare the principal building and cedar trees bordering the property at 430 Esplanade Avenue, Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia a nuisance and hazardous to public safety and impose remedial action pursuant to sections 72, 73 and 74 of the Community Charter; and

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THAT Council hereby order the property owner to remove the cedar trees on the property, demolish the building and remove all debris and materials within 30 days of the date on which notice is sent to the property owner pursuant to section 72(2)(b)(i) of the Community Charter; and

THAT should the property owners not comply with the remedial action within the specified timeframe, staff be authorized to fulfill the requirements of the remedial action and recover costs from the property owner pursuant to section 17 of the Community Charter.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-07-13

- (d) Report of Community Services Manager dated July 8, 2024
Re: Starlight Skating Rink 2024-2025

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Community Services Manager's report dated July 8, 2024 regarding the Starlight Skating Rink 2024-2025 be received for information.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-07-14

- (e) Report of Community Services Manager dated July 8, 2024
Re: Fuel Management Updates

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Community Services Manager's report dated July 8, 2024 regarding Fuel Management Updates be received for information.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-07-15

- (f) Report of Community Services Manager dated July 8, 2024
Re: Grants to Groups

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Allen

THAT the following community groups be provided with funding under the Grants to Groups program:

Agassiz Baseball Association	\$875.00
Agassiz-Harrison Community Services	\$1,500.00
Fraser Valley Paddling Club	\$1,250.00
Harrison Community Garden	\$1,250.00

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Harrison Hot Springs Block Watch Group	\$500.00
Kent Harrison Arts Council	\$1,250.00
Miami River Streamkeepers Society	\$875.00

Amendment moved by Deputy Mayor Facio

THAT the following community groups be provided with funding under the Grants to Groups program:

Agassiz Baseball Association	\$875.00
Agassiz-Harrison Community Services	\$1,850.00
Fraser Valley Paddling Club	\$800.00
Harrison Community Garden	\$800.00
Harrison Hot Springs Block Watch Group	\$350.00
Kent Harrison Arts Council	\$2,000.00
Miami River Streamkeepers Society	\$775.00

AMENDMENT WITHDRAWN

Council voted on the original motion.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-07-16

- (g) Report of Community Services Manager dated July 8, 2024
Re: Communities in Bloom Committee Update

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Community Services Manager's report dated July 8, 2024 regarding the Communities in Bloom Committee Update be received for information.

**CARRIED
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- (h) Report of Community Services Manager dated July 8, 2024
Re: Healthy Communities Grant

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be authorized to apply to the BC Healthy Communities, Plan H grant stream for up to \$5,000.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-07-18

- (i) Report of Planning Consultant dated July 8, 2024
Re: 490 and 498 Esplanade Avenue – Temporary Use Permit

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council consider issuing the attached Temporary Use Permit, by resolution at the August 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting; and

THAT staff be authorized to set up the required public notice, as per the requirements of the Local Government Act.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-07-19

13. BYLAWS

- (a) Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 1205, 2024

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Code of Conduct Bylaw No. 1205, 2024 be adopted; and

THAT Council Code of Conduct Policy No. 1.33 be rescinded.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR ALLEN**
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- (b) Report of Planning Consultant dated July 8, 2024
Re: Rezoning Application – 421 Emerald Avenue

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Secoded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1204, 2024 be introduced and given first reading;

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR ALLEN
RC-2024-07-21

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Secoded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1204, 2024 be given second reading; and

THAT staff be authorized to set up a Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1204, 2024.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-07-22

14. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) New Business from Deputy Mayor Facio
Re: MIABC Appointments

Moved by Deputy Mayor Facio
Secoded by Councillor Jackson

WHEREAS the Municipal Insurance Association of BC's (MIABC) Annual General Meeting will be taking place during the UBCM Convention in September; and

WHEREAS previous Mayor Ed Wood was appointed as the alternate voting delegate at the November 21, 2022 Regular Council Meeting; and

WHEREAS his resignation has left the position of alternate voting delegate for the MIABC Board vacant; and

WHEREAS Councillor Vidal will be the Deputy Mayor when the Annual General Meeting takes place, therefore be it resolved

THAT Councillor Vidal be appointed as the Alternate Voting Delegate to the Municipal Insurance Association.

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15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (pertaining to agenda items only)

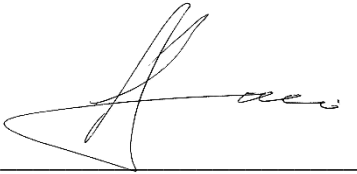
Questions from the public were entertained.

Moved by Councillor Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

**CARRIED
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Leo Facio
Deputy Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer