

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

DATE: Monday, October 7, 2024
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Memorial Hall
290 Esplanade Avenue, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Fred Talen
Councillor Leo Facio
Councillor Allan Jackson
Councillor Mark Schweinbenz
Councillor Michie Vidal

Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Chief Financial Officer, Scott Schultz
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson
Fire Chief, Curtis Genest

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Deputy Mayor Vidal thanked past and current Council members and the public, stating that it was an honour to serve the community as Deputy Mayor for the past several weeks.

Councillor-elect Mark Schweinbenz read out his Oath of Office and was sworn in by the Corporate Officer.

Deputy Mayor Vidal invited Councillor Schweinbenz to take his seat at the Council table.

Mayor-elect Fred Talen read out his Oath of Office and was sworn in by the Corporate Officer.

Deputy Mayor Vidal invited Mayor Talen to take his seat at the Council table and the chair was turned over to Mayor Talen.

Mayor Talen thanked past and current Council members, staff, and the public.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

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3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-01

4. **ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-02

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-03

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-04

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- iv. (a) Letter dated September 25, 2024 from the City of Merritt to Deputy Minister of Finance
Re: Burden of Delinquent Taxes
- (b) Email dated September 25, 2024 from the Ministry of Children and Family Development
Re: Foster Family Month

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the consent agenda be received.

Amendment Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT item 6(iv)(b) be removed from the consent agenda and added to correspondence as item 8(c).

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-10-05

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-10-06

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

None.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated October 1, 2024 from Mark Sippola
Re: Harrison Watersports
- (b) Public Concern Form & Email dated October 1, 2024 from Chantal Lamb
Re: Harrison Watersports
- (c) Letter dated September 25, 2024 from the City of Merritt to the Deputy Minister of Finance
Re: Burden of Delinquent Taxes

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the Letter dated October 1, 2024 from Mark Sippola, the Public Concern Form & Email dated October 1, 2024 from Chantal Lamb and the Letter from the City of Merritt dated September 25, 2024 from be received.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-10-07

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff be directed to send a letter of support to the City of Merritt regarding the burden of delinquent taxes.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-10-08

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

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Spoke on the recent by-election and goals for the future.

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Attended the UBCM Conference from September 16-20, 2024

Councillor Vidal

- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors
 - Attended a meeting on September 4, 2024
- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee
 - Attended a meeting on October 2, 2024
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended the Lets'emot C2C meeting on September 11, 2024
- Attended the Agassiz Fall Fair on September 14, 2024
- Attended the Terry Fox Run on September 15, 2024
- Attended the UBCM Conference from September 16-20, 2024 and reported on various Council and LMLGA Executive Board meetings with Ministers and staff
- Attended the Sts'ailes Walk for National Day of Truth & Reconciliation on September 30, 2024
- Attended the opening of the Regional Fire Training Centre at the Agassiz Fire Hall on October 6, 2024

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Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director) – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended the UBCM Conference from September 16-20, 2024

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Attended the Sts'ailes Walk for National Day of Truth & Reconciliation on September 30, 2024

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Chief Election Officer dated October 7, 2024
Re: 2024 By-Election Results

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the report of the Chief Election Officer dated October 7, 2024 regarding the results of the 2024 Municipal By-Election be received.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-09

- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated October 7, 2024
Re: Council Liaison and Committee Appointments

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Council suspend the rules under section 23 of the Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1164, 2021 to allow for discussion on the matter of Council Liaison and Committee Appointments prior to a motion being moved or seconded.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-10

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Councillor Schweinbenz be appointed as Council liaison to Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society.

CARRIED
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RC-2024-10-11

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Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Councillor Vidal be appointed as Council liaison to the Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-12

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Mayor Talen be appointed to the Age-Friendly Committee.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-13

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Councillor Schweinbenz be appointed to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-14

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT staff be directed to put out a call for additional Environmental Advisory Committee members.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-15

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Mayor Talen be appointed as Council liaison to the Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED
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RC-2024-10-16

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Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Mayor Talen be appointed to serve as the Council representative to the Lets'emot Community to Community Forum.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-10-17

- (c) Report of Corporate Officer dated October 7, 2024
Re: Deputy Mayor Appointments

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the following members of Council be appointed as Deputy Mayor for 2025:

January – April	Councillor Facio
May – August	Councillor Vidal
September – December	Councillor Schweinbenz

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-10-18

- (d) Report of Corporate Officer dated October 7, 2024
Re: 2025 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the proposed Regular Council Meeting Schedule for 2025 be approved as submitted.

**CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR SCHWEINBENZ**
RC-2024-10-19

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the matter of Council meeting locations for the months of July, August and September be referred to staff to bring a report to Council.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-10-20

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- (e) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated October 7, 2024
Re: Council Retreat and Strategic Planning

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff be authorized to engage Poole Consulting to facilitate a training session with Council and assist Council and staff in developing a strategic plan for their remaining term (2025-2026), at a cost of up to \$15,000.00 to be funded by surplus.

Amendment Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the Planning Consultant be invited to attend the Council Retreat and Strategic Planning Session to provide a planning process overview including the role of the Advisory Planning Commission.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-21

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-22

- (f) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated October 7, 2024
Re: Responsible Conduct Framework for Local Government Elected Officials – Request for Input

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT each Village Council member provide staff with answers to the questions asked in the discussion paper *Potential for Change - Responsible Conduct Framework for Local Government Elected Officials* dated September 2024 for submission to UBCM.

Amendment Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

That the discussion paper be referred to the October 21, 2024 Regular Council Meeting agenda for further discussion.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-23

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-24

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- (g) Report of Community Services Manager dated October 7, 2024
Re: RMI and RDS Presentation

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT a select Resort Development Strategy Committee be established to support the drafting of a Resort Development Strategy (RDS) that supports the goals of the Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) by identifying events and projects to be funded by the RMI program for the years 2025 – 2027; and

THAT Council appoint _____ as the Council representative on the Resort Development Strategy Committee.

Amendment Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Mayor Talen and Councillor Jackson be appointed as the Council representatives on the Resort Development Strategy Committee.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-25

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-26

- (h) Report of Community Services Manager dated October 7, 2024
Re: Sprit Trail Fuel Maintenance

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Community Services Manager's report dated October 7, 2024, regarding Spirit Trail Fuel Management be received for information.

CARRIED
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RC-2024-10-27

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- (i) Report of Community Services Manager dated October 7, 2024
Re: Memorial Bench Policy

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Memorial Recognition Policy No. 1.30 be updated with the attached proposed changes.

Amendment Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Memorial Recognition Policy No. 1.30 be updated to exclude new memorial benches from section i.(g) of the policy.

**MOTION FAILED
LACK OF SECONDER**

Council voted on the main motion.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-10-28

- (j) Report of Director of Operations dated October 7, 2024
Re: Contract Awards

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Director of Operations' report dated October 7, 2024 regarding an update on contract awards be received for information.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-10-29

13. BYLAWS

None.

14. NEW BUSINESS

None.

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

Questions from the public were entertained.

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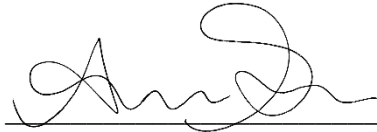
Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-10-30



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer