

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

DATE: Monday, November 4, 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
Chief Financial Officer, Scott Schultz
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Talen acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**
RC-2024-11-01

4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2024 be adopted.

**CARRIED
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RC-2024-11-02

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Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2024 be adopted.

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RC-2024-11-03

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- iii. (a) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes dated August 15, 2024
- iv. (a) Letter dated September 23, 2024 from Youth Parliament of BC
Re: Alumni Society
- (b) Email dated October 16, 2024 from Marianne Charney
Re: Harrison Watersports Tenure
- (c) Public Concern Form dated October 16, 2024 from Marianne Charney
Re: Harrison Watersports Tenure
- (d) Public Concern Form dated October 16, 2024 from Guy Charney
Re: Harrison Watersports Tenure

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)(a) be moved from the consent agenda and placed in correspondence as item 8(e).

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RC-2024-11-04

**Amendment Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio**

THAT item 6(iv)(b) be moved from the consent agenda and placed in correspondence as item 8(f).

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Council voted on the original motion as amended.

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RC-2024-11-06

7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS

- (a) Gwen Schmidt, Community Futures North Fraser
Re: Community Futures North Fraser Overview

Gwen Schmidt provided a PowerPoint presentation on Community Futures North Fraser including an overview of the organization and highlights from the last year.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Email dated October 17, 2024 from Ed Wood
Re: Closure of the North McCombs Bridge for Safety Concerns
- (b) Email dated October 17, 2024 from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
Re: UBCM Meeting 2024
- (c) Email dated October 18, 2024 from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs
Re: UBCM Meeting 2024
- (d) Letter dated October 23, 2024 from Bruce Garrod
Re: Pay Parking Enforcement
- (e) Letter dated September 23, 2024 from Youth Parliament of BC
Re: Alumni Society
- (f) Public Concern Form dated October 16, 2024 from Marianna Charney
Re: Harrison Watersports Tenure

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT all correspondence be received.

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RC-2024-11-07

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

- Mayor Talen asked staff to respond to the correspondence from Mr. Wood regarding the McCombs Bridge. The Director of Operations responded with a timeline on the McCombs Bridge project and current challenges. Councillor Schweinbenz suggested imposing weight limits on the bridge, the director of operations responded that staff is following the recommendations of the engineers.
- Councillor Facio spoke to the Youth Parliament program and how it works.

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff contact the Youth Parliament of British Columbia requesting extra time to locate an interested student and refer this matter to the Agassiz Elementary Secondary School.

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RC-2024-11-08

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff review policy, procedures and bylaws to improve communications regarding public hearings and developments.

MOTION WITHDRAWN

The CAO suggested that this motion be discussed at the Council Retreat and Strategic Planning Session.

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

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting on October 24, 2024
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended the Village Community Open House event on October 24, 2024
- Attended the Fire Department's training exercise on October 26, 2024

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT staff draft a letter to outgoing Chair Jason Lum thanking him for his years of service as Chair of the Fraser Valley Regional District Board.

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Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee - No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee
 - Attended a meeting October 30, 2024
- Attended the Fire Department training exercise on October 26, 2024
- Attended the Village Community Open House event on October 24, 2024
- Toured the Earthwise Society property on Golf Road on October 22, 2024

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society – No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report
- Attended the Fire Department training exercise on October 26, 2024

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Attended the Village Community Open House event on October 24, 2024
- Attended the Fire Department training exercise on October 26, 2024

11. MAYOR'S REPORT

- Reported on a meeting with the General Manager at the Harrison Hot Springs Resort regarding the pools created by the public at the hot springs source that were recently filled in. The Province is investigating this issue and he will continue conversations with the Resort.

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Corporate Officer dated November 4, 2024
Re: Release of Closed Meeting Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the following closed meeting resolutions from the October 18, 2024 Special Closed Council Meeting be received for information at the November 4, 2024 Regular Council Meeting:

THAT Shell de Martin and Geraldine Mailhot be appointed to the Accessibility Committee.

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THAT the 2024 Starlight Skating Rink Operations and Concession bid be awarded to Harrison Eco Tours.

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- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated November 4, 2024
Re: Fraser Valley Regional Library Council Appointments

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Councillor Jackson be appointed as the Council representative to the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board for 2024-2025; and

THAT Councillor Facio be appointed as the alternate Council representative to the Fraser Valley Regional Library Board for 2024-2025.

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- (c) Report of Corporate Officer dated November 4, 2024
Re: Council Meeting Locations

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT all Regular Council Meetings be held at Memorial Hall with the exception of July, when the meeting will be held at the Village Office.

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- (d) Report of Community Services Manager dated November 4, 2024
Re: Community Emergency Preparedness Fund Grant Program Opportunities &
Progress Update

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff be authorized to prepare and submit a grant application for the Community
Emergency Preparedness Fund: Emergency Operations Centres Equipment and
Training Stream up to a maximum of \$40,000; and

THAT staff be authorized to prepare and submit a grant application for the Community
Emergency Preparedness Fund: Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training
Stream up to a maximum of \$40,000.

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RC-2024-11-13

13. BYLAWS

- (a) Campground, Holiday Park and Mobile Home Regulation Repealing Bylaw No. 1213,
2024

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Campground, Holiday Park and Mobile Home Regulation Repealing Bylaw No.
1213, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY
RC-2024-11-14

14. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) New Business from Councillor Schweinbenz
Re: BearSmart

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT staff investigate the adoption of BearSmart policies for the Village; and

THAT staff engage with the District of Kent regarding the BearSmart program.

Council voted on the above motions separately:

THAT staff investigate the adoption of BearSmart policies for the Village.

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THAT staff engage with the District of Kent regarding the BearSmart program.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR TALEN AND COUNCILLOR VIDAL
RC-2024-11-16

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the BearSmart program be referred to the Environmental Advisory Committee.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR TALEN, COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON AND VIDAL

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

Questions from the public were entertained.

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

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RC-2024-11-17



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer