

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

**DATE:** Monday, December 2, 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  
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey (via Zoom)

**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 Schweinbenz**

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2024-12-01*

**4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

**Moved by Councillor Vidal**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2024 be adopted.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2024-12-02*

**Moved by Councillor Jackson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Vidal**

THAT the Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting Minutes of November 25, 2024 be adopted.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2024-12-03*

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Councillor Facio spoke to item 12(b) from the November 18, 2024 Regular Council Meeting minutes, stating that there are residents who require more than the allotted amount of garbage due to medical waste and asked staff if this could be discussed with the provider. The Chief Administrative Officer stated that staff would look into the matter.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- iv. (a) Letter dated November 21, 2024 from the Village of Nakusp to Minister of Health  
Re: BC Alert-Ready Program to Include Health Services for Notification of Emergency Room Closures

**Moved by Councillor Jackson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT the consent agenda be received.

**Moved by Councillor Facio**  
**Second by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT item 6(iv)(a) be removed from the Consent Agenda and added to Correspondence as item 8(a).

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2024-12-04*

**MAIN MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS**

None.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Letter dated November 21, 2024 from the Village of Nakusp to the Minister of Health  
Re: BC Alert-Ready Program to Include Health Services for Notification of Emergency  
Room Closures

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

THAT the letter dated November 21, 2024 from the Village of Naksup be received.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2024-12-05*

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

**Moved by Councillor Facio**  
**Seconded by Councillor Vidal**

THAT the Village provide letter of support to the Village of Naksup regarding including  
health services for notification of emergency room closures in the BC Alert-Ready  
Program.

**Amendment moved by Councillor Vidal**  
**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT the letter of support include an inquiry as to whether Nakusp is going to submit a  
resolution to their area association.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2024-12-06*

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2024-12-07*

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

**Councillor Vidal**

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee
  - No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities
  - Attended a meeting on November 21, 2024
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended the Lower Mainland Local Government Association Executive Board  
meeting on November 21, 2024
- Attended the Lights by the Lake Opening Ceremony on November 23, 2024

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- Attended a Special Closed Council Meeting on November 25, 2024
- Attended the Upper River Regional Flood Forum on November 28, 2024
- Participated in the Winter Bells fundraiser campaign on November 29, 2024

**Councillor Facio**

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
  - Attended a meeting on November 28, 2024
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended the Lights by the Lake Opening Ceremony on November 23, 2024

**Councillor Jackson**

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Municipal Director)
  - Attended a meeting on November 20, 2024
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Attended the Lights by the Lake Opening Ceremony on November 23, 2024

**Councillor Schweinbenz**

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society – No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors
  - Attended a meeting on November 28, 2024
- Attended the Lights by the Lake Opening Ceremony on November 23, 2024
- Attended the Village Lands Master Plan drop in event on November 28, 2024
- Reported on a meeting with Village staff, RCMP, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer and complainants regarding a bylaw enforcement matter

**11. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Attended the Lights by the Lake Opening Ceremony on November 23, 2024
- Attended the Harrison Yacht Club year end event
- Reported on a meeting with Village staff, RCMP, the Bylaw Enforcement Officer and complainants regarding a bylaw enforcement matter

**12. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

- (a) Report of Corporate Officer dated December 2, 2024  
Re: Release of Closed Meeting Resolutions

**Moved by Councillor Facio**

**Seconded by Councillor Vidal**

THAT the following closed meeting resolutions from the November 25, 2024 Special Closed Council Meeting be received for information at the December 2, 2024 Regular Council Meeting:

*THAT Margaret Shier be appointed to the Communities in Bloom Committee; and*

*THAT John De Martin and Paul Kandt be appointed to the Environmental Advisory Committee; and*

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THAT Thomas Redden be appointed as Fire Inspector and Fire Investigator for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2024-12-08

- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated December 2, 2024  
Re: Amended 2025 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

**Moved by Councillor Vidal**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

THAT Council approve the amended Regular Council Meeting Schedule for 2025.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2024-12-09

- (c) Report of Corporate Officer dated December 2, 2024  
Re: BC Timber Sales Operating Plan #643-9 Referral Request

**Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee be directed to develop a recommended resolution for Council to submit to the Lower Mainland Local Government Association regarding watershed management and flood risk with respect to provincial logging operations.

**MOITON FAILED**  
**OPPOSED BY MAYOR TALEN, COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON AND VIDAL**

**Moved Councillor Vidal**  
**Second Councillor Facio**

THAT BC Timber Sales be invited to present to council at the earliest available regular council meeting.

**Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT the motion include an invitation to the Chilliwack Forest District.

**MOITON FAILED**  
**LACK OF SECONDER**

Council voted on the main motion.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2024-12-10

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- (d) Report of Community Services Manager dated December 2, 2024  
Re: Bear Smart Program

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

THAT staff be directed to draft updates to Waste Collection and Disposal Bylaw No. 1172, 2022 with respect to provisions for the timeframe of placing waste containers out for collection and storage of waste bins; and

THAT staff be directed to include seasonal Bear Smart messaging in their communications planning.

**Amendment moved by Councillor Vidal**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

THAT the words “bear smart” be struck from the motion and replaced with “wildlife protection”.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2024-12-11

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2024-12-12

**13. BYLAWS**

- (a) Report of Planning Consultant dated December 2, 2024  
Re: Draft Advisory Planning Commission Bylaw No. XXXX, 2024

**Moved by Councillor Jackson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT draft Advisory Planning Commission Bylaw No. XXXX, 2024 be referred to the Advisory Planning Commission for their input.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2024-12-13

**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 Facio**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2024-12-14*



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Fred Talen  
Mayor



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Amanda Graham  
Corporate Officer