

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

DATE: Thursday, January 16, 2025
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Fred Talen
Councillor Leo Facio
Councillor Allan Jackson
Councillor Mark Schweinbenz
Councillor Michie Vidal (until 12:03 p.m.)

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

Facilitator, Ron Poole

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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.

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4. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole.

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(a) 2023 Strategic Plan Update and 2024 Year in Review Presentation

The Community Services Manager presented a 2023 Strategic Plan Update and 2024 Year in Review Presentation, which included a review of milestones and projects such as:

- Staff training, education and development
- Conferences attended
- Emergency Management and Emergency Preparedness efforts
- Grant funding received
- By-election statistics and adopted bylaws
- Committee and Commissions highlights
- Community events and engagement activities

The Director of Operations presented highlights for operations, which included progress on the following projects:

- The Storm Sewer, Sanitary Sewer, Water, Parks and Trails, and Civic Lands Master Plans
- Bus shelters
- Hot Springs Road drainage
- Lift Stations 4, 5 and 6
- McCombs Bridge project
- Village Health Care Center
- Spring Park Upgrades
- McCombs Watermain
- Lillooet Avenue West Streetscape Plan
- Lagoon Walkway
- Accessible Playground

The Community Services Manager finished the presentation with some statistics on social media engagement, Get Into It Harrison usage and various documents created such as the New Resident Guide.

Council discussed the following:

- Construction timing for the Hot Springs Road drainage project, timing with the McCombs bridge reconstruction
- Resident engagement
- Usage ideas for the new boat launch building

(b) Strategic Planning Facilitated by Ron Poole

Mr. Poole gave an introduction and presented a PowerPoint presentation on strategic planning, speaking on the importance of setting priorities and the principles of top-down planning.

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Council reviewed the Vision from the 2023 Strategic Plan and determined new wording as follows:

“A residential and resort community on the traditional territory of Sts’ailes that provides an exceptional quality of life for residents and an outstanding experience for all visitors.”

RECESS AT 10:10 A.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 10:20 A.M.

Council reviewed the Mission from the 2023 Strategic Plan and determined new wording as follows:

“The Village of Harrison Hot Springs will provide good governance to its residents, businesses and visitors through partnerships and the provisions of effective and community focused services.”

Council reviewed the current Values and determined that no changes were necessary.

Council reviewed the Strategic Priorities and changed “Organizational Development” to “Infrastructure Development”.

Discussion ensued on the 2023 Strategic Plan Priority Actions, with Council discussing the following changes:

Public Safety

- Remove all three priority actions
- Add “disaster mitigation and emergency preparedness”

Infrastructure Development

- Remove both the priority actions currently listed under “Organizational Development”
- Add “approve and implement master plans”

Sustainable Development

- Remove all three priority actions
- Add “develop partnerships to increase affordable and attainable housing”, “achieve sustainable building practices” and “implement streetscape plan”

Healthy Livable Community

- Retain “Senior’s housing/resource centre”
- Remove “Parks & Trails master plan” and “Investigate a recreation facility”
- Add “pursue partnerships for recreational opportunities” and “develop and promote active transportation”

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Environmental Protection

- Retain “develop a climate action and mitigation plan”
- Remove “conduct and environmental review of the Miami River” and replace it with “continue engagement with stakeholders regarding the health of the Miami River”

Moved by Mayor Talen

THAT the Urban Forest Master Plan be referred to the Environmental Advisory Committee for review and comment.

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Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff be directed to investigate a lagoon master plan.

Upon further discussion the above motion was not voted on, but Council discussed the following change to the Environmental Protection Priority Actions:

- Remove “develop an action plan for a portion of the lagoon” and replace it with “review the Lagoon Master Plan”

RECESS AT 12:03 P.M.

Councillor Vidal left the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 12:38 P.M.

Council discussed the descriptions under each Strategic Priority on page 4 of the 2023 Strategic Plan and determined that no changes were required.

Mr. Poole discussed the next steps. Staff will take the feedback from this meeting and create an updated plan for Council approval. Staff will then use the plan to develop operational and departmental plans. This plan will also guide future budget deliberations.

Moved by Councillor Facio

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report to Council.

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Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Moved by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council adopt the report of the Committee of the Whole.

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5. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Questions from the public were entertained.

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:03 pm.

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Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer