

# Village News, Updates & Notices

2021 Year-End Edition

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



I don't remember a time when the word "unprecedented" was used so many times in one year. We experienced heat domes, atmospheric rivers, and an ongoing pandemic. The province was devastated by forest fires and flooding. All of these challenges had an affect on our community, neighbouring communities, friends and families. Our hearts go out to all who were affected.

To ensure that our residents had access to vaccines, on behalf of Council, I spent a significant amount of time this year advocating to the Province for the local COVID-19 Immunization Clinics which were set up in Agassiz and two pop-up clinics at our waterfront. I continue to advocate to the Province for assistance to our businesses who have been hardest hit by travel restrictions, road closures, fuel rationing, and cancelled events.

We are grateful to the Federal and Provincial Governments for grant funding under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure and Community Economic Recovery Infrastructure Programs which aided us in completing the Miami River Greenway, build a new walking trail on McCombs Drive (the official opening will take place in the new year) and begin on seismic upgrades to our Fire Hall. We also received two Provincial grants to build a berm and plaza with seating on the southwest side of the lagoon and assess the Harrison Lake Dike which protects the community against floodwaters originating with Harrison Lake. Quantifying and mapping local flood risk will help the Village evaluate the existing flood protection infrastructure and prioritize future flood management efforts like emergency response planning and land use planning. There has never been a more pressing time to undertake this review. We also received Resort Municipality Initiative funding that will be invested in further upgrades to the lagoon area. In total, we received over \$3.2M in funding this year!

To support the first ever National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, the Village Office was closed so that staff could have time to meaningfully reflect on the history and legacy of residential schools and honour Indigenous communities, families and survivors. Lights in the Civic Plaza were also installed and glowed orange for the duration of the night.

I am very proud of how we persevered this year and came together as a community. Please continue to watch out for one another and support our local businesses this season.

On behalf of Council, we wish our residents, businesses, visitors, and staff a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Leo Facio  
Mayor

December 10, 2021

## GRANTS TO GROUPS



The Village Grants to Groups program funded the following organizations:

- Agassiz-Harrison Community Services
  - Earthwise Society
- Agassiz-Harrison Aquanauts Swim Club
  - Storytime in the Park
- Kent-Harrison Arts Council

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## 2022 COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Council Meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month (only one meeting per month July-September) and are open to the public. You are encouraged to come out and hear what Council is doing for the community.

Please note that this schedule is subject to change. All changes will be listed on our website.

January 17, 2022	May 2, 2022	October 3, 2022
February 7, 2022	May 16, 2022	October 17, 2022
February 22, 2022	June 6, 2022	November 7, 2022
March 7, 2022	June 20, 2022	November 21, 2022
March 21, 2022	July 11, 2022	December 5, 2022
April 4, 2022	August 8, 2022	December 19, 2022
April 19, 2022	September 12, 2022	

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## COUNCIL INITIATIVES COMING SOON



### **Mixed Recycling and Glass Recycling Bins**

- The Village will be joining the Recycle BC network. To help meet the regional targets of reducing waste in the landfill, residents will be provided with new recycling bins. Watch for more news on our website as the program rolls out.



- **Official Community Plan Update**
  - Join [getintoitharrison.ca](http://getintoitharrison.ca) to be updated when surveys are available and open houses are scheduled (virtual or in-person). Your input is important to us!

## **New Website**

The Village will be launching a brand-new website in January with improvements for accessibility, searching, document storage, and more. The address [harrisonhotsprings.ca](http://harrisonhotsprings.ca) won't change.

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## **CAN YOU BE A SNOW ANGEL?**



If you see this decal in your neighbour's window, it means that they need assistance shoveling their walkway. If you are able, please be a Snow Angel and help out where you can. Click [here](#) for details.

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## **VILLAGE OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE**

The municipal office will be closed from December 27, 2021 to January 3, 2022 and reopen on January 4, 2022.

Public Works Emergency Number: 1-86-924-5173

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## **CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP**

GFL will pick up on the following days:

January 6, 13, 20, 27

Trees must be cut to less than 4' lengths