



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Date: Monday, October 6, 2014
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, 495 Hot Springs Road
 Harrison Hot Springs, British Columbia

1. CALL TO ORDER		
Meeting called to order by Mayor Facio		
2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS		
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA		
4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES		
THAT the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on September 8, 2014 be adopted.		Item 4 Page 1
5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES		
6. CONSENT AGENDA		
i. Bylaws		
ii. Agreements		
iii. Committee/ Commission Minutes		
iv. Correspondence	Letter of Appreciation from the Fraser Valley Dragon Boat Club dated August 25, 2014, regarding the "10 th Annual Harrison Dragon Boat Regatta"	Item 6.iv Page 7
7. DELEGATIONS		
8. CORRESPONDENCE		
(a)	Letter from the British Columbia Achievement Foundation dated September 2, 2014, regarding the "2015 British Columbia Community Achievement Awards"	Item 8(a) Page 9
(b)	Letter from Canada Post dated September 4, 2014, regarding the "Potential Closure on Saturdays Only at the Harrison Hot Springs Post Office"	Item 8(b) Page 15
(c)	Letter from Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association dated September 25, 2014, regarding the proposed reduction in service at the Harrison Hot Springs Post Office	Item 8(c) Page 17

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE	
10. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND COMMISSIONS	
11. REPORTS FROM MAYOR	
(a) Communities in Bloom Committee Re: "5 Blooms Streetscape Program" Recognition Award	Item 11(a) Page 21
(b) Canadian Wood Council Re: "Community Award of Merit" – for support of the B.C. wood industry and its commitment to use wood	Item 11(b) Page 53
12. REPORTS FROM STAFF	
13. BYLAWS	
14. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (pertaining to agenda items only)	
15. ADJOURNMENT	

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

DATE: September 8, 2014
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers
495 Hot Springs Road
Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Leo Facio
Councillor John Buckley
Councillor Zoltan Kiss
Councillor Allan Jackson
Councillor Sonja Reyerse

Chief Administrative Officer, Ian Crane
Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/CO, Debra Key
Manager of Development and Community Services, Lisa Grant

Recording Secretary: P. Carol Friesen

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

- Order of appearance of Delegations to be amended.
- Item 10.1 Presentation of Certificates moved to Item 11.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the agenda be approved, as amended.

CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY

4. ADOPTION AND RECEIPT OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Reyerse

THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 14, 2014 be amended on Page 6 by deleting the words "Councillor Reyerse canvassed the residents and found that the majority of residents are not in favour of the destruction of the park." and substituting with the words "Councillor Reyerse

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stated public opposition is large and categorical. She does not support the proposed boundary adjustment."

AND FURTHER THAT the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of July 14, 2014 adopted, as amended.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Reverse

THAT the minutes of the Council in Committee Meeting of July 28, 2014 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

Moved by Councillor Reverse
Seconded by Councillor Buckley

THAT the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of August 20, 2014 be adopted.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None

6. CONSENT AGENDA

i. Bylaws Sign Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1061, 2014.

ii. Agreements

**iii. Committee/
Commission
Minutes** Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2014.

iv. Correspondence Letter from UBCM, Gas Tax Program Services dated August 12, 2014
Re: Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund Payment

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Moved by Councillor Reverse
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Consent Agenda be approved.

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7. DELEGATIONS

- 7.1 1. John Allen**
Re: Review of Traffic and Parking/Clean Lagoon

John Allen identified locations within the downtown core where overnight street parking has been observed and provided a solution to address the issue.

Mr. Allen provided comments regarding clean-up of the lagoon and suggested that Council address the matter.

- 7.2 2. Kent-Harrison Foundation -- Len Davidiuk, Judy Croft and Wendy Colman-Lawley**
Re: Presentation of Annual Report

Judy Croft, George Robertson and Len Davidiuk, were in attendance. Judy Croft, presented the 2013 Annual Report of the Kent-Harrison Foundation and requested that Council designate a Council representative to the Foundation. The appointment of the Council representative was held in abeyance until after the 2014 general local government elections in November.

- 7.3 3. Innergex Renewable Energy Inc. - Big Silver Hydro Project**
Amrit Dhatt, Public Affairs; Tom Furst, Project Manager and Zoltan Szarka

Delegates Amrit Dhatt and Tom Furst provided Council with an overview of the Big Silver Creek and Tretheway Run-of-River hydroelectric power projects.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. BUSINESS ARISING OUT OF CORRESPONDENCE

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

Communities in Bloom Committee

Re: Outstanding Achievement Award – “Tidiness Submission for 2014”

Councillor Jackson commented on the Outstanding Achievement Award and extended accolades to the Committee.

11. **REPORTS FROM MAYOR LEO FACIO**

Advised that the “Donor and Alumni Appreciation Event” will be held on October 8, 2014, at the UFV Chilliwack Campus.

Noted that proceeds in the amount of \$631.00 from the 6th Annual Mayor and Council Golf Tournament will be donated to BC Children’s Hospital Oncology Department.

Commented on the passing of former City of Kimberley Mayor Jim Ogilvie and requested that a letter of condolence be sent.

Provided comment on Phase II of the Fraser Valley Regional District’s campaign against Metro Vancouver’s plans to build another incinerator.

Commented on attendance at the “39th Annual Three Flags Classic Motorcycle Tour” held August 29 to September 1, 2014.

“Seniors Health & Wellness Fair” to be held September 18, 2014 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm at Cheam Retirement Village.

“Terry Fox Run” to be held at 10:00 a.m. on September 14, 2014 at the Cheam Retirement Village.

Announced the launch of the new Village of Harrison Hot Springs website.

Commented on the 2nd annual Harrison Hot Springs “Classics & Hotrods Show” held on August 18, 2014.

Provided comment on year-to-date business revenue, tourism and event attendance as well as statistics on agriculture and tourism.

Provided an update on the transit expansion to include Abbotsford. An Open House is scheduled for September 11, 2014 from 2:30 pm until 4:30 pm at the downtown Chilliwack Library.

Note of thanks received from Lorna McIlroy and Ted Zarudny, Communities in Bloom Judges. Appreciation extended to Councillor Jackson in his role as Chair to the Communities in Bloom Committee.

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Mayor Facio presented the "Certificates of Appreciation" to Tegwyn Bakken, Heather Coxon, Jane Kivett, Kitty Niiranen, and Maureen Turner-Wendt, members of the Communities in Bloom Committee, in recognition of their community contribution.

Appreciation extended to the organizers of the "Bands on the Beach" event.

12. REPORTS FROM STAFF

**12.1 Report of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer –
August 25, 2014**

Re: Special Occasion Licence Application – Harrison Festival of the Arts

Moved by Councillor Kiss
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council approve the endorsement of the Harrison Festival of the Arts Special Occasion Licence Applications for the period October 4, 2014 to May 2, 2015.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

**12.2 Report of the Manager of Development and Community Services
Re: Local Area Plan for Hot Springs Road (Tourist Commercial Lands)**

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Reverse

THAT Council direct staff to undertake a Local Area Plan for that portion of Hot Springs Road located within the Official Community Plan's Tourist Commercial land use designation;

AND THAT all applications for Official Community Plan amendments and Zoning Bylaw amendments for properties located within the Official Community Plan's Tourist Commercial land use designation area be held in abeyance until the completion of a local area plan.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

**12.3 Verbal Report of Chief Administrative Officer
Re: Community Information Sign**

The Chief Administrative Officer provided a verbal report with respect to the proposed new community information sign. Tourism Harrison has agreed to cost-share the project. A report will be presented to Council.

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- 12.4 **Report of Deputy Chief Administrative Officer/Corporate Officer –
September 4, 2014**
Re: Fireworks Display Permit

Moved by Councillor Buckley
Seconded by Councillor Kiss

THAT Council approve the Display Permit to Ignite, Explode, Set Off or Detonate Fireworks for the Pacey wedding scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the lagoon, subject to approval of the Fire Chief.

**CARRIED
UNANIMOUSLY**

13. **BYLAWS**

None

14. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Q. A member of the public expressed concern with the proposed Innergex “Big Silver Hydro Project” and suggested funds be held in trust for habitat enhancement.

A. Issue for discussion at the 2014 UBCM Convention.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Kiss

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

**CARRIED
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Leo Facio
Mayor

Debra Key
Corporate Officer



Fraser Valley Dragon Boat Club

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VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

August 25, 2014

Village of Harrison Hot Springs
P. O. Box 160
Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

Re: 10th Annual Harrison Dragon Boat Regatta
Fraser Valley Dragon Boat Club


On behalf of the Fraser Valley Dragon Boat Club and G2G Race Management Inc., the Regatta Committee would like to thank you and your company for your generous contribution to the 10th Annual Harrison Dragon Boat Regatta held on July 26, 2014 in Harrison Hot Springs, BC.

With 73 teams participating (including over 2,000 paddlers and 6,000 spectators), this year was by far our largest and most successful event to date. All teams were treated to 4 races with the top 3 teams in each division awarded medals for their hard work and determination.

An event like this would not be possible without the generous support and commitment of companies such as yours. Your permission to host our event was greatly appreciated.

As our regatta continues to grow, please know that partnerships with our sponsors are vital to this success. You are truly appreciated. Thank you again.

Best Regards,


Scott Farrell
Regatta Director
Fraser Valley Dragon Boat Regatta Committee

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BRITISH COLUMBIA ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION

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September 2, 2014

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OBC

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I am pleased to announce the 2015 British Columbia Community Achievement Awards. The awards celebrate the spirit, imagination and dedication of British Columbians who make a significant difference in their communities.

We all know people who work tirelessly for the betterment of others either as committed volunteers or in the course of their work. These individuals bring strength to their communities and enrich our great province.

I invite you to reflect on those British Columbians who inspire us by their example, and to nominate them for an award this year.

Thank you for supporting the British Columbia Community Achievement Awards.

Sincerely,

Christy Clark
Premier, Province of British Columbia
Board Member, British Columbia Achievement Foundation

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British Columbia Community Achievement Awards

NOMINATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 15

Celebrating the spirit, imagination,
dedication, and outstanding contributions
of British Columbians to their communities.

Nominate a deserving individual who raises
the quality and character of your community for a
British Columbia Community Achievement Award.

*“Give back to the people
who give the most in
your community.”*

British Columbia’s communities are shaped by the people who live in them, and especially by the contributions of extraordinary individuals.

The British Columbia Community Achievement Awards celebrate British Columbians who go above and beyond in their dedication and service to others and who devote time and energy to making their communities more caring, dynamic, beautiful, healthy, and unique. They inspire by their example.

The British Columbia Community Achievement Awards are presented by the British Columbia Achievement Foundation, a foundation established in 2003 by the Province of British Columbia to celebrate excellence in community service, enterprise, arts and the humanities.



*Cultural hero, spirited,
undaunted, fearless, bold
Raising our awareness to
a higher understanding*

- Robert Davidson

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

British Columbians who have made a significant contribution to their communities in British Columbia are eligible for a BC Community Achievement Award. Nominees will have made a contribution in any area that provides a benefit to the community – either as a volunteer or in the course of their work. These include, but are not limited to, arts and culture, sports and recreation, multiculturalism, environment, healthcare, education, civic duty, business, community volunteerism, philanthropy, and youth or seniors’ leadership.

Self nominations will not be accepted. Federal or provincial elected representatives are not eligible for nominations while they hold office. Posthumous nominations will not be accepted.

HOW IS SOMEONE NOMINATED FOR THIS AWARD?

Any individual or group may nominate a current or former long-term resident of British Columbia by completing the attached nomination form or the online form and submitting it with:

- A letter describing the contribution of the nominee;
- A brief personal history of the nominee;
- Two current letters of support for the nominee from individuals or organizations that describe the value and impact of the nominee’s contributions to his/her community.
- For an online nomination form, please visit www.bcachievement.com/community/online.

HOW ARE THE AWARD RECIPIENTS CHOSEN?

An Advisory Council of independent community leaders reviews the nominations and selects approximately 30 award recipients. The Council will consider the impact of the nominee’s contribution and commitment to the community.

WHAT DO THE AWARD RECIPIENTS RECEIVE?

In the Spring, recipients will attend a formal ceremony at Government House in Victoria. The Lieutenant Governor and the Premier of British Columbia are invited to present the recipients with the British Columbia Community Achievement Medallion, a special commemorative medallion designed by renowned BC artist, Robert Davidson. Also, recipients will receive a lapel pin signifying their award.

BC Community Achievement Awards
Tel: 604.261.9777 or Toll Free: 1.866.882.6088
Email: info@bcachievement.com or Web: www.bcachievement.com

BRITISH COLUMBIA COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Please complete all four sections:

1 NOMINEE
 NAME (MR./MRS./MS./MISS/DR.) _____
 HOME ADDRESS _____
 CITY/TOWN/PROVINCE/POSTAL CODE _____
 DAYTIME TELEPHONE _____ | CELL PHONE _____
 EMAIL _____
 ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE) _____
 ORGANIZATION ADDRESS (IF APPLICABLE) CITY / TOWN / PROVINCE / POSTAL CODE _____
 Is the nominee a current or former long-term resident of BC? Yes/No

2 NOMINATOR
 NAME (MR./MRS./MS./MISS/DR.) _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY/TOWN/PROVINCE/POSTAL CODE _____
 DAYTIME TELEPHONE _____ | CELL PHONE _____
 EMAIL _____ | ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE) _____
 Please provide your relationship to the nominee and also indicate how long you have known the nominee.
 I have provided or made provision for all the nomination material required for a completed nomination package.
 SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR _____ DATE _____

List the individuals who are providing a letter of support for the nomination.
3 LETTER OF SUPPORT 1
 NAME (MR./MRS./MS./MISS/DR.) _____
 TITLE AND ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE) _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY/TOWN/PROVINCE/POSTAL CODE _____
 DAYTIME/CELL PHONE _____ | EMAIL _____
 Please provide your relationship to the nominee and also indicate how long you have known the nominee.

4 LETTER OF SUPPORT 2
 NAME (MR./MRS./MS./MISS/DR.) _____
 TITLE AND ORGANIZATION (IF APPLICABLE) _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY/TOWN/PROVINCE/POSTAL CODE _____
 DAYTIME/CELL PHONE _____ | EMAIL _____
 Please provide your relationship to the nominee and also indicate how long you have known the nominee.

Nomination deadline: November 15

YOUR COMPLETED NOMINATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE:

1. Completed nomination form
2. Three letters: (maximum 500 words each)
 - A letter from the nominator giving the reasons for nomination.
 - Two letters of support for the nominee from other individuals or organizations that describe the value and impact of the contributions of the individual.
3. Brief biographical overview of the nominee as it relates to the nomination.
4. Optional: Up to five pages of additional material about your nominee.
5. Please do not send submission packages in binders or folders.
6. You may visit www.bcachievement.com/community/online to complete an electronic nomination form.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit Frequently Asked Questions:
www.bcachievement.com/community/info

Contact:
 Tel: 604.261.9777 or Toll Free: 1.866.882.6088
 Email: info@bcachievement.com
 Website: www.bcachievement.com

MAILING INFORMATION:

Mail or courier completed nomination package to:
 BC Community Achievement Awards
 c/o 6209 Angus Drive
 Vancouver, BC V6M 3P2

Please note that it is the responsibility of the nominator to ensure that the nomination is complete, including the receipt of support letters by the deadline. All material received will be kept confidential.

Privacy Policy
 The British Columbia Achievement Foundation is committed to protecting the privacy of people through responsible management of information received. Nominations are confidential between the nominator and the Awards program.

You may view the complete privacy policy at www.bcachievement.com or by calling the office for a copy.



British Columbia Community Achievement Awards

"The British Columbia Community Achievement Awards celebrate British Columbians who enrich our great Province. I invite you to nominate people within your community whose spirit, imagination, dedication and commitment have truly made a difference."

Hon. Christy Clark
Premier of British Columbia
Board Member, BC Achievement Foundation

BRITISH COLUMBIA ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION

The British Columbia Achievement Foundation is an independent foundation established and endowed by the Province of British Columbia to celebrate excellence in community service, enterprise, arts and humanities. The Foundation currently offers five awards:

- BC Community Achievement Awards
- BC National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction
- Carter Wosk BC Creative Achievement Awards
- BC Creative Achievement Awards for First Nations' Art
- BC Aboriginal Business Awards

For more information about the awards, please contact the BC Achievement Foundation.

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2014 Community Achievement Award recipients with Her Honour, The Honourable Judith Guichon, OBC, Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia; Hon. Coralee Oakes, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development; BC Achievement Foundation chair Keith Mitchell, QC and board member Ron Lou-Poy, QC.



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20800 Lougheed Hwy BC, V2X 4R0

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September 4, 2014

Leo Facio
495 Hot Springs Road
P.O Box 160
Harrison Hot Springs
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BY VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

Re: Potential closure on Saturdays only at the Harrison Hot Springs Post Office

Dear Mayor Facio,

Having the country's largest retail network is not only important to the communities we serve, but also to Canada Post. It's a competitive advantage that will help us to compete in growing markets such as parcel delivery, fuelled by online shopping.

However, with Lettermail volumes declining, we need to make smart choices to maintain local service without becoming a burden on Canadian taxpayers because Canada Post has a mandate to remain financially self-sufficient.

Our goal is to serve the people in your community when they use the post office most. A careful review has determined that we have a very small number of local customers on Saturdays. Canada Post is therefore considering closing your post office on Saturdays only.

We will be holding discussions with the local representative of our employees' association, the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association (CPAA), and will communicate with you once these discussions have occurred.

Rest assured that this potential change will take our customers' and your constituents' postal needs into consideration. We remain committed to providing postal services in urban and rural communities across the country.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 20800 Lougheed Hwy BC, V2X 4R0, or at (604-467-3110 ext 2006), if you require further information or assistance.

Yours truly,

Dave Mullane
Local Area Manager
Fraser Valley

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September 25, 2014

Mayor Leo Facio
Village of Harrison Hot Springs
PO Box 160
Harrison Hot Springs BC V0M 1K0

Subject: Canada Post's Five Point Plan and Reduction of Service to your Citizens and Canada Post Hour Reductions for Harrison Hot Springs Post Office

The Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association (CPAA), is the bargaining agent that represents over 7800 employees of Canada Post Corporation, consisting of 95% women who work in Rural Post Offices. Since 1902, CPAA has fought for the rights of rural post office employees as well as full access to postal service for rural Canadians. Our challenges have focused on employment equity, pay equity, various benefits and the fight against rural post office closures.

CPAA believes that maintaining universal postal service across Canada is essential to the survival of rural communities and that Canada Post Corporation has a public policy obligation to serve every Canadian address, including those in rural areas.

On December 11, Canada Post released its Five Point Action Plan. This release is based on information from the study done by the Conference Board of Canada, ***of which, Deepak Chopra, the President and CEO of Canada Post, sits as a Director.*** In this release we are told "This plan reflects what we heard from Canadians during five months of consultations in 46 communities across Canada." These audiences were chosen *by Canada Post, by invitation only.* From a rural standpoint, I must note that only two consultations took place in communities with CPAA (rural) Post Offices. I believe it's fair to say if the correct audience is chosen, one can easily achieve the results they desire.

Another of the five main initiatives speaks of convenience to customers by adding more franchise postal outlets to offer greater convenience providing evening and weekend hours. Why then is Canada Post destroying their current infrastructure by taking every opportunity to close federally operated rural Post Offices on Saturday, as well as reducing the weekly hours of service currently offered in smaller locations?

In 1994, protest resulted in the Liberal Government of Canada imposing an indefinite moratorium on rural post office closures. The importance of keeping rural post offices open was further reinforced in the 1996 Mandate Review of the Canada Post Corporation. That review made many recommendations on the future of Canadian Postal Service, including, ***"That the Government direct Canada Post to improve, rather than reduce, the quality of service in rural areas."***

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The Five Point Action Plan also states "All changes will honour the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* and the *Moratorium on closing rural post offices.*" This statement is ambiguous as some positions are being reduced to the point of unattractiveness in that they can't be staffed, ultimately resulting in closure of the office. We are convinced this is the direction Canada Post desires and leads us to believe they are on the road to privatization, taking *every opportunity* to circumvent the Canadian Postal Service Charter and the Moratorium.


Under the Mulroney government, Canada Post had a mandate to close, privatize or amalgamate all 5221 rural post offices in Canada, being successful with 1496 closures between 1986 and 1994. With the creative ways Canada Post is using to make their offices unattractive, one has to ask if we are seeing the same mandate with a superficial respect to the Charter and Moratorium.

The Anderson Consulting Firm in Ottawa has recently completed an investigation into what happens to a rural community when the post office closes. They sought to reach some 1700 communities who lost their post offices from the mid -1980s on. They managed to contact community leaders, mayors, councilors, and band leaders of 1635 of those offices and 23% of those filled out and returned the surveys they were sent. **To no one's surprise they found that the post office closure led to a ripple effect; when the population had to travel out of town to do their postal business, they tended to then do most of their other business outside their community as well. Local businesses suffered and many relocated, further isolating the community.**

Our immediate concern is proposed reductions in service at the Harrison Hot Springs Post Office. Canada Post is proposing to reduce the hours of service to the public each weekday and close the Post Office on Saturday. For your information I have enclosed a copy of our flyer to be distributed to the residents.

As the representative of the citizens of **Harrison Hot Springs** we urge you and your colleagues to help us **STOP** the erosion of postal service in rural Canada.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Elliott
Vice President
CPAA BC & Yukon Branch
3711 Bosun Way
Pender Island BC V0N 2M2
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Canadian Postmasters
and
Assistants Association



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British Columbia and Yukon Branch - Section de la Colombie-Britannique et Yukon

Attention Harrison Hot Springs and Area Residents

This flyer is to inform you of a proposed reduction in service at the Harrison Hot Springs Post Office. Canada Post plans to cut the hours of service to you, the public, by eliminating the Saturday hours of service. In some communities, Saturday is only day available for some to do their postal business. We need to know if this is true for you. The proposed new hours of operation are Mon., Tues, Wed. & Fri 8:30-5:00 and Thurs. 9:30-6:00.

This change will affect members of the community who work outside of the town and use this time to get to the Post Office. If these reductions are implemented, there will be a negative impact on the services as well as the earnings of the affected employee. This service reduction will decrease your access to pick up or mail parcels, buy or cash money orders, pick up call for items, such as registered letters, Xpresspost or purchase postal products, etc.

Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association (CPAA) is the union which represents Canada Post employees in rural Canada.

CPAA is not in favour of a reduction in postal service to your community, but we need your support.

Canada Post has recently announced its plan to pursue the privatization of Postal Outlets. Corporate Post Offices staffed by CPAA members have a proven record of providing responsible, professional and consistent service. CPAA Post Offices are staffed by trained, competent and reliable employees. CPAA members have the ability to meet the needs of the communities we serve. We know and understand our communities and have earned the trust and respect of our neighbours.

We know that rural Canadians rely on their postal service. Should Rural Canadians be expected to tolerate a reduced level of Postal Service? We urge you to take up the cause and insist that the Federal Government halt the steady erosion of postal service in our Rural Communities. As a Federal Crown Corporation, Canada Post takes direction from our Federal Government. Let your MP, Mark Strahl, know that you are not in favour of a reduction in your postal service. We want to see that your community's postal service is not reduced. Please share your opinions with your MP, CPAA and Canada Post Customer Service 1-800-267-1177.

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We need to hear from you! Please take a moment to let your voice be heard.

Thank-you
Barb Lincoln, President CPAA BC & Yukon Branch

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Village of Harrison Hot Springs, BC

Communities in Bloom - 2014 National Edition

5 Blooms Streetscape Program

PRESS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLOTTETOWN, September 20, 2014 — The Village of Harrison Hot Springs received a 5 Bloom rating and a special mention for the *Streetscape Program* during the 2014 National Symposium and Awards Ceremonies in Charlottetown, PEI. The Village of Harrison Hot Springs participated in the 1,001 - 5,000 population category along with Bruderheim Ab, Carbonear NL, Indian Head SK, Sun Rivers Resort Community BC and Windsor NS.

In July, trained volunteer judges travelled to participating communities to evaluate the overall contributions of municipal council and departments; industry; businesses and the private sector – including volunteer efforts – in regards to the following criteria: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape and Floral Displays.

Following their evaluation, volunteer judges Lorna McIlroy and Ted Zarudny wrote: “The Village of Harrison Hot Springs has recently completed several infrastructure improvements to ensure the health and safety of residents and support the growing tourist economy. With the revitalization of the West Esplanade, this waterfront community has created not only an eye pleasing streetscape, but has made this section pedestrian, vehicle and business friendly. The extra wide walkways are adorned with various planters, trees, art and eye-pleasing signage. Hardy perennials and shrubs have automatic watering systems and are mulched. Stage two will be starting within the next year and when completed, will make this waterfront the envy of many communities”.

Within the actual context of climate changes and environmental concerns, communities involved in the program can be proud of their efforts, which provide real and meaningful environmental solutions and benefit all of society.

For a complete list of the results and the electronic copy of the Communities in Bloom magazine, please visit: www.communitiesinbloom.ca.

About Communities in Bloom

Communities in Bloom is a Canadian non-profit organization committed to fostering civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community involvement and the challenge of a national program, with focus on the enhancement of green spaces. The pride, sense of community and feeling of accomplishment generated through participation are visible in communities across Canada. For more information about Communities in Bloom, visit www.communitiesinbloom.ca.

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People, Plants and Pride...
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Village of Harrison Hot Springs British Columbia

1,001 – 5,000



*Recognition for
Streetscape Program*

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Evaluation Form

2014

Village of
Harrison Hot Springs
British Columbia



2014 Evaluation Form



Community: Village of Harrison Hot Springs

Province: British Columbia

Category: 1,001-5,000

The evaluation is based on 8 criteria, divided into the 6 following sections, assessing 4 sectors of the community:

Tidiness	127.75	/	150.00
Environmental Action	125.75	/	150.00
Heritage Conservation	126.50	/	150.00
Urban Forestry	148.00	/	175.00
Landscape	171.50	/	200.00
Floral Displays	149.75	/	175.00
	Total		849.25 / 1000.00

Percentage : 84.9%

Bloom rating: 5 Blooms

Bloom rating:

Up to 55%: 1 bloom. 56% to 63%: 2 blooms. 64% to 72%: 3 blooms. 73% to 81%: 4 blooms. >82%: 5 blooms.

Mention : Streetscape Program

Representative (s) of Community

Name: Allan Jackson **Function :** Councillor – CiB Chairman

Name: Jane Kivett **Function :** CiB Committee

Name: Maureen Wendt **Function :** CiB Committee

Judges

Name: Lorna McIlroy **Name:** Ted Zarudny

Evaluation date: 16-July-2014

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

Evaluation is adjusted to the climate and environmental conditions of the community.

Some aspects of the evaluation might not be applicable: scoring will be prorated.

The score will vary from the previous year based on the facts that the evaluation form is subject to modifications each year and that the evaluation is based on the perception of the current judges.

SECTORS OF EVALUATION

Municipal:

- Municipal properties, parks and green spaces, streets, streetscapes
- Properties owned and run by municipality such as Museums, Historical sites

Business and Institutions:

Properties owned and managed by

- Business : commercial sector, shopping centres, commercial streets, industrial parks, manufacturing plants
- Institutions : schools, universities, churches, hospitals, service and community organization buildings (such as YMCA, Legion), private museums, government and crown corporations buildings (such as Canada Post)
- Tourism bureaus, Chamber of Commerce offices
- Farms : in rural communities, farms can be considered in this section

Residential:

- Citizens and Citizen groups acting within their own properties
- Residential property owners, rate payer groups

Community Involvement:

The principle of community involvement is so fundamental to the program that it is considered in each segment of the evaluation

- Individuals & Service and citizen groups – all contributing to various aspects of community improvement
- Organized clubs such as horticultural societies, garden clubs, community associations
- Service clubs such as Rotary, Lions, Optimist
- Participation (financial and/or in-kind or employee participation) by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions.

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GENERAL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

We were afforded a very informative and pleasurable tour of Harrison Hot Springs and would like to thank the CiB committee as well as the various town staff, volunteers and business owners who made this possible. On behalf of the Communities in Blooms family, we would also like to thank you for your continued involvement in the program.

Harrison Hot Springs provides its residents and visitors diverse forms of entertainment for every age level. A Community Events Coordinator facilitates the programming. The Canada Day celebrations, which include fireworks, are attended by an estimated 10,000 people. There are many other events and festivals held year round. During October the CiB committee works with the school, volunteers and businesses to celebrate Halloween and Oktoberfest. The children and businesses are given pumpkins to carve and have displayed during the Beer Festival. The elementary classes have their creations judged at the Children's Party. We were fortunate to attend during the Festival of the Arts and enjoyed events and displays.

The Harrison Hot Springs CiB Committee leads by example. The partnerships that have been built with the many organizations both locally and district wide will ensure that the village will remain a vibrant and also environmentally friendly community for years to come.

Your Community Profile Book is a valuable resource. Therefore we recommend that you have copies displayed at the Tourist Information Booth, Town Office and any other suitable locations.

Thank you very much for showing us your impressive water treatment plant. We enjoyed the tour. However, with the increased emphasis on green spaces, the Evaluation Form no longer covers water and sewage facilities so you will not need to schedule visits there on your next Evaluation Day. Instead, your future judges might appreciate a closer look at a couple of floral or edible gardens,

We really enjoyed the heritage presentation at lunch-time. It might be helpful to have representation from the youth and school sectors at your next evaluation. It would also be advantageous to meet your Gardener and Parks staff to discuss planting, maintenance and IPM programs.

It could prove beneficial to create even more youth involvement in the program. This could lead to future volunteers helping within the community. It was not mentioned in either the judging tour or in the profile book whether or not there was a volunteer appreciation night. Recognition of the people by the Village for all their hard work over the year could be an added incentive for them to carry on, as well as possibly attracting new volunteers. At an event like this, youth could also be recognized for outstanding community involvement.

*Thanking you,
Ted and Lorna*



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TIDINESS		
<p>Tidiness includes an overall tidiness effort by the municipality, businesses, institutions and the residents throughout the community. Elements for evaluation are parks and green spaces, medians, boulevards, sidewalks, streets; municipal, commercial, institutional and residential properties; ditches, road shoulders, vacant lots, signs and buildings; weed control, litter clean-up (including cigarette butts and gum), graffiti and vandalism programs.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Tidiness, order, cleanliness and first impressions	15	13.25
Community anti-litter awareness programs	5	4
Effective bylaws, programs and policies and enforcement; litter control, graffiti prevention and eradication, graffiti removal kits to residents	10	8.75
Cleanliness of public green infrastructure: parks, streetscapes (sidewalks, planters, etc.)	15	13
Condition of urban signage and furniture such as benches, litter and recycling containers	15	13
Business & Institutions		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness and first impressions	15	13
Condition of buildings (exterior maintenance), grounds, sidewalks and parking lots	15	12.75
Condition of urban furniture: benches, litter and recycling containers	5	4
Residential		
Tidiness, order and cleanliness	20	17.25
Condition of buildings, grounds and yards	15	12.5
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street tidiness, clean-up programs, activities and annual maintenance (including promotion, organization, innovations involving youth and seniors, etc.)	10	8
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community clean-up programs	10	8.25
Tidiness Total	150.00	127.75

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TIDINESS

Observations:

The cleanliness of the main core and beach area will leave a positive and lasting impression on all visitors. Walking along the main streets or beach area is a pleasure. This is due in part to the public works staff doing daily cleaning and summer staff assisting in this work. During the summer season, evening staff help keep the beach areas and washrooms neat and tidy. The public works staff along with volunteers can be found there by 6:00 am in the morning following the Canada Day fireworks celebration, doing a clean-up. The CiB committee members can also be found working the beach walk area, ensuring it is maintained to a very high standard.

Garbage receptacles are placed along some of the trails and attractive garbage/recycle bins have been placed along the beach walk and the main street. Doggy bags are made available for pet owners to help ensure the clean-up of the pets waste. A machine was purchased by the Public Works to pick up goose poo and cigarette butts from the beach areas. This is done on a daily basis.

The By-Law for Unsightly Premises has proven to work for this community with the assistance of the CiB committee working with the downtown businesses to ensure the downtown core is kept in immaculate condition. The various businesses on the fringes of the community were also very neat and tidy, giving visitors a glimpse of what is to come.

The homeowner properties that we drove by were all well cared for and very tidy looking.

The village has an Adopt-a-Road Program in place to help keep the community clean.



Recommendations:

If the schools and any youth organizations such as scouts, guides are not involved in annual clean ups, you may want to approach and include them in these activities. If this is already being done, noting it the Community Profile Book would be a nice touch.



It would be nice to visit a larger cross section of the residential areas to get a more complete idea of how their properties are maintained.

The judges visited the public school and found that this property was kept in very good condition. The only thing stood out there, was the need for some of the signs to be refinished.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION		
<p>Environmental action includes the efforts and achievement of the community with respect to: policies, by-laws, programs and best practices, waste reduction and diversion rate to landfill, composting sites, landfill sites, hazardous waste collections, water conservation, naturalization, and environmental stewardship activities under the guiding principles of sustainable development pertaining to green spaces.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Sustainable development strategy: policies, programs, guidelines, long-term planning / vision; effective bylaws / policies and their enforcement; and public education programs and activities	20	17.75
Waste management programs: waste reduction to landfill and results (3-R : recycling, re-use, reduce), composting (backyard and municipal)), and including activities such as composting sites yard waste collections, shredding of Christmas trees, handling of hazardous waste including e-waste collection	15	12.75
Water conservation and use-reduction programs: efficient appliance incentives or promotion, efficient irrigation and use of non-potable water, water restriction policies, rainwater management	15	12
Energy conservation programs such as alternate forms of energy (ex. geothermal, biomass, wind, solar), and initiatives such as, shielding for night skies issues, efficient street lighting and energy audits.	10	8.25
Environmental initiatives, innovations and actions such as: Protection of sensitive habitats Development and expansion of sustainable mobility and active transportation network such as bike lanes and multi-used pathways. Phytotechnology practices such as green roofs, green walls, green lanes, living fences, buffer zones; re-use of sites; engineered wetlands, bio-swales and permeable surfaces Brownfield redevelopment, remediation, land reclamation. Air quality programs such as anti-idling, reduction of greenhouse gas emission.	10	8.25
Business & Institutions		
Participation in the environmental effort : such as waste management (recycle, reuse, reduce), water conservation, energy conservation, brownfield management, eco-park	10	8.25
Corporate environmental innovation / stewardship, initiatives, activities (Ex. Environmental clean-up activities)	10	8
Residential		
Participation in the 3-R (recycle, reuse, reduce) initiatives and composting	20	16.75
Adoption of water conservation practices & policies including rainwater collection	15	12.5
Community Involvement		
Public participation in public forums and policy development on environmental issues	5	4.25
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual street environmental activities and programs (including, promotion, organization and evidence of taking ownership), etc.)	10	8.5
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions in public environmental activities and programs	10	8.5
Environmental Action Total	150.00	125.75

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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION

Observations:



A new water plant has been operating for a month and a half. It has been built with the ability to double its capacity. Remote access will be put in place in the near future for staff to receive warning and possibly make adjustments as required. The Public Works has updated much of their old equipment to match environmental standards. Water meters are being put in place in Commercial building and new home builds. Plans are underway to install the meters in all homes in the village. Water usage restrictions have been put in place for the summer months to ensure water

supply for emergencies. Weekly curbside collection of solid waste, yard waste and recyclables has been in place since 2011.

There is an annual shoreline cleanup performed at the lake and Miami River. The CiB committee along with volunteers perform this activity. The village is working on obtaining their Blue Flag Beach designation. Harrison is the first BC candidate member of the program. They hope to secure this distinction with the next year. The boat launch has a free Sani-Dump disposal location for boaters.

The Stream Keepers group has worked at cleaning out the river and planting indigenous water plants. They remove invasive plants and will speak to residents backing onto this river, on how to properly help maintain this natural area. They have worked at identifying the various fish species and found that one endangered species habitats the river. They also have a Weed the Trail program in the works. Workshops are planned to teach the public the identification of invasive weeds so they can help remove them when they use the trail. The group has put in around 1800 hours in the last 3 to 4 years on this endeavour. The village has donated \$2500 to this group since 2010. There is also interpretive signage along the trail in this location. Wood Duck houses have been placed by the Miami River.

The community gardens consists of 27 plots. Composters are on site for the use by the plot owners. Bat houses are being looked at for this location.

Harrison Elementary school has an outdoor study area in place for the students as well as a small greenhouse to learn about plants and growing. They also partake in a worm composting program. The students are also afforded the opportunity of walking the Miami River trail with teachers and naturalists to learn more about the biodiversity of the area.

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Recommendations:



The light and lamp standard replacement program should be continued.

When all the water meters come on line, the CiB committee along with the village may want to promote rain barrels as a way of conserving water and reducing water bills. This could be used as a fund raising initiative, for the committee by purchasing and selling the barrels.

The curb side green bin 'kitchen waste' pick up program will hopefully be brought into effect in the near future. Information could be made available to all residents about composting and its benefits. As more backyard composting occurs, less waste is shipped out and the pick-up costs go down.

Discussions with District of Kent to upgrade transit service will hopefully continue as well as the discussions for additional bicycle and pedestrian pathways.

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION		
<p>Heritage Conservation includes efforts to preserve natural heritage within the community with focus on the integration of landscape and streetscapes in built heritage: preservation of natural heritage pertaining to monuments, memorials, artifacts, museums and history, archives, traditions, customs, festivals and celebrations in relation to parks and green spaces in the community. The participation of groups such as Historical Societies and Conservation Groups are considered.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Heritage policies, by-laws and their enforcement and effective programs with focus on the relationships of the landscape to the built heritage	15	13
Natural and cultural heritage management plan and preservation initiatives: including cultural landscapes, use of native plants, heritage gardens, heritage trees, cemeteries, museums, heritage sites	15	12.5
Management and promotion of heritage (through communications, information and support programs, economic development / tourism) including natural and cultural heritage initiatives throughout the year including festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs	20	16.5
Activities and programs (year-round) for education and use of natural heritage sites for and by the public	15	13
New programs and initiatives to promote local heritage	10	8.75
Business & Institutions		
Conservation, restoration and reuse of heritage buildings and landscapes	15	13
Promotion of local heritage, including heritage gardens, native plants, and heritage trees	15	13
Residential		
Conservation / restoration and reuse of sites, buildings and heritage landscapes	10	8
Conservation of cultural and heritage elements pertaining to their own private lands and structures	5	4
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community, neighbourhood or individual in cultural and natural heritage programs including year-round heritage community events/activities, festivals and celebrations along with preservation of traditions and customs	20	16.5
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions (including Historical Societies) in community initiated, natural and cultural heritage activities and programs including cultural festivals & celebrations throughout the year and preservation of traditions and customs	10	8.25
Heritage Conservation Total	150.00	126.50

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HERITAGE CONSERVATION

Observations:

The first glimpse into Harrison Hot Spring's heritage comes when you are entering the village. The new entrance with the Sasquatch sitting on a bench gives a glimpse into a part of the fabled history of the village. Sasquatch Days is a festival that has been revived. War canoe races attract many First Nations bands to come and participate. The public are treated to these races as well as afforded the opportunity to join in on the various games, craft and art activities and other various workshops.



An official policy for heritage signs is being drafted for implementation. Several building has had historical marker signs applied to them, giving a description of its former owners, use and age. The village along with the Resort have entered in to a Memorandum of Understanding that recognizes the Sts'ailes First Nations Band as having the longest history in the region. An historic walking tour is available to visitors. Memory benches are in place along the waterfront with plaques to commemorate the loss of a loved one. Several of the older buildings have received renewed life, such as the information centre and art gallery. The Resort has even used part of the original building in its construction.

A Festival of the Arts initiative was started many years ago. The torch was passed on and they continue to ensure this event carries on. The festival brings artists of all forms from around the world and makes this a truly international event.

A new undertaking is progressing very well. This project entitled "A Working Lake" will be an oral and pictorial history of the Lake and its importance to the area was started in the fall of 2013 and may take two years to finish. This is being done by 12 core volunteers as well as 20 seasonal volunteers. Sixteen hours of interviews with people who have worked and lived in this area over the many years have been conducted, discussing things such as the Gold Rush, Logging and Fishing activities in this area. These interviews are being condensed to make the book and disk. The full interviews will be kept on file. There will also be over 100 pictures that will be included. On July 26th of this year, people who have been interviewed are being brought back to the community for a reception.

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URBAN FORESTRY		
<p>Urban Forestry includes the efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and citizens with regards to written policies, by-laws, standards for tree management (selection, planting, and maintenance), long and short-term management plans, tree replacement policies, tree inventory, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), heritage, memorial and commemorative trees.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Overall impact, benefit and first impression of the urban forest	10	9
Policies, regulations and tree by-laws, tree protection and planting on public and private lands	10	8.75
Urban forestry planning and design, including integration with overall landscape plan	10	8.75
Measures to preserve, protect, manage and expand overall tree inventory, including woodlots	15	12
Plan of action: procurement, species diversity (including native trees), selection of hardy species, recommended tree list	10	8.75
Integrated Pest Management (IPM) / Plant HealthCare (PHC): plan of action for invasive pest detection and control, information on current infestations and diseases	10	8
Public information program on good planting techniques and maintenance programs	10	8
Maintenance best practices and proven results	10	8
Qualified personnel and/or crew training	10	8
Business & Institutions		
Design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees in landscapes and for planting on properties	15	.13
Maintenance programs and best practices: watering, pruning, IPM	10	8
Residential		
Design and diversity including native and hardy species of trees in landscapes and for planting on residential properties	15	13.5
Maintenance best practices	10	8.5
Community Involvement		
Public participation in tree planting and conservation programs such a Green Streets Canada, Arbour Day, Maple Leaf Day, and other tree planting and maintenance programs and activities on public lands (including promotion, organization etc.).	20	17.5
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation or promotion by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community tree planting and conservation programs on public lands.	10	8.25
Urban Forestry Total	175.00	148.00

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URBAN FORESTRY

Observations:

The geographical location of Harrison Hot Springs allows for a rich and quick growing tree canopy. The Hot Springs Resort is home to many century-old trees that were planted in the early 1900's. Of these planted, a considerable number were identified as coming from China. Other trees have been identified as being planted by movie stars from years gone by. An arborist has helped to identify the various trees. Signage has been made for installation at base of some of these trees.



The beach walk area has a diverse selection of trees planted to provide shade for the users of the site. The new esplanade area has been well planted to provide a beautiful future canopy. The trees along the trail systems were carefully manoeuvred around with a little thinning of underbrush. It was noted by the judges, that some businesses have preserved large trees on their property by building around them.

Harrison Hot Springs has a tree by-law in place to ensure the protection of its urban forest. Six species have been listed as Trees of Distinction. Removal of any trees require a permit and people contravening this are required to provide up to two trees for everyone removed. These will be planted where the village deems appropriate. A tree inventory is being undertaken by the village and is being performed by the village gardener. The village continues to plant trees on an annual basis.

The new trees planted along the revamped section of the main road have been well chosen for the location. The Ginkgos and Locust trees are suitable for this application. During the tour, two Monkey Puzzle trees were seen in resident's yards. This was a joy to see, as they are not very common and will not grow in most of Canada.



Some of the businesses have done an exceptional job of pruning their trees. It was noted that there were trees in the beach area that needed some remedial pruning. Other areas such as residential and the Resort were in need of some pruning also.

Various groups including the AESS leadership students, Streamkeepers, CiB, and the Fraser River Watershed Coalition have assisted in the planting of trees. Native trees are being planted along the Miami River banks to help control erosion.

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Recommendations:

A future self-guided walking tour of identified trees in the village would be enjoyable for visitors and residents. A brief brochure could accompany the walk. This could become a precursor to a Tree Inventory which would be an asset for maintenance.

Pruning could be carried out in the beach area and other municipal locations. As the community grows and more trees are planted a scheduled pruning program could be put into place. Depending on how the tree inventory is done, a pruning program would work in conjunction with it.

During Earth Week, it may be nice to include the school or youth clubs to plant a tree per group along the beach walk and any other good location. These could be signed with the group's name and year planted. This will allow them and family members the opportunity to personally identify with it and watch as it grows. This may be a good project for the CiB committee.

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LANDSCAPE		
<p>Landscape includes planning, design, construction and maintenance of parks and green spaces suitable for the intended use and location on a year-round basis. Elements for evaluation include: native and introduced materials; balance of plants, materials and constructed elements; appropriate integration of hard surfaces and art elements, use of turf and groundcovers. Landscape design should harmonize the interests of all sectors of the community. Standards of execution and maintenance should demonstrate best practices, including quality of naturalization, use of groundcovers and wildflowers along with turf management.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Landscape Plan: integrated and implemented throughout the municipality	10	8.5
Turf management programs, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Plant Health Care (PHC), alternative solutions to diseases and infestations when appropriate, increased naturalization, adapted maintenance programs	10	8.25
First impressions of the community including gateway / entrance treatments	10	8.5
Landscape maintenance policies, standards, best practices and programs	10	8.5
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, suitable plant varieties, traffic mitigation, bank stabilisation	10	8.5
Urban and civic design standards for streetscape and public places: flags, banners, public art, fountains, site furnishings, signage, seasonal design and décor, walkways and paving materials	10	8.5
Landscape maintained to appropriate standards and specifications	10	8.5
Demonstrated year-round opportunities and programs for education and use of parks and green spaces (parks and recreation programs, city festivals and events)	10	8.5
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training	5	4
Business & Institutions		
Sustainable designs (seasonally adjusted year round): energy efficient, use of green materials, naturalization, xeriscaping, alternate groundcovers, urban agriculture	10	8
Contribution to urban and civic design and public green spaces above requirements: such as public art, streetscape, site furniture, fountains & innovation in concept & design	15	12.5
Adequate ongoing life cycle management (ongoing maintenance, ground & asset management, rehabilitation & replacement) of all landscape elements	10	8.25
Residential		
Streetscape appeal of landscapes (year-round, seasonal, themed)	15	14
Maintenance of properties: lawn care and shrub maintenance	15	14
Selection of plant material (native, local, innovative, including edible gardening)	10	8.5
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community programs such as: community gardens, "yard of the week", volunteer park maintenance, holiday illumination & decoration (promotion, organization etc.).	15	13
Recognition (by municipality and/or by volunteer groups) of volunteer efforts in all aspects of the Communities in Bloom Program including tidiness, environmental action, urban forestry, landscape, floral and natural & Cultural Heritage activities .	15	13
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions for community landscape programs and activities	10	8.5
Landscape Total	200.00	171.50

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LANDSCAPE



Observations:

Driving into Harrison Hot Springs, you are greeted by an extraordinary sight. Along with a beautiful wooden entrance sign and structure, is a carving of a huge Sasquatch sitting on a bench. This entrance feature has in itself become a tourist attraction and photo opportunity.

The businesses along the road coming into Harrison have well designed and maintained landscapes. These just set the stage for what the visitors are in store for when they arrive downtown. The downtown businesses and condo owners keep their buildings and grounds in immaculate condition.

The newly finished first phase of the downtown revitalization project ensures that pedestrians and vehicles can easily navigate the area with no problem. The landscape design has afforded the walkway enough space for large raised planters, well placed sitting areas with new furniture, and its wide sidewalks are very business friendly. The roadway is designed with traffic calming in mind and allows residents and visitors easy access to the beach area. There is nice clean and informative signage in place making it easy for visitors to find locations they want to get to. The new decorative street lights fit well into the design. Banners grace some of the poles the year long, changing with the seasons. There are a few pieces of wooden and concrete sculptures in the downtown area, with plans for more to be put in place. One piece mentioned, for display downtown, is a totem pole.

The beach front was redesigned with a break wall to reduce the amount of sand that would be blown from the beach onto the road and onto business properties. This design along with the new streetscape also provides a large defined area for entertainment year round. New upgraded washrooms are being worked on with a 2015 completion date. There is a possibility of exercise bikes being placed on the roof of this building. A new playground, two beach volleyball courts and a large chess board/set has been built at this location also. A second chess board/set is planned for this site in the near future.

The elementary school is well landscaped including an outdoor classroom and very neat and durable metal furniture. The front entrance is adorned with a wall mural depicting children playing. Some of the signage is worn and hidden by plant material.

There are many trails for the residents and visitors to enjoy. They are well maintained and easy to navigate. The Spirit Trail had many trees adorned with masks made out of local wood by one of the village residents.

The village union staffs attend training sessions each winter to upgrade their knowledge and skills.



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The community garden plots sit on an old well site. The area has been well developed. There are 27 raised garden plots that were built by one of the seniors in the community. A small hoop house has been put in place also. These plots are all well used and maintained.

Recommendations:

The judges could be helped in their assessment of the community if a little time was set aside to visit more of the residential areas, school and church sites.

An interest was expressed in possibly having a beach volley ball competition in Harrison Hot Springs. If this is to come about, additional courts would need to be developed. This could be an opportunity to increase the tourism trade and give the residents another event for their viewing pleasure.

Meeting with some village staff to discuss their turf maintenance practices and procedures could be advantageous. If this is not feasible during the tour, having these practices and procedures listed in the profile book would be good.

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FLORAL DISPLAYS		
<p>Floral Displays evaluates efforts of the municipality, businesses, institutions and citizens to design, plan, execute, and maintain floral displays of high quality standards. Evaluation includes the design and arrangements of flowers and plants (annuals, perennials, bulbs, ornamental grasses) in the context of originality, distribution, location, diversity and balance, colour, and harmony. This pertains to flowerbeds, carpet bedding, containers, baskets and window boxes.</p>		
	Max	Actual
Municipal		
Integration into overall landscape plan and distribution through community. Concept and design including sustainable design	15	12.5
Diversity of displays: flowerbeds, raised beds, planters, hanging baskets, window boxes, carpet bedding, mosaics	20	16.5
Diversity of plants: annuals, perennials, bulbs, grasses, woody plants, natural flora	10	8.5
Quality, maintenance to appropriate specifications and standards, best practices: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	20	17
Qualified personnel (including seasonal staff) and/or training	10	8.5
Business & Institutions		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on grounds	15	13.25
Quality of planting and maintenance: watering, weeding, edging, dead heading, etc.	10	8.25
Contribution to, and integration with, overall community floral program	15	12.75
Residential		
Concept and design (including arrangement, diversity, colour of display and plants) on residential properties	15	13.5
Quality of planting and maintenance	15	13
Community Involvement		
Public participation in community projects, volunteer initiatives, outreach programs in floral displays (including promotion, organization, etc.).	15	12.25
Support – financial and/or in-kind or participation by the Municipality, Businesses and Institutions in community floral displays activities	15	13.75
Floral Displays Total	175.00	149.75

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Observations:

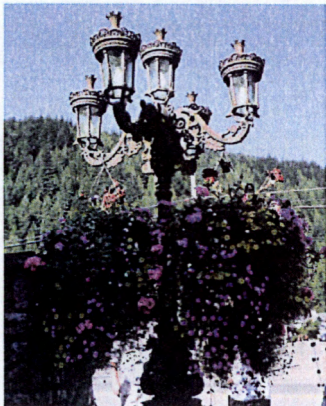
It is a vast community effort to ensure that the village has such beautiful and well cared for floral displays. Harrison Hot Springs has a dedicated gardener employed. This gardener is assisted by CiB members in planting and maintaining various sites. Many of the businesses throughout Harrison Hot Springs have successfully complemented the floral displays provided by the village and the CiB committee. Their hanging baskets, planters and beds are well designed, maintained and colourful. The resort has added greatly to this floral experience by planting hundreds of annuals and many in them in unique patterns as well as spring bulbs.

The raised planters and beds in the downtown and beach area are well planted with various types of plant material, including annuals, succulents, shrubs, perennials, vegetables and herbs. Spring bulbs are well utilized. These creations are complimented by the various hanging baskets that are strategically placed.

The CiB committee holds an annual Know Your Garden Event to help residents with their gardening concerns and questions. Money raised from this event was donated to the Fraser Cascade School District to help at risk youth.



A Garden of The Week initiative was started by the CiB program to involve homeowners and businesses. The winners have a sign put in place on their property, as well as having pictures put into the local newspaper. The CiB committee last year, put together guide lines to ensure a fair and uniform system is used in picking the winners.



The resident yards that were seen had extensive flower displays using perennial and annuals.

Recommendations:

The hot colour theme was a good idea and could be carried forward, with variations, for years to come.

Raised planters that are being used for edible gardens could contain various herbs but caution should be used in species that are planted, as they will take over the space. Along the lines of edible garden planters, there are the possibilities of putting together gardens for scent, healing etc. Ever-bearing strawberries and possibly some small fruit bushes could be used.

Planting of both spring and fall bulbs is encouraged to be continued. There are various types of bulbs besides tulips that can be used. These other bulbs can provide different bloom times and a variety of shapes and colours.

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