



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA AGE-FRIENDLY COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 20, 2025, 2:00 PM
Village Office, 495 Hot Springs Road
Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN-PERSON ONLY

1. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by Mayor Talen. Acknowledgment of traditional territory of Sts'ailes. Roundtable Introductions
2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
(a) THAT the minutes of the February 20, 2025 Age-Friendly Committee Meeting be adopted. Page 1
5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
(a) Presentation by Community Services Manager Re: Age-Friendly Overview
(b) Verbal Update from Community Services Manager Re: Community Gardens Fence Art Project with Students
(c) Dishwasher at Memorial Hall (Alison)
(d) Art Classes (Alison)
6. ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
MINUTES OF THE AGE-FRIENDLY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Thursday, February 20, 2025
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Fred Talen, Chair
Alison Douglas
Audrey Johnstone
Karen Seraphim

Corporate Clerk, Tyler Kafi
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Communications & Community Engagement Coordinator, Kalie
Wiechmann

ABSENT: Sonya Boizard

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 2:01 pm.

Mayor Talen acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Audrey Johnstone
Seconded by Alison Douglas

THAT the agenda be approved.

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UNANIMOUSLY**
AFC-2025-02-01

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Audrey Johnstone

THAT the minutes of the October 21, 2024 Age-Friendly Committee Meeting be adopted.

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5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Update from the February 3, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

The Community Services Manager advised that Council directed staff to advertise vacancies for any Committees requiring members. Application forms were distributed to Committee members to pass along to anyone who might be interested. The deadline for applications is February 24, 2025.

Mayor Talen reported on a presentation from the District of Kent regarding the Lets'emot Regional Recreation & Aquatic Centre. Council directed staff to research the Village becoming a regional partner. He further outlined the financial cost and program registration benefits associated with becoming a partner.

The Committee further discussed bus routes to the Agassiz Recreation Centre. Staff stated that they have submitted a request for a bus stop at the recreation centre.

(b) Annual Schedule and Agenda Item Due Dates

The Committee received the annual schedule and agenda item due dates.

(c) Report of Community Services Manager dated February 20, 2025
Re: Community Open House Suggestion Box

The Committee discussed the activities and ideas brought forward from the suggestion box. Questions arose about including funding for other activities such as knitting and sewing.

(d) Report of Community Services Manager dated February 20, 2025
Re: Chair Yoga

The Committee discussed the success of the Chair Yoga program and funding. Questions were raised regarding the purchasing policy and funding for the Chair Yoga program through grant funding.

The Committee discussed changing the start time of the Chair Yoga program to 10:00 am from 9:00 am. Discussions continued around feasibility regarding staff time and set-up / take-down.

The Committee further discussed how these programs are funded, particularly if the program is not grant funded. Staff replied that a sign-up fee could be charged for programs that aren't grant funded to recover the costs of setting up and running a new program or activity.

(e) Verbal Report from Community Services Manager
Re: Age-Friendly Grant

The Committee discussed potential uses for the grant. Small upgrades to Memorial Hall were brought up including a dishwasher and coffee station. It was stated that the Senior's Lunch program would be willing to hold some of their lunches at the Memorial

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Hall if there was a washing station. Currently the Senior's Lunch program is held at the legion in Agassiz, which could be hard for some seniors in the Village to attend.

(f) Community Response Network Collaboration (Alison)

Alison discussed the Community Response Network collaboration and let the Committee know that funding for this was coming forth. She explained what the Community Response Network does and added that she'd like to have some of these activities take place separately from the District of Kent's CRN program, specific to seniors in the Village.

The Committee further discussed how fees would be applied to any CRN activities as it would be considered separate from the Social Club and Age-Friendly activities.

The Committee discussed fees for Age-Friendly Committee backed activities such as dances put on at the Hall. Staff explained the process of going through council to have a Village event and Council having the decision to waive the rental fees.

(g) Kayak Launch (Alison)

The Committee discussed the need for a kayak launch near the boat launch, potentially in the cove by the boat launch area. Staff advised that the Resort Development Strategy (RDS) Committee is currently active and looking for ideas to promote tourism through funding from the Resort Municipality Initiative. It was determined that this item will be deferred to the discussions at the RDS Committee table.

(h) Seniors' Residence (Alison)

Alison brought up concerns from residents about not having a senior's residence in the Village. The Community Services Manager brought up the upcoming Community Open House on March 3, 2025 and invited all members to attend. One of the items being presented at the event is the Village Lands Master Plan. All the options presented in the plan incorporate plans for a senior's residence on the Village Lands where the overflow parking lot is currently. There will also be information on the Parks and Trails Master Plan and Dike Upgrade project at the open house.

(i) Expanded Hours at Memorial Hall / Community Engagement Coordinator Position (Alison)

The Committee congratulated the Community Engagement Coordinator on her new position and asked for clarification on her role regarding Committees and overseeing the Hall activities. Staff explained that these duties will still be handled by the Community Services Manager.

The Committee discussed charging fees for events not funded by grants such as a line dancing program. They further discussed a knitting and sewing event that a resident wanted to start through the Age-Friendly Committee.

The Committee asked staff if it was possible to expand the Social Club's time in the hall from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Discussions ensued on Memorial Hall rentals as opposed to Village-run activities.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Karen Seraphim
Seconded by Alison Douglas

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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Mayor Fred Talen, Chair
Age-Friendly Committee

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer