

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

**DATE:** Monday, March 17, 2025  
**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  
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens  
Communications & Community Engagement Coordinator, Kalie  
Wiechmann

**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 Jackson**

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-27*

**4. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES**

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

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 3, 2025 be adopted.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-28*

**5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- iii. (a) Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of January 30, 2025
- (b) Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2025
- (c) Resort Development Strategy Committee Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2025

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

THAT the consent agenda be approved.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-29*

**7. DELEGATIONS/PETITIONS**

None.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Emails dated February 26 & 27, 2025 from Cathy Peters  
Re: Hard Drug Decriminalization Repeal in BC to Stop Tariffs
- (b) Letter dated February 27, 2025 from Parent Advisory Council, Harrison Hot Springs  
Elementary School  
Re: Support for Off-Leash Dog Park
- (c) Letter dated February 28, 2025 from City of Abbotsford  
Re: Support for Resolution – Infrastructure Support for Specified Municipalities
- (d) Letter dated March 3, 2025 from MLA Tony Luck  
Re: Input on Municipal & Local Government Issues & Community Recognitions for  
Question Period
- (e) Email dated March 6, 2025 from Julie Chamberlain  
Re: Wate Bylaw Hours
- (f) Letter dated March 6, 2025 from BC Timber Sales  
Re: Responses to Questions

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- (g) Email dated March 10, 2025 from Judith Barron & Dennis Hill  
Re: Waste Bylaw Hours
- (h) Email dated March 10, 2025 from John & Karen Buckley  
Re: Waste Collection Amendment Bylaw Hours
- (i) Letter received March 11, 2025 from Gary Webster  
Re: Allan Garneau Resignation
- (j) Letter dated March 12, 2025 from Jim Corkal  
Re: Dike Upgrade

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

THAT all correspondence be received.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-30*

**9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

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

THAT staff be directed to send a letter of support to the City of Abbotsford for their resolution regarding infrastructure support for specified municipalities.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-31*

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

THAT staff be directed to extend an invitation to MLA Tony Luck to meet with Council and staff in person at the MLA's earliest convenience.

**CARRIED  
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**Moved by Councillor Vidal**

**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT staff be directed to send a letter to the Minister of Forests expressing Council's concerns on the potential logging operations near Harrison Hot Springs and their impact to scenescapes.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-33*

**Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz**

**Seconded by Councillor Facio**

THAT staff be directed to send a letter to the superintendent of the local school district and the appropriate minister in support of the programs addressed by the emails from Cathy Peters.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-34*

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

**Councillor Vidal**

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee
  - Attended a meeting on March 5, 2025
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities
  - No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee
  - No Report
- Attended the Fire Department Open House on March 8, 2025
- Attended a meeting at Mountain Institution on March 10, 2025 regarding their work release program
- Attended the Local Government Leadership Forum on March 12 – 14, 2025 in Richmond

**Councillor Facio**

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
  - Attended a meeting on March 13, 2025
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director)
  - No Report

**Councillor Jackson**

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Municipal Director)
  - No Report
- Tourism Harrison
  - No Report
- Attended a Communities in Bloom Meeting on March 6, 2025
- Attended a Resort Development Strategy Committee Meeting on March 10, 2025

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**Councillor Schweinbenz**

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society
  - No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors
  - No Report
- Attended the Local Government Leadership Forum on March 12 – 14, 2025 in Richmond
- Attended the Fire Department Open House on March 8, 2025

- (a) Report of Corporate Officer dated March 17, 2025  
Re: Environmental Advisory Committee Report

**Moved by Councillor Jackson**

**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT Council approve the following recommendation from the Environmental Advisory Committee:

*THAT Council direct staff to investigate grant funding opportunities to support the increase of the urban tree canopy on both public and private properties.*

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-35*

- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated March 17, 2025  
Re: Communities in Bloom Committee Report

**Moved by Councillor Facio**

**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT Council approve the following recommendation from the Communities in Bloom Committee:

*THAT Council direct staff to put out a call for more Communities in Bloom Committee members.*

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-36*

**11. MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Attended a Resort Community Collaborative Mayors meeting on March 6, 2025
- Attended a Local Government Leaders Round Table on Tariffs on March 11, 2025
- Attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting on March 11, 2025
- Attended the Local Government Leadership Academy Forum on March 12 -16, 2025

**12. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

- (a) Report of Community Services Manager dated March 17, 2025  
Re: Resident Pay Parking Pass

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

THAT the Community Services Manager's Resident Pay Parking Pass report dated March 17, 2025 be received for information.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2025-03-37

**13. BYLAWS**

- (a) Report of Community Services Manager dated March 17, 2025  
Re: Miscellaneous Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 1224, 2025

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

THAT Miscellaneous Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 1224, 2025 be given first reading.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
RC-2025-03-38

**Moved by Councillor Vidal**  
**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT Miscellaneous Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 1224, 2025 be given second and third readings.

**Amendment Moved by Mayor Talen**  
**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT Miscellaneous Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 1224, 2025 be given second reading only.

**MOTION FAILED**  
**OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO, SCHWEINBENZ, VIDAL**

Council voted on the main motion.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
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- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated March 17, 2025  
Re: Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1223, 2025

**Moved by Councillor Vidal**  
**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No.1223, 2025 be introduced and given first reading.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-40*

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

THAT Bylaw Notice Enforcement Amendment Bylaw No. 1223, 2025 be given second and third readings with the following amendment:

Removing “2” from the “section” column in reference to the Single-Use Plastic Items Bylaw on page 9 of the bylaw, and replacing it with “3.1”.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-41*

- (c) Report of Corporate Officer dated March 17, 2025  
Re: Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1216, 2025

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

THAT Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1216, 2025 be adopted.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-42*

- (d) 2025-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1220, 2025

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

THAT Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1220, 2025 be adopted.

**CARRIED  
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(e) Waste Collection and Disposal Amendment Bylaw No. 1222, 2025

**Moved by Mayor Talen**  
**Seconded by Councillor Vidal**

THAT third reading of Waste Collection and Disposal Amendment Bylaw No. 1222, 2025 be repealed.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-44*

**Moved by Mayor Talen**  
**Seconded by Councillor Vidal**

THAT section 2(d) of Waste Collection and Disposal Amendment Bylaw No. 1222, 2025 be amended to read as follows:

In section 4(d) inserting the words “and starting September 1, 2025 not prior to 5:00 a.m.” between the words “Collection Day” and “each Resident”.

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

THAT the motion be amended by removing “starting September 1, 2025”.

**CARRIED  
OPPOSED BY MAYOR TALEN**  
*RC-2025-03-45*

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-46*

**Moved by Mayor Talen**  
**Seconded by Councillor Facio**

THAT Waste Collection and Disposal Amendment Bylaw No. 1222, 2025 be given third reading as amended.

**CARRIED  
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- (f) Development Procedures Bylaw No. 1214, 2025

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

THAT Development Procedures Bylaw No. 1214, 2025 be adopted.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-48*

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

- (a) New Business from Councillor Facio  
Re: Letter to the Minister of Health

**Moved by Councillor Facio**  
**Seconded by Mayor Talen**

THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Health regarding potential funding to address the costs of the renovations for the Primary Care Centre; and

THAT the Minister of Health be invited to attend the opening of the Primary Care Centre.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-49*

**15. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (pertaining to agenda items only)**

Questions from the public were entertained.

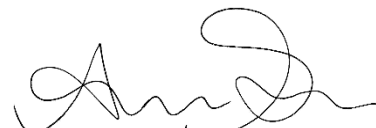
**Moved by Councillor Facio**  
**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
*RC-2025-03-50*



Fred Talen  
Mayor



Amanda Graham  
Corporate Officer