

VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, May 20, 2025
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Memorial Hall
290 Esplanade Avenue, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Fred Talen
Councillor Leo Facio
Councillor Allan Jackson
Councillor Mark Schweinbenz
Councillor Michie Vidal

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Chief Financial Officer/Deputy CAO, Scott Schultz
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Communications & Community Engagement
Coordinator, Kalie Wiechmann
Corporate Clerk, Tyler Kafi

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Talen acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. PUBLIC HEARING (If required)

None.

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councilor Schweinbenz

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2025-05-19

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2025-05-20

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

- (a) Rob Ringma, Sr. Manager & Midhat Malik, Business Development Advisor, BC Transit
Re: BC Transit Fare Review Update

The delegates provided a PowerPoint presentation on the BC Transit Fare Review Update.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated April 23, 2025 from the City of Enderby to MLA David Williams
Re: Bill 7 – 2025: Economic Stabilization (Tariff Response) Act
- (b) Letter dated May 14, 2025 from Ministry of Education
Re: Response to Letter of Support

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT all correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2025-05-21

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

None.

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee
 - Attended a meeting on May 7, 2025
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities
 - Attended a meeting on May 15, 2025
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee
 - Attended a meeting on May 14, 2025

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting on May 15, 2025
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended the official opening of Harrison Hot Springs Marina on May 17, 2025

Moved by Councillor Facio

Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council send a letter to the Minister of Transportation and Transit regarding funding for the Agassiz-Mission bus route.

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RC-2025-05-22

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Reported on two future Communities in Bloom Committee events – Beach Clean Up Day on May 26, 2025 and Community Planting Day on June 3, 2025

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society – No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Reported on a Sasquatch Days planning meeting
- Attended the May 14, 2025 Kent-Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee meeting
- Attended the Age-Friendly Committee Meeting on May 15, 2025
- Reported on a Mayors' call regarding Bill 15 on May 16, 2025

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- (a) Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2025

Moved by Councillor Facio

Seconded by Councilor Schweinbenz

THAT the adopted Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2025 be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-05-23

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Corporate Officer dated May 20, 2025
Re: Liquor License Amendment – Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa

Moved by Councillor Facio

Seconded by Councilor Vidal

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with a public consultation process for the liquor license amendment application for the Harrison Hot Springs Resort and Spa by posting on the Village's website and notice boards, and by making efforts to hand deliver or mail notice to properties within 30m of the hotel seeking written submissions for a two-week period; and

THAT staff be directed to conduct an impact analysis to determine the impact of noise on nearby residents and general impact to the community; and

THAT the application be referred to the Agassiz RCMP Detachment for comment.

Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the motion be amended to provide hand delivered or mailed notice to properties within 100m of the hotel.

MOTION FAILED
LACK OF SECONDER

Council voted on the main motion.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR JACKSON
RC-2025-05-24

- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated May 20, 2025
Re: Liquor License Amendment – Milos Greek Taverna & Black Forest Restaurant

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT Council direct staff to proceed with a public consultation process for the liquor license amendment applications for Milos Greek Taverna and Black Forest Restaurant by posting on the Village's website and notice boards, and by making efforts to hand deliver or mail notice to properties within 30m of each restaurant seeking written submissions for a two-week period; and

THAT staff be directed to conduct an impact analysis to determine the impact of noise on nearby residents and general impact to the community; and

THAT the applications be referred to the Agassiz RCMP Detachment for comment.

CARRIED
RC-2025-05-25

- (c) Report of Corporate Officer dated May 20, 2025
Re: Council Correspondence Policy 1.41

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT Council Correspondence Policy 1.41 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2025-05-26

- (d) Report of Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator dated May 20, 2025
Re: Anti-Racial and Anti-Discrimination Policy 1.42

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councilor Facio

THAT Anti-Racial and Anti-Discrimination Policy 1.42 be adopted.

MOTION NOT VOTED ON

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Anti-Racial and Anti-Discrimination Policy 1.42 be referred to a future Committee of the Whole meeting.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO AND VIDAL
RC-2025-05-27

- (e) Report of Community Services Manager dated May 20, 2025
Re: Geese Management

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Schweinbenz

THAT the Village include geese management strategies as a budgetary item in the 2026 financial plan.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR JACKSON
RC-2025-05-28

16. BYLAWS

None.

17. NEW BUSINESS

None.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

19. QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO THE AGENDA

Questions from the public were entertained.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councilor Schweinbenz

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2025-05-29



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer