

VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS Regular Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, June 2, 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
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey
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)**

Mayor Talen read the statement and procedures for conducting the public hearing pursuant to sections 464 and 465 of the *Local Government Act*.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1225, 2025 – 285 Spruce Street

The Public Hearing was opened at 5:30 p.m.

Proposed Bylaw and Background Information

Planning Consultant Ken Cossey provided an overview of Zoning amendment Bylaw No. 1225, 2025 in general terms.

Applicant Presentation

The applicant provided a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed development project.

Related Written Correspondence Received During the Notice Period

Mayor Talen reported that no written submissions were received.

Public Input

Mayor Talen invited the public to provide public input regarding Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1225, 2025.

John Allen, 398 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs

- Asked if the rezoned lots would conform with the minimum lot size.
- Asked if a duplex or triplex could be built on the lots and requested clarification on the density of an R-3 lot.

The Planning Consultant stated that the proposed project does conform with the lot sizes as set out in the Zoning Bylaw and that the R-3 Zone is a single-family dwelling zone.

Mayor Talen called a second time for public input regarding Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1225, 2025.

Mayor Talen called a third time for public input regarding Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1225, 2025.

The Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1225, 2025 was closed at 5:44 p.m.

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Moved by Councillor Facio

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

That “Additional Signage for Smoking Products in the Village Core” be added as New Business item 17(a) to the agenda.

MOTION NOT VOTED ON

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Vidal

Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-01

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Facio

Seconded by Councilor Schweinbenz

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of May 20, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-02

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated May 15, 2025 from the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM)
Re: Receipt of Endorsed Resolutions by Council
- (b) Letter dated May 16, 2025 from North Coast Regional District to the BC Utilities
Commission
Re: Pacific Northern Gas Proposed Increase of Natural Gas Delivery Rates
- (c) Email dated May 27, 2025 from Agassiz-Harrison Community Services
Re: AHCS Board of Directors – Broadening Collaboration with Municipal Governments

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT all correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-03

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Vidal

Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Mayor Talen be appointed as liaison to the Agassiz Harrison Community Services Board of Directors.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-04

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting on May 22, 2025
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Reported on the Communities in Bloom Beach Clean Up event on May 26, 2025

Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- The annual Terry Fox Run will take place on September 14, 2025

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board
 - Attended a meeting on May 21, 2025
- Tourism Harrison
 - Attended a meeting on May 21, 2025
- Attended a Communities in Bloom meeting on May 22, 2025
- Reported on the Communities in Bloom Beach Clean Up event on May 26, 2025

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society
 - Attended the Annual General Meeting on May 21, 2025
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Acknowledged all the support from Councilors and staff regarding the fence and remediation work at the Hot Springs Source
- Reported on the Communities in Bloom Beach Clean Up event on May 26, 2025
- Reported on the Reflections on Belonging event on May 28, 2025
- Reported on being a judge at the Idea-x event with Walnut Grove Secondary School on May 29, 2025

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- (a) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2025
- (b) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2025
- (c) Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2025

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Vidal

THAT the adopted Committee Meeting Minutes be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-05

- (d) Report of Corporate Officer dated June 2, 2025
Re: Report from Age-Friendly Committee

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT Council approve the Age-Friendly Committee's Terms of Reference.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-06

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Planning Consultant dated June 2, 2025
Re: 511 Lillooet Avenue – Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1193, 2025

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT from point #5 of the following sentence, highlighted in yellow, from an earlier motion be rescinded

“5. Entering into a works and services agreement with the inclusion of the recommended CTS additions, on the use of a zebra crosswalk be installed across Lillooet Avenue,” and the new bus stop location have both a shelter and bench installed. This agreement must also address the placement of sidewalks along both Spruce Street and Lillooet Avenue, that the development abuts against.

And replaced with the following:

5. Entering into a works and services agreement with the inclusion of the recommended CTS revision, dated April 15, 2025, that the marked crosswalk be placed across Spruce Street, on the north side of Lillooet Avenue,

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-07

- (b) Report of Planning Consultant dated June 2, 2025
Re: The Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Update Consultation Plan

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Schweinbenz

THAT Council adopt the below referenced OCP and Zoning Bylaw Consultation Plan.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-08

- (c) Report of Chief Financial Officer dated June 2, 2025
Re: 2024 Statement of Financial Information

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT the 2024 Statement of Financial Information be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-09

- (d) Report of Community Services Manager dated June 2, 2025
Re: 2025 Grants to Groups

Mayor Talen and Councillor Schweinbenz declared a conflict of interest due to being members of the Fraser Valley Paddling Club and Agassiz-Harrison Community Services. Mayor Talen and Councilor Schweinbenz left the meeting at 6:34 p.m. and Deputy Mayor Vidal assumed the chair.

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT the following community groups be provided with funding under the Grants to Groups program:

Agassiz Baseball Association	\$800
Agassiz-Harrison Community Services	\$1,250
AHA Swim Club	\$800
Fraser Valley Paddling Club	\$1,250
Harrison Community Garden	\$750
Harrison Hot Springs Elementary School PAC	\$800
Hope Mountain Centre for Outdoor Learning	\$750
Kent Harrison Arts Council	\$1,250

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-10

Mayor Talen and Councillor Schweinbenz returned to the meeting at 6:35 pm.

16. BYLAWS

None.

17. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) New Business from Councillor Facio
Re: Additional Signage for Smoking Products in the Village Core

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff be directed to review existing signage along the beach and Esplanade Avenue regarding the prohibition of smoking tobacco and marijuana products in public areas and update/increase signage as required.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-11

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

19. QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO THE AGENDA

Questions from the public were entertained.

20. ADJOURNMENT

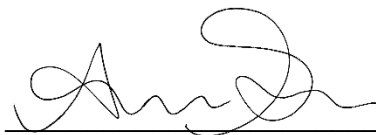
Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-12



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer