



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, June 4, 2025, 9:00 AM
Village Office, 495 Hot Springs Road,
Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Councillor Schweinbenz, Chair.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Acknowledgement of Sts'ailes traditional territory.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- (a) THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting minutes of April 25, 2025 be adopted.

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6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- (a) Earth Day in May Debrief
- (b) Tree Planting Area Walk
- (c) FireSmart Landscaping - <https://firesmartbc.ca/landscaping-hub/fire-resistant-plants/>
Brochures to be provided at the meeting
- (d) Next Meeting Date: TBD

7. ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Environmental Advisory Committee
Minutes**

DATE: Friday, April 25, 2025
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Mark Schweinbenz (Chair)
Mayor Fred Talen (ex-officio Member)
John DeMartin
Susan Galvao
Paul Kandt
Cheri Norris
Gary Webster

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Communications and Community Engagement
Coordinator, Kalie Weichmann

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Strothotte called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Strothotte acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Susan Galvao
Seconded by Gary Webster

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
EAC-2025-04-06

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Gary Webster
Seconded by Paul Kandt

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
EAC-2025-04-07

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Update from April 7, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

The Corporate Officer advised that Council unanimously supported the Committee's recommendation to direct staff to research a Hazardous Waste Collection Day and approved the Committee's Terms of Reference.

(a) Adopted Terms of Reference

For receipt only.

(b) Earth Day in May

The Community Services Manager advised that the current list of confirmed participants is:

- GFL Environmental Inc.
- Communities in Bloom Committee
- Miami River Streamkeepers Society
- Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society
- Earthwise Society
- WildSafe BC (representing the BearSmart program)
- FireSmart
- District of Kent re Lets'emot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre

UFMP has been prepared in a binder with a QR code as well.

The Committee discussed repurposing the poster board from the Health and Wellness Fair and how to update it for Earth Day in May. Earth Day in May posters will be placed on the sandwich boards. The Committee requested to add the title of the event to their board. One of the focuses this year is tree canopy, updated tree canopy initiatives or efforts. List the current names of the members under "Who We Are". The Committee discussed having name placards that clip on. Birch Grove nursery isn't able to attend as they are open for business but they offered to donate for a draw or a giveaway, so that will be set up at the Committee table.

The Committee discussed marketing the event. It is currently on the front page of the Village's website, notice boards and Facebook. It will go on the electronic message

board as well. The Committee agreed to plan to be there around 8:30 a.m. to help with any last minute preparations.

(c) Urban Forest Master Plan

The Committee discussed that this is a large project and ultimately, the Environmental Committee's focus is to plant more trees in the Village to increase the tree canopy. The Village has planted approximately 53 trees by the lagoon recently and replaced the beachfront willows that failed and/or were removed due to poor health.

There are lists of trees and shrubs that are supported. Any plan to increase the tree canopy needs to be well thought-out to ensure that it aligns with FireSmart principles and the Village's various bylaws. Staff have a resolution of Council to seek out grant funding to increase tree plantings in the Village.

The Committee agreed to add "FireSmart Landscaping" to the next agenda for discussion, with the chart of suitable plantings within the various zones to be included in the package.

The Committee discussed the process surrounding new development, park space and lot coverage. Through various bylaws and legislation, there are requirements for landscaping which can include tree planting, park space or cash-in-lieu.

(d) Tree Planting Area Walk

The Committee agreed to try and conduct a tree planting area walk in the first week of May and will canvas for dates.

(e) Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The Committee agreed that this fall is a good time for this event. Staff will research this and come back to the Committee with more information.

(f) Saplings on Boulevards

Previously discussed during an earlier agenda item. The Committee further discussed partnering with a nursery for future Earth Day events to hand out vouchers for larger size trees, which would comply with the bylaw for a higher rate of growth success. Trees on boulevards need to be added to our stock and maintenance plan. It is not recommended that private citizens plant a tree on the boulevard without advising the Village because there are underground utilities, and someone needs to take responsibility for that tree. Discussion ensued about boulevard locations.

(g) Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Gary Webster

Seconded by John DeMartin

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:19 a.m.

CARRIED

EAC-2025-04-08

Councillor Mark Schweinbenz, Chair
Environmental Advisory Committee

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer