

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

DATE: Monday, June 16, 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 (Via Zoom)
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)

None.

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Vidal

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-13

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Jackson

Seconded by Councilor Vidal

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-14

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

- (a) Diane Janzen, Agassiz Harrison Community Services, Albert Huang, Terra Social Purpose Real Estate and Chelsea Mueller, The Nerdy Architect
Re: Seniors Housing in the Village

Ms. Janzen, Mr. Huang and Ms. Mueller gave a PowerPoint presentation on Seniors Housing partnerships in the Village and possible funding sources.

Moved by Councillor Facio

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff work with Agassiz Harrison Community Services and bring options back to Council before the July 31, 2025 Community Housing Fund application due date.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-15

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated May 28, 2025 from the Fraser Valley Regional District
Re: Request to Establish a Sub-Regional Service Area – Lets'emot Regional Recreation & Aquatic Centre
- (b) Letter dated May 29, 2025 from the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Re: Small-Scale Multi-Unit Housing (SSMUH) Alignment
- (c) Letter dated June 5, 2025 from the City of Campbell River
Re: Resource Communities

- (d) Letter dated June 5, 2025 from the Village of Chase
Re: Funding for Public Education

Moved by Councillor Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT all correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-16

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

None.

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a Regional and Corporate Services Committee meeting on June 5, 2025
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report

Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee
 - Attended a meeting on June 4, 2025
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Toured the ECOMM facility on Pender Street in Vancouver on June 11, 2025
- Attended a webinar on proposed *Community Charter* updates regarding closed meetings on June 12, 2025

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Reported on the Communities in Bloom Committee Garden of the Week program

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society – No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report
- Congratulated Councillor Jackson and the Community in Bloom Committee for the Community Planting Day on June 3, 2025

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Attended an Environmental Advisory Committee meeting on June 4, 2025
- Attended a Resort Community Collaborative Mayor's meeting on June 5, 2025
- Reported on touring the ECOMM 911 Facility on June 11, 2025

- Reported on an Age-Friendly Committee / Community Garden painting activity with students from the elementary school on June 12, 2025

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- (a) Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2025

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT the adopted Committee Meeting Minutes be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-17

- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated June 2, 2025
Re: Report from Environmental Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councilor Schweinbenz

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

THAT staff be directed to investigate opportunities to enhance messaging about cleaning gutters and FireSmarting perimeters and getting information from the knowledgeable organizations and looking for a local example to demonstrate;

THAT staff be directed to investigate whether there are any bear proof or resistant garbage containers that the Village can recommend to residents to better secure their garbage; and

THAT staff be directed to investigate replacing the dog waste bags in the Village with biodegradable dog waste bags.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-18

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated June 16, 2025
Re: Occupational Health and Safety Policy 1.43

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Vidal

THAT Occupational Health and Safety Policy 1.43 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-19

- (b) Report of Chief Financial Officer dated June 16, 2025
Re: 2024 Annual Report

Mayor Talen opened the floor to comments from the public regarding the annual report.

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councilor Facio

THAT the 2024 Annual Report be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-20

- (c) Report of Chief Financial Officer dated June 16, 2025
Re: Council Remuneration Review Update

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councilor Schweinbenz

THAT the Chief Financial Officer's report dated June 16, 2025 regarding Council Remuneration Review Update be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-21

- (d) Report of Corporate Officer dated June 16, 2025
Re: Liquor License Amendment – Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa

Moved by Councilor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT Council recommend that the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Board approve the Harrison Hot Springs Resort and Spa's application to increase its in-person capacity.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-22

- (e) Report of Corporate Officer dated June 16, 2025
Re: Liquor License Amendment – Milos Greek Taverna & Black Forest Restaurant

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT Council recommend that the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Board approve the applications to extend the hours of service at Milos Greek Taverna and Black Forest Restaurant.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR SCHWEINBENZ
RC-2025-06-23

- (f) Report of Corporate Officer dated June 16, 2025
Re: Environmental Advisory Committee Vacancies

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT staff be directed to put out a call for Environmental Advisory Committee applications.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-24

- (g) Report of Corporate Officer dated June 16, 2025
Re: Smoking Debris Disposal

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT the Corporate Officer's report dated June 16, 2025 regarding Smoking Debris Disposal be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-25

- (h) Report of Corporate Officer dated June 16, 2025
Re: 2025 UBCM Convention Provincial Appointments

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councilor Schweinbenz

THAT staff be directed to request meetings at the 2025 UBCM Convention with the following Cabinet Ministers regarding the following topics:

- Minister of Forests regarding the BC Timber Sales Operating Plan consultation process;
- Minister of Health regarding funding for the primary care unit renovation costs and emergency room closure notification;
- Minister of Education regarding a new elementary school;
- Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport regarding expanding RMI funding to campgrounds, using RMI funding for non-tourism related improvements, re-scoping projects and the funding formula;
- Minister of Housing regarding potential housing partnerships and the Village Lands Master Plan;
- Minister of Transportation and Transit regarding sidewalks on the east side of Hot Springs Road from McPherson Road to Miami River Drive, crosswalks on Hot Springs Road, bulbs on Lillooet Avenue crosswalks and Agassiz-Mission "North of the Fraser" bus route funding; and
- Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities regarding Community Charter amendments and Provincial ethics commissioner.

THAT staff be directed to request meetings with Ministry staff should the requested meetings with the Cabinet Ministers not be granted.

Amendment moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT a meeting with Minister of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship regarding stewardship of the hot springs source be added to the list of meetings for staff to request.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-26

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-27

- (i) Report of Director of Operations dated June 16, 2025
Re: Highway 9 to McCombs Drive Storm Sewer Project Award

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT the Director of Operations' report dated June 16, 2025 regarding the Highway 9 to McCombs Drive Storm Sewer Project award be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-28

- (j) Report of Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator dated June 16, 2025
Re: PlanH Healthy Communities Grant – Healthy Public Policy Stream

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT staff be authorized to apply to the 2025 PlanH Healthy Communities Grant - Healthy Public Policy stream for up to \$15,000.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-29

- (k) Report of Planning Consultant dated June 16, 2025
Re: The Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Update Background Report

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Schweinbenz

THAT the Planning Consultant's report dated June 16, 2025 regarding the Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Update Background Report be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-30

16. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Planning Consultant dated June 16, 2025
Re: 285 Spruce Street – Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1225, 2025

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councilor Schweinbenz

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1225, 2025 be given third reading; and

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1224, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-31

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the above motion be accepted by Council with the corrected bylaw number, as "THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1225, 2025 be adopted."

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-32

17. NEW BUSINESS

None.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) Notice of Motion from Councillor Vidal
Re: Commissioned Art

WHEREAS the Village of Harrison Hot Springs is committed to advancing reconciliation with our neighboring community Sts'ailes;

AND WHEREAS art is a meaningful way to contribute to reconciliation, restorative justice and community building;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to engage elders incarcerated in Mountain Institution to explore the feasibility of commissioning a piece of art work created by a Sts'ailes inmate;

AND THAT staff report back to Council with recommendations including a proposed location and estimated costs.

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 7:36 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2025-06-33



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer