

VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, July 14, 2025
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

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

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Fred Talen

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
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

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

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Deputy Mayor Vidal 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 Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-01

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT the Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting Minutes of June 2, 2025, the Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting Minutes of June 16, the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2025, the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2025, and the Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-02

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated June 12, 2025 from the City of Port Moody
Re: Certified UBCM Resolution – Supporting Housing Affordability Through Taxation
- (b) Email dated June 12, 2025 from Nadine Denis
Re: Wildfires and Evacuation Routes
- (c) Letter dated June 17, 2025 from the District of Coldstream
Re: Modernization of Wastewater Regulations – UBCM Resolution
- (d) Email dated June 20, 2025 from Lori Honey
Re: Closed Meetings and Memorial Hall
- (e) Letter dated June 20, 2025 from Battered Women’s Support Services (BWSS)
Re: Request to Discuss Public Safety
- (f) Letter dated July 2, 2025 from Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Re: Response to Councillor Facio – Housing Needs

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT all correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-03

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT staff reply to Battered Women's Support Services asking them to provide recommendations and inviting them to attend as a delegation.

Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT staff also be directed to write a letter to MP Vis encouraging stronger sentencing and greater protection for women.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-04

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-05

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Reported on the July 1, 2025 Canada Day Parade
- Reported on the July 8 and 9, 2025 Communities in Bloom Judges' Tour

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society – No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors
 - Attended the Annual General Meeting on June 23, 2025
- Attended the July 1, 2025 Canada Day events
- Attended the July 8 and 9, 2025 Communities in Bloom Judges' Tour
- Attended a Lets'emot C2C meeting on July 9, 2025
- Reported that Councillor Facio was awarded the King Charles III Coronation medal on June 25, 2025 and congratulated him on his years of service

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting on June 26, 2025
 - Attended a Regional and Corporate Services Committee meeting on July 10, 2025
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended a zoom meeting with Accessible BC on June 26, 2025
- Attended the July 8 and 9, 2025 Communities in Bloom Judges' Tour
- Attended the opening reception for the Festival of the Arts on July 11, 2025

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Reported on a presentation on fraud for seniors hosted by the RCMP on June 17, 2025
- Attended an Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities meeting on June 19, 2025
- Reported on the King Charles III Coronation Medal awarded to Councillor Facio for over 30 years' service to the community
- Reported on the opening ceremony of Sasquatch Days on June 28, 2025
- Attended the July 1, 2025 Canada Day events
- Attended the July 8 and 9, 2025 Communities in Bloom Judges' Tour
- Reported on the Festival of the Arts
- Attended the 100th anniversary of the Agassiz Legion on July 12, 2025

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- (a) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of May 15, 2025
- (b) Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2025
- (c) Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 4, 2025

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT the adopted Committee Meeting Minutes be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-06

- (d) Report of Corporate Officer dated July 14, 2025
Re: Report from Environmental Advisory Committee

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councilor Schweinbenz

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

THAT the WildSafe BC Fraser Valley representative be invited to attend as a delegate at an upcoming regular Council meeting to present on ways that the Village can improve its BearSmart practices.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-07

- (e) Report of Corporate Officer dated July 14, 2025
Re: Committee of the Whole Recommendations

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council adopt the report of the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-08

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated July 14, 2025
Re: CAO 2025 Second Quarter Update

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Schweinbenz

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer's 2025 Second Quarter Update report dated July 14, 2025 be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-09

- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated July 14, 2025
Re: Downloading Costs on Municipalities

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Corporate Officer's report dated July 14, 2025 regarding Downloading Costs on Municipalities be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-10

- (c) Report of Corporate Officer dated July 14, 2025
Re: Relocation of the Public Works Yard

Moved by Councillor Facio

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be authorized to submit an application for an Investigative Use License to the Province for the land described as that part of the East ½ of the South East ¼ of Section 12, Township 4, Range 29, West of the 6th Meridian, New Westminster District that is not part of the Harrison Recreation Site to pursue the possibility of moving the Village's Public Works Yard to that location.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-11

- (d) Report of Community Services Manager dated July 14, 2025
Re: Village Office Exterior

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councilor Schweinbenz

THAT Council issue a Heritage Alteration Permit pursuant to section 617 of the *Local Government Act* to the Village of Harrison Hot Springs to remove and replace the existing siding and soffits, and to supply and install new exterior stairs and aluminum railing at the Village Office located at 495 Hot Springs Road, legally described as Lot 8, Block 2 of Fractional Section 13, Township 4, Range 29, West of the 6th Meridian, New Westminster District Plan 9786; and

THAT changes to the exterior of the Village Office be completed with a focus on increasing wildfire resiliency through FireSmart principles; and

THAT staff be authorized to increase the Capital Expenditures - Village Office Renovations budget for 2025 by an additional \$20,000 to be funded by the FireSmart grant, to complete the exterior office renovations to FireSmart standards.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-12

16. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Planning Consultant dated July 14, 2025
Re: 442 Lillooet Ave – Rezoning/Redesignation Amendments

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council not approve the full C1 commercial uses at 442 Lillooet Avenue, due to the following concerns:

- (a) On-site parking and access to the site is currently by the use of an easement;
- (b) Potential changes to the neighbourhood dynamics; and
- (c) The site is serviced for residential purposes and not for large scale commercial uses.

NOT VOTED ON

Prior to voting on the motion, the applicant who was present in the gallery was invited to speak to the application and clarify the proposed commercial uses of the property.

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the application be referred back to staff to work with the applicant and bring an updated report to Council.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-13

- (b) Report of Planning Consultant dated July 14, 2025
Re: Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1228, 2025 – 856 Hot Springs Road

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1228, 2025, be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-14

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1228, 2025, be given second reading; and

THAT staff be authorized to schedule a public hearing for Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.1228, 2025; and

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1228, 2025 be referred to the Village's Fire Department and the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-15

17. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) New Business from Councillor Vidal
Re: Commissioned Art

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

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.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-16

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) Notice of Motion from Councillor Schweinbenz
Re: EV Charging Stations and Pay Parking

WHEREAS the Village Bylaw No. 1191, 2023 outlines parking rates at certain times of the day at designated pay parking areas, with free parking available during the evening; and

WHEREAS residents who use the Village supplied EV charging stations are charged \$5.00 (the maximum parking rate) plus \$2.00 (the cost for Hydro Power), totalling \$7.00 each hour at all hours of the day;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to investigate EV charging rates which both encourage the uses of EVs and are economical for the Village to operate on a cost recovery basis.

19. QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO THE AGENDA

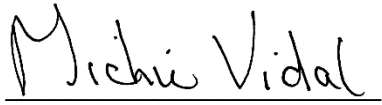
Questions from the public were entertained.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2025-07-17



Michie Vidal
Deputy Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer