



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA AGE-FRIENDLY COMMITTEE

Thursday, August 21, 2025, 2:00 PM
Village Office, 495 Hot Springs Road
Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN-PERSON ONLY

1. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by Mayor Talen.
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
Acknowledgment of traditional territory of Sts'ailes.
3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
(a) THAT the minutes of the July 24, 2025 Age-Friendly Committee Meeting be adopted. Page 1
6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
(a) Letter to Council re: Community Meeting Space Page 5 Resolution for consideration: THAT the letter regarding the Community Meeting Space be approved and sent to Council.
(b) October Halloween Family Movie Night
(c) Annual Work Plan/Budget PowerPoint & Brainstorming Session Page 7
(d) Community Engagement Night – September 3, 2025
7. ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Age-Friendly Committee Minutes**

DATE: Thursday, July 24, 2025
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Fred Talen, Chair
Alison Douglas
Hannelore Gidora
Audrey Johnstone
Marlene Reimer

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judith Barron
Karen Seraphim
Liz Webber

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens (via Zoom)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Talen acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Audrey Johnstone
Seconded by Marlene Reimer

THAT the agenda be approved with the addition of the late item.

CARRIED
AFC-2025-07-01

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Alison Douglas
Seconded by Audrey Johnstone

THAT the Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2025 be adopted.

MOTION NOT VOTED ON

Moved by Alison Douglas
Seconded by Hannelore Gidora

THAT the Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2025 be adopted as amended by adding under item 6(e) – Community Meeting Space “plus insurance” after the words “\$60/month”.

CARRIED
AFC-2025-07-02

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Letter of Support for Seniors’ Housing Project

The Committee discussed the fact that assisted living is not supported by the funding stream for this proposed project. Although the project is for independent living with a focus on seniors, there would be the option to bring in support. The Village would provide the land via a long-term lease and potentially waive or reduce fees, and the building would be operated by Agassiz Harrison Community Services. The people who would live there would have the option to bring in support, but it is not intended to be assisted living with meals and cleaning provided. Council meets tomorrow to discuss this application and potentially provide a letter of support but there are still going to be negotiations and specifics further into the process. The Committee discussed the potential for job creation as a result of this project, and questions arose as to whether current Harrison Hot Springs residents would get priority.

Moved by Audrey Johnstone
Seconded by Alison Douglas

THAT the draft letter of support be approved and sent to Agassiz Harrison Community Services.

CARRIED
AFC-2025-07-03

(b) Community Meeting Space (Marlene)

The Committee discussed the need for a meeting space for residents to gather and socialize during the long, dark winter months that is not tourism based. Examples of such a space include the Harrison Mills Community Hall and the Friendship House in Agassiz. Provincial resources indicate that enabling seniors to maintain their independence, quality of life, health, connections, and social and educational interests are important for aging in place. The Committee discussed potential places, such as private meeting spaces in local hotels, the elementary school gym, the church and Memorial Hall.

Discussion ensued surrounding the rental fees, large size and operating costs of Memorial Hall. It was noted that the Harrison Mills Community Hall and the Friendship House are owned and operated by not for profits who are able to access the locations and provide any services they would like to. Village programming is currently grant dependent, as there are no budget or staff resources currently allocated to programs like chair yoga or line dancing. It was clarified that if a group of residents wants to do yoga in the park, there would not be a need for a permit or insurance. However, revenue-generating events do require a permit.

There was consensus that the Committee would like to make Council aware of this need and request that they continue to look for opportunities in the future.

Moved by Chair Talen
Seconded by Marlene Reimer

THAT staff draft a letter to Council summarizing recent discussions on this topic and outlining the need for a community meeting space.

CARRIED
AFC-2025-07-04

(c) Annual Work Plan/Budget

The Corporate Officer advised that with the updated Council Procedure Bylaw, Committees may now wish to develop annual work plans for Council's consideration and incorporate any budgetary items at that time. The Committee agreed to consider ideas for the next meeting, which will include a brainstorming session for what the Committee would like to achieve in 2026.

The Age-Friendly Bingo prizes have arrived, but staff will wait until September once the summer events have concluded before initiating the project.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alison Douglas
Seconded by Marlene Reimer

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

CARRIED
AFC-2025-07-05

Mayor Fred Talen, Chair
Age-Friendly Committee

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

Date: August 21, 2025

File No: 0360-20-03

Mayor and Council
Village of Harrison Hot Springs
PO Box 160, 495 Hot Springs Road
Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

Dear Mayor and Council:

RE: Community Meeting and Gathering Space

Over the last several months, the Age-Friendly Committee has discussed the need for a community gathering space in Harrison Hot Springs. The Village is a well-known and vibrant hub for the arts, music and tourism during the summer months. However, opportunities for social engagement, physical exercise and community connection are very limited throughout the rest of the year. While there are activities and programs offered in neighbouring communities, many seniors hesitate to or simply cannot drive at night, thus restricting their access to programs and opportunities for engagement during the dark, cold and rainy months.

Memorial Hall functions well as a large gathering space for events such as concerts, parties and Council meetings. However, its use as a multipurpose space and the rental/insurance requirements can make informal access to the Hall a challenge for those wishing to use it on a casual basis. Additionally, the Hall is large and not always the most functional or practical place for a smaller group to meet to engage in activities like playing cards, crafting or quilting, or line dancing.

The Committee has discussed locations like the Friendship House in Agassiz or the Harrison Mills Community Hall, which are owned and operated by not-for-profit societies and used for various events such as drop-in child play, yoga, bingo and floor curling. The Age-Friendly Committee has identified the need for such a location in the Village to help Harrison Hot Springs residents connect with other community members and continue to lead active and healthy lifestyles.

We understand that the Village has been exploring potential uses of the lands surrounding the Village office and would like to take this opportunity to highlight this need in the community. We encourage Council to consider incorporating such a space in its future plans and welcome any further discussion or engagement on this topic.

Sincerely,

Mayor Fred Talen
Chair, Village of Harrison Hot Springs Age Friendly Committee



Village of Harrison Hot Springs

Age-Friendly Committee

2026 Work Plan and Budget




Brainstorming Session
August 21, 2025

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What is a Work Plan?

- A 1-2 page spreadsheet that outlines proposed projects, events and initiatives to be spearheaded by the Committee for a specific time period
- Identifies budget and potential funding sources
- Aligns with Age-Friendly principals, features and Terms of Reference
- Prepared by the Committee and reviewed by Council



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Benefits of a Workplan

- Encourages well thought-out and planned ideas
- Communicates projects to Council and the community
- Provides staff with clear direction on the Committees goals
- Ensures all Committee members are on the same page






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Age-Friendly Features

- Outdoor Spaces
- Transportation
- Housing
- Respect & Social Inclusion
- Social Participation
- Communication & Information
- Civic Participation, Employment, Volunteering
- Community Support & Health Services



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4 Focus Areas Identified in the Age-Friendly Action Plan:

-  Transportation & the Built Environment
-  Social & Civic Participation
-  Employment & Volunteerism
-  Housing & Health

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Things to Consider

- Does this idea support the principles of an Age-Friendly community?
- Is there capacity amongst Committee members and staff to implement this project?
- How much will it cost and how will it be paid for?
- Needs to be supported by the majority of the Committee.



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Things to Consider

- Possible partnerships to meet shared goals
 - Fraser Health
 - Accessibility Committee
 - Communities in Bloom Committee
 - Agassiz Harrison Community Services
 - Kent Harrison Arts Council
 - Festival Society
 - Library



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Funding Sources

- No news regarding a 2025 Age-Friendly Grant
- New Horizons Grant Potential:
 - The New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP) community-based stream is a federal grant. It supports projects that are designed by seniors and for seniors in their communities. This program funds projects that empower seniors in their communities through increased social inclusion - projects must meet at least one of the specified program objectives. Grants up to \$25,000 for projects that are led by seniors and are volunteer based. Application deadline Sept. 17/25
- Municipal budget from taxation



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What does a Work Plan look like?

2026 Age-Friendly Work Plan & Budget					
Project	Description	Timeframe	Est. Staff Time	Age-Friendly Feature	Budget
Community Garden Fence Art	Committee members working with school students to paint wooden pieces that will be installed on the Community Garden fence	May/June 2026	X hours	Social Participation	Wooden Pieces - \$X Paint & Paintbrushes - \$X
					Total: \$X
Project	Description	Timeframe	Est. Staff Time	Age-Friendly Feature	Budget
Chair Yoga	Offered in Memorial Hall for one hour Tuesday mornings	Spring Session Fall Session	X hours	Social Participation	Instructor - \$X Yoga Blocks & Cleaning Supplies - \$X
					Total: \$X

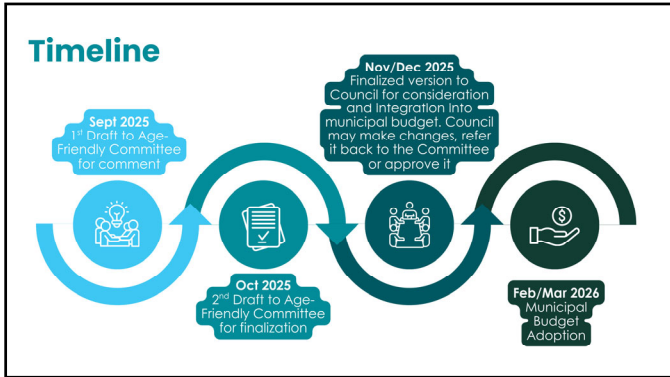
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Potential Ideas

- Continuation of Chair Yoga
- Volunteer Drive
- Storytelling Sessions
- Intergenerational activities
 - Career Day
 - Joint CIB Committee gardening project
 - Art or musical collaborations



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