

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
MINUTES OF THE AGE-FRIENDLY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Thursday, August 15, 2024

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE: Deputy Mayor Leo Facio (Chair)
Alison Douglas
Audrey Johnstone
Laura Lanfranchi
Karen Seraphim

Amanda Graham, Corporate Officer
Christy Ovens, Community Services Manager

ABSENT: Sonya Boizard
Lise Reimer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Facio called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.
Deputy Mayor Facio acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

Deputy Mayor Facio reported that Peggy Arndt resigned from the Committee on July 20, 2024.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Laura Lanfranchi
Seconded by Karen Seraphim

THAT the agenda be approved.

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AFC-2024-08-01

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Karen Seraphim
Seconded by Audrey Johnstone

THAT the minutes of the July 18, 2024 Age-Friendly Committee Meeting be adopted.

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5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Update from the August 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

The Corporate Officer provided a verbal report that the Committee's recommendations regarding the Age-Friendly Open House were unanimously approved by Council with the amendment that the event be held in October instead of September.

(b) Age-Friendly Grant 2024

The Community Services Manager reported that Council has authorized staff to apply to the BC Healthy Communities 2024 Age-Friendly Grant for up to \$15,000. Some potential projects in this application include:

- Expansion of the Community Gardens fence and an art project along the fence
- Six-week recreation instructor
- Age-Friendly bingo cards and prizes
- The Age-Friendly Open House

(c) Age-Friendly Open House

The Community Services Manager advised that October 24, 2024 has been scheduled as a tentative date for the Age-Friendly Open House. There are other current Village projects with engagement components including the Parks and Trails Master Plan. The consultant on that project would like to engage residents at the event for input on long-term planning of the Village's parks and trails.

There will be Emergency Preparedness resources and representatives from community partners. Agassiz Harrison Community Services will attend to provide information on their programs and services, and hopefully recruit volunteers. There will be food and giveaways. The Committee requested that Earthwise Society be invited to attend and agreed that the name of the event should be changed to Community Open House.

(d) Update from BC Transit

The Community Services Manager contacted BC Transit and reported that people riding the bus can ask the driver to be dropped off directly at the Agassiz Community Recreation and Cultural Centre. Local governments can request additional service from BC Transit who will then look into the impact and cost. BC Transit advised that in order to obtain a permanent route to the Recreation Centre, the next best step would be to contact the Fraser Valley Regional District.

Moved by Audrey Johnstone

Seconded by Alison Douglas

THAT Council consider sending a letter to the Fraser Valley Regional District requesting that BC Transit Service add a permanent route to the Agassiz Community Recreation and Cultural Centre; and

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THAT Council consider requesting a letter of support from the District of Kent.

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(e) Emergency Preparedness Resource Guide and Prepared BC Materials

The Community Services Manager reported that the resident's brochure was brought forward to the Kent-Harrison Joint Emergency Planning Committee and was positively received. The District of Kent and Seabird Island Band are interested in being involved in its production. The goal is to have brochures ready for the Community Open House. The Community Services Manager brought in samples of the "HELP/OK" signs from Prepared BC that can be placed in windows. These resources will be available at the Community Open House as well.

(f) Rock Painting / Locating Contest

The Community Services Manager reported on the Harrison Hot Springs Rocks contest. It is a two-part engagement project. The public will be invited to bring in a painted rock to receive a small prize. The rocks will then be hidden throughout the Village for people to find and be entered to win a grand prize.

(g) Pumpkin Carving

Karen Seraphim reported on a pumpkin event that she had done previously. The Committee agreed that having free pumpkins at the Community Open House for people to take home could help bring people in. Some Committee members advised that they have contacts who may be willing to donate pumpkins.

(h) Verbal Report from Deputy Mayor Facio

Deputy Mayor Facio advised that he has been receiving requests regarding health services and grocery stores in the Village. He further reported that he is exploring partnerships with the goal of hopefully having a doctor or nurse practitioner in the Village a few days per week.

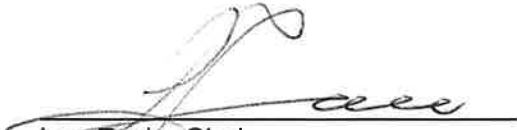
6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alison Douglas
Seconded by Laura Lanfranchi

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

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Leo Facio, Chair
Age-Friendly Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer