

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

DATE: Thursday, March 20, 2025
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Fred Talen, Chair
Judy Barron
Alison Douglas
Hannelore Gidora
Audrey Johnstone
Marlene Reimer
Karen Seraphim

Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Communications & Community Engagement Coordinator, Kalie
Wiechmann

ABSENT: Liz Webber

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.
Mayor Talen acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.
The Committee introduced themselves to one another as there were several new members in attendance.

2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Audrey Johnstone
Seconded by Judy Barron

THAT the agenda be approved.

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UNANIMOUSLY**
AFC-2025-03-01

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Audrey Johnstone
Seconded by Judy Barron

THAT the minutes of the February 20, 2025 Age-Friendly Committee Meeting be adopted.

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AFC-2025-03-02

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5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- (a) Presentation by Community Services Manager
Re: Age-Friendly Overview

The Community Services Manager presented a PowerPoint outlining what it means to be an Age-Friendly community, questions for the Committee to consider, focus areas, and the Village's Age-Friendly Action Plan. The Committee discussed the following:

- Transit does not run in the Village on Sundays
- There is overlap with the Accessibility Committee especially with respect to built environment considerations
- Resident parking passes, especially for those who live in the southern part of the Village

- (b) Verbal Update from Community Services Manager
Re: Community Gardens Fence Art Project with Students

The Community Services Manager advised that as part of last year's Age-Friendly grant application, an intergenerational art project at the Community Gardens was approved. Wooden pieces in the shapes of butterflies, flowers and carrots have been ordered. Staff have been in contact with the school and there are three classes interested in participating in a painting event with Committee members and Council. Weather permitting, the painting would take place outside in the overflow parking lot.

The decorative pieces can be placed on the fence prior to the fence being moved. There is no timeline for the fence expansion as of yet, due to the need for surveying of the below ground utilities.

- (c) Dishwasher at Memorial Hall (Alison)

The Committee discussed the lack of a dishwasher at Memorial Hall how it limits Agassiz Harrison Community Services' ability to host Seniors Lunches there. Discussion ensued on dishware at the Hall in general, and the overall intended purpose of the kitchen. Staff will bring a report back to the Committee outlining how the Hall is currently being used, the types of renters/users, and what expanding the kitchen might involve.

- (d) Art Classes (Alison)

The Committee discussed renting Memorial Hall for crafting on Thursday afternoons and whether that would be a resident rental or an expansion of the Social Club's hours. Discussion ensued on the purpose of Memorial Hall and the fact that it is not a recreation or community center, but a multipurpose space used for various commercial events, conferences, meetings and private gatherings.

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6. **ADJOURNMENT**

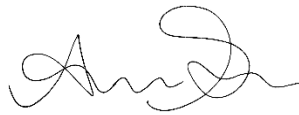
Moved by Alison Douglas
Seconded by Karen Seraphim

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:58 p.m.

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Mayor Fred Talen, Chair
Age-Friendly Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer