



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS Age-Friendly Committee Minutes

DATE: Thursday, May 15, 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
Judith Barron
Alison Douglas
Hannelore Gidora
Audrey Johnstone
Marlene Reimer
Karen Seraphim
Liz Webber

STAFF PRESENT: Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Communications & Community Engagement
Coordinator, Kalie Wiechmann (until 2:45 p.m.)
Corporate Clerk, Tyler Kafi

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**

None.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Judith Barron
Seconded by Marlene Reimer

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
AFC-2025-05-01

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Audrey Johnstone
Seconded by Alison Douglas

THAT the Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of March 20, 2025 be adopted; and
THAT the Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of April 17, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
AFC-2025-05-02

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- (a) Report of Corporate Officer dated April 2, 2025
Re: Council Procedure Bylaw No.1216, 2025 and Updated Terms of Reference

Moved by Judith Barron
Seconded by Karen Seraphim

THAT the updated Age Friendly Committee Terms of Reference be endorsed by the Committee and forwarded to Council for approval.

CARRIED
AFC-2025-05-03

- (b) Report of the Community Services Manager dated May 15, 2025
Re: Memorial Hall Kitchen

The Committee discussed costs associated with catering. The Community Services Manager noted that staff reached out to local caterers and dishware and utensils were included in the price of the service. Discussions continued regarding whether the Hall not having a dishwasher was limiting its use.

Moved by Liz Webber
Seconded by Audrey Johnstone

THAT the Community Services Manager's report dated May 15, 2025 be received for information.

CARRIED
AFC-2025-05-04

The Community Services Manager will follow up with Agassiz Harrison Community Services regarding the surcharge for dishes and utensils.

- (c) Age-Friendly Bingo

The Community Services Manager explained that staff were looking for a way to engage the residents after the success of last year's painted rock contest. The Community Services Manager presented the Community Bingo Card and explained how it will work as a fun activity for residents. Committee members were asked to come up with ideas to add to the bingo card, as well as ideas for a prize for winners of the bingo contest. The Committee discussed the possibility of integrating local businesses into the activity.

- (d) Verbal Report from Community Services Manager
Re: Community Gardens Fence Art Project

The Community Services Manager advised that staff have sent out a calendar invite for this event taking place on June 12. There will be approximately 60 students coming. The Community Garden board and other Committee members have also been invited.

- (e) Walking Trails (Marlene Reimer)

Marlene Reimer spoke to her idea noting that some people are unfamiliar or uncomfortable with walking the trails by themselves. She suggested organizing a guided walk into the forest trails that could include residents, parents, children, dogs, and even tourists. The Committee discussed possible knowledgeable residents who could act as guides to provide education on the plants and wildlife in the forest, and possible frequency and times. The Committee further discussed public education on safety while using the trails.

- (f) Public Washrooms (Marlene Reimer)

Marlene spoke regarding the toilet heights in the beach washrooms. The toilets are very low, which may make it difficult for people with mobility challenges to use. The Community Services Manager advised that this topic came up during a previous Accessibility Committee Meeting and noted that there is still funding to be used to improve accessibility in the washrooms and staff are actively researching this.

- (g) Age-Friendly Action Plan

The Community Services Manager asked whether any Committee members had any specific ideas they would like staff to look into. Alison mentioned that the previous Age Friendly Committee had a register that kept track of tasks and assignments.

The Community Services Manager provided a brief overview of the Village Lands Master Plan project including the community engagement done so far and options staff are looking at. The Committee further discussed the plan and process.

Discussion ensued on insurance, and it was noted that the Memorial Hall Use Policy has recently been amended in an effort to make renting the Hall an easier process. Discussion ensued on how well the Hall is used, and whether there might be a future movie night outdoors.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Judith Barron
Seconded by Marlene Reimer

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

CARRIED
AFC-2025-05-05



Mayor Fred Talen, Chair
Age-Friendly Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer