

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

DATE: Monday, August 11, 2025
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Memorial Hall
290 Esplanade Avenue, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

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

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

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Talen acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. PUBLIC HEARING (If required)

None.

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Councillor Vidal advised that an additional Notice of Motion would be presented.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councilor Schweinbenz

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2025-08-01

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- (a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2025
- (b) Special Council Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2025

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2025 and the Special Council Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2025-08-02

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

- (a) Supt. Darren Pankratz, Upper Fraser Valley Regional RCMP Detachment, S/Sgt. Darryl Peppler and Sgt. Alex Mulvihill, Agassiz RCMP Detachment
Re: Introductions

Sgt. Mulvihill was unable to attend. Outgoing Agassiz Detachment Officer in Charge, S/Sgt. Mike Sargent attended. Supt. Pankratz introduced himself as the new Officer in Charge for the UFVRD RCMP and introduced as S/Sgt. Darryl Peppler as the new Officer in Charge for the Agassiz Detachment. Council thanked S/Sgt. Sargent for his service in Agassiz, and congratulated Supt. Pankratz and S/Sgt. Peppler on their new roles.

- (b) Lori Roberts, WildSafe BC Fraser Valley Coordinator, WildSafe BC
Re: BearSmart

Lori Roberts provided a PowerPoint presentation on her BearSmart findings around the Village and provided recommendations to Council on next steps.

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff research establishing a BearSmart stewardship committee and bring back recommendations to Council.

CARRIED
RC-2025-08-03

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated July 14, 2025 from Ministry of Transportation and Transit
Re: North of Fraser Transit Service
- (b) Letter dated July 30, 2025 from Ivan Scott to the Canadian Judicial Council
Re: Judicial Accountability and Revolving-Door Justice in British Columbia
- (c) Public Comments/Concern Form dated July 29, 2025 from Morgan Anderson
Re: Overflow Parking Lot Developing
- (d) Email dated July 31, 2025 from Julie Chamberlain
Re: Things to do in HHS
- (e) Letter dated August 1, 2025 from Shirley Dishon
Re: Proposed Senior Housing
- (f) Email dated August 4, 2025 from Jean Bereti
Re: 55+ Social Housing on Overflow Parking
- (g) Letter dated August 4, 2025 from Gary Webster
Re: Proposed Seniors Housing Project

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT all correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2025-08-04

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

None.

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Reported on the opening of the Village Health Centre on July 29, 2025

Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities
 - Attended a meeting on July 30, 2025

- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended the opening of the Village Health Centre on July 29, 2025

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Reported on the Communities in Bloom Garden Tour on July 19

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society – No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report
- Reported on the annual Dragonboat Festival
- Attended the Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department Charity Golf Tournament

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Attended an Age-Friendly Committee meeting on July 24, 2025
- Reported on the opening of the Village Health Centre on July 29, 2025
- Attended a Resort Community Collaborative Mayor's Meeting on August 7, 2025

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

Due to an error in the agenda, the June 19, 2025 Age-Friendly Committee Meeting minutes were included twice. The June 19, 2025 Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting minutes will be added to the next regular Council meeting agenda.

- (a) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of June 19, 2025

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councilor Facio

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

CARRIED
RC-2025-08-05

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Corporate Officer dated August 11, 2025
Re: Request for Statutory Municipal Consent for Proposed Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Animal Control Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1797, 2025

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councilor Jackson

THAT the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Council give its consent, by way of formal resolution, to *Fraser Valley Regional District Sub-Regional Animal Control Service Area Amendment Bylaw No. 1797, 2025*.

CARRIED
RC-2025-08-06

- (b) Report of Community Services Manager dated August 11, 2025
Re: Strategic Priorities Fund

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Council support an application to the Strategic Priorities Fund for up to \$2,000,000 for the proposed brownfield redevelopment project; and

THAT staff be authorized to apply for and manage the grant funding on behalf of the Village.

CARRIED
RC-2025-08-07

16. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Planning Consultant dated August 11, 2025
Re: Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1129, 2025

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1229, 2025 be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED
RC-2025-08-08

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1229, 2025 be given second reading.

CARRIED
RC-2025-08-09

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff be authorized to schedule a public hearing for Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1229 2025.

CARRIED
RC-2025-08-10

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1229, 2025 be referred to the Village's Fire Department, the Ministry of Transportation and Transit, the Village's Advisory Planning Commission, and the Planning and Development Department of the Fraser Valley Regional District.

Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the motion be amended to include a referral to the Village's Environmental Advisory Committee.

CARRIED
RC-2025-08-11

Amendment moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the motion be amended to include a referral to Sts'ailes.

CARRIED
RC-2025-08-12

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2025-08-13

17. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) New Business from Councillor Schweinbenz
Re: EV Charging Stations and Pay Parking

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

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.

CARRIED
RC-2025-08-14

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) Notice of Motion from Councillor Facio
Re: Regular Council Meeting Location

THAT Regular Council Meetings be moved from Memorial Hall to Council Chambers at the Village Office.

- (b) Notice of Motion from Councillor Vidal
Re: Electric Single Occupancy Motorized Modes of Transportation Safety

WHEREAS the use of electric scooters, electric unicycles and other single occupancy motorized modes of transportation is becoming an increasing safety issue for residents and visitors in Harrison Hot Springs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to review and report back on the legal framework for the operation of these within the Village including:

- Applicable provisions under the BC Motor Vehicle Act and any provincial pilot projects;
- Bylaw options for regulating their use on streets, sidewalks and public pathways; and
- Safety, liability and insurance considerations

19. QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO THE AGENDA

Questions from the public were entertained.

20. ADJOURNMENT

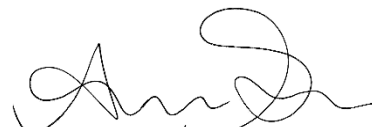
Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2025-08-15



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer