



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA AGE-FRIENDLY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 18, 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 August 21, 2025 Age-Friendly Committee Meeting be adopted.	Page 1
6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION	
(a) October Halloween Family Movie Night	
(b) Draft 2026 Work Plan / Budget	Page 5
Recommendation for consideration: THAT the 2026 Work Plan / Budget be approved and forwarded to Council for review.	
7. ADJOURNMENT	

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

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

DATE: Thursday, August 21, 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 (at 2:03 p.m.)
Hannelore Gidora
Audrey Johnstone
Marlene Reimer
Liz Webber

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Seraphim

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 2:01 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 Judith Barron
Seconded by Liz Webber

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
AFC-2025-08-01

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Audrey Johnstone
Seconded by Judith Barron

THAT the Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2025 be adopted as amended by removing “with the addition of the late item” from section 4 on page 1.

CARRIED
AFC-2025-08-02

Mayor Talen discussed the Seniors’ Housing Project advising that the proposal is before BC Housing for review and that many questions have come up concerning eligibility for tenancy, how it will be managed, implications for parking and how best to use the land. If the funding application is granted, there will be many questions the need to be answered to determine whether the project is a good fit. There are documents and plans that support, in general terms, the exploration of partnerships to support seniors’ housing without defining exactly what that means. This process, even if unsuccessful at the grant application stage, is still valuable as it promotes conversations and identifies questions and concerns the community has. The Village has a role to play in supporting seniors housing, but what that means is still to be determined.

The Committee discussed Agassiz Harrison Community Services’ statistics on senior programming and usage. It was clarified that if a not-for-profit is managing the operation of the building, then they may choose not to implement an asset ceiling, meaning that assets are not taken into consideration when determining eligibility. The Village is hosting a Community Engagement Night on September 3, 2025 for all members of the public to attend and ask questions, voice concerns or support and learn more about this proposal.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- (a) Letter to Council re: Community Meeting Space

Moved by Alison Douglas
Seconded by Marlene Reimer

THAT the letter regarding the Community Meeting Space be approved and sent to Council.

CARRIED
AFC-2025-08-03

- (b) October Halloween Family Movie Night

The Community Services Manager reported that there is funding from the Plan H grant to support another family movie night. Staff have planned one for the night before a Pro-D Day on Thursday, October 23. The movie will be Hocus Pocus, which is family friendly but not geared toward younger children. Feedback was sought from the Committee as to whether they would like to be involved in an activity for younger children before the movie. The Committee discussed the following ideas:

- Pumpkin painting and using them for a pumpkin walk display
- Costumes

- Candy bags
- Concession for drinks benefiting AHCS

Staff will review the ideas and bring back more information at the September Committee meeting.

(c) Annual Work Plan/Budget PowerPoint and Brainstorming Session

The Corporate Officer presented the process of developing an annual work plan. The Committee engaged in a brainstorming session which yielded the following ideas:

- Chair Yoga, Outdoor Exercise, Tai Chi, Salsa, Line Dancing
- History Project – students interviewing senior residents with local knowledge and history
- Monthly Family Parenting Place Dinner or Lunch at Memorial Hall – Dinner and a movie or music, supported by the Community Response Network funding
- Language Courses, Bingo
- Holiday Activities – encouraging local businesses to stay open late during Lights by the Lake, a light tour or hayrides
- St. Andrew's Day celebration/fundraiser with bagpipes
- School musical, dance or art activities with students

Possible partnerships include:

- The daycare
- Lions Club
- Local businesses
- Festival Society
- Communities in Bloom Committee
- Kent Harrison Arts Council
- School District
- Masonic Lodge
- RCMP

(d) Community Engagement Night

Previously discussed during an earlier agenda item.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Hannelore Gidora
Seconded by Marlene Reimer

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

CARRIED
AFC-2025-08-04

Mayor Fred Talen, Chair
Age-Friendly Committee

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

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2026 Age Friendly Committee Work Plan & Budget

Project	Description	Timeframe	Est. Staff Time	Age-Friendly Feature	Budget	Funding Source
Historical / Informational Resident Video	Seniors interview other seniors on various topics over a 1-year period, clips are put together into a ~40 minute video that is screened at a community event	March 2026-April 2027	150 hours	Respect & Social Inclusion Civic Participation Communication & Information	\$21,500	New Horizons Grant (Subject to successful application)
Career Day	Seniors in the community volunteer to have a table at a Career Day where students will prepare questions in advance and learn about various careers, footage from event to be integrated into historical video	Spring 2026	Included above	Respect & Social Inclusion Civic Participation Communication & Information	Included above	New Horizons Grant (Subject to successful application)
					Total: \$21,500	Grant Funded
Project	Description	Timeframe	Est. Staff Time	Age-Friendly Feature	Budget	Funding Source
Physical Exercise Programming	Recreational program TBD (such as Dancing Lessons, Chair Yoga, Tai Chi)	Spring 2026 Weekly Session Fall 2026 Weekly Session	15 hours	Social Participation	\$3,500	Municipal Taxation and/or Pay-Per-Use
					Total: \$3,500	
Project	Description	Timeframe	Est. Staff Time	Age-Friendly Feature	Budget	Funding Source
Family Parenting Place Dinner at Memorial Hall	Explore opportunities to partner with Family Parenting Place to host one of their dinners at the Memorial Hall	AHCS to determine	N/A	Respect & Social Inclusion	AHSC & CRN to determine	Community Response Network

					Total: N/A	
Project	Description	Timeframe	Est. Staff Time	Age-Friendly Feature	Budget	Funding Source
Lights by the Lake	Volunteer with Tourism to participate in Lights by the Lake event	Winter 2025 & 2026	N/A	Civic Participation Social Participation	N/A	N/A
Total Municipal Funds Requested		\$3,500				