

VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, October 6, 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 (Via Zoom)
Councillor Michie Vidal

COUNCIL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Chief Financial Officer/Deputy CAO, Scott Schultz
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
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 reported on the Sts'ailes Truth and Reconciliation Walk on September 30, 2025, which Councillors Facio and Vidal also attended.

Mayor Talen acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. PUBLIC HEARING (If required)

None.

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Mayor Talen introduced a late item from staff regarding the Strategic Priorities Fund as a time sensitive matter to be added under new business.

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the late item regarding the Strategic Priorities Fund be added to the agenda as New Business item 17(b).

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-01

Mayor Talen introduced a second late item as late correspondence to be added to under correspondence.

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the letter dated October 1, 2025 from Allan Garneau be added to the agenda as Correspondence item 10(i).

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-02

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-03

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- (a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2025
- (b) Special Pre-Closed Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2025

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2025 and the Special Pre-Closed Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-04

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

- (a) Shelby Johnson, Systems & Government Relations – Battered Women’s Support Services
Re: Designed With Survivors

Shelby Johnson spoke to Council regarding the designed with survivors program and the public safety concerns of gender-based violence, and provided recommended actions for Council.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated September 4, 2025 from Ingrid Trouw
Re: Follow Up to Town Hall Meeting – Seniors Housing Project
- (b) Petition received September 9, 2025 from Jean Bereti
Re: Overflow Parking Lot
- (c) Letter dated September 15, 2025 from Youth Parliament of British Columbia
Re: 97th British Columbia Youth Parliament
- (d) Letter dated September 15, 2025 from the City of West Vancouver to the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs
Re: Response to Minister’s Letter on Directives for West Vancouver
- (e) Email dated September 16, 2025 from Cathy Peters
Re: 3 Asks to Stop Child Sex Trafficking in British Columbia
- (f) Letter dated September 16, 2025 from Philip Perras
Re: Federal Enforcement Agencies Failures in Canada
- (g) Letter dated September 18, 2025 from Agassiz-Harrison Food Coalition (AHFC)
Re: Invitation to Attend Meetings
- (h) Email dated September 19, 2025 from the Ministry of Children and Family Development
Re: October is Foster Family Month in British Columbia
- (i) Letter dated October 1, 2025 from Allan Garneau
Re: Observations of Council and Residents Interaction

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT all correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-05

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the letter dated September 15, 2025 from the Youth Parliament of British Columbia be forwarded to Agassiz Elementary Secondary School with an offer of financial support if a student would like to attend.

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-06

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be directed to extend an invitation to the Agassiz-Harrison Food Collation to appear as a delegation before Council.

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-07

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Councillor Schweinbenz be appointed as Council liaison to the Agassiz-Harrison Food Coalition.

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-08

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Reported on meetings attended at the UBCM Convention as part of the Lower Mainland Local Government Association
- Attended the UBCM Convention on September 22-25, 2025

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director) – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended the UBCM Convention on September 22-25, 2025

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Reported that two of the Village’s Communities in Bloom Committee members recently attended the awards banquet in Kelowna, where the Village was recognized with several awards
- Attended the UBCM Convention on September 22-25, 2025

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society – No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Reported on the September 22-25, 2025 UBCM Convention clinics, forums, study sessions, workshops and provincial Cabinet Ministers and staff meetings
- Mayor Talen reflected on the last year as Mayor of the Village

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- (a) Advisory Planning Commission Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2025
- (b) Accessibility Committee Meeting Minutes of April 28, 2025
- (c) Communities In Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of August 12, 2025
- (d) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2025

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT all Committee minutes be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-09

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated October 6, 2025
Re: CAO 2025 Third Quarter Update

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer’s report dated October 6, 2025 regarding CAO 2025 Third Quarter Update be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-10

- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated October 6, 2025
Re: Release of Closed Meeting Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the following resolutions from the September 16, 2025 special closed Council meeting be received for information:

THAT Council indicates its support for the Village to pursue self-management of pay parking services; and

THAT staff be authorized to draft a proposal for managing pay parking, including budgets and employment considerations and report back to Council.

THAT staff be authorized to apply for a 15-year aquatic Crown lands lease over Block D of District Lot 5784 and 7211 Group 1, New Westminster District for commercial marina purposes with the intent to sublease it to the Harrison Yacht Club; and

THAT staff be directed to negotiate temporary agreements with the Harrison Yacht Club for the lease of the Workshop at 98 Rockwell Drive and the sublease of the aquatic lands lease while awaiting the Province's decision if necessary, with the intent to enter into longer-term agreements subject to the Province's approval of the aquatic lands lease.

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-11

- (c) Report of Corporate Officer dated October 6, 2025
Re: 2026 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the proposed Regular Council Meeting Schedule for 2026 be approved as submitted.

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-12

- (d) Report of Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator dated October 6, 2025
Re: Anti-Racial & Anti-Discrimination Policy

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council receive the following report regarding legal counsel's review of the Draft Anti-Racial and Anti-Discrimination Policy 1.42 for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-13

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Council adopt Anti-Racial and Anti-Discrimination Policy 1.42.

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the Anti-Racial and Anti-Discrimination Policy 1.42 be referred back to staff to address the concerns brought forward by Council.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR VIDAL
RC-2025-10-14

- (e) Report of Planning Consultant dated October 6, 2025
Re: Pending Changes to the Heritage Conservation Act

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the Planning Consultant's report dated October 6, 2025 regarding Pending Changes to the *Heritage Conservation Act* be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-15

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT this matter be referred to a future Council retreat.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR TALEN AND COUNCILLOR VIDAL
RC-2025-10-16

16. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Planning Consultant dated October 6, 2025
Re: 442 Lillooet Avenue Rezoning/OCP Redesignation

The applicant addressed Council and provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT second reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1226, 2025 be rescinded; and

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1226, 2025 be given second reading as amended;
and

THAT the applicant be required to host a Public Notification Meeting in accordance with
Development Procedures Bylaw No. 1090, 2016 as the bylaw in effect at the time of
application; and

THAT staff be directed to hold a Public Hearing upon all requirements of the Public
Notification Meeting having been completed by the applicant.

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-17

17. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) New Business from Councillor Facio
Re: Council Meeting Locations (*Tabled at the September 8, 2025 Regular Council
Meeting*)

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Regular Council Meetings be moved from Memorial Hall to Council Chambers at
the Village Office starting January 2026.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR TALEN, COUNCILLORS SCHWEINBENZ AND VIDAL

- (b) New Business from Mayor Talen
Re: Strategic Priorities Fund

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council indicate its support for cost overruns associated with the application to the Strategic Priorities Fund for up to \$2,000,000 for the proposed brownfield redevelopment project.

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-18

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) Notice of Motion from Councillor Facio
Re: Council Retreat

THAT staff be directed to schedule a two to three day retreat in November for a Council strategic session with appropriate staff members to discuss the draft budget, ongoing and future projects and sources of funding.

19. QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO THE AGENDA

Questions from the public were entertained.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2025-10-19



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer