



# NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 9:00 AM  
Village Office, 495 Hot Springs Road,  
Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

**THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

<b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b>
Meeting called to order by Councillor Schweinbenz, Chair.
<b>2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT</b>
Acknowledgement of Sts'ailes traditional territory.
<b>3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS</b>
<b>4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>
<b>5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b>
(a) THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting minutes of September 3, 2025 be adopted. <span style="float: right;">Page 1</span>
<b>6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</b>
(a) Report from September 8, 2025 Regular Council Meeting <span style="float: right;">Page 5</span>
(b) Hazardous Waste Collection Day
(c) Tree Planting Project at McCombs Bridge
(d) 2026 Work Plan / Budget <span style="float: right;">Page 7</span>
(e) Next Meeting Date: TBD
<b>7. ADJOURNMENT</b>

Amanda Graham  
Corporate Officer



**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS  
Environmental Advisory Committee  
Minutes**

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 3, 2025  
**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Council Chambers, Village Office  
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor Mark Schweinbenz (Chair)  
John DeMartin  
Paul Kandt  
Gary Webster

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Susan Galvao

**STAFF PRESENT:** Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham  
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson (at 11:21 a.m.)  
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey (until 11:20 a.m.)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Schweinbenz called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chair Schweinbenz acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

**3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

John DeMartin requested to add "Garbage Collection and Waste on Lagoon Area and Front Street" as an Item for Discussion.

Gary Webster requested to add "Wetlands Project Update" as an Item for Discussion.

Paul Kandt requested to add "Invasive Species Workshop" as an Item for Discussion.

**Moved by Gary Webster**

THAT Item for Discussion 6(a) – Presentation by Planning Consultant re: Official Community Plan Update be removed from the agenda.

**MOTION FAILED  
LACK OF SECONDER**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Moved by Paul Kandt**  
**Seconded by John DeMartin**

THAT the agenda be approved as amended with the addition of the late items.

**CARRIED**  
**GARY WEBSTER OPPOSED**  
EAC-2025-09-01

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Chair Schweinbenz**  
**Seconded by Gary Webster**

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2025 be adopted.

**CARRIED**  
EAC-2025-09-02

**6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- (a) Presentation by Planning Consultant  
Re: Official Community Plan Bylaw Update

The Planning Consultant presented a PowerPoint regarding the current OCP and proposed updates. The Committee discussed the need for environmental protection initiatives within the OCP, and associated bylaws and practices that can facilitate the implementation of those policies.

**Moved by Chair Schweinbenz**  
**Seconded by Paul Kandt**

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee provide no comment on Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1229, 2025.

**CARRIED**  
EAC-2025-09-03

**Moved by Chair Schweinbenz**  
**Seconded by Paul Kandt**

THAT Council direct staff to review the current Official Community Plan from an environmental perspective to determine how policies regarding water conservation, energy conservation, protection of the Miami River, waste reduction and tree canopy improvement and renewal can be strengthened.

**CARRIED**  
EAC-2025-09-04

The Committee discussed challenges surrounding the need for balancing new plantings with FireSmart principles, the Tree Management and Preservation Bylaw and Water Conservation Policy.

(b) 2025 Project: Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The Corporate Officer circulated information on a Hazardous Waste Collection Day taking place in Chilliwack on October 4, 2025 that is free for Harrison Hot Springs residents and a list of accepted products from Product Care Recycling. The Committee agreed to move forward with a Hazardous Waste Collection Day in the overflow parking lot on Thursday, October 16 from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm and on Saturday, October 18 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Product Care Recycling provides the tubs and transportation, but they do not staff the event. The Committee agreed to attend in shifts to assist people in dropping off their waste. The Committee requested that opportunities for public education surrounding household hazardous waste be considered when planning the event.

(c) 2025 Project: Tree Planting Project at McCombs Bridge

The Director of Operations advised that part of the restoration plan at the McCombs Bridge involves planting 20 red alder, 20 big leaf maples and 580 willow plugs. The Committee agreed to defer to the Miami River Streamkeepers regarding a suitable date for planting the trees on a weekday at the end of September and requested that the Committee be advised once the date has been selected.

(d) Garbage Collection and Waste on Lagoon Area and Front Street

John DeMartin commended Village staff for emptying the garbage cans on the beachfront, however, there is a lot of waste early in the morning that makes its way down the shoreline and eventually into the lake. The Committee discussed replacing current garbage cans with bear proof garbage receptacles, which would have to be replaced over time due to the high cost.

**Moved by John DeMartin**  
**Seconded by Gary Webster**

THAT staff be directed to research an Adopt a Trail or Shoreline program to address littering along the lagoon pathway.

**CARRIED**  
EAC-2025-09-04

(e) Wetlands Project Update

Gary Webster provided information regarding a recent project by Sts'ailes with floating islands in the Miami River. The islands are anchored and pull nutrients out of the water because there is an abundance of nutrients flowing overland into the water. In time, plant samples will be sent to a laboratory to see what type of nutrients are in the water.

(f) Invasive Species Workshop

Gary Webster advised that the Invasive Species Workshop is on September 29, 2025 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm in Memorial Hall and requested that the Village share information regarding the event.

(g) 2026 Work Plan / Budget

**Moved by Chair Schweinbenz**  
**Seconded by John DeMartin**

THAT the 2026 Work Plan / Budget be tabled for discussion at the next meeting.

(h) Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Paul Kandt**  
**Seconded by Gary Webster**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

**CARRIED**  
EAC-2025-09-05

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Councillor Mark Schweinbenz, Chair  
Environmental Advisory Committee

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Amanda Graham  
Corporate Officer

File No: 0360-20-07  
Date: September 8, 2025

To: Mayor and Council  
From: Amanda Graham, Corporate Officer  
Subject: Environmental Advisory Committee Report

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## RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the following recommendations from the Environmental Advisory Committee:

THAT Council direct staff to review the current Official Community Plan from an environmental perspective to determine how policies regarding water conservation, energy conservation, protection of the Miami River, waste reduction and tree canopy improvement and renewal can be strengthened.

THAT staff be directed to research an Adopt a Trail or Shoreline program to address littering along the lagoon pathway.

## SUMMARY

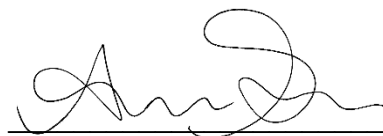
To present resolutions and information on behalf of the Environmental Advisory Committee from its September 3, 2025 meeting for Council's consideration.

## POLICY CONSIDERATIONS


### 2025 Strategic Plan Priorities

Environmental Protection – To restore and protect the environment for future generations.

Respectfully submitted:



Amanda Graham  
Corporate Officer



Councillor Mark Schweinbenz, Chair  
Environmental Advisory Committee



2026 Environmental Advisory Work Plan & Budget					
Project	Description	Timeframe	Est. Staff Time	Budget	Funding Source
Earth Day in May	Environmental awareness/ educational day in the Plaza	May X 2026	15 hours day of exempt	Food, prizes, advertising	Municipal Taxation
			10 hours prep	Prizes	In-Kind Donations
				<b>Total: \$X</b>	
Project	Description	Timeframe	Est. Staff Time	Budget	Funding Source
Private Tree Planting Program	Program to encourage people to plant trees on their property		X hours		Staff to continue to look for grant funding to support
				<b>Total: \$X</b>	
Project	Description	Timeframe	Est. Staff Time	Budget	Funding Source
Miami River Health	Explore partnerships with Sts'ailes, Miami River Streamkeepers and DOK		X hours		
				<b>Total: \$X</b>	
Project	Description	Timeframe	Est. Staff Time	Budget	Funding Source
Public Area Tree Planting			X hours	N/A	
				<b>Total: \$X</b>	
Project	Description	Timeframe	Est. Staff Time	Budget	Funding Source
Lillooet Ave West Streetscape Plan	Review landscaping plans	Winter 2026		N/A	
	Volunteer planting	Spring 2026			

				<b>Total: \$X</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Est. Staff Time</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Bear Stewardship Committee			X hours	N/A	
				<b>Total: \$X</b>	
<b>Project</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Est. Staff Time</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Funding Source</b>
Adopt-a-Shoreline or Trail	Review existing Adopt a Road Program Policy				
				<b>Total: \$X</b>	

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