



## 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



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Mayor Fred Talen, Chair  
Age-Friendly Committee



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Amanda Graham  
Corporate Officer