



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, October 8, 2025
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Mark Schweinbenz (Chair)
Mayor Fred Talen (ex-officio)
John DeMartin
Susan Galvao
Paul Kandt

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schweinbenz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Schweinbenz acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Moved by Paul Kandt

Seconded by John DeMartin

THAT "Lillooet Avenue West Streetscape Plan" be added to the agenda as Item for Discussion 6(f).

CARRIED
EAC-2025-10-01

Moved by John DeMartin

Seconded by Susan Galvo

THAT "Tour of Water and Waste Water Treatment Plants" be added to the agenda as Item for Discussion 6(g).

CARRIED
EAC-2025-10-02

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
EAC-2025-10-03

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Paul Kandt
Seconded by John DeMartin

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
EAC-2025-10-04

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Report from September 8, 2025 Council Meeting

The Corporate Officer advised that the Committee's recommendations to direct staff to review the Official Community Plan from an environmental perspective and investigate an Adopt-a-Shoreline program were approved by Council. The Committee is welcome to review the Official Community Plan and suggest edits at any time and a copy was circulated via email to the Committee. There is currently an Adopt-a-Road Policy that is several years old and will require amending and further discussion from the Committee as to how the program is to be implemented.

(b) Hazardous Waste Collection Day

The Committee agreed to schedule the Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, October 18 in the overflow parking lot. Staff will prepare communication materials as soon as possible, and will provide a tent, table and chairs for the event. The Committee members will be in attendance throughout the day to facilitate people dropping items off.

(c) Tree Planting Project at McCombs Bridge

The Director of Operations advised that five people attended on October 7 to assist with planting and it was successful. This concludes the environmental rehabilitation requirements as approved by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, with the Village now moving into a monitoring stage.

(d) 2026 Work Plan/Budget

Discussion ensued on the following:

- Adding in \$1,500 to the Earth Day in May budget to support advertising, events such as face painting, food items and workshops
- Encouraging private tree plantings by partnering with a nursery to provide a discounted FireSmart tree to the first 25 people who sign up for a FireSmart Assessment at the Earth Day in May event
- Inviting the Miami River Streamkeepers to present at a Committee meeting and provide data on the health of the Miami River
- Identifying particular public areas that are feasible for tree plantings in 2026, while considering irrigation and maintenance
- The timing of the Lillooet Avenue West Streetscape Plan and previous Council direction on feedback from the Committee, and a potential community planting day in that area
- Identifying a member of the Committee to join a community-based Bear Stewardship Committee
- Reviewing the Adopt-a-Road Policy to expand to shorelines/trails
- Adding a project for reviewing cosmetic pesticide use in the Village

A revised draft Work Plan and Budget will be on the next agenda for the Committee's consideration.

(e) Next Meeting Date:

The next meeting date is scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.

(f) Lillooet Avenue West Streetscape Plan

Discussed during an earlier item.

(g) Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant Tour

The Committee expressed a desire to tour the Water and Waste Water Treatment Plants and potentially combine that with a tour for Communities in Bloom Committee members.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Paul Kandt
Seconded by John DeMartin

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

CARRIED
EAC-2025-10-05



Councillor Mark Schweinbenz, Chair
Environmental Advisory Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer