

VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS Regular Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, November 3, 2025
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Memorial Hall
290 Esplanade Avenue, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Fred Talen
Councillor Allan Jackson
Councillor Mark Schweinbenz
Councillor Michie Vidal
Councillor Leo Facio

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
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson
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 acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. PUBLIC HEARING (If required)

None.

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-01

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Mayor Talen declared a conflict of interest regarding item 15(b) – Report of Planning Consultant re: Consideration of the Issuance of a DVP (889 Hot Springs Road). Mayor Talen stated that, prior to being elected to office, he signed a letter in support of a similar application at this location by the same applicant.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2025

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 20, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-02

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

(a) Maria Gorelova & Dave Morris – Kent Harrison Search and Rescue
Re: Funding for Underwater Drone

Maria Gorelova and Dave Morris gave a PowerPoint presentation and demonstration of Kent-Harrison Search and Rescue's existing underwater camera system and a new underwater drone that the organization would like to acquire.

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the Village provide up to \$3500 for the acquisition of an underwater drone funded from surplus.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-03

10. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Letter dated October 2, 2025 from UBCM
Re: Provincial Response to 2024 Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-04

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

None.

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director) – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Reported on the October 30, 2025 Accessibility Committee Meeting

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 LMLGA Senior Executive Minister meetings in Victoria on October 27-30, 2025

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board
 - Attended a meeting on October 22, 2025
- Tourism Harrison – No Report

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society – No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors
 - Attended a meeting on October 26, 2025

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Reported on the Halloween Movie Night put on by the Age-Friendly Committee on October 23, 2025
- Highlighted the inaugural Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department's Masquerade Charity Gala taking place November 7, 2025 at the Copper Room.

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- (a) Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2025
- (b) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2025

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT all Committee minutes be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-05

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Corporate Officer dated November 3, 2025
Re: Vote Tabulator Machines

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff be authorized to acquire two poll place scanner and tabulators from Election Systems & Software at a cost not to exceed \$7000 plus taxes and shipping to be funded from surplus.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-06

- (b) Report of Planning Consultant dated November 3, 2025
Re: Consideration of the Issuance of a DVP (889 Hot Springs Road)

Mayor Talen recused himself from the meeting and exited Council Chambers at 6:12 p.m. due to his earlier declared conflict of interest. Deputy Mayor Schweinbenz took the Chair.

The applicant spoke to Council and provided additional information on the application.

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the application for Development Variance Permit 01/25 for land legally described as Blk A (Reference Plan 6466) South East Quarter of Sec 12, Twp 4, Rge 29, W6M, New Westminster District located at 889 Hot Springs Road be referred to the Village's Fire Department.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-07

Mayor Talen returned to Council Chambers at 6:26 pm and resumed his seat as Chair.

16. BYLAWS

(a) Report of Planning Consultant dated November 3, 2025
Re: Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1229, 2025

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT second reading of Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1229, 2025 be rescinded.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-08

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1229, 2025 be given second reading as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-09

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 1229, 2025 be given third reading and adoption.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-10

(b) Report of Corporate Officer dated November 3, 2025
Re: Business Licence & Miscellaneous Fee Bylaw Amendments

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Business Licence and Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1231, 2025 be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-11

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Business Licence and Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1231, 2025 be given second and third readings.

MOTION DEFEATED
ALL OPPOSED

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Business Licence and Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1231, 2025 be given second reading.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-12

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Business Licence and Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1231, 2025 be referred back to staff, and;

THAT Business Licence and Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1231, 2025 be referred to the Chamber of Commerce following staff's review.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-13

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Miscellaneous Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 1232, 2025 be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-14

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Miscellaneous Fee Amendment Bylaw No. 1232, 2025 be given second reading.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-15

17. NEW BUSINESS

None.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

19. QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO THE AGENDA

Questions from the public were entertained.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-16



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer