

VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS Regular Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, November 17, 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
Councillor Michie Vidal

COUNCIL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Chief Financial Officer/Deputy CAO, Scott Schultz
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson
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

- Email dated November 12, 2025 from Jason Kim (Village Pizzeria) re: Feedback Harrison Proposed Business License and Fee Bylaw Amendments
- Letter dated November 17, 2025 from the Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce re: Community and Business Feedback on Proposed Business Licence and Fee Bylaw Amendments

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the email dated November 12, 2025 from Jason Kim (Village Pizzeria) re: Feedback Harrison Proposed Business License and Fee Bylaw Amendments be placed on the agenda as Correspondence item 10(i); and

THAT the letter from the Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce dated November 17, 2025 re: Community and Business Feedback on Proposed Business Licence and Fee Bylaw Amendments be placed on the agenda as Correspondence item 10(j).

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-17

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-18

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- (a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2025
- (b) Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting Minutes of November 6, 2025

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of November 3, 2025 and Special Pre-Closed Council meeting minutes of November 6, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-19

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated October 30, 2025 from Patricia Ross, FVRD Chair to the Minister of Finance
Re: Pipeline Valuation Changes for 2026 Assessment Roll

- (b) Email dated October 31, 2025 from the Ministry of Children and Family Development
Re: Adoption and Permanency Awareness Month
- (c) Letter dated October 31, 2025 from Mayor Smith to the Minister of Finance
Re: BC Assessment Transmission Pipeline Valuation Changes
- (d) Email dated November 3, 2025 from Butterfly Support Network
Re: Request for Letter of Support
- (e) Email dated November 7, 2025 from Gary Webster
Re: Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1230, 2025
- (f) Email and Letter dated November 10, 2025 from Housing Reset
Re: Risks of Bill M216 (Professional Reliance Act)
- (g) Email dated November 10, 2025 from Sunny Manihani
Re: Feedback on Proposed Business Licence and Miscellaneous Fee Amendment
Bylaws
- (h) Letter dated November 10, 2025 from the Kent Harrison Arts Council
Re: Request for Increased Funding
- (i) Email dated November 12, 2025 from Jason Kim
Re: Feedback Harrison Proposed Business License and Fee Bylaw Amendments
- (j) Letter dated November 17, 2025 from the Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce
Re: Community and Business Feedback on Proposed Business Licence and Fee Bylaw
Amendments

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT all correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-20

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT a letter be sent to the Minister of Finance expressing concerns regarding the Pipeline Valuation Changes for the 2026 Assessment Roll.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-21

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the Village match previous years' grant funding for the Kent Harrison Arts Council of \$2000 and provide the difference in the amount of \$750 for this year; and

THAT the Village enter a multi-year commitment starting in 2026 to provide funding to the Kent Harrison Arts Council.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR TALEN, COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON AND VIDAL

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting on November 13, 2025
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Agassiz Cenotaph on November 11, 2025
- Attended the celebration of life for Gene Chanasyk on November 8, 2025

Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee
 - Attended a meeting on November 5, 2025
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended the Fire Department's Masquerade Gala on November 7, 2025
- Attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Agassiz Cenotaph on November 11, 2025
- Attended the Cascade Chorus performance at Memorial Hall on November 11, 2025

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Agassiz Cenotaph on November 11, 2025
- Attended the Cascade Chorus performance at Memorial Hall on November 11, 2025
- Reported on a Communities in Bloom Committee meeting on November 12, 2025

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society
 - Attended a meeting on November 13, 2025
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report
- Attended a food security network event on November 14, 2025

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Reminder that November is Men's Health month
- Reported on a meeting with MLA Tony Luck on November 14, 2025
- Attended the Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Agassiz Cenotaph on November 11, 2025
- Attended the Fire Department's Masquerade Gala on November 7, 2025

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

(a) Accessibility Committee Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2025

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT all Committee minutes be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-22

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

(a) Report of Corporate Officer dated November 17, 2025
Re: Release of Closed Meeting Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

1. THAT the following resolution from the February 16, 2024 special closed Council meeting be received for information:

THAT Council provide a letter in support of the dike upgrade project to Legacy Environmental Ltd. and authorize them to apply for a land tenure from the Province on the Village's behalf.

2. THAT the following resolution from the November 6, 2025 special closed Council meeting be received for information:

THAT staff be authorized to create a new unionized positions for a temporary, year-round, part-time bylaw enforcement position and a seasonal bylaw enforcement position; and

THAT the positions be created at the CUPE 458 Collective Agreement pay grade 6 and 7.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-23

(b) Report of Chief Financial Officer dated November 17, 2025
Re: Purchasing & Procurement Policy 1.08 Amendment

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council approve Purchasing & Procurement Policy 1.08 as amended.

Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT a 10% component be added to the scoring criteria for Canadian content.

Amendment moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Councillor Schweinbenz's motion be amended by rescinding the wording and instead amending section 10(k) to read "Whenever practical and if other criteria in this section are satisfied, preference will be given to Canadian suppliers and products manufactured in Canada".

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON AND VIDAL

Council voted on the first amendment.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR TALEN, COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON AND VIDAL

Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the Fire Chief's signing authority be increased in line with other positions to \$10,000.

MOTION FAILED
LACK OF SECONDER

Council voted on the original motion.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-24

(c) Report of Planning Consultant dated November 17, 2025
Re: Review of M216-2025

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Council write to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and UBCM outlining their opposition to proposed Bill M 216-2025.

Amendment moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the motion be amended by adding MLA Tony Luck as a recipient of the letter.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-25

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-26

16. BYLAWS

(a) Report of Planning Consultant dated November 17, 2025
Re: Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1230, 2025

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1230, 2025 be introduced and given first reading.

MOTION NOT VOTED ON

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1230, 2025 be given second a third readings.

MAIN MOTION NOT VOTED ON

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1230, 2025 be referred back to staff.

MOTION FAILED
LACK OF SECONDER

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1230, 2025 be referred back to staff and brought to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-27

(b) Report of Corporate Officer dated November 17, 2025
Re: Business Licence Bylaw Amendments – Food Trucks

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

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

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-28

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

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

MAIN MOTION NOT VOTED ON

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Mayor Talen

THAT Business Licence and Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1231, 2025 be referred back to staff to be discussed at a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-29

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

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

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-30

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff be directed to report back to Council on Food Truck policies and options for future regulation after engaging with the business community.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-31

(c) Report of Chief Financial Officer dated November 3, 2025
Re: Sewer and Water Regulation and Fee Bylaw Amendments

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Sewer Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1233, 2025 be given first, second and third readings; and

THAT Water Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 1234, 2025 be given first, second and third readings.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-32

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 Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2025-11-33



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer