



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS Regular Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, January 12, 2026
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
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Chief Financial Officer/Deputy CAO, Scott Schultz
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson
Communications and Community Engagement
Coordinator, Kalie Wiechmann
Fire Chief, Curtis Genest
Deputy Fire Chief, Bruce Malfait
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-2026-01-01

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- (a) Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2025

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting minutes of December 10, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2026-01-02

- (b) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2025

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of December 15, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2026-01-03

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Email dated December 17, 2025 from Gary Webster
Re: Simple Improvement to Transparency & Meeting Efficiency

- (b) Letter dated December 18, 2025 from Mayor Horn to the Minister of Finance
Re: Concern – Proposed Changes to the Valuation of Gathering and Transmission Pipelines for the 2026 Assessment Roll
- (c) Letter dated December 18, 2025 from the City of Quesnel to Northern Development Initiative Trust
Re: Letter of Support – Prince George – North Vancouver Railway Engagement and Assessment
- (d) Letter dated January 7, 2026 from John Allen
Re: Building Belonging
- (e) Email dated January 7, 2026 from Ed Wood
Re: Waste Water Treatment Plant

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT all correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2026-01-04

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

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 that the Blue Bucket Fundraiser raised \$24,542 in four weekends

Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended Community Response Network luncheon on December 18, 2025
- Attended a virtual meeting with the LGLMA and other area association executive members on January 6, 2026

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Reported on Communities in Bloom meeting on December 16, 2025

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society – No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Reported on an Age Friendly Committee meeting on December 18, 2025
- Read a Christmas story as part of lights on the lake on December 20, 2025

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- (a) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of October 16, 2025.
- (b) Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2025.

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT all Committee minutes be received for information.

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RC-2026-01-05

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Fire Chief dated January 12, 2026
Re: Fire Department – Interior Designation

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT staff be directed to draft updates to Fire Department Regulation Bylaw No. 1031, 2013 to designate the Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department for interior operations; and

THAT staff be directed to review the mutual aid agreement with the Agassiz Fire Department and negotiate updates as required.

CARRIED
RC-2026-01-06

- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated January 12, 2026
Re: Release of Closed Meeting Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the following resolution from the December 10, 2025 special closed Council meeting be received for information:

THAT Amanda Graham be appointed the Chief Election Officer for the 2026 General Local Election; and

THAT Christy Ovens and Kelly Ridley be appointed as Deputy Chief Election Officers for the 2026 General Local Election.

CARRIED
RC-2026-01-07

- (c) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated January 12, 2026
Re: CAO 2025 Fourth Quarter Update

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer's report dated January 12, 2026 regarding CAO 2025 Fourth Quarter Update be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2026-01-08

- (d) Report of Community Services Manager dated January 12, 2026
Re: UBCM Local Government Development Approvals Program

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council indicate its support for an application of up to \$200,000 for the proposed activities as outlined in the 2026 Local Government Development Approval program and application guide, and commit to the provision of grant management.

CARRIED
RC-2026-01-09

16. BYLAWS

None.

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 6:41 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2026-01-10



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer