



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 25, 2026, 9:00 AM
Village Office, 495 Hot Springs Road
Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN-PERSON

1. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by the Chair.
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Acknowledgement of Sts'ailes traditional territory
3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
(a) THAT the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2026 be adopted. Page 1
6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
(a) Fundraiser: West Coast Seeds, March 1-22, 2026
(b) Earth Day in May: May 2, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Memorial Hall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Topic of Workshop
(c) Garden of the Week Update
(d) 2026 Gardening Projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lagoon Garden Bed Planting • Weed and Feed events
(e) 2026 To-Do List Page 5
(f) Next Meeting Date: TBD
7. ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Communities in Bloom Committee
Minutes**

DATE: Thursday, January 22, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair
Susan Caley
Susan Galvao
Janice Moffat
Margaret Shier

MEMBERS ABSENT: Teresa Omelus

STAFF PRESENT: Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Jace Hodgson, Director of Operations
Brant Corder, Parks, Trails, Horticulture Technician
(until 9:36 a.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Jackson acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Margaret Shier
Seconded by Janice Moffat

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
CIB-2026-01-01

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Margaret Shier
Seconded by Susan Galvao

THAT the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
CIB-2026-01-02

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) 2026 Work Plan Tasks and Engaging Local Businesses

Brant Corder provided the Committee with information regarding planned projects for parks, trails and gardens around the Village in 2026 including:

- Adding a rock border, more topsoil and perennials to the lagoon garden bed
- Boat launch garden beds
- Relocating trees that are expected to grow quite large, such as a Trembling Aspen across from the Harrison Grand Motel, Swedish Aspens in front of the Tourism building that are interfering with the soffits and wires
- Memorial Hall gardens will be getting an overhaul
- Sasquatch statue garden beds by muddy waters

It was noted that the sand gets stuck in a lot of the beachfront garden beds so the Village will be working to try and mitigate that as it chokes out the plants. There are many ornamental grasses and other plants that have not been split for many years. The goal is to add in wind and drought resistant plants to make maintenance easier. Weeding is always a challenge to stay on top of. The Village is hoping to have a summer student assist parks this year. The Lillooet West streetscape enhancement plantings will be largely done by a contractor.

The Committee discussed several ways to assist including:

- Designing the lagoon garden bed – it was noted that the “HHS” was very popular with tourists and the Committee discussed the possibility of adding in a pergola for photos
- Organizing “Weed and Feed” sessions to get community members to help with weeding
- Asking local businesses to sponsor the “Weed and Feed” sessions with food and beverages

The Committee discussed an event that used to take place as part of CIB in Agassiz at the Agricultural Hall. There were local growers who would rent a table/booth in early spring around the May long weekend. The Village could have something similar, with an educational side, workshops for making something like moss hanging baskets, green waste drop off, etc. It was noted that this event was very successful in the past. It could also be part of the Village’s Environmental Committee Earth Day in May.

Brant Corder left the meeting.

Staff circulated a draft pamphlet outlining what CIB is and who the Committee is, past projects and planned projects for 2026. The pamphlet is geared towards businesses who

would like to donate either through various levels of monetary donations or in-kind. The idea is to have a physical document that can be handed out to the businesses. The Committee would go around and introduce themselves and seek participation from local businesses.

Staff will prepare a list of local businesses, print more copies of the pamphlet, create name tags and business cards with a QR code for the West Coast Seeds fundraiser and will prepare engagement packages for the Committee members to come pick up at the Village Office.

(b) 2025 Evaluation Report Review

The Committee discussed the evaluation report and it was noted that several items are already being addressed as part of the 2026 work plan and proposed project. The Village has applied to enter in all six categories.

(c) Fundraiser: West Coast Seeds, March 1-22, 2026

Discussed during an earlier item. Advertising will begin in February.

(d) Next Meeting Date: February 25, 2026 9:00 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Susan Galvao
Seconded by Margaret Shier

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

CARRIED
CIB-2026-01-03

Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair
Communities in Bloom Committee

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

PROJECT 1: CIB PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

Lead Organizer:

Task	Assigned To	Due Date	Status
Register for Bloom Category	Staff	Tuesday, March 31, 2026	Complete
Organize Judges' Welcome Event			Awaiting confirmation of judges' visit dates
Organize Judges' Accommodations			Awaiting confirmation of judges' visit dates
Update Community Profile with additional categories - add in Tree Management, Heritage Conservation and Environmental Action			
Organize Judges' Visit Itinerary - coordinate with experts, determine timing, meals, transportation and stops			

PROJECT 2: GARDEN OF THE WEEK

Lead Organizer:

Task	Assigned To	Due Date	Status
Apply to CIB/Miracle Gro "Best Garden Selection"	Staff	February	Complete
Reach out to local businesses for sponsorships	Committee members individually		Awaiting response re: application
Decide on categories, rating criteria, schedule	Committee together	May	Awaiting response re: application
Award winners, submit paperwork and photos	Committee members individually		Awaiting response re: application
Post to social media	Staff		Awaiting response re: application

PROJECT 3: GARDEN TOUR

Lead Organizer:

Task	Assigned To	Due Date	Status
Select a date and time for the tour	Committee together		
Create and order signage	Staff		
Approach property owners to recruit participants	Committee members individually		
Create a map and promotional materials	Staff		
Thank you gifts for participants	Staff can purchase, Committee to put together and distribute		

PROJECT 4: CANADA DAY PARADE FLOAT

Lead Organizer:

Task	Assigned To	Due Date	Status
Identify and secure a vehicle for use in the parade			
Determine theme	Committee together		
Obtain decorations			
Decorate the vehicle			
Drive the vehicle and participate in the parade			

PROJECT 5: EARTH DAY IN MAY WORKSHOP

Lead Organizer:

Task	Assigned To	Due Date	Status
Determine topic of the workshop	Committee together	February	Earth Day in May is being held Saturday, May 2, 2026 9am-12noon at Memorial Hall
Locate a local expert on the topic and secure their participation in the event			

PROJECT 6: LAGOON GARDEN BED COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY

Lead Organizer:

Task	Assigned To	Due Date	Status
Work with Village's horticulturist to determine best options for the garden bed	Committee together		
Work with Village's horticulturist to determine a date for the community planting day	Committee together		
Create promotional materials and advertise	Staff		
Reach out to local businesses for sponsorships	Committee members individually		
Determine whether and how to incorporate the 2026 theme of therapeutic gardening	Committee together		

PROJECT 7: PLANT SALE FUNDRAISER			
Lead Organizer:			
Task	Assigned To	Due Date	Status
Determine date, time and location of fundraiser	Committee together		
Reach out to local businesses for sponsorships	Committee members individually		
Reach out to the school to determine whether students would like to grow plants			