



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 2, 2026, 5:30 PM
 Memorial Hall, 290 Esplanade Avenue,
 Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

1. CALL TO ORDER	
Meeting called to order by Mayor Talen.	
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	
Acknowledgement of Sts'ailes traditional territory.	
3. PUBLIC HEARING (if required)	
4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS	
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	
6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST	
7. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES	
(a) THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026 be adopted.	Page 1
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9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS	
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(d) Letter dated February 23, 2026 from BC Timber Sales Chilliwack Re: 2026-2030 Operations Plan Referral	Page 33

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11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE	
12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS	
13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR	
14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS	
THAT the following adopted minutes be received for information:	
(a) Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2026	Page 41
(b) Report of Corporate Officer dated March 2, 2026 Re: Committee of the Whole Report	Page 45
Recommendation:	
THAT Council adopt the report of the Committee of the Whole.	
15. REPORTS FROM STAFF	
(a) Report of Community Services Manager dated March 2, 2026 Re: Evacuation Planning Update	Page 47
Recommendation:	
THAT the Community Services Manager’s Evacuation Planning Update report dated March 2, 2026 be received for information.	
(b) Report of Community Services Manager dated March 2, 2026 Re: 2025 FireSmart Report	Page 57
Recommendations:	
THAT the Community Services Manager’s 2025 FireSmart Annual Report be received for information; and	
THAT Council direct staff to send a letter to Premier David Eby indicating the importance of the continuation of FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program.	

16. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Chief Financial Officer dated March 2, 2026
Re: 2026-2029 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1237, 2026

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Opportunity for public comments.

Recommendation:

THAT Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1237, 2026 be given third reading as amended.

- (b) Fire Services Bylaw No. 1236, 2026

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Recommendations:

THAT Fire Services Bylaw No. 1236, 2026 be adopted; and

THAT Fire Inspections Frequency Policy 1.27 be repealed.

- (c) Report of Corporate Officer dated March 2, 2026
Re: Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1241, 2026

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Recommendations:

1. THAT Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1241, 2026 be introduced and given first reading.
2. THAT Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1241, 2026 be given second reading.

OR

2. THAT Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1241, 2026 be given second reading with the following amendments:

Amendment 1: (Mover and Seconder required)

Amendment 2: (Mover and Seconder required) etc.

3. THAT Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1241, 2026 be given third reading.

- (d) Pay Parking Regulation Bylaw No. 1239, 2026

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Recommendation:

THAT Pay Parking Regulation Bylaw No. 1239, 2026 be adopted.

(e) Boat Launch Regulation Bylaw No. 1240, 2026

Recommendation:

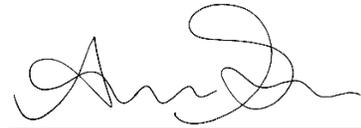
THAT Boat Launch Regulation Bylaw No. 1240, 2026 be adopted.

17. NEW BUSINESS

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

19. QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO THE AGENDA

20. ADJOURNMENT



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

Due to scheduled electrical upgrades taking place at Memorial Hall, the regular Council meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2026 will be held at:

Village Office Council Chambers
495 Hot Springs Road
Harrison Hot Springs, BC

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Minutes**

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 2026
TIME: 11:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

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

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham (until 11:50 a.m.)
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Talen acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Facio

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
COW-2026-02-07

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) 2025 Bylaw Enforcement Report Recommendations

Council discussed the current barbecue zones, barbecue pedestals, portable barbecues on their own pedestals and adding in more loading zone parking stalls on the east side of Spruce Street to encourage more barbecue use in Rendall Park. Concerns regarding grease from barbecues dripping onto grass and conflicts with busy areas near the playground and hot barbecues were also noted.

Moved by Mayor Talen

THAT the existing barbecue zones remain as currently set out in Park Regulation Bylaw No. 1150, 2020.

CARRIED
COW-2026-02-08

Moved by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff be directed to research the cost of adding more barbecue pedestals and picnic tables in Rendall Park.

CARRIED
COW-2026-02-09

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff be directed to research a pay per use program to monetize the use of the picnic tables.

FAILED
MAYOR TALEN, COUNCILLORS FACIO AND VIDAL OPPOSED

Moved by Councillor Facio

THAT staff be directed to initiate a pilot project for one year to permit self-pedestal barbecues in the barbecue zones.

Amendment moved by Mayor Talen

THAT staff also be directed to research methods of differentiating and limiting full size barbecues.

CARRIED
COW-2026-02-10

Council voted on the main motion.

CARRIED
COW-2026-02-11

Moved by Mayor Talen

THAT staff be directed to return to Council with a report regarding an off-leash dog/swim area in the cove north of boat launch parking lot and make recommendations regarding fencing, mitigating liability and ways to address conflict with existing trees, shrubs, bird habitat and other boaters.

CARRIED
COW-2026-02-12

Staff presented several ideas currently in their planning stages that will more clearly identify the entrance to Rendall Park and help mitigate boater-pedestrian conflicts including:

- Coloured crosswalks
- Delineators
- Signage improvements
- Design features
- Making the entrance wider and more open

6. Moved by Councillor Facio

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

CARRIED
COW-2026-02-13

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

DATE: Tuesday, February 17, 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 Michie Vidal

COUNCIL ABSENT: Councillor Mark Schweinbenz

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 and Community Engagement
Coordinator, Kalie Wiechmann
Fire Chief, Curtis Genest (Via Zoom)
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 Vidal

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-19

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 2, 2026

(b) Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 3, 2026

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT all minutes be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-20

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Email dated February 4, 2026 from the City of Kamloops
Re: Forwarded Resolution – Heritage Conservation Act

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT all correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-21

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the Village support the City of Kamloops' resolution regarding the Heritage Conservation Act; and

THAT staff send a letter of support.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-22

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee
 - Attended a meeting on February 4, 2026
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting on February 12, 2026
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Attended an Environmental Advisory Committee meeting on February 13, 2026
- Reported on the Committee of the Whole meetings on February 3 and 17, 2026

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

(a) Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of December 3, 2025.

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT all Committee minutes be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-23

- (b) Report of Corporate Officer February 17, 2026
Re: Environmental Advisory Committee Report

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Council approve the following recommendation from the Environmental Advisory Committee:

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee be consulted on any proposals for recreational use of the East Sector prior to Adoption by Council.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-24

- (c) Report of Corporate Officer February 17, 2026
Re: Committee of the Whole Report

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council adopt the report of the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-25

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

None.

16. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Chief Financial Officer dated February 17, 2026
Re: 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No 1237, 2026

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1237, 2026 be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-26

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1237, 2026 be given second reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-27

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT public consultation of the 2026-2030 Financial Plan take place at an Open House to be held on February 24, 2026 at the Village Office.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-28

- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated February 2, 2026
Re: Fire Services Bylaw No. 1236, 2026

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Fire Services Bylaw No. 1236, 2026 be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-29

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Fire Services Bylaw No. 1236, 2026 be given second reading.

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Fire Services Bylaw No. 1236, 2026 be amended by separation section 7(b) into two subsections as follows:

“(b) The Fire Chief is head of the Fire Department.

(c) The Fire Chief reports to the Chief Administrative Officer in respect of the management of the Fire Department, the Fire Department budget, and the condition of buildings, Apparatus and Equipment under the control of the Fire Department.”

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-30

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Fire Services Bylaw No. 1236, 2026 be given third reading as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-31

- (d) Report of Community Services Manager dated February 17, 2026
Re: Pay Parking and Boat Launch Bylaws

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Pay Parking Regulation Bylaw No. 1239, 2026 be given first reading

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-32

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Pay Parking Regulation Bylaw No.1239, 2026 be given second reading.

MOTION DEFEATED

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Pay Parking Regulation Bylaw No.1239, 2026 be amended to remove all references to zone 3 in schedules A and B.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR VIDAL
RC-2026-02-33

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Pay Parking Regulation Bylaw No.1239, 2026 be amended by reducing the resident parking pass from \$100 to \$75.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-34

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT section 4(g) of Pay Parking Regulation Bylaw No.1239, 2026 be amended by making a resident parking pass valid from Monday through Sunday instead of Monday through Thursday.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR VIDAL
RC-2026-02-35

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Mayor Talen

THAT Pay Parking Regulation Bylaw No.1239, 2026 be amended by changing the resident parking pass fee from \$75 back to \$100.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR TALEN, COUNCILLORS FACIO AND JACKSON

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Pay Parking Regulation Bylaw No.1239, 2026 be given second reading as amended and third reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-36

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Boat Launch Regulation Bylaw No. 1240, 2026 be given first reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-37

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Boat Launch Regulation Bylaw No. 1240, 2026 be given second reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-38

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Boat Launch Regulation Bylaw No. 1240, 2026 be given third reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-39

17. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) New Business from Mayor Talen
Re: LMLGA Resolution – Treaty Negotiations

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

WHEREAS the recent BC Supreme Court decision in Cowichan Tribes v. Canada, 2025 BCSC 1490 has created significant uncertainty for residents, businesses, and local governments across BC, setting precedents with broad implications while highlighting the absence of modern agreements that clarify and confirm BC's Indigenous Peoples Aboriginal and treaty rights, including Aboriginal Title; and

WHEREAS local governments were not involved in the negotiations preceding the court decision, leaving their interests unaddressed; and

WHEREAS modern treaties that clarify and confirm these rights would benefit all communities in British Columbia,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM call on the Province of BC to pursue the completion of modern treaties with BC's Indigenous Peoples that clarify and confirm their treaty and Aboriginal rights, including Aboriginal Title; and

THAT UBCM call on the Province of BC to commit to consulting affected local governments on draft agreements that might impact the delivery of municipal services, the jurisdictions, authorities and/or interests of local governments, prior to the Province of BC considering the ratification of these modern agreements or treaties so that local government interests can be considered and addressed appropriate.

Amendment moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Mayor Talen

THAT the motion be amended to remove the words "including Aboriginal Title" throughout the motion.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-40

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-41

- (b) Notice of Motion from Councillor Vidal
Re: LMLGA Resolution – FOIPPA Funding Stream

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

WHEREAS public bodies are responsible for responding to requests for access to records pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act; and

WHEREAS requests are increasing in scope, complexity and frequency, requiring more pages of records to be searched or processed; and

WHEREAS small local governments have limited capacity and resources to respond to such access requests;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM call on the Provincial Government to establish a funding stream for small local governments with populations under 5,000, to draw from to help local governments meet their obligations under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-42

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 7:10 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-43

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

From: Phil Perras

Sent: February 17, 2026 11:15 AM

To: ubcm@ubcm.ca

Cc: district@100milehouse.com; info@abbotsford.ca; officeclerk@alertbay.ca; village.hall@anmore.com; info@cityofarmstrong.bc.ca; admin@ashcroftbc.ca; inquiry@barriere.ca; belcarra@belcarra.ca; bim@bimbc.ca; [LegislativeServices <legislativeservices@burnaby.ca>](mailto:LegislativeServices@legislativeservices@burnaby.ca); village@burnslake.ca; admin@cachecreek.ca; info@campbellriver.ca; village@canalflats.ca; castlegar@castlegar.ca; info@castlegar.ca; municipalhall@csaanich.ca; [Council <council@saanich.ca>](mailto:Council@council@saanich.ca); chase@chasebc.ca; d-chet@gochetwynd.com; info@chilliwack.com; admin@docbc.ca; info@village.clinton.bc.ca; admin@village.clinton.bc.ca; info@coldstream.ca; info@colwood.ca; town@comox.ca; feedback@coquitlam.ca; info@courtenay.ca; info@cranbrook.ca; info@creston.ca; info@cumberland.ca; office@daajinggiids.ca; admin@dawsoncreek.ca; [City Clerk <cityclerk@delta.ca>](mailto:City Clerk@cityclerk@delta.ca); duncan@duncan.ca; info@elkford.ca; info@cityofenderby.com; corporate.services@esquimalt.ca; cityhall@fernien.ca; district@fortstjames.ca; info@fortstjohn.ca; cao@fraserlake.ca; info@village.fruitvale.bc.ca; info@gibsons.ca; info@goldriver.ca; enquiries@golden.ca; info@grandforks.ca; general@villageofgranisle.ca; cao@greenwoodcity.ca; [Vivian Li <info@harrisonhotsprings.ca>](mailto:Vivian Li@info@harrisonhotsprings.ca); info@hazelton.ca; info@highlands.ca; info@hope.ca; doh@houston.ca; tonia@hudsonshope.ca; info@invermere.net; info@kamloops.ca; admin@kaslo.ca; ask@kelowna.ca; cleo@kentbc.ca; info@keremeos.ca; info@kimberley.ca; districtofkitimat@kitimat.ca; info@ladysmith.ca; admin@lakecountry.bc.ca; general@lakecowichan.ca; administration@langford.ca; info@langleycity.ca; info@tol.ca; district@lantzville.ca; info@lillooet.ca; reception@lionsbay.ca; info@loganlake.ca; info@lumby.ca; finance@lytton.ca; info@districtofmackenzie.ca; enquiries@mapleridge.ca; cao@masset.ca; mcbride@mcbride.ca; info@merritt.ca; info@metchosin.ca; midwaybc@shaw.ca; [General Inquiries <info@mission.ca>](mailto:General Inquiries@info@mission.ca); admin@montrose.ca; cao@nakusp.com; victoria.bowering@nanaimo.ca; swinton@nelson.ca; office@newdenver.ca; info@newhazelton.ca; info@newwestcity.ca; info@northcowichan.ca; admin@northsaanich.ca; info@cnv.org; [Infoweb <infoweb@dnv.org>](mailto:Infoweb@infoweb@dnv.org); justask@northernrockies.ca; administration@oakbay.ca; admin@oliver.ca; info@osoyoos.ca; info@parksville.ca; info@peachland.ca; admin@pemberton.ca; ask@penticton.ca; info@pittmeadows.ca; citypa@portalberni.ca; info@portalice.ca; cao@portclements.ca; info@portcoquitlam.ca; info@portedward.ca; general@porthardy.ca; reception@portmcneill.ca; info@portmoody.ca; mcybulski@poucecoupe.ca; [City of Powell River <info@powellriver.ca>](mailto:City of Powell River@info@powellriver.ca); cityclerk@princegeorge.ca; cityhall@princerupert.ca; admin@princeton.ca; qbtown@qualicumbeach.com; cityhall@quesnel.ca; cao@radiumhotsprings.ca; corporate@revelstoke.ca; cityclerk@richmond.ca; cityhall@rossland.ca; [Council <council@saanich.ca>](mailto:Council@council@saanich.ca); cao@salmo.ca; cityhall@salmonarm.ca; village@saywardvalley.ca; info@sechelt.ca; SIGD@shishalh.com; corporate@sicamous.ca; admin@sidney.ca; info@silverton.ca; info@villageofslocan.ca; general@smithers.ca; info@sooke.ca; mail@spallumcheentwp.bc.ca; sparwood@sparwood.ca; admdept@squamish.ca; info@districtofstewart.com; corporateofficer@summerland.ca; reception@sunpeaksmunicipality.ca; clerks@surrey.ca; reception@villageoftahsis.com; feedback@districtoftaylor.com; info@telkwa.ca; cityhall@terrace.ca; office@tofino.ca; info@trail.ca; cao@dtr.ca; info@ucluelet.ca; adminservices@valemount.ca; [City Clerk's Office <ccclerk@vancouver.ca>](mailto:City Clerk's Office@ccclerk@vancouver.ca); corporate@district.vanderhoof.ca; mayor@vernon.ca; [Victoria Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca>](mailto:Victoria Mayor and Council@mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca); [Info Address <info@viewroyal.ca>](mailto:Info Address@info@viewroyal.ca); info@warfield.ca; info@westkelownacity.ca; info@westvancouver.ca; [corporate <corporate@whistler.ca>](mailto:corporate@corporate@whistler.ca); webmaster@whiterockcity.ca; corporateservices@williamslake.ca; cao@zeballos.com; clerk@wells.ca

Subject: In the Wake of the Tumbler Ridge Tragedy: A Call for Unity Around Democratic Principles

Caution! This message was sent from outside your organization.

Dear Mayor and Council,

With the deepest condolences, I write in the aftermath of the tragedy in Tumbler Ridge to honour the victims and to express heartfelt sympathy to their families, loved ones, and the community now living with unimaginable loss. My thoughts remain with the survivors, the first responders, and all those affected.

Although this tragedy occurred in one small community, its implications reach every municipality in British Columbia. Moments like this compel reflection — not only on what happened there, but on what we can learn together, and how our public institutions can better protect the communities they serve across the province.

This letter is written in that spirit.

A Pattern of Tragedy and Unanswered Questions

In recent years, British Columbia has experienced several extreme acts of violence, including:

- the Tumbler Ridge tragedy
- the Lapu-Lapu Festival vehicle attack in Vancouver (April 2025)
- the Saanich bank shootout (June 2022)

Each event is unique. No single cause can explain such complex acts of violence. What they do share, however, is an unsettling degree of public uncertainty about what, if anything, was known or attempted by institutions beforehand. In the case of Tumbler Ridge, details are still emerging, but early statements from RCMP leadership have already confirmed a history of police visits to the family home for mental-health checks alongside multiple apprehensions under B.C.'s Mental Health Act. There is, as yet, no transparent explanation of the decision-making behind those actions or how lessons will be applied going forward.

In the Lapu-Lapu Festival attack, Vancouver Police publicly described the accused as having a “significant” and “extensive” history of interactions with both police and mental-health services, despite having no prior criminal record, and being under the supervision of a mental-health care team at the time. Yet even with this high volume of institutional contact, including involuntary hospitalization, there is still no clear, consolidated public account of what supports were attempted, how risk was assessed, or what changes will follow. From a public-safety standpoint, that absence is itself a critical data point: after so many interactions with our systems, the reasonable expectation is that risk would be reduced, not followed by catastrophe.

This same case is still moving through the courts, and a judge has already found the accused fit to stand trial based on expert psychiatric evidence heard in a dedicated fitness hearing. Much of that evidence, and the reasoning behind the decision, remains sealed under a publication ban until the criminal process has run its course. The public is effectively asked to trust that systems functioned as intended while the very information that could confirm or challenge that belief is withheld. For municipal leaders trying to make policy decisions, that is a structural transparency problem, not a minor detail.

In the Saanich case, police stated the suspects were “not known to police.” However, that phrasing is usually limited to criminal records and does not speak to possible school-based interactions, particularly given the informal nature of many School Liaison Officer (SLO) roles, where officers may interact with students without consistent or centralized record-keeping. This does not mean such interactions occurred in this case; it simply underscores that the public has no way to know, because the systems required to provide clarity are non-existent.

Mayors and Councils should find it especially troubling, then, that the current provincial government chose to dismiss the duly elected SD61 school board after trustees voted to cancel their defunct SLO program precisely over these concerns about accountability and transparency, acting under specific guidance from the BC Human Rights Commissioner and only after extensive outreach to all involved stakeholders.

Taken together, these cases raise a fair systemic question that communities are entitled to ask:

In situations where there has been — or may have been — repeated contact with police, health services, or other public institutions before a major crisis, how can communities have confidence in those systems when there is no fully transparent explanation of what was tried, what failed, and why risk was not reduced?

When tragedies occur without clear public accountability and shared learning, trust erodes — and trust is a cornerstone of public safety.

Destigmatization, Internal Culture, and Public Safety

These tragedies also underline a simple reality: destigmatization is not a social nicety — it is a **public-safety strategy**. When stigma surrounds identity or mental health, people are less likely to seek help, families struggle to navigate services, and institutions tend to respond reactively instead of collaboratively. The same is true inside our public systems: when staff feel stigmatized or unsafe speaking up, culture deteriorates and the system's ability to respond constructively to people in crisis is weakened.

In earlier letters, I have shared examples of public servants describing stigma and dysfunction inside their own workplaces. In the wake of Tumbler Ridge, we have also seen how quickly stigma and disinformation can spread around identity and mental health, even as local governments and health authorities try to focus on support and healing. This is exactly why destigmatization and transparency must be built into our public systems from the inside out, not added after the fact.

Public safety improves when:

- mental-health support is accessible and coordinated,
- communication between services is clear and accountable, and
- communities feel safe seeking help before crises escalate.

If we continue to fund structures that are dysfunctional or punitive in practice, we are not just wasting money — we are reinforcing the very conditions that allow risk to grow unseen. We can no longer afford to keep our voices quiet about the need for destigmatization of our public services.

Technology, Stigma, and the Transparency Gap

The Province is now rolling out new digital tools to assist police in mental-health crisis response, including **HealthIM** — a provincially funded digital "public-safety" system that guides officers through a brief mental-health risk screener and lets them review safety and de-escalation information drawn from prior contacts, while transmitting standardized clinical information to health-care partners in real time.

On paper, HealthIM is described as an evidence-based risk-screening tool meant to improve coordination, safety, and outcomes during mental-health and substance-use crisis calls. But technology does not sit in a vacuum. It lands inside existing cultures.

Where individuals have already experienced stigma or dismissive treatment from public institutions, the idea that police can now access and transmit additional, highly personal mental-health information at the tap of a screen does not automatically build trust — it risks amplifying fear. If front-line culture has not yet been meaningfully de-stigmatized across the province, faster access to stigmatizing labels, historical notes, and incomplete narratives may simply harden assumptions rather than improve care.

This is why destigmatization is now more urgent than ever. If we are going to give institutions powerful new tools that surface intimate details about people's lives, then those same institutions must be held to an equally high standard of transparency about their own decisions, outcomes, and use of that data. If information about individuals can be accessed instantly in moments of crisis, then information about institutional decisions, lessons learned, and systemic performance must also be accessible to the public.

Technology cannot be allowed to deepen a one-sided transparency gap, where residents are fully exposed while systems remain opaque. Any digital expansion of police access to mental-health information — including HealthIM and similar tools — must be matched by clear rules, independent oversight, and robust public reporting, or it will simply embed stigma more deeply into the very systems we are told will keep us safe.

Global Leadership and Local Reality

At the World Economic Forum, Prime Minister Mark Carney spoke about the need for governments to recognize that old assumptions no longer hold and that real resilience now requires honesty, unity, and a willingness to change systems that are no longer fit for purpose. That message of unity was echoed again in the days after Tumbler Ridge,

when he invited the leaders of all federal parties to travel with him to the community, and they stood together at a vigil to speak of national solidarity and shared grief.

Those gestures matter. They signal that public safety and community wellbeing are not partisan issues.

At the same time, federal and provincial policy choices are reshaping the landscape in which municipalities must now operate. Ottawa has committed significant new funding to increase RCMP capacity, including a multi-year plan to hire 1,000 additional RCMP personnel and invest in federal policing across Canada. In theory, these investments should enhance safety. But on the ground in British Columbia, many small communities still rely on tiny, understaffed RCMP detachments, long backup times, and expensive downloaded emergency-communications costs that local governments neither designed nor control, and which could be impeding public safety as a whole.

E-Comm 911 operates as a stand-alone corporation under the Business Corporations Act, providing centralized emergency communications while municipalities shoulder rising costs. Independent reviews have already identified issues with its governance, financial controls, and cost structure, and recommended reforms to make the service more sustainable and accountable to local governments. Yet municipalities are still being asked to pay more into a model where real influence over priorities and performance remains limited.

From a municipal perspective, this creates a tension that Carney himself has described in the international context: authority and resources are often centralized, while risk and responsibility are pushed downward. The language of unity and resilience at the national and global level is welcome — but it must translate into structures where local governments have the tools, information, and authority they need to keep their residents safe.

For mayors and councils, the question is not whether to stand with communities like Tumbler Ridge in their grief. You already do. The question is whether the systems surrounding you will allow that solidarity to become structural: more transparency, more local oversight, and fewer situations where municipalities are asked to fund arrangements they cannot meaningfully shape.

Municipal Leadership Matters

In this environment, municipal leadership has become more important than ever.

I wish to acknowledge and commend:

- **The Mayor and Council of the City of Colwood**, for prioritizing transparency and calling for investigation and clarity regarding policing infrastructure. Their actions correctly demonstrate that public safety *must* be grounded in openness and accountability.
- **The Mayor and Council of the City of Langford**, for defending democratic process, fiscal clarity and their citizens in general in the face of complex budget pressures, rising service costs and other areas.
- **The municipalities that have united to challenge E-Comm funding arrangements**, demonstrating that collaboration and principled action remain powerful tools for protecting local governance.
- and **many other recent examples** of Mayors and Councils upholding democratic principles across the province.

These actions reflect the strength of municipal leadership across British Columbia.

They are also directly relevant to smaller, more remote communities like Tumbler Ridge. The RCMP detachment there has only five members; at the time of the shooting, two officers were on duty, two came in from off-shift, and one was out of the community. Backup had to drive in from other towns, and paramedic resources had to be reinforced from outside the area.

In this case, the officers' response was rightly described as heroic, and their speed almost certainly saved additional lives. But the structure itself — tiny detachments, long distances for backup, limited local ambulance capacity — exposes just how thin the margin is. In communities like this, nobody needs a lecture to understand why having a partner and adequate coverage are not luxuries; they are basic conditions of safe response.

At the same time, municipalities across B.C. are being asked to absorb emergency-communications costs they do not control. Downloaded E-Comm and 911 fees have long forced local governments into impossible trade-offs: paying

more to sustain centralized arrangements while struggling to maintain the front-line staffing and coverage their residents actually rely on.

For a large city, those pressures are serious. For a small municipality with a five-member detachment and a single full-time ambulance unit, they can be existential. It is understandable that many municipalities feel they cannot afford to build and operate their own fully independent emergency-services infrastructure, but that reality makes it even more urgent to ask a harder question: who ultimately pays the price when local governments are required to keep funding centralized structures that are not clearly demonstrating they are reducing risk?

Every dollar redirected into unexplained or poorly governed cost increases is a dollar that cannot go toward ensuring officers are not responding alone, that paramedic coverage is adequate, and that local public-safety gaps are actually being closed.

This is why municipal unity on issues like E-Comm cannot stop at one region or one news cycle. When municipalities stand together to demand transparent cost structures, fair governance, and a say in how emergency-service dollars are spent, they are not simply arguing about budgets. They are defending the practical conditions that determine whether small communities have enough people on the ground when it matters most.

The Need for Structural Reform

When systems lack transparency and clear accountability, decision-makers are forced to operate with incomplete information. Funding then risks sustaining structures whose effectiveness cannot be fully evaluated. Without reliable data, lessons learned, and open review, it becomes difficult to identify what is working, what is not, and where reforms are needed.

An entire structural shift is necessary: away from opaque, stigma-tolerant systems and toward governance grounded in destigmatization, transparency, fairness, and measurable outcomes. That means:

- post-incident reviews that are **independent, timely, and made public wherever possible**;
- funding arrangements that are linked to **clear performance metrics and open reporting**, not just institutional survival;
- workplace cultures in policing, bylaw, and other public services where **stigma and retaliation are not tolerated**, and where staff are supported to raise concerns early; and
- legal and policy frameworks that recognize **mental-health information as highly sensitive**, with strong safeguards around when and how it can be accessed and transparency surrounding exactly how it is being used on a case by case basis.

Such a shift is essential if we are to prevent future tragedies and rebuild public trust. Without it, we risk continuing to pour resources into systems and structures that cannot show they are reducing risk — and, in the worst cases, *may be quietly amplifying it*. A system that normalizes or weaponizes stigma will struggle to engage with mental illness safely; it will keep turning preventable crises into avoidable catastrophes, no matter how much funding it receives.

A Call for Unity Around Democratic Principles

Public safety depends on:

- trust in institutions,
- confidence in oversight, and
- lessons being learned openly after tragedies.

Municipalities are uniquely positioned to uphold these democratic principles. You are closest to the communities who are grieving now, and closest to the front-line staff who are asked to carry impossible loads with limited support — often within systems that local governments do not fully control.

The new provincially funded HealthIM mental-health screening app is just one example. This system is being deployed through provincial ministries and police leadership, yet the consequences of how it is used will be felt in municipal streets, schools, and homes. When policing is provided by a federal force using provincial tools, local democratic oversight becomes even more distant. Municipalities cannot meaningfully de-stigmatize or reform what they cannot see, cannot question, and do not govern.

By standing together, local governments can:

- Advocate for fully transparent, independent reviews after major incidents — including Saanich, Lapu-Lapu, and Tumbler Ridge — so communities can understand what was tried, what failed, and what must change.
- Insist on meaningful oversight of services funded by municipal taxpayers, including E-Comm 911. Municipalities should **not** be expected to fund or host systems over which they have no real say.
- Explore local alternatives where appropriate — including municipal policing and locally governed emergency-communications services — so that accountability flows back to elected councils rather than disappearing into federal–provincial arrangements.
- Tie future funding support to clear conditions: public reporting, measurable outcomes, and demonstrable efforts to address stigma and workplace culture inside public institutions, not just “more money into the same structure that is failing.”
- Use forums such as UBCM and regional tables to coordinate positions, share information, and resist further downloading of risk and cost without corresponding local control.

In the media conversation that follows tragedies like Tumbler Ridge, there is often a familiar pattern: opinion-based commentary that frames the response primarily as a need for more funding for the very same systems, and reassurances that such events are aberrations. For years, many in British Columbia could tell themselves that school shootings were a problem that “only happened in the United States.” That is no longer credible. Calls for resources are understandable, but if grief is channelled only into preserving existing funding streams, without examining whether the current structure is actually working, then the opportunity to make people meaningfully safer will have been missed.

Municipalities do not have to accept that narrative. You can demand better data, better governance, and better culture — and you can refuse to support any model that expands access to residents’ personal information while keeping institutional decisions hidden from public view.

It is important to say plainly that this letter — and the series of letters that preceded it — were written with one central aim: to prevent exactly this kind of tragedy from occurring. It is too early to know what motivated the Tumbler Ridge shooter, and it is possible that the full answer will never be known. In other cases, such as the Saanich shootout, public explanations have leaned on concepts like an “internet bubble.” That may capture part of the story, but communities are also entitled to ask harder questions about offline experiences — including whether prior contact with school-based policing or other institutions left individuals feeling stigmatized, dismissed, or targeted. Those questions do not blame any one profession or identity; they simply refuse to ignore the role that stigma, power, and silence can play when people lose faith that lawful avenues will ever lead to fairness.

The intention behind raising these concerns is not to score political points after the fact, but to ensure that the next potential tragedy is interrupted long before it reaches another classroom, festival, or bank. When residents call for help, the systems they rely on must be both effective and accountable — and the people working inside those systems must be supported, not stigmatized.

In Tumbler Ridge, it is not only the families of the children and teacher who were killed who are grieving. Surviving relatives of the accused — including children now left without one or both parents — are also victims and will equally carry the weight of what happened for the rest of their lives. Around the world, there are instances where, over time and entirely on their own terms, families on opposite sides of a tragedy have chosen to build unexpected forms of relationship and support: shared community rituals, informal mentoring, and in rare cases even guardianship or adoption-type arrangements. No one can or should prescribe that path here; it would have to be voluntary, survivor-

led, and carefully supported. But municipalities can recognize that true healing sometimes includes making space for survivor-led, restorative forms of unity — between families, neighbours, and communities — if and when those directly affected ever seek it.

This is *not* a political issue.

It is a **civic** one.

Transparency, destigmatization, and shared accountability are some of the strongest foundations of *public safety*.

Respectfully,

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Good morning,

Please see attached the information submitted to SILGA from the Township of Spallumcheen Council regarding a resolution requesting a BC Building Code amendment to ensure that natural gas remains a viable energy option now and in the future.

Lisa Gyorkos

Manager of Strategic Priorities, Township of Spallumcheen

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February 18, 2026

Southern Interior Local Government Association
Via Email: info@silga.ca

Re: Township of Spallumcheen Resolution

Please find attached to this letter the resolution for consideration and the background information to support this resolution.

A similar resolution was submitted in 2025 which was supported by SILGA at the 2025 convention and forwarded to UBCM. At the 2025 UBCM convention, the resolution did not make the floor for open debate and was not supported by the committee after the fact. The Township followed up and received the following feedback:

2025-NR68, BC Building Code Amendment to Include Natural Gas - discussion noted that the resolution does not sufficiently address other relevant codes that influence the building step code. It was also noted that the intention of the resolution runs counter to established UBCM policy that supports buildings sector emissions reductions and more equitable building code implementation support for small, rural and northern communities.

Township Council still strongly believes in the 2025 resolution. We have therefore made amendments to address the concerns raised by the UBCM resolution committee and resubmit the amended resolution for consideration of support in 2026.

Respectfully,

Lisa Gyorkos
Manager of Strategic Priorities

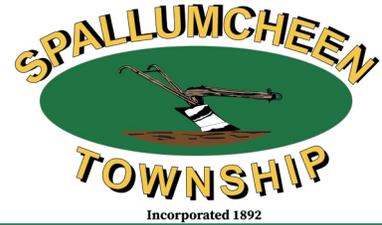
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File No 0230-02

TOWNSHIP OF SPALLUMCHEEN

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Moved by Councillor Casson/seconded by Councillor York:

"...THAT the Township of Spallumcheen Council direct staff to submit the following resolution to the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) for consideration of endorsement to proceed to the 2026 UBCM Conference as follows:

WHEREAS the BC Building Code has incorporated the BC Energy Step Code, which sets increasingly stringent energy efficiency and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction requirements for new buildings and major renovations, effectively limiting the current uses and eliminating the future uses of natural gas as a fuel in areas of BC that use the BC Building Code;

AND WHEREAS many municipalities, including those with significant agricultural, industrial, and rural residential needs, require flexibility and ongoing energy investment to ensure affordable, reliable, and diverse energy options for residents, businesses, and farms;

AND WHEREAS limiting or eliminating natural gas as an energy option could increase energy and construction costs, reduce economic competitiveness, and limit the ability of municipalities to attract and retain families, businesses, and agricultural entities that rely on natural gas for their operations;

AND WHEREAS there have also been recent changes to implementation strategies in the CleanBC legislation by the Province of BC government, in coordination with the Federal government, that should also be considered in context with the BC Energy Step Code and BC Building Code;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Spallumcheen asks the members of SILGA to request the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) petition the Province of British Columbia to amend the BC Building Code to ensure that natural gas remains a viable energy option now and in the future, allowing residents, businesses and municipalities the flexibility to determine the most appropriate energy solutions for their unique economic, geographic, and community needs, while still supporting reasonable and achievable energy efficiency goals, and that any such amendment consider applicable provincial building and energy regulations, and be implemented in a manner that expands rather than restricts local autonomy and opportunity, and is flexible and practical for all British Columbia Municipalities."

CARRIED

I hereby certify the above to be a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Township of Spallumcheen at their Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

Dated: February 18, 2026

Lisa Gyorkos

Manager of Strategic Priorities/Deputy Corporate Officer

Township of Spallumcheen - Resolution Background Information

In 2018, the Province of BC adopted the CleanBC plan. This plan was used to amend the BC Building Code BC through the Energy Step Code, which establishes progressively stringent energy efficiency and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction requirements for new construction and major renovations. In practical terms, this framework is moving toward the effective elimination of natural gas as an energy option in many areas of British Columbia.

Recent developments underscore the real-world consequences of this trajectory. In December 2023, the BC Utilities Commission denied approval of FortisBC Energy Inc.'s proposed \$327 million Okanagan Capacity Upgrade project, citing uncertainty in future natural gas demand influenced by CleanBC policies and Step Code impacts. This decision highlights how current regulatory direction is already affecting long-term infrastructure planning and private investment in our province.

For communities like the Township—and for many rural, agricultural, and industrial municipalities—natural gas remains a clean-burning, comparatively low-emission, reliable, and cost-effective energy source. It supports essential operations such as greenhouse heating, industrial process heat, and dependable residential heating. In many areas outside the Lower Mainland, electrification alone may not provide the reliability or affordability required, particularly during peak demand or extreme weather events.

This resolution is not about resisting environmental progress, but rather, it's about ensuring that environmental performance is measured by outcomes rather than by prohibiting specific technologies. High-efficiency natural gas systems, hybrid systems, and district energy solutions can achieve strong environmental performance while maintaining affordability and reliability. A balanced transition—rather than abrupt, one-size-fits-all restrictions—better supports both environmental and economic sustainability, and is more reflective of the reality we face.

Restricting natural gas through the Building Code risks several unintended consequences:

- Increased construction and energy costs for families and businesses;
- Reduced economic competitiveness in rural and resource-based communities;
- Diminished attractiveness for agricultural and industrial investment;
- The forced abandonment of functional, efficient infrastructure, resulting in material waste and additional environmental burden.
- The potential to continue our dependency on other jurisdictions as a critical source of on demand energy

After feedback received from UBCM executive in regards to a previous 2025 version of our submission, we have made adjustments to this resolution to respectfully address those recommendations, such as to broaden consideration of the various relevant codes that influence the BC step code, and to acknowledge and respect the autonomy of local

governments in their implementation of building code, based on local priorities and initiatives.

Municipalities vary significantly in geography, infrastructure capacity, climate, and economic composition. Local governments are best positioned to understand these realities and pursue practical environmental progress tailored to their communities. Preserving energy flexibility respects local autonomy, protects public and private investment, and maintains democratic confidence in policy decisions.

The resolution before you asks that the Province amend the BC Building Code to ensure that natural gas remains a viable energy option—now and in the future—while still supporting reasonable and achievable energy efficiency goals. It further calls for any amendments to consider related provincial building and energy regulations and to be implemented in a manner that expands, rather than restricts, local opportunity and autonomy.

This is about balanced transition, environmental responsibility grounded in measurable results, and safeguarding the economic stability of communities across British Columbia.

BULLET POINTS:

Background and Policy Context

- In 2018, the Province adopted the CleanBC plan.
- CleanBC informed amendments to the BC Building Code, incorporating the BC Energy Step Code.
- The Step Code establishes progressively stringent energy efficiency and GHG reduction requirements for new construction and major renovations.
- In practical effect, this framework is moving toward the elimination of natural gas as an energy option in many areas of British Columbia.

Regulatory and Investment Impacts

- In December 2023, the BC Utilities Commission denied approval of FortisBC Energy Inc.'s \$327 million Okanagan Capacity Upgrade project.
- The denial cited uncertainty in future natural gas demand influenced by CleanBC policies and Step Code impacts.
- This demonstrates that current regulatory direction is already affecting long-term infrastructure planning and private sector investment in BC.

Importance of Natural Gas to Rural and Resource-Based Communities

- Natural gas remains:
 - Clean-burning and comparatively low-emission;
 - Reliable and dispatchable;
 - Cost-effective for residential, agricultural, and industrial users.
- Essential applications include:
 - Greenhouse heating;
 - Industrial process heat;
 - Dependable residential heating.
- In many areas outside the Lower Mainland:

- Electrification alone may not provide sufficient reliability;
- Peak demand and extreme weather events pose risks to fully electric systems;
- Affordability remains a significant concern.

The Resolution advocates for:

- Measuring environmental performance by outcomes rather than by prohibiting specific fuel sources;
- Technology-neutral policy approaches.
- High-efficiency natural gas systems, hybrid systems, and district energy solutions can:
 - Achieve strong environmental performance;
 - Maintain affordability and system reliability.
- A balanced and staged transition is more practical than abrupt, one-size-fits-all restrictions.

Risks of Eliminating Natural Gas via the Building Code

- Increased construction and energy costs for families and businesses.
- Reduced economic competitiveness in rural and resource-based communities.
- Diminished attractiveness for agricultural and industrial investment.
- Forced abandonment of functional and efficient infrastructure, resulting in:
 - Material waste;
 - Additional environmental burdens from premature replacement.
- Potential continued dependency on other jurisdictions for critical, on-demand energy supply.

Response to Feedback from UBCM

Revisions include:

- Broadening consideration of the various provincial codes and regulations that influence the Step Code;
- Explicitly acknowledging and respecting local government autonomy in building code implementation;
- Recognizing diverse local priorities and initiatives across municipalities.

Principles of Local Autonomy and Flexibility

- Municipalities differ significantly in:
 - Geography;
 - Climate;
 - Infrastructure capacity;
 - Economic composition.
- Local governments are best positioned to:
 - Assess community energy needs;
 - Balance environmental goals with economic realities;
 - Implement context-sensitive solutions.
- Preserving energy flexibility:
 - Protects public and private investment;
 - Respects democratic decision-making;
 - Maintains public confidence in environmental policy.

Core Request of the Resolution

- That the Province amend the BC Building Code to:
 - Ensure natural gas remains a viable energy option now and in the future;
 - Support reasonable and achievable energy efficiency goals;
 - Consider related provincial building and energy regulations;
 - Implement changes in a manner that expands—rather than restricts—local autonomy and opportunity.

Overall Objective

- Promote a balanced energy transition.
- Ground environmental responsibility in measurable results.
- Safeguard the economic stability and long-term sustainability of communities across British Columbia



COMMUNIQUE

February 20, 2026 – Agassiz, B.C.

Agassiz Harrison Community Services is sharing important information about the Seniors' Affordable Housing Project and its application to BC Housing, which was submitted July 31, 2025, in keeping with the Community Housing Fund (CHF) Request for Proposal Call. On February 17, 2026, along with all other applicants from across B.C., AHCS received word that due to the 2026 provincial budget and financial pressures, all housing projects submitted to this proposal call would not be proceeding or advanced. This decision will impact hundreds of proposed projects across B.C. The direct communication to our agency and those across B.C. is appended below.

B.C. Housing launched a new, rolling Request for Proposals (RFP) for Building BC: Community Housing Fund (CHF) on May 30, 2025, with a closing date of July 31, 2025. The initiative was part of \$3.3 Billion planned investment aimed at building over 20,000 affordable, rental homes in British Columbia.

While this is disappointing news, AHCS continues to be committed to affordable housing for the region in response to the Housing Needs studies undertaken for the Village of Harrison and the District of Kent. We will continue to work with the Village of Harrison to determine the next steps as the project is only in the proposal stage. We will seek other sources of funding and submit applications to future BC Housing funding calls as appropriate. We thank the Village of Harrison and all residents for their input and will keep the community posted on any new developments.

For more information contact:

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COMMUNICATION FROM B.C. HOUSING TO ALL APPLICANTS TO THE JULY 31, 2026 COMMUNITY HOUSING FUND PROPOSAL CALL

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Subject: Applicants to Community Housing Fund RFP #1070-2526-022A

Dear Community Housing Sector Partners,

I'm writing to follow up on our December 22 email to provide an update on the 2025 Community Housing Fund (CHF) Request for Proposals (RFP). With today's provincial budget tabled, we can now confirm that the pace of planned housing investments will need to slow to remain aligned with available funding. As a result, the 2025 CHF RFP will not proceed, and applications submitted under this call will not be advanced.

We understand this is disappointing, and that applicants have been patiently waiting for information about next steps. We thank all proponents who submitted an application. We want to reassure you that the Province remains committed to meeting the overall targets for the CHF program but over a longer time horizon. While we are adjusting the pace of our housing investments, we remain firm in our resolve to deliver the housing we've committed to. In addition, there are still a significant number of new homes from previous CHF calls that are in progress and will continue to proceed.

Although projects submitted under this intake cannot advance at this time, we encourage proponents to explore other funding sources where possible. We will update the sector when we are able to launch a future CHF intake, once more funding is available.

Thank you for your understanding and for your continued efforts to support housing across the province.

Sincerely,
Mike Pistrin



Michael Pistrin | VP, Development and Asset Strategies
604-374-1079 | www.bchousing.org



23 February 2026

Sent via email.

RE: BC Timber Sales (BCTS) Chilliwack 2026-2030 Operating Plan

Dear interest holder:

The BC Timber Sales (BCTS) **Chilliwack 2026-2030 Operating Plan OP643-10** is now available for review and comment. This plan outlines the locations of proposed cutblocks, roads, and associated log-handling areas for BCTS operations within the Chilliwack Natural Resource District, over the next five (5) years. Sharing this information is an important step in maintaining transparent communication with interest holders and understanding any concerns or potential impacts the proposed activities may have on your values, interests, or land-based initiatives.

The operating plan can be accessed through the Chinook (TCH) Referrals Portal, an online interactive mapping platform that allows users to view BCTS planned operations alongside a range of additional data layers that may be relevant to your review. The operating plan can also be accessed at [Chilliwack BCTS FSP website](#). If you or representatives from your organization would like to discuss the proposed operations in more detail, or if support is needed to navigate the online platform, please contact us at BCTS.Chilliwack@gov.bc.ca to arrange a meeting.

Accessing & navigating the platform: To access the 2026 – 2030 Operations Plan, click the link below and enter the provided username and password. The platform’s features are summarized in the below table (Table 1).

Link: [TCH Referrals Portal](#)

Username: PX.CGG.TCH.V

Password: tchV@BCTS25

How to engage with us: Comments & questions may be submitted via email (preferred) BCTS.Chilliwack@gov.bc.ca, or in writing to:

BC Timber Sales Chinook Business Area

Chilliwack Field Team

46360 Airport Road

Chilliwack, BC

To ensure timely consideration of your comments & questions, we request all engagement be sent to BCTS by **April 23, 2026**. Please note that feedback from previous operating plans remains on file, and we look forward to continued engagement in 2026 and beyond.



Table 1. Feature summary of the Chinook Referrals Portal

Platform Feature	Description
Legend	Shows the symbology of the layers you are viewing. The legend auto-populates depending on what layers you have turned on, and which layers are visible in the map frame you are viewing.
Layers	List of all data available to view. Click the layer to toggle it on or off. The Operating Plan referrals data is at the top of the list. All other data layers are listed in alphabetical order.
Feature List	This is a summary of all referrals blocks and roads. Here, users can export the block data in three pre-set formats.
Basemap Gallery	Change the basemap to one of three options, including satellite imagery (please note that satellite imagery is from 2015).
Print Map	Create geo-referenced PDF maps within the platform. These maps should be used for reference only and should not be relied on for navigation.
Mark-up Map	Provides tools to draw on/markup the map.

Table 2. Understanding the 2026 – 2030 Operations Plan data

Operations Plan data / layer	Symbology: what does it look like?	Description: what does it mean?
Referral Blocks*	Polygon with a thick orange outline with grey shading	These are the “gross” cutblock shapes, including both harvest areas and retention areas. Referral blocks that do not have internal orange (harvest areas) and green (retention areas) shading represent blocks that are earlier in the planning process.
Harvest Areas (not complete for all blocks)	Orange shaded polygons	Areas of the gross block in which harvest will occur. Note: within the harvest area, a variety of treatments maybe be used such as conventional clearcut with reserves, intermediate cutting, wildfire resiliency treatment, etc.
Retention Areas (not complete for all blocks)	A) Green shaded polygons B) Green tree icon	A) 100% retention areas; no harvest B) Individual trees marked for retention within the harvest area
Referral Roads	Thick pink lines	Thick pink lines indicating roads that may be used for operations in 2026-2030, including both new construction and upgrading existing roads.

*This Operations Plan shows **planned** operations between 2026 - 2030 calendar years. Blocks that have already sold do not show on this map as referral blocks. To see all current and historical blocks (by all forest licensees, not exclusive to BCTS), turn on the “All Cutblocks” layer. By clicking on a block in the “All Cutblocks” layer, feature information will show on the left-hand side of your screen, including the harvest year, licensee, and block ID information.



Important Notes:

- The referral platform contains data for all field teams in the BCTS Chinook Business Area (Sunshine Coast, Squamish, Chilliwack, and Haida Gwaii), therefore more block and road data is available than what is applicable to the Sunshine Coast. The **Chilliwack Field Team** is only seeking engagement for your area of interest overlapping BCTS operations in the **Chilliwack Natural Resource District**. Any inquiries regarding planned operations in other natural resource districts will be redirected to the appropriate field team.
- Block and road designs and locations are subject to change as they progress through the planning and development phases. Blocks shown on this plan are in various phases of development. You will continue to see these blocks in future referrals until they are either sold or removed.
- Please refer to the BCTS Chinook sales schedule for the most up to date information on upcoming sales, available here: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/bc-timber-sales/tsl>. Note that the sales schedule is subject to change; blocks may be moved in the harvest schedule depending on market demands and other operational requirements.
- Additional information about forestry practices and standards for BCTS can be found in the [BCTS Chilliwack Forest Stewardship Plan \(FSP\)](#).

What is the difference between the Operations Plan and Forest Operations Map (FOM)? The FOM is a Province-led initiative, intended to enhance transparency of operational planning and to provide engagement opportunities for the public. In contrast, the Operations Plan is a BCTS Chinook-led initiative, aiming to provide more detailed information on planned activities over a longer time period, to our identified stakeholders. For more information on FOM, or to see FOM currently available for commenting, please visit the Province's website:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/laws-policies-standards-guidance/legislation-regulation/forest-range-practices-act/frpa-improvement-initiative/forest-operations-map>

Thank you for your time; we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Kyle Wang

Kyle Wang, RPF
Planning Forester
BC Timber Sales – Chinook Business Area



February 24, 2026

Mayor & Council
Village of Harrison Hot Springs
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

Re: Request for Letter of Support – MRDT (Municipal and Regional District Tax) renewal application

The Harrison Tourism Society (Tourism Harrison River Valley) is currently in the process of preparing our MRDT renewal application. This application is a requirement of Destination BC and the Ministry of Finance for Tourism Harrison River Valley to continue collecting MRDT from January 1st, 2027 - December 31st, 2031.

We value the partnership we have with the Village of Harrison Hot Springs and the businesses that make it a vibrant community attracting visitors to the region. We have attached a summary outlining ways in which Tourism Harrison River Valley helped to amplify the Village of Harrison Hot Springs visibility, integrate it into regional marketing, and ensure it benefited from a collective destination promotion in 2025.

One of the requirements of the application is a letter from the Village of Harrison Hot Springs supporting Tourism Harrison River Valley continuing to collect the MRDT in this municipality.

While all accommodation providers in the Village of Harrison Hot Springs are required to collect the MRDT, the following businesses are those that we are required to ask for support of implementation of the MRDT in the form of a signature:

Accommodation Provider	Number of Units
GLENCOE MOTEL	11
HARRISON GRAND MOTEL LTD.	18
BRAMBLEBANK COTTAGES	7
HARRISON HOT SPRINGS & SPA	353
HARRISON SPA MOTEL	23
HARRISON BEACH HOTEL	42
HARRISON LAKE HOTEL	88
SPRING VILLA HOTEL LTD.	10
HARRISON LAKE VIEW SUITES LTD.	21

Thank you for your support. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Interim Executive Director

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TOURISM HARRISON & VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

2025 MARKETING & TOURISM SUPPORT SNAPSHOT



MUNICIPAL & REGIONAL DISTRICT TAX (MRDT) ADMINISTRATION

THRV administers and manages MRDT funds on behalf of the destination, ensuring revenues collected are reinvested into strategic marketing and destination development initiatives.

These funds support year-round promotional campaigns, visitor servicing, industry collaboration, and programs designed to strengthen the Harrison River Valley's tourism economy and increase overnight visitation.



EVENTS

RMI EVENT COORDINATION

Through a contract with the VHHS, THRV coordinated **five events in 2025**, funded by the Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI).

These events drive visitation, support local businesses, enhance community vibrancy, and strengthen the Village's reputation as a year-round destination.

- Follow Your Heart Benefit Concert
- Sasquatch Days
- Canada Day Celebration
- Bands on the Beach
- Lights by the Lake

EVENT SUPPORT

\$500

Event Grants + in-kind marketing support offered to all businesses during:

- Summer Harvest Series
- Season of the Wild



PUBLICATIONS

70,000+ distributed annually

High-quality print materials promoting VHHS businesses:

- Visitor Guide
- Circle Farm Tour Brochure
- Tear-Off Maps
- Trail Guide
- Wedding Guide



MARKETING REACH & PROMOTION

ADVERTISING

VHHS businesses received exposure through a variety of advertising, including print, digital, radio, billboards and TV.

MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS

Out of 24 custom itineraries created for travel media and content creators, **20 itineraries** featured VHHS businesses such as **Harrison Water Sports** and the **Muddy Waters**.

Hosted **10 media** + their families during the Lights by the Lake Lighting Ceremony.



WEBSITE

- **210,000+** website visitors in 2025
- Tourism business listings
- Promotion of all events within VHHS on the Events Calendar
- Inclusion of VHHS experiences and businesses in blogs
- Dedicated pages for Follow Your Heart, Sasquatch Days, Canada Day, Bands on the Beach, Lights by the Lake, and Harrison Hot Springs



CO-OP MARKETING

THR V extends the marketing reach of VHHS businesses through participation in strategic co-operative marketing programs, leveraging collective marketing investment:

- Fraser Valley Group
- Scenic Route 7*
- BC Bird Trail

**THR V pays separate membership fees for VHHS participation.*



ASSET & BRAND DEVELOPMENT

Ongoing photo and video asset creation for **VHHS businesses**.

Developed a community icon for **Harrison Hot Springs** to strengthen destination identity and ensure the community is clearly positioned within the Harrison River Valley brand.



RESEARCH

Subscription to the AirDNA platform to **analyze online accommodation provider trends**, with the ability to break down data specifically for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.



EDUCATION

Two annual marketing workshops open to all VHHS stakeholders, designed to support business growth and tourism readiness.

Monthly Stakeholder Newsletter highlighting business updates, grant opportunities, and training resources, while strengthening communication, engagement, and supporting business growth and destination development.



SOCIAL MEDIA

VHHS is consistently represented across THR V social platforms:

- **26,000+** Facebook followers
- **15,000+** Instagram followers



TRADE SHOWS

- THR V covers **50% of stakeholder fee** for tradeshows to support business participation
- Represented the VHHS at the **2025 Vancouver Outdoor Show**, attracting over **1,600 visitors** to the THR V booth.
- Represented the Village as part of the Fraser Valley group at the **2025 Calgary Outdoor Show**, engaging more than **1,000 visitors**.



VISITOR SERVICES

Through a fee-for-service agreement with VHHS, THR V's Visitor Centre team provides direct, frontline support that connects visitors to VHHS businesses at the point of decision-making.

- **Personalized recommendations** provided in person, by phone, and by email
- **Brochures and tourism materials** promoting VHHS businesses and experiences
- **Free postcards and stickers** distributed at the Visitor Centre and community events



LOOKING AHEAD: 2026 & BEYOND

THR V completed an in-depth Marketing Strategy Review that will see a **marketing shift for 2026 and beyond** to ensure we are telling the story of the Harrison River Valley as a whole, creating space for **longer stays, broader exploration, and more inclusive economic impact**.

“In 2026 and beyond, Tourism Harrison doesn't just inspire travel — it helps people choose, plan, and stay longer.”



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.

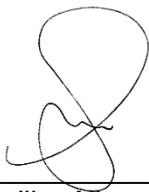
(d) Next Meeting Date: February 25, 2026 9:00 a.m.

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

File No: 5480-03
Date: March 2, 2026

To: Mayor and Council
From: Committee of the Whole
Subject: Committee of the Whole Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopt the report of the Committee of the Whole.

SUMMARY

To present resolutions to Council for ratification from the February 17, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.

BACKGROUND

At the February 17, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Committee passed the following resolutions:

THAT the existing barbecue zones remain as currently set out in Park Regulation Bylaw No. 1150, 2020.

COW-2026-02-08

THAT staff be directed to research the cost of adding more barbecue pedestals and picnic tables in Rendall Park.

COW-2026-02-09

THAT staff be directed to initiate a pilot project for one year to permit self-pedestal barbecues in the barbecue zones.

THAT staff also be directed to research methods of differentiating and limiting full size barbecues.

COW-2026-02-10 & 11

THAT staff be directed to return to Council with a report regarding an off-leash dog/swim area in the cove north of boat launch parking lot and make recommendations regarding fencing, mitigating liability and ways to address conflict with existing trees, shrubs, bird habitat and other boaters.

COW-2026-02-12

DISCUSSION

Section 30(f) of the Village's Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1216, 2025 states that Council may take any of the following actions in relation to the Committee of the Whole's report:

- adopt the report;
- reject the report;
- adopt the report with amendments;
- refer the subject matter for further consideration, either in part or in whole;
- postpone action on the report; or
- approve the request of the Committee of the Whole to sit again, the Committee of the Whole having reported progress after partial consideration of the subject.

Pursuant to section 30(h) of the bylaw, a motion of Council to adopt the Committee of the Whole's report constitutes ratification of the motions contained in the report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no additional financial considerations associated with this report.

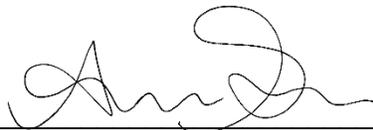
POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2025-2026 Strategic Plan

Environmental Protection – To restore and protect the environment for future generations.

Public Safety – To ensure and enhance public safety.

Respectfully prepared by:



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

Reviewed by:



Tyson Koch
Chief Administrative Officer

File No: 7130 & 1855-03-46
Date: March 2, 2026

To: Mayor and Council
From: Christy Ovens, Community Services Manager
Subject: Evacuation Planning Update

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Services Manager's Evacuation Planning Update report dated March 2, 2026, be received for information.

SUMMARY

To provide an update to Council on the Evacuation Planning project and to highlight upcoming opportunities for residents to continue to take steps towards personal preparedness.

BACKGROUND

The Village secured \$22,850.00 in grant funding through an application to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities' (UBCM) Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: Public Notification and Evacuation Route Planning. The intent of this funding stream is to support eligible applicants to develop Evacuation Route Plans and/or Public Notification Plans that provide information for First Nations, local governments, and community members in the event of an emergency (UBCM Program Guide).

In accordance with the Village's Purchasing and Procurement Policy No. 1.08, Red Dragon Consulting was selected as the project consultant. The District of Kent, the Village's partner in its Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program (KHJEP) is also planning to create an evacuation plan in 2026. Together, these plans will provide a regional picture of the evacuation processes and support the KHJEP Committee and Kent Harrison Search and Rescue (KHSAR) in their planning and training exercises.

DISCUSSION

Red Dragon Consulting initiated this project in the Fall of 2025 and completed their portion of the work in early 2026. Research was conducted and previous evacuation zone maps created by KHSAR were referenced and considered in the project maps. A community engagement page was hosted on Get Into It Harrison which included project information and a feedback survey on emergency preparedness levels and evacuation sentiment. A community engagement session was hosted to showcase the evacuation maps, provide information on the evacuation process, and gain feedback from the residents on their concerns. The Village's management team did a comprehensive review with Red Dragon Consulting of the toolkits, zone maps, and processes that would be involved. This project scope did not include any work on secondary

evacuation routes; it was to provide clarity and information on utilizing the single egress route and how to strategically manage an evacuation.

The Village will be submitting the operational toolkits created by Red Dragon Consulting to UBCM as part of the grant funding requirements. While the Village waits for this review, staff will be creating an Evacuation Guide for residents utilizing the information provided by Red Dragon Consulting. This guide will be a supplement to the Emergency Preparedness: Resident Resource Guide that was published by the Village in the spring of last year. Village staff will also be conducting an evacuation plan exercise with Red Dragon Consulting to increase familiarity with the operational evacuation toolkits and processes required. With the support of the Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program (KHJEP), future evacuation exercises and tabletop EOC exercises will be scheduled.

Attached to this report is a 'What We Heard' document which highlights feedback received from the community. Based off this feedback and key opportunities highlighted, the Village will be hosting a series of emergency preparedness events. These lunch and learn opportunities will allow dedicated time with residents to support them in taking steps to enhance their level of preparedness and an opportunity to learn more about various programs. Once the dates for these are finalized, registration will open and this will be announced on the Village website and Facebook page. Spaces will be limited, to ensure that there are enough team members to support the activities outlined.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations at this time. The Village will be funding the Lunch & Learn Series through grant funding, as applicable, and the Community Events budget.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2025-2026 Strategic Plan Priorities

Public Safety – To ensure and enhance public safety.

Respectfully submitted:



Christy Ovens
Community Services Manager

Reviewed by:



Tyson Koch
Chief Administrative Officer

Financial Considerations Reviewed by:



Scott Schultz
Chief Financial Officer, Deputy CAO

- Attachments (2):
1. What We Heard Report- Evacuation Route Planning Project
 2. Lunch & Learn Series: Emergency Preparedness DRAFT

Evacuation Route Planning

Survey Report: *What We Heard*

Survey Period: December 9, 2025 – January 25, 2026



GetIntoltHarrison.ca/evacuation-route-planning

Purpose

The Village of Harrison Hot Springs is developing a formalized community evacuation plan with the support of Red Dragon Consulting to enhance its emergency plan documents. Toolkits will be created for use by the Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program, and an evacuation guide will be prepared for residents. These documents will seek to clarify evacuation zones and timeline estimates, along with additional evacuation considerations.

The Evacuation Planning Survey was conducted to better understand residents' emergency preparedness, evacuation needs, and concerns. The feedback gathered will help inform evacuation route planning, communications, and emergency response coordination for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

In addition to the survey, the Village hosted an Emergency Preparedness Event, which featured a presentation on evacuation route planning. Attendees were welcomed to submit feedback and share their thoughts during this event directly with the consultant.

Survey Participants

- Most respondents are long-term residents, with a large portion having lived in the Village for more than 10 years.
- The majority of households consist of 1–3 people.
- Most respondents have not experienced a previous evacuation, indicating limited firsthand evacuation experience.



Key Finding #1:

Awareness of Emergency Preparedness Resources

- Just over half of respondents indicated they have reviewed the Village's *Emergency Preparedness Resident Resource Guide*, while a significant number have not.
- Most households do not have a written home emergency plan.
- Many respondents do not have a grab-and-go bag prepared for a minimum 24-hour evacuation.

Key takeaway: *There is an opportunity to improve awareness, preparedness planning, and household readiness.*



Key Finding #2:

Perceived Emergency Risks

Respondents identified the following as the most likely hazards to impact the Village:

- Flooding
- Earthquakes
- Wildfires

Other hazards such as landslides and extreme heat were noted less frequently.





Key Finding #3: *Evacuation Readiness and Timing*

- Most respondents said they would aim to evacuate early or immediately once an evacuation order is issued.
- However, many households indicated they would need 15–60 minutes or more to prepare before leaving.
- While many respondents feel confident in their ability to evacuate, a notable portion expressed uncertainty.

Key takeaway: *There is a gap between residents' desire to evacuate quickly and their actual preparedness to do so.*



Key Finding #4: *Transportation and Mobility Needs*

- The primary evacuation method would be personal vehicles.
- Most households would evacuate using one vehicle, with some requiring two.
- A smaller number of households reported:
 - Requiring mobility aids
 - Requiring assistance from evacuation personnel
 - Needing both mobility aids and assistance

Key takeaway: *Vehicle-based evacuation is dominant, but planning must account for residents requiring assistance.*



Key Finding #5: *Evacuation Destinations*

During an evacuation, respondents would most likely stay with:

- Friends or family outside the community

Hotels, motels, and public shelters were less commonly identified.



Key Finding #6: *Communication and Information Sources*

Residents indicated they would rely on multiple sources for evacuation instructions, including:

- Alertable emergency alerts
- Official government websites
- Local radio and television
- Social media and neighbours

While over half of respondents are signed up for Alertable, a significant number are not, highlighting a need for increased registration.



Key Finding #7: *Willingness to Follow Evacuation Directions*

- Many respondents indicated they would be likely or very likely to go to a designated muster station or assembly point if directed, rather than driving to a personal destination.
- Some respondents were unsure, indicating the need for clearer communication and education about muster points.



Key Evacuation Concerns:

The most common concerns raised were:

- Traffic congestion and bottlenecks
- Having only one evacuation route
- Lack of traffic control and coordination
- Security of homes during evacuation
- Unclear instructions on how to prepare and secure homes
- Pet evacuation
- Wildfire risk

Concerns about congestion on Hot Springs Road and the lack of alternative routes were raised repeatedly.

Respondents said they would feel safer with:

- Clear, consistent evacuation instructions
- A well-coordinated traffic management plan
- Visible traffic control and emergency personnel
- Established and clearly communicated evacuation routes
- Improved guidance on how to prepare homes before leaving
- Confidence that vulnerable residents will receive assistance

Looking Ahead

- The Village will be creating an Evacuation Guide for residents utilizing information created by Red Dragon Consulting. This will be a supplementary guide to the Emergency Preparedness: Resident Resource Guide, which will also be updated
- Additional opportunities will be planned to continue to support residents in their emergency planning



Session 1: FireSmart Landscaping

Enjoy lunch while learning how FireSmart landscaping can help reduce wildfire risk around your home. This session will cover practical, low-cost ways to make your property more resilient, including plant choices, yard maintenance, and simple design tips you can apply right away.



Session 2: Alertable & BC Services App

Stay informed when it matters most. Join us for a hands-on session with lunch provided, where staff will walk you through downloading and using the Alertable and BC Services resources. Get help setting up alerts so you're prepared to receive timely emergency notifications and important updates.



Session 3: Draft Your Emergency Plan

A little planning goes a long way. Over lunch, learn how to create a clear and practical home emergency plan for your household. This session will guide you through key steps, including communication plans, evacuation considerations, and preparing for different types of emergencies.



Session 4: Build Your Own Grab & Go Bag

Wrap up the series by learning how to build your own emergency "Grab & Go" bag. With lunch provided, we'll review essential items to include, how to customize kits for your household, and tips to ensure you're ready to leave quickly if needed.

File No: 1855-03-42
Date: March 2, 2026

To: Mayor and Council
From: Christy Ovens, Community Services Manager
Subject: 2025 FireSmart Annual Report

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Services Manager’s 2025 FireSmart Annual Report be received for information; and

THAT Council direct staff to send a letter to Premier David Eby indicating the importance of the continuation of the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program.

SUMMARY

To present the Village’s 2025 FireSmart Annual Report and highlight priorities for 2026.

BACKGROUND

The Village’s 2024 Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP) contains the following recommendation in the Action Plan:

Item	Priority	Recommendation	Rationale / Comments
#6 Annual FireSmart Progress Report	Moderate	Consider releasing a brief annual FireSmart report to the public to further increase community awareness.	Reporting annually on Village FireSmart initiatives will help bring positive public awareness to community wildfire resiliency

DISCUSSION

The attached 2025 FireSmart Annual Report showcases achievements and accomplishments from 2025. FireSmart standards are implemented to decrease the likelihood of losses from wildfire events and are based on foundational, scientific evidence (www.firesmartbc.ca). This report will be posted on the Village website’s FireSmart page as a reference.

Priorities and planned projects for 2026 include:

- Continuing to offer Home Ignition Zone assessments for residents
- Purchasing additional equipment for the Fire Department Structure Protection Unit trailer
- Training for Fire Department members

- Vegetation Management at Memorial Hall to improve resiliency of this Emergency Support Services site
- Support for residential vegetation management through green waste services

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The Village was successful in its 2025 FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Allocation-based request for \$400,000.00 over two years. This funding program is administered by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM), who recently announced uncertainty surrounding future funding and changes to the program. The Village’s approved request is not impacted, but at this time, it is uncertain if there will be additional funding available in future years. UBCM has communicated to Premier David Eby the importance of renewing the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program and is encouraging local governments and First Nations that depend on the grants to speak out.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2025-2026 Strategic Plan Priorities

Public Safety – To ensure and enhance public safety.

Environmental Protection – To restore and protect the environment for future generations.

Respectfully submitted:



Christy Owens
Community Services Manager

Reviewed by:



Tyson Koch
Chief Administrative Officer

Financial Considerations Reviewed by:



Scott Schultz
Chief Financial Officer, Deputy CAO

Attachment: 2025 FireSmart Annual Report



HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

Naturally Refreshed



Village of Harrison Hot Springs



FireSmart Annual Report 2025

Thank you to the Union of British Columbia
Municipalities (UBCM): FireSmart Community
Funding and Supports Program for their
financial contributions to the Village.



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FireSmart Annual Report 2025

FireSmart is founded on seven disciplines (**legislation & planning, education, development considerations, vegetation management, emergency planning, training, and inter-agency cooperation.**)

These disciplines shaped the layout of the Village's Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP) completed in 2024 and will be how we highlight accomplishments and work completed in the Village's Annual Report.

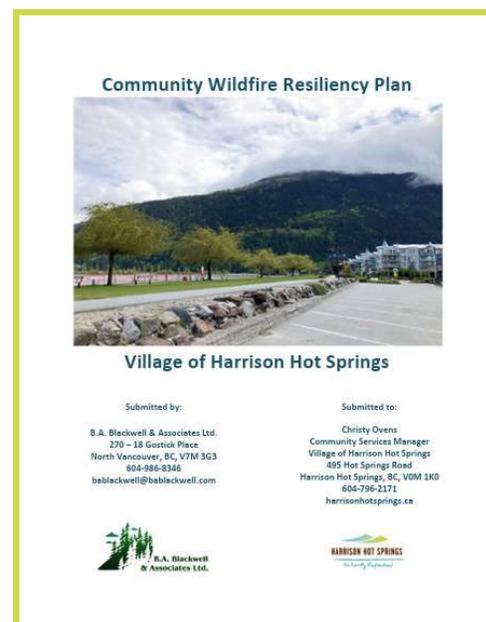
FireSmart is based on foundational scientific evidence that suggests changes to the built environment are the best and most cost-effective way to increase a home's survivability from wildfire.



*FireSmart standards are adopted to decrease the likelihood of losses from wildfire events. It is recognized that there is an urgent need to increase and improve the scientific basis for FireSmart approaches to increase wildfire resiliency of communities.
(FireSmart BC website)*

Legislation & Planning

- The Village recently adopted the 2024 Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP)
 - Scheduled to be updated in 2029
 - *Pending FireSmart Funding & Supports Program impacts, the Village may need to look at including this budgetary item in its capital plan to be funded by the Village, instead of relying on grant funding.
- The Village will be reviewing its Tree Management and Preservation Bylaw No. 1015 with recommended changes to support FireSmart principles
- Additional recommendations from the 2024 CWRP will be reviewed when the Village undertakes its next Official Community Plan process



Education

Building community awareness is key to reducing wildfire risk. Here we showcase initiatives that educate residents, youth, and visitors on FireSmart practices and how they can take action at home.

In 2025, the Village:

- Packaged FireSmart Landscaping packs and dispersed them to 19 residents.
- Ensured FireSmart educational materials, including FireSmart Begins at Home and FireSmart Landscaping Guides were made readily available at the Village Office.
- Continued to share FireSmart messaging via the Electronic Messaging Board and Village social media.
- Organized an elementary school tour highlighting FireSmart practices.



Development Considerations

Safe development and property design are essential for wildfire resilience. This section highlights efforts to assess homes and critical infrastructure, ensuring new and existing structures are FireSmart compliant.

In 2025, the Village:

- Completed its Parks & Trails Master Plan which included considerations for FireSmart principles and referenced the CWRP
- Continued to offer Home Ignition Zone Assessments.
- Reviewed completed Critical Infrastructure Assessments and updated those that required them.
- Began projects to implement recommendations highlighted in the Critical Infrastructure Assessments
 - Fire Hall mitigation work completed



Vegetation Management

Managing vegetation and fuels around homes and public spaces reduces wildfire intensity and spread. Here we describe Village-led projects, resident support programs, and targeted landscaping improvements.

In 2025, the Village:

- Completed fuel management project along Spirit Trail loop
- Removal of trees at Fire Hall to increase wildfire resiliency
- Supported residential scale vegetation management through FireSmart landscaping kits
- FireSmart plantings and landscaping improvements at the Village Office
- Focused on targeted fuel management at the Village's critical sites and public spaces.

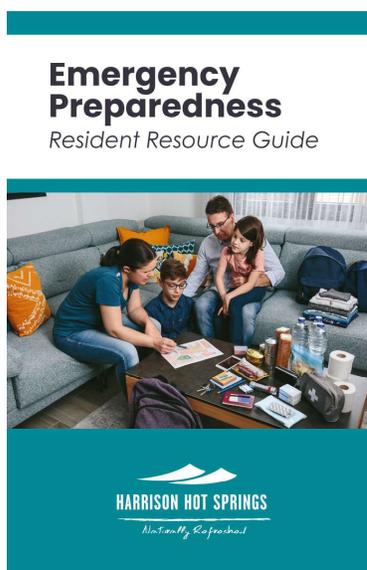


Emergency Planning

Preparedness saves lives and property during wildfire events. This section details exercises, equipment upgrades, and planning initiatives to ensure Village staff and emergency responders are ready.

In 2025:

- Village staff conducted a tabletop Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) exercise with the support of the Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program (KHJEP) Coordinator and Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department (FD).
- \$50,000 in Structure Protection Unit equipment was added to the Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department



Emergency Preparedness
Resident Resource Guide (2025)



Training

Knowledgeable and skilled personnel are critical for effective wildfire response. This section highlights training programs and certifications completed by Village staff and fire department members.

In 2025, the Village:

- Expanded the Village's FireSmart team (CWRP #21) to include a Crew Member (FireSmart Horticulture Technician), who completed the Local FireSmart Representative training course
- Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Training was attended by the FireSmart Coordinator
- 2 Team Members Attended the Wildfire Resiliency and Training Summit
- 4 FD Members participated in Engine Boss Training
- 6 FD Members participated in Task Force Leader
- 14 members completed annual refresher of Wildland Firefighter Level 1

Inter-Agency Cooperation

Wildfire resilience is strengthened through collaboration. Here we highlight partnerships with regional organizations and neighbouring communities to share resources and best practices.

In 2025, the Village:

- Participated in the Fraser Valley Wildfire Resiliency Collaborative regional meetings
 - Hosted by District of Hope and S.A.Y. Lands Office



File No: 1715-20
Date: March 2, 2026

To: Mayor and Council
From: Scott Schultz, Chief Financial Officer
Subject: 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1237, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1237, 2026 be given third reading as amended.

SUMMARY

To provide council with a summary of the public engagement results and request that 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1237, 2026 be given third reading.

BACKGROUND

Staff introduced the draft 2026-2030 Financial Plan to council at a Committee of the Whole meeting held on February 3, 2026. Following that, the Financial Plan was given first and second readings on February 17, 2026 and council also authorized staff to hold a budget open house on February 24, 2026 at the Village Office. The following changes have been made to the Financial Plan since first and second readings were given:

- The budgeted amortization figures for the Village's capital assets have been adjusted based on the final 2025 figures. These adjustments do not affect the overall financial plan or property taxes because amortization is an in-and-out accounting entry with no net impact.
- In "Attachment 2 – 2026-2030 Financial Plan Details" – the 2025 actual results have been updated to reflect the most recent year end numbers. These numbers are for information and don't affect the 2026-2030 Financial Plan itself. As a note, the 2025 year-end audit is now underway, and the audited financial statements will be presented to Council in April, following the usual schedule.

DISCUSSION

Pursuant to s. 165(1) of the *Community Charter*, a council must adopt annually a five-year Financial Plan that sets out the objectives and policies of the municipality.

Pursuant to s. 166 of the *Community Charter*, a council must undertake a process of public consultation regarding the proposed financial plan before its adoption.

The public has been invited to engage with staff and provide feedback on the draft financial plan through various avenues, including:

- Online at getintoitharrison.ca, where information on the Financial Plan, process, and a public survey have been available since January 9, 2026.
- Through email or phone correspondence with the Village Office.
- In person at the Village Office any time throughout the budgeting process.
- In person at the Village Office at the Budget Open House which took place on February 24, 2026.

Attached to this report is a *Public Engagement: What We Heard* report which will summarize the public engagement process as well as the feedback received. As of the date this report was written, no official feedback has been received from the public relating to the draft 2026-2030 Financial Plan, but several general pieces of feedback were received regarding what services are important to citizens. The feedback received is very important and will help staff and Council shape future financial plans.

Accordingly, the 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1237, 2026 is attached for council's consideration for third reading as amended.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The financial plan is attached to this report under Schedule "A".

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no policy considerations related to this report.

Respectfully submitted:



Scott Schultz
Chief Financial Officer, Deputy CAO

Reviewed by:



Tyson Koch
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments:

- 1) 2026-2030 Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1237, 2026
- 2) 2026-2030 Financial Plan Details
- 3) Budget 2026 – Public Engagement Report: *What We Heard*



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

BYLAW NO. 1237, 2026

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH THE 2026 – 2030 FINANCIAL PLAN

WHEREAS the Community Charter requires the municipality to adopt a five-year financial plan annually;

AND WHEREAS Council undertook a process of public consultation regarding the proposed financial plan;

NOW THEREFORE in open meeting assembled, Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs enacts as follows:

- 1. THAT Schedule "A" attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw is hereby adopted and is the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Financial Plan for the years 2026 - 2030.
2. That Schedule "B" attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw is hereby adopted and is the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Financial Plan Objectives and Policies Statement for the year 2026 – 2030.
3. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Village of Harrison Hot Springs Financial Plan Bylaw No. 1237, 2026"
4. Bylaw No. 1220, 2025, 2025 – 2029 Financial Plan and all amendments are hereby repealed.

READ A FIRST TIME this 17th day of February, 2026

READ A SECOND TIME this 17th day of February, 2026

READ A THIRD TIME this ___ day of ___, 20xx

ADOPTED this ___ day of ___, 20xx

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**Bylaw No. 1237, 2026
SCHEDULE "A"
2026-2030 Financial Plan**

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
REVENUES:					
PROPERTY TAXES - MUNICIPAL	3,249,852	3,319,401	3,395,926	3,468,239	3,558,662
COLLECTIONS OTHER GOVERNMENTS & AGENCIES	2,419,312	2,467,703	2,517,057	2,567,398	2,618,746
PENALTIES & INTEREST - TAXES	-	-	-	-	-
UTILITY CO. 1% REVENUE TAXES	40,952	41,770	42,607	43,459	44,327
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	8,415	8,583	8,755	8,930	9,109
TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED	5,718,531	5,837,457	5,964,345	6,088,026	6,230,844
REMITTANCES OTHER GOVERNMENTS & AGENCIES	(2,419,312)	(2,467,703)	(2,517,057)	(2,567,397)	(2,618,746)
NET TAXES FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES	3,299,219	3,369,754	3,447,288	3,520,629	3,612,098
REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCES	2,778,525	2,956,020	2,998,651	3,048,363	3,101,130
GRANTS AND DONATIONS	8,838,063	575,736	575,736	575,736	577,751
DCC	410,905	-	-	-	-
CONTRIBUTED ASSETS	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUE	\$15,326,712	\$6,901,510	\$7,021,675	\$7,144,728	\$7,290,979
EXPENSES:					
LEGISLATIVE	242,864	247,213	251,959	256,697	261,532
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,747,527	1,594,787	1,614,568	1,635,760	1,683,079
PROTECTIVE SERVICES	440,277	424,156	431,516	438,091	446,450
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING	163,425	129,110	131,612	134,244	136,929
TOURISM AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT	572,215	413,417	419,424	425,553	434,064
ENGINEERING, TRANSPORTATION, STORM WATER	980,366	927,241	939,609	952,229	965,097
SOLID WASTE	272,803	277,758	283,314	288,981	294,761
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES	864,761	840,517	849,824	859,735	871,076
WASTEWATER UTILITY	1,312,721	1,085,806	1,103,494	1,125,565	1,148,075
WATER UTILITY	752,496	655,224	666,343	681,384	696,789
DEBT- INTEREST	24,600	24,600	24,600	24,600	13,200
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,374,055	6,619,829	6,716,263	6,822,839	6,951,052
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$7,952,657	\$281,681	\$305,412	\$321,889	\$339,927
CAPITAL, DEBT, RESERVES, TRANSFERS & BORROWING					
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	(9,065,212)	(115,120)	(117,242)	(119,407)	(119,407)
REPAYMENT ON DEBT	(31,100)	(31,100)	(31,100)	(31,100)	(31,100)
PROCEEDS OF DEBT	-	-	-	-	-
CONTRIBUTIONS TO RESERVES	(1,427,692)	(1,586,429)	(1,610,160)	(1,634,757)	(1,661,077)
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVES	954,500	115,121	117,243	119,408	119,408
APPROPRIATION FROM SURPLUS	281,000	-	-	-	-
EQUITY IN TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS	1,335,847	1,335,847	1,335,847	1,343,967	1,352,249
	\$(7,952,657)	\$(281,681)	\$(305,412)	\$(321,889)	\$(339,927)
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) PLUS CAPITAL, DEBT	-	-	-	-	-

**Bylaw No. 1237, 2026
SCHEDULE “B”
2026 Financial Plan Objectives and Policies**

In accordance with Section 165(3.1) of the *Community Charter*, the Village of Harrison Hot Springs is required to include in the Five Year Financial Plan, objectives and policies regarding each of the following:

1. The proportion of total revenue that comes from each of the funding sources described in Section 165(7) of the *Community Charter*.
2. The distribution of property taxes among the property classes; and
3. The use of permissive tax exemptions

Funding Sources

Table 1 shows the proportion of total revenue proposed to be raised from each funding source in 2026. Property taxes usually form the greatest proportion of revenue for operations. As a revenue source, property taxation offers a stable and reliable source of revenues for services such as:

- Governance & Administration
- Operations & Public Works
- Protective Services
- Recreation, Parks & Culture

User fees and charges typically form the second largest proportion of planned revenue. Many services can be measured and charged on a user-pay basis. Services where fees and charges are applied include water and sewer usage, solid waste management & pay parking – these are charged on a user pay basis. User fees are designed to apportion the value of a service to those who use the service.

Table 1: 2026 Funding Sources

Revenue Source	% of Total Revenue	Dollar Value
Property Taxes including Payments in Lieu	19.9%	\$3,299,219
Utility Service Fees	3.6%	\$590,023
User fees	9.2%	\$1,523,340
Reserves	5.8%	\$954,500
Surplus	1.7%	\$281,000
DCC Revenues	2.5%	\$410,905
Grants/Donations	53.4%	\$8,838,063
Other sources	4.0%	\$665,162

Objects and Policies

- to continue to seek grants for major infrastructure repair and replacement
- to keep the public well-informed about projects and initiatives
- to review utility participation rates to ensure they are equitably funded
- to establish reserve policies to assist in the funding of future capital replacements and to ensure tax rates remain stable
- to ensure that Village services are financially sustainable

Distribution of Property Tax Rates

Table 2 outlines the projected distribution of property taxes among the property classes.

Table 2: 2026 Distribution of Property Tax Rates

Property Class	% of Total Property Taxation
Residential (1)	68%
Business (6)	27%
Recreation/Non-profit (8)	4%

Policies and Objectives

- Ensure that Village services are financially sustainable
- Set property tax rates that are based on principals of equity and responsiveness to current economic trends
- Regularly review and compare the Village’s distribution of tax burden relative to other similar municipalities in British Columbia
- Continue to seek grants for major infrastructure renewal and projects
- Keep the public well-informed about projects and initiatives
- Maintain reserve funds for the funding of future capital replacements
- Maintain reserve funds to stabilize tax rates when required

Permissive Tax Exemptions

Policies and Objectives

Council may consider a revitalization tax exemption in conjunction with its Financial Plan, for the purpose of providing incentives for development and revitalization of property within the Village.



HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

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DRAFT FINANCIAL PLAN (2026-2030)

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS 2026 - 2030 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN DETAILS



	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL (PRELIMINARY)	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
REVENUE									
PROPERTY TAXES									
GENERAL MUNICIPAL TAXES	2,660,469	2,857,115	3,056,019	3,056,885	3,249,852	3,319,401	3,395,926	3,468,239	3,558,662
COLLECTIONS FOR OTHER GOVERNMENTS & AGENCIES	2,295,013	2,534,268	2,720,824	2,371,870	2,419,312	2,467,703	2,517,057	2,567,398	2,618,746
PENALTIES & INTEREST - TAXES	64,323	78,712	53,322				-	-	-
UTILITY CO. 1% REVENUE TAXES	41,987	44,086	45,721	45,720	40,952	41,770	42,607	43,459	44,327
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	6,698	8,246	8,407	8,250	8,415	8,583	8,755	8,930	9,109
Total taxes collected	5,068,490	5,522,427	5,884,293	5,482,725	5,718,531	5,837,457	5,964,345	6,088,026	6,230,844
REMITTANCES TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS & AGENCIES	(2,295,013)	(2,534,268)	(2,720,824)	(2,371,870)	(2,419,312)	(2,467,703)	(2,517,057)	(2,567,397)	(2,618,746)
Net Taxes for Municipal Purposes	2,773,477	2,988,159	3,163,469	3,110,855	3,299,219	3,369,754	3,447,288	3,520,629	3,612,098
REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCES									
DCC REVENUE RECOGNISED		48,079	51,062	111,920			-	-	-
RESORT MUNICIPALITY INITIATIVE	120,000	110,000	135,945	135,000	165,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	102,000
CURBSIDE COLLECTION	152,958	163,884	172,636	166,000	169,320	172,706	176,161	179,684	183,277
LICENSES & PERMITS	56,373	50,954	54,238	38,794	44,009	44,889	45,786	46,703	47,637
FINES	9,010	3,525	11,882	4,335	5,260	5,365	5,473	5,582	5,694
RENTAL & LEASE INCOME	43,613	39,220	120,515	125,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	126,000	128,520
PAY PARKING	377,566	337,621	362,870	350,000	370,000	370,000	370,000	370,000	370,000
INTEREST EARNED	597,163	380,064	257,926	66,218	66,542	61,873	57,211	57,555	57,906
GAIN(LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS	11,805	-	6,982			-	-	-	-
OTHER INVESTMENT INCOME	-	-	-			-	-	-	-
OTHER REVENUE FROM OWN SOURCES	63,591	107,241	84,290	46,130	54,351	50,415	50,734	51,188	52,211
Total Revenue from Own Sources	1,432,080	1,240,588	1,258,346	1,043,397	999,482	930,248	930,365	936,712	947,245
GRANTS AND DONATIONS									
UNCONDITIONAL GRANTS	325,000	359,300	333,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000	325,000
CONDITIONAL GRANTS/DONATIONS	1,414,881	302,152	374,229	341,853	476,249	150,736	150,736	150,736	150,751
Total Grants and Donations	1,739,881	661,452	707,229	666,853	801,249	475,736	475,736	475,736	475,751
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVES & SURPLUS									
TRANSFERS FROM RESERVES	23,960	93,083	72,215	125,769	25,000	-	-	-	-
TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS	207,396	-	40,601	53,760	71,000	-	-	-	-
Total transfers from Reserves & Surplus	231,356	93,083	112,816	179,529	96,000	-	-	-	-
TRANSFER FROM EQUITY IN TCA - GENERAL									
	770,777	788,193	858,947	805,827	929,847	929,847	929,847	929,847	929,847
TOTAL REVENUE	6,947,570	5,771,475	6,100,807	5,806,461	6,125,797	5,705,585	5,783,236	5,862,924	5,964,941

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS 2026 - 2030 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN DETAILS



	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL (PRELIMINARY)	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
EXPENDITURES									
COUNCIL									
MAYOR TALEN (FORMERLY WOOD)	48,420	36,906	55,625	63,370	65,540	66,689	68,124	69,487	70,878
COUNCILLOR JACKSON	31,008	33,663	31,015	38,323	40,010	40,779	41,596	42,427	43,275
COUNCILLOR BUCKLEY (FORMER)	13,718	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
COUNCILLOR SCHWEINBENZ (FORMERLY ALLEN)	6,938	26,218	30,357	38,323	40,010	40,779	41,595	42,426	43,275
COUNCILLOR VIDAL	28,294	29,088	29,589	34,166	35,771	36,454	37,183	37,927	38,685
COUNCILLOR FACIO	29,323	30,756	29,688	35,570	37,277	38,070	38,832	39,607	40,400
OTHER LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES	9,543	2,687	19,673	38,074	24,255	24,441	24,629	24,822	25,018
Total Legislative Services	167,245	159,318	195,947	247,826	242,863	247,212	251,959	256,696	261,531
ADMINISTRATION									
EXPENSES - STAFF	234,599	284,654	266,433	248,452	322,947	262,498	263,659	264,843	266,051
MANAGEMENT EXPENSES	628,259	597,402	554,931	560,331	577,364	586,177	597,899	609,857	622,054
TRANSPORTATION & COMMUNICATION	15,905	16,697	20,210	23,280	24,180	24,664	25,157	25,660	26,173
INFORMATION SERVICES	26,310	20,680	19,987	26,280	26,805	27,341	27,889	28,447	29,016
PROFESSIONAL & SPECIAL SERVICES	217,140	275,395	154,708	183,019	165,013	58,296	59,462	60,651	86,864
LEGAL FEES	89,409	135,416	95,886	30,600	31,212	31,836	32,473	33,122	33,785
LIBRARY BOARD	74,816	79,839	83,334	82,818	86,572	88,303	90,070	91,871	93,708
MEDICAL SERVICES	-	6,314	38,491	39,800	38,600	38,672	38,746	38,821	39,597
MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES	25,976	29,376	28,994	31,340	31,967	32,606	33,258	33,923	34,601
GENERAL GOODS & SUPPLIES	55,678	61,231	71,299	75,136	79,013	80,593	82,205	83,849	85,526
BANK CHARGES & INTEREST	10,740	12,255	10,812	7,913	6,971	6,031	5,132	5,234	5,339
MUNICIPAL OFFICE	29,878	40,118	33,549	39,090	41,507	42,394	43,241	44,106	44,989
AMORTIZATION	255,163	273,452	315,376	273,426	315,376	315,376	315,376	315,376	315,376
Total Administration	1,663,873	1,832,829	1,694,010	1,621,485	1,747,527	1,594,787	1,614,567	1,635,760	1,683,079
PROTECTIVE SERVICES									
BYLAW ENFORCEMENT	76,612	80,403	93,280	86,000	62,971	64,786	66,082	67,403	68,752
ANIMAL WASTE STATIONS	7,213	7,532	634	6,337	6,464	6,593	6,725	6,860	6,997
EMERGENCY MEASURES	16,357	16,857	48,440	84,173	85,856	87,574	89,325	91,112	92,934
FIRE DEPARTMENT									
FIRE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATION	19,584	26,155	50,575	73,327	53,448	53,679	54,722	55,587	56,902
FIREHALL	31,937	31,245	24,195	23,341	26,108	26,605	27,112	27,652	28,205
FIRE REMUNERATION & BENEFITS	122,519	141,971	122,308	109,596	129,552	113,377	115,324	117,310	119,657
FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES	18,480	16,994	25,189	19,438	18,290	18,655	19,030	19,409	19,797
FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT	29,678	21,357	24,064	24,024	34,202	29,501	29,810	29,372	29,820
FIRE DEPARTMENT AMORTIZATION	15,274	16,760	23,386	16,760	23,386	23,386	23,386	23,386	23,386
Total Fire Department	237,472	254,482	269,717	266,486	284,986	265,203	269,384	272,716	277,767
Total Protective Services	337,653	359,274	412,071	442,996	440,277	424,156	431,516	438,091	446,450

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS 2026 - 2030 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN DETAILS

	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL (PRELIMINARY)	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING									
DEVELOPMENT PLANNING	112,700	139,149	170,581	255,474	163,425	129,110	131,612	134,244	136,929
BUILDING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Development Planning	112,700	139,149	170,581	255,474	163,425	129,110	131,612	134,244	136,929
TOURISM & COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT									
TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE	22,034	22,496	22,384	25,157	25,054	25,555	26,066	26,587	27,119
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & EVENTS	235,345	292,254	451,014	505,243	547,161	387,862	393,358	398,966	406,945
Total Tourism & Community Improvement	257,380	314,750	473,398	530,400	572,215	413,417	419,424	425,553	434,064
ENGINEERING & TRANSPORTATION SERVICES									
PUBLIC WORKS - COMMON SERVICES	215,907	240,087	240,303	219,432	214,294	218,580	222,950	227,410	231,958
PUBLIC WORKS OFFICE	12,255	12,680	11,494	15,183	15,508	15,840	16,156	16,479	16,809
PUBLIC WORKS SHOP	46,615	30,088	16,233	21,479	6,637	6,799	6,935	7,074	7,215
PUBLIC WORKS YARD	1,641	773	1,290	2,165	2,208	2,252	2,297	2,343	2,390
PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT	19,914	22,699	21,536	20,100	24,616	19,989	20,389	20,796	21,212
TRAINING	4,104	8,237	12,436	29,528	30,118	30,721	31,335	31,962	32,601
FLEET	104,837	72,232	43,923	60,650	61,767	56,883	58,020	59,184	60,365
ROADS & STREETS									
ROAD RESURFACING	4,521	5,150	9,085	6,691	16,825	6,962	7,101	7,243	7,388
ROAD MARKING/SIGNAGE	11,486	9,752	18,875	22,850	49,607	23,773	24,248	24,733	25,228
BRIDGES	3,421	3,883	3,952	4,708	4,876	5,050	5,151	5,254	5,359
DRAINAGE & DITCHING	14,065	4,606	6,942	27,796	28,352	28,919	29,498	30,088	30,690
STREET LIGHTING	28,633	28,064	33,094	37,178	37,939	38,716	39,491	40,280	41,086
STREET CLEANING	6,289	7,965	6,232	7,000	7,140	7,283	7,428	7,577	7,729
SNOW REMOVAL	12,276	8,093	11,986	20,808	21,224	21,649	22,082	22,523	22,974
VILLAGE ENTRANCE	2,329	4,504	2,045	5,334	5,446	5,558	5,669	5,783	5,898
SIDEWALKS	7,569	21,355	8,435	22,020	22,460	22,910	23,368	23,835	24,312
PARKING PROGRAM	71,039	72,500	92,070	70,618	100,526	83,938	85,617	87,329	89,075
TRANSIT	234	253	271	738	757	777	793	809	825
AMORTIZATION - PUBLIC WORKS	23,486	18,323	26,588	18,323	26,588	26,588	26,588	26,588	26,588
AMORTIZATION - TRANSPORTATION	289,040	240,326	257,421	240,326	257,421	257,421	257,421	257,421	257,421
Total Engineering & Transportation Services	879,662	811,570	824,211	852,927	934,309	880,608	892,538	904,711	917,123
FLOOD PROTECTION									
FLOOD PROTECTION	14,438	24,939	20,480	20,790	21,347	21,923	22,361	22,808	23,264
AMORTIZATION - STORM SEWERS	24,710	24,710	24,710	24,710	24,710	24,710	24,710	24,710	24,710
Total Flood Protection	39,148	49,649	45,190	45,500	46,057	46,633	47,071	47,518	47,974

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	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL (PRELIMINARY)	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
WASTE MANAGEMENT									
WASTE MANAGEMENT - MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS	57,870	58,181	64,435	59,640	70,833	72,249	73,694	75,169	76,673
LANDFILL	-	-	-	1,500	-	-	-	-	-
WASTE MANAGEMENT - CONTRACTED SERVICES	187,101	184,077	195,586	198,500	201,970	205,509	209,620	213,812	218,088
Total Waste Management	244,972	242,258	260,021	259,640	272,803	277,758	283,314	288,981	294,761
PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL SERVICES									
BEACH	91,483	114,448	79,673	119,781	106,179	108,302	110,468	112,677	114,930
LAGOON BREAKWATER	3,705	3,989	3,452	10,885	11,109	11,338	11,565	11,796	12,032
BEACH WASHROOMS	65,504	82,869	64,454	78,643	80,264	81,918	83,557	85,228	86,932
BOAT LAUNCH & WASHROOMS	12,303	23,013	109,351	96,506	104,808	105,279	105,884	106,503	108,633
HARRISON LAKE PLAZA	18,547	23,701	20,575	35,655	36,391	37,145	37,888	38,646	39,418
FEDERAL WHARF	692	747	800	1,314	1,356	1,399	1,427	1,456	1,485
FLOAT PLANE DOCK	666	526	869	1,796	1,846	1,898	1,936	1,975	2,014
MEMORIAL HALL	40,574	53,803	53,617	48,156	47,483	48,569	49,540	50,531	51,542
MEMORIAL BENCHES	22,162	27,516	25,274	27,136	8,544	8,715	8,889	9,067	9,249
ARTS CENTRE	1,717	1,892	2,778	5,087	5,221	5,360	5,467	5,576	5,688
YACHT CLUB	5,384	7,659	8,090	8,777	8,823	8,869	8,905	8,941	9,119
RENDALL PARK	13,743	17,136	26,654	23,292	18,660	19,035	19,416	19,805	20,201
SPRING PARK	18,043	23,382	28,508	27,688	28,133	22,588	23,039	23,500	23,970
BEACH PLAYGROUND	4,651	5,156	5,891	5,838	5,972	6,113	6,251	6,376	6,503
OTHER GREEN SPACES	65,199	88,129	80,897	85,943	115,441	89,415	90,974	92,995	94,649
QWOLTS PARK	-	-	3,012	7,122	2,165	2,208	2,252	2,297	2,345
NON-CAPITAL ITEMS EXPENSED									
AMORTIZATION - PARKS	28,791	40,513	64,007	40,513	64,007	64,007	64,007	64,007	64,007
AMORTIZATION - OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE	157,879	191,769	218,359	191,769	218,359	218,359	218,359	218,359	218,359
Total Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Services	551,043	706,248	796,261	815,901	864,761	840,517	849,824	859,735	871,076
TRANSFERS TO RESERVES AND ALLOWANCES									
CONTRIBUTION TO GENERAL RESERVES	479,202	514,306	439,612	439,612	534,542	543,433	552,502	561,751	571,387
CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATUTORY RESERVES	1,781,494	249,653	250,553	250,400	251,318	252,254	253,209	254,184	256,267
Total Transfers to Reserves	2,260,696	763,959	690,165	690,012	785,860	795,687	805,711	815,935	827,654
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND									
Total Transfers	43,622	44,040	52,391	44,300	55,700	55,700	55,700	55,700	44,300
Total Transfers	2,304,318	807,999	742,556	734,312	841,560	851,387	861,411	871,635	871,954
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,557,993	5,423,044	5,614,246	5,806,461	6,125,797	5,705,585	5,783,236	5,862,924	5,964,941
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	389,577	348,431	486,561	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL (PRELIMINARY)	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
CAPITAL FUND - REVENUE									
GRANTS - PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL/OTHER	422,682	336,125	2,129,275	8,549,122	6,949,335				
DEBT RESERVE INCOME	221	-	-						
GAIN ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS	-	-	-						
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	61,493	581,779	201,184	210,712	327,000	115,121	117,243	119,408	119,408
TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS	-	-	181,000	181,000					
TRANSFER FROM GENERAL FUND	43,622	44,300	63,902	44,300	55,700	55,700	55,700	55,700	44,300
OTHER - CAPITAL REVENUE	8,467								
RMI FUNDING	41,857	1,138,072	756,941	860,000	922,479				
DCC REVENUE RECOGNISED	174,500		240,900	773,176	266,399				
TOTAL REVENUES	752,842	2,100,276	3,573,202	10,618,310	8,520,913	170,821	172,943	175,108	163,708
DEBT									
DEBT FINANCING	13,209	13,200	21,523	13,200	24,600	24,600	24,600	24,600	13,200
DEBT REPAYMENTS	39,101	31,100	42,379	31,100	31,100	31,100	31,100	31,100	31,100
	52,310	44,300	63,902	44,300	55,700	55,700	55,700	55,700	44,300
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES									
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS	393,583	149,867	528,429	528,512	65,000				
OFFICE EQUIPMENT	27,241	8,591	6,745	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
FIRE DEPT VEHICLES					-				
FIRE DEPT EQUIPMENT	24,450	76,899	108,432	120,600	95,000				
PW VEHICLES		94,668	65,573	85,000	-				
EQUIPMENT	19,227	48,989	36,505	63,500	33,000				
ROADS AND STREETS					1,040,000				
BUS SHELTER	10,142	13,864	14,500	42,000	15,000				
FLOOD PUMP BUILDING/QWOLTZ PARK	-	-			-				
PARKING LOT					40,000				
STORMWATER UPGRADES	3,010	90,173	1,051,453	2,088,724	1,060,620	106,121	108,243	110,408	110,408
DYKE UPGRADE	165,998	184,343	84,544	5,649,659	5,565,114				
BEACH REDEVELOPMENT	27,408	876,107	718,521	785,000	456,479				
TRAILS DEVELOPMENT									
MCCOMBS BRIDGE UPGRADE		47,745	833,778	1,105,015	50,000				
RMI PROJECTS	14,449	261,965	38,420	75,000	36,000				
SENENET INTERFACE FIRE DETECTION SYSTEM		202,765	-	-					
BOAT LAUNCH DOCK	15,025	-	22,400	22,000					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	752,842	2,100,276	3,573,202	10,618,310	8,465,213	115,121	117,243	119,408	119,408
TFR to RESERVES									
CAPITAL SURPLUS (DEFICIT) / Carry forward	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

HARRISON HOT SPRINGS 2026 - 2030 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN DETAILS

	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL (PRELIMINARY)	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
WASTE WATER FUND									
REVENUES									
OPERATING REVENUES	749,563	788,754	818,451	817,005	884,000	954,720	973,813	993,290	1,013,155
UTILITY SERVICE FEES	239,480	255,613	257,975	261,303	279,693	301,771	307,807	313,963	320,242
DCC REVENUE		36,661	276,333	313,339	37,006				
INTEREST	93,230	97,341	65,335						
GRANT									
GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF ASSETS									
TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS			44,090		210,000				
TRANSFER FROM EQUITY IN TCA - SEWER	221,511	235,522	229,826	235,522	213,000	213,000	213,000	217,260	221,605
TOTAL REVENUES	1,303,784	1,413,891	1,692,010	1,627,169	1,623,699	1,469,491	1,494,620	1,524,513	1,555,002
EXPENDITURES									
SEWER ADMINISTRATION	152,212	176,514	461,693	466,755	202,517	170,621	174,032	177,514	181,063
TRAINING	3,512	4,856	5,094	6,983	7,122	7,265	7,410	7,558	7,710
WASTEWATER COLLECTION	11,337	16,855	65,262	26,928	237,467	28,016	28,577	29,148	29,731
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT	427,724	486,371	498,853	515,908	520,820	532,118	542,759	553,615	564,687
LIFT STATIONS	86,475	107,083	119,046	128,873	131,795	134,786	137,716	140,470	143,279
AMORTIZATION - SEWER	221,511	229,082	229,826	235,522	213,000	213,000	213,000	217,260	221,605
Total Operating Costs	902,771	1,020,761	1,379,774	1,380,969	1,312,721	1,085,806	1,103,494	1,125,565	1,148,075
TRANSFERS TO RESERVES AND ALLOWANCES	93,230	97,341	65,335						
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND	236,640	241,300	246,200	246,200	310,978	383,685	391,126	398,948	406,927
Total Transfers	329,870	338,641	311,535	246,200	310,978	383,685	391,126	398,948	406,927
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,232,641	1,359,402	1,691,309	1,627,169	1,623,699	1,469,491	1,494,620	1,524,513	1,555,002
Sewer Operating Fund SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	71,143	54,489	701	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAPITAL FUND									
REVENUES									
DCC REVENUE RECOGNISED	103,758	457,771	387,451	405,293	22,500				
TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS				80,000					
TRANSFER FROM SEWER OPERATIONS	236,640	241,300	246,200	246,200	310,978	383,685	391,126	398,948	406,927
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	280,427	206,817	356,703	945,737	547,500				
INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS		70,191							
TOTAL REVENUES	620,825	976,079	990,354	1,677,230	880,978	383,685	391,126	398,948	406,927
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	384,185	734,779	744,154	1,431,030	570,000				
WASTEWATER RESERVES	236,640	241,300	246,200	246,200	310,978	383,685	391,126	398,948	406,927
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	620,825	976,079	990,354	1,677,230	880,978	383,685	391,126	398,948	406,927
Sewer Capital Fund SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	2023	2024	2025	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ACTUAL (PRELIMINARY)	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET
WATER FUND									
REVENUES									
OPERATING REVENUES	418,552	435,698	468,537	430,543	470,020	523,824	534,299	544,983	555,886
UTILITY SERVICE FEES	266,504	335,248	289,633	295,404	310,330	345,457	352,367	359,415	366,602
INTEREST	57,131	59,417	41,246						
DCC REVENUE RECOGNISED		14,198	72,667	185,802	85,000				
TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS					-				
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES					25,000				
TRANSFER FROM EQUITY IN TCA	192,884	216,586	205,578	216,586	193,000	193,000	193,000	196,860	200,797
TOTAL REVENUES	935,071	1,061,147	1,077,661	1,128,335	1,083,350	1,062,281	1,079,666	1,101,258	1,123,285
EXPENSES									
WATER ADMINISTRATION	141,378	157,111	257,047	350,982	259,153	181,070	186,350	191,792	197,406
TRAINING	496	2,741	5,486	4,956	5,055	5,156	5,259	5,364	5,472
WATER SUPPLY & DISTRIBUTION	88,224	120,983	74,868	92,705	114,793	92,227	94,071	95,953	97,872
WATER RESERVOIR	58,521	5,393	4,812	19,922	19,700	19,451	19,840	20,237	20,642
WATER TREATMENT PLANT	125,102	187,304	139,225	133,818	141,294	144,429	147,534	150,483	153,492
PUMPING STATIONS									
HYDRANTS	8,094	11,520	20,915	23,513	19,501	19,891	20,289	20,695	21,108
AMORTIZATION - WATER	192,884	216,586	205,578	216,586	193,000	193,000	193,000	196,860	200,797
Total Operating Costs	614,699	701,638	707,931	842,482	752,496	655,224	666,343	681,384	696,789
TRANSFERS TO RESERVES AND ALLOWANCES	57,131	59,417	41,246						
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND	264,180	269,464	285,853	285,853	330,854	407,057	413,323	419,874	426,496
Total Transfers	321,311	328,881	327,099	285,853	330,854	407,057	413,323	419,874	426,496
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	936,010	1,030,519	1,035,030	1,128,335	1,083,350	1,062,281	1,079,666	1,101,258	1,123,285
Water Operating fund SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	(939)	30,628	42,631	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAPITAL FUND									
REVENUES									
DCC REVENUE RECOGNISED	65,366	3,451							
INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS									
CONTRIBUTED ASSETS									
TRANSFER FROM WATER OPERATING	264,180	269,464	285,852	285,853	330,854	407,057	413,323	419,874	426,496
TRANSFER FROM SURPLUS									
TRANSFER FROM RESERVES	232,112	206,579	136,779	142,504	30,000				
TOTAL REVENUES	561,658	479,494	422,631	428,357	360,854	407,057	413,323	419,874	426,496
EXPENDITURES									
DEBT FINANCING	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DEBT REPAYMENTS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRANSFERS TO RESERVE AND ALLOWANCES	264,180	269,464	285,852	285,852	330,854	407,057	413,323	419,874	426,496
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	297,478	210,030	136,779	142,505	30,000				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	561,658	479,494	422,631	428,357	360,854	407,057	413,323	419,874	426,496
Water Capital Fund SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Budget 2026

Public Engagement Report: *What We Heard*

Public Engagement Period: January 9, 2026 – February 25, 2026



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Background

Each year, the Village develops a municipal budget to guide services, infrastructure investment, and financial planning. The budget directly influences service levels, capital projects, and property taxation.

For Budget 2026, the Village expanded its public engagement approach to strengthen transparency, improve understanding of municipal finances, and support informed community participation.

Budget 2026 Timeline

January 9, 2026: Public consultation period begins

An online survey and the Budget 2026 info page is available to the public on www.getintoitharrison.ca providing information on the budget process.

February 3, 2026: Committee of the Whole

- Draft budget presentation to Council

February 17, 2026: Regular Council Meeting

- First and second reading by Council

February 24, 2026: Budget Open House

- Held from 8:30AM - 4:30PM at the Village Office, the open house was a drop-in style event. Budget information was on display, opportunities for the public to share feedback in person, and staff were available to answer budget questions.

March 2, 2026: Regular Council Meeting

- Feedback from Public Consultation period will be presented to Council, and proposed third reading by Council. The public can submit budget feedback until March 2, 2026.

Mid March 2026: Adoption of 2026 Budget

Public Engagement Approach

For 2026, the Village introduced an important shift in how public engagement is approached during the budget process with education being a central component. Residents could access information, ask questions, and provide input throughout the process.

Municipal budgeting can be complex. Meaningful participation depends on understanding:

- How the budget is developed
- How Council makes financial decisions
- What services and infrastructure are funded
- How budget decisions affect property taxes

This year, the Village prioritized helping residents understand how the budget works and how it impacts them personally. By strengthening access to information and providing opportunities to learn, the Village aimed to support feedback that is informed, constructive, and grounded in a clearer understanding of municipal finances. Education and engagement were intentionally paired to ensure residents could both learn about the budget and contribute to it.

Communications Metrics

The Village tracked engagement reach across communication channels. These metrics help illustrate how many individuals were reached, viewed budget communications, and where they received their budget communications - **even if they did not provide direct feedback.**

2026 Budget communications occurred through the following channels:

- e-Newsletter updates: delivered twice to 670 recipients/average of 589 recipients opened
- Social media posts (Facebook & Instagram): 4668 views
- Get Into It Harrison project page: 175 registered user views
- Village website
- Information boards at the Village Office during the Open House

Communications Across Channels

Social Media

Facebook
Instagram



Websites

Village Website
Get Into It Harrison



e-Newsletters

The Village's new monthly e-Newsletter:
Village Connect



Introducing Village Connect! The Village of Harrison Hot Springs' Monthly e-Newsletter

Hi Neighbour,

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season! The Village has launched a monthly e-newsletter, Village Connect. This is a new way to stay connected and informed about what's happening in our community. On the first Thursday of every month you'll receive the latest updates on Council decisions, Village projects, initiatives, upcoming events, and opportunities to get involved. Yes, this edition of the newsletter is technically finding its way to your inbox after the first Thursday of the month, but with the Village Office Holiday Closure last week, this still feels like the perfect time for the first edition of our monthly e-newsletter to reach you!

Budget Feedback Participation

- **Total respondents:** 14
- **Public consultation period:** January 9, 2026 - February 25, 2026
- **Question types:** ranking, funding preferences, capital priorities, open comments
- Feedback was received through the online survey (GetInToItHarrison) and at the Budget Open House

While response numbers were limited, the feedback provides valuable insight into community priorities and perspectives.

Key Findings from Feedback Received

Most Important Services

Top Priorities:

- Roads and transportation
- Fire and emergency services
- Parks, trails, and public green spaces

Lower Priorities:

- Accessibility & Age-friendly services
- Bylaw services

Funding Preferences

Residents generally supported:

- Maintaining or increasing funding for essential infrastructure
- Maintaining strong emergency services
- Increased investment in parks and recreation

Some support was expressed for reducing funding in accessibility services.

Capital Improvement Priorities

Most frequently selected:

- Road and sidewalk improvements
- Parks and trails
- Water, sewer, and drainage upgrades

Emerging Community Themes

Open-ended responses highlighted:

- Infrastructure capacity and reliability
- Emergency preparedness and evacuation routes
- Recreation and public spaces
- Village beautification and tourism experience



Top Budget Priorities Identified by Residents

1. Emergency preparedness and fire safety
2. Infrastructure investment (roads, water, sewer, drainage)
3. Parks, trails, and community spaces

Direct Resident Feedback

In addition to survey rankings and quantitative responses, residents shared specific suggestions and ideas in their own words. These direct quotes highlight resident priorities and areas for improvement:

- “Increase trails in green areas.”
- “Dog park and dog swim area.”
- “Improved flood mitigation measures.”
- “Wayfinding / Village entrance improvements.”
- “Play park space at the south end.”



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
BYLAW NO. 1236

A bylaw to provide for the establishment and operation of the Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department and to provide for fire prevention and suppression

WHEREAS pursuant to section 8 of the *Community Charter*, Council may by bylaw, regulate, prohibit and impose requirements in relation to section 63 [*protection of persons and property*];

NOW THEREFORE in open meeting assembled, Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited as “Fire Services Bylaw No. 1236, 2026”.

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this bylaw:

“Apparatus” means any vehicle provided with machinery, devices, equipment or materials for Fire Protection and assistance response as well as vehicles use to transport firefighters and/or supplies.

“Captain” means the rank between Lieutenant and the Deputy Fire Chief.

“Chief Administrative Officer” means the Chief Administrative Officer for the Village or their designate, appointed under section 147 of the *Community Charter*.

“Complex Structure” means a structure that exceeds three stories or 600m² in area.

“Corporate Officer” means the Corporate Officer for the Village or their designate, appointed under section 148 of the *Community Charter*.

“Council” means the Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

“Deputy Chief” means the rank directly below the Fire Chief.

“Equipment” means any tools, contrivances, devices or materials used by the Fire Department to combat an Incident or other emergency.

“Executive” means the Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief and up to two Captains.

“Fire Chief” means the person appointed by Council, from time to time, as the Fire Chief of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

“Fire Code” means the British Columbia Fire Code, as established from time to time, under the *Fire Safety Act*.

“Fire Department” means the Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department.

“Firefighter” is the rank directly below Lieutenant.

“Fire Inspector” means a person appointed by Council and trained to perform fire inspections in accordance with the requirements of the *Fire Safety Act* and any regulations made thereunder.

“Fire Investigator” means a person appointed by Council and trained to perform fire investigations in accordance with the requirements of the *Fire Safety Act* and any regulations made thereunder.

“Fire Protection” means all aspects of fire safety including but not limited to, fire prevention, fire fighting or suppression, pre-fire planning, fire investigation, public education and information, training and other staff development and advising.

“*Fire Safety Act*” means the *Fire Safety Act*, SBC 2016, c. 19 as amended or replaced from time to time.

“Fire Safety Assessment” means a fire safety assessment completed by property owners or their authorized agent when requested by the Village pursuant to the *Fire Safety Act*.

“Incident” means a fire or a situation where a fire or explosion is imminent and includes assistance response circumstances described in section 10 of this bylaw.

“Incident Commander” means the Member in charge of an Incident.

“Inspection” means a fire safety inspection as defined in the *Fire Safety Act*.

“Interior” refers to operations inside a burning building or enclosed structure, involving direct engagement with the fire for suppression, rescue, and search.

“*Local Government Act*” means the *Local Government Act*, R.S.B.C. 2015, c. 1 as amended or replaced from time to time.

“Lieutenant” means the rank between POC and Captain.

“Mayor” means the duly elected Mayor of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

“Member” means a person who having been recruited and having received appropriate training, becomes a paid on call (POC) Firefighter of the Fire Department. A “member” is deemed to be a Municipal Officer as defined in the *Local Government Act*.

“Minimum Training Standards” means the British Columbia Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards 2022, as amended or replaced from time to time.

“NFPA” means the National Fire Protection Association.

“Officer” means a member who is specifically authorized to assist the Fire Chief in their duties, specifically the Deputy Fire Chief, Captains and Lieutenants.

“POC” means a Member who is a paid-on-call Firefighter.

“Pre-Incident Plan” has the same meaning as in the NFPA glossary of terms, as amended or replaced from time to time.

“Public Building” has the same meaning as in the *Fire Safety Act*, as amended or replaced from time to time.

“Village” means the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

3. INTERPRETATION

- (a) A reference to a statute refers to a statute of the Province of British Columbia unless otherwise indicated, and a reference to any statute, regulation, bylaw or code refers to that enactment as it may be amended or replaced from time to time.
- (b) Words in the singular include the plural and gender specific terms include both genders. Headings are for convenience only and must not be construed as defining or limiting the scope or intent of this Bylaw.

4. ADOPTION OF FIRE CODE AND OTHER STANDARDS

- (a) The substantive regulations (but not the procedural or remedial provisions) of the Fire Code are hereby adopted and made part of this Bylaw such that every provision of the Fire Code shall be considered a provision of this Bylaw.
- (b) Standards of the NFPA as issued from time to time are hereby adopted as applying to the Fire Department.
- (c) Water supply requirements for public Fire Protection as issued by the Fire Underwriters Survey and updated from time to time are made part of this

bylaw such that every requirement shall be considered a provision of this bylaw.

5. ESTABLISHMENT

- (a) The Fire Department as previously established is hereby continued and authorized to provide Fire Protection and other related services within the Village and, for any area outside the boundaries of the Village, only in accordance with section 10 of this bylaw.
- (b) The Fire Department shall consist of the following positions, ranked in descending order:
 - (i) The Fire Chief;
 - (ii) The Deputy Fire Chief;
 - (iii) Up to two (2) Captains;
 - (iv) Up to four (4) Lieutenants; and
 - (v) Up to eighteen (18) Firefighters

with the total number of Members not to exceed twenty-six (26) persons.

6. LEVEL OF SERVICE

- (a) The authorized level of service for the Fire Department shall be that of Interior Operations for firefighting as identified in the Minimum Training Standards. If, in the opinion of the Fire Chief, there are sufficient resources and trained personnel to undertake Interior Operations as described by the Minimum Training Standards, then the Department may undertake Interior Operations at any incident where sufficient personnel and equipment are available.
- (b) Members are authorized to enter structures and objects for the purposes of fire suppression and rescue operations, provided that:
 - (i) The Member is trained to the competency requirements of the NFPA 1001 Level 1; and
 - (ii) The Incident Commander determines that conditions are safe for entry.
- (c) Operations within Complex Structures are authorized provided that Pre-Incident Plans are established and training on building-specific systems is conducted annually.

7. APPOINTMENT AND POWERS OF THE FIRE CHIEF

- (a) The Fire Chief shall be appointed by resolution of Council.

- (b) The Fire Chief is the head of the Fire Department.
- (c) The Fire Chief reports to the Chief Administrative Officer in respect of the management of the Fire Department, the Fire Department budget, and the condition of buildings, Apparatus and Equipment under the control of the Fire Department.
- (d) The Fire Chief, in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer, shall recommend to Council the appointment of the Deputy Fire Chief.
- (e) The Fire Chief may:
 - (i) Exercise all powers, duties and functions under the *Fire Safety Act*;
 - (ii) Make reasonable rules and regulations for the proper and efficient administration and operation of the Fire Department and may change, replace or withdraw the rules as he or she considers necessary;
 - (iii) Make reasonable rules and regulations or take measures respecting the discipline of members of the Fire Department;
 - (iv) Enter on property and inspect premises for conditions that may cause a fire, increase the danger of a fire or increase the danger to persons or property from a fire;
 - (v) Take measures to prevent and suppress fires, including, in relation to an Incident, cause or direct the demolition of buildings and other structures, which the Fire Chief believes should be demolished in order to prevent the spread of fire or to prevent damage to property, injury to persons or loss of life;
 - (vi) Enforce this bylaw and other municipal bylaws, rules, orders and regulations respecting fire prevention and suppression and the protection of life and property;
 - (vii) Provide advice and make recommendations to the Chief Administrative Officer and the public in relation to the establishment and administration of the Fire Department, the provision for adequate water supply and pressure, the installation or maintenance of automatic or other fire alarm systems and fire extinguishment equipment, the enforcement of measure for the prevention and suppression of fire and the protection of life and property and fire prevention generally;

- (viii) Take any action that a Fire Inspector or Fire Investigator is authorized to take pursuant to the *Fire Safety Act*.
- (f) The Fire Chief shall appoint Captains and Lieutenants. Each duly appointed Captain and Lieutenant shall continue in office until a new Captain or Lieutenant is appointed.
- (g) All members appointed to the rank of Lieutenant or Captain must meet the job performance requirements of NFPA 1021: Standard for Fire Officer Professional Qualifications (Level 1) within 12 months of appointment.
- (h) The Fire Chief shall appoint a Member to fill any vacancy on the Executive and may determine the responsibilities and functions of the Executive as they relate to the operation of the Fire Department.

8. **MEMBERSHIP**

- (a) A person is qualified to be appointed as a Member of the Fire Department for firefighting duties who:
 - (i) Is at least 18 years of age;
 - (ii) Is of good character; and
 - (iii) Passes such, training aptitude and other tests as may be required by the Fire Chief.
- (b) A person appointed as a Member shall be on probation for a period of one (1) year during which period said Member shall take such training and examinations as may be required by the Fire Chief.
- (c) If a probationary Member appointed for firefighting duties fails any such examination:
 - (i) They may be dismissed; or
 - (ii) Their probationary period may be extended for a further six months by the Fire Chief.

9. **REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES**

- (a) The remuneration of all Members will be set by resolution of Council from time to time.
- (b) Fire Department expenses and expenditures shall be incurred in accordance with all applicable Village bylaws and policies, including any approved budgets, financial plans and purchasing and procurement policies.

10. AREA OF JURISDICTION

- (a) The services provided by the Fire Department are limited to the geographic boundaries of the Village, and Members have no responsibility to respond to any emergency outside of these boundaries except:
- (i) By written agreement to provide Fire Protection services with a jurisdiction outside of the Village's boundary;
 - (ii) Under mutual aid agreement with another local government, municipality or regional district;
 - (iii) Under a provincially mandated deployment related to a provincial emergency; or
 - (iv) Under any request from another agency with the permission of the Chief Administrative Officer.
- (b) The Mayor and Corporate Officer, after consultation with the Fire Chief and on the recommendation of the Chief Administrative Officer, are hereby authorized to enter and execute any agreements made under this section or other instruments as may be required to give full force and effect to this section.

11. FIRE PROTECTION AID AGREEMENTS

Council may enter into Fire Protection and aid agreements for the provision of Fire Protection by, for, or on behalf of the owners or occupiers of property situated within or outside of the municipality, with any person, firm, corporation, municipality, Crown Provincial or Crown Federal or other properly constituted authority and for the paying or collecting, as the case may be, of such charges therefore as may be agreed upon.

12. RISK-BASED SYSTEM OF COMPLIANCE

- (a) The Fire Inspector shall establish a risk-based system of compliance monitoring of Public Buildings within the Village in accordance with the requirements of the *Fire Safety Act* and regulations made thereunder.
- (b) The Fire Inspector may determine which Public Buildings are to be subject to an Inspection and in accordance with the *Fire Safety Act*. The frequency of Inspection for any Public Building shall be set by the Fire Inspector, based on the risk assigned to the particular Public Building under the risk-based system of compliance monitoring established in accordance with section 12(a).

- (c) The Fire Inspector shall ensure that the risk assessments are reviewed periodically at such intervals as the Fire Inspector considers advisable or as otherwise may be required by the *Fire Safety Act*.
- (d) An owner of a Public Building who is required to produce a Fire Safety Assessment shall do so within 30 calendar days of the request using the format prescribed under the *Fire Safety Act*.
- (e) Where a Fire Safety Assessment has not been produced as required under section 12(d), the Fire Inspector may conduct an Inspection for a fee as set out in the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Miscellaneous Fee Bylaw No. 1049, 2014, as amended or replaced from time to time.
- (f) Where a property owner is required by the Fire Code to develop and maintain a Fire Safety Plan in accordance with the Fire Code, a copy of such Fire Safety Plan shall be submitted to the Fire Department for review in accordance with the Fire Code. The Fire Department may prescribe the form in which any Fire Safety Plan is to be submitted.
- (g) The Fire Safety Plan shall be reviewed not less than annually by the owner of the property. The Fire Safety Plan shall be updated and a new Fire Safety Plan submitted to the Fire Department for review if at any time there has been any change to a building, property or premises, or any change to the use thereof, that makes the existing Fire Safety Plan inaccurate or obsolete.
- (h) Notwithstanding any review of a Fire Safety Assessment or Fire Safety Plan by the Fire Department or Fire Inspector as the case may be, the owner of the Public Building or other property in respect of which a Fire Safety Assessment or Fire Safety Plan is submitted remains solely responsible for the content and sufficiency of that assessment or plan, and neither Fire Department nor the Fire Inspector shall be liable for any deficiency in any Fire Safety Assessment or Fire Safety Plan or for any loss, damage, costs or injuries arising from that deficiency.

13. **PROHIBITIONS**

No person shall:

- (a) Impede, hinder or obstruct any Member at an Incident or when carrying out their duties under this bylaw, and every person in the proximity of an Incident shall comply with orders or directions of a Member responding to the Incident;
- (b) Obstruct or otherwise interfere with access roads or other approaches to an Incident, or with fire hydrants, reservoirs or bodies of water required for fire suppression purposes;

- (c) Damage, destroy, obstruct, impede or hinder the operation of any Apparatus, or, unless authorized by the Fire Chief, Incident Commander or other Officer, travel across a fire hose or other Equipment;
- (d) Falsely represent themselves as a Member of the Fire Department; or
- (e) Obstruct or interfere with the Fire Chief, Fire Inspector or Fire Investigator while they are carrying out any inspection or investigation pursuant to this bylaw, the Fire Code or the *Fire Safety Act*.

14. **PENALTIES**

- (a) This bylaw is designated under the provisions of section 260 of the *Community Charter* as a bylaw that may be enforced by means of a ticket issued under the provisions of the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw.
- (b) Every person who violates any of the provisions of this bylaw or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence under the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw.

15. **IRREGULARITY**

In the event of a conflict, discrepancy, variation or inconsistency between this bylaw and the *Fire Safety Act* or the Fire Code, the provisions of the *Fire Safety Act* or Fire Code shall prevail over the provisions of this bylaw to the extent of that conflict, discrepancy, variation or inconsistency.

16. **SEVERABILITY**

If any provision of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed and the decision that it is not invalid will not affect the validity of the remainder of this bylaw.

17. **REPEAL**

Village of Harrison Hot Springs Fire Department Regulation Bylaw No. 1031 and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed.

18. READINGS AND ADOPTION

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

AMENDED AND READ A SECOND TIME THIS 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 17th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026

ADOPTED THIS __ DAY OF _____ 2026

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

File No: 3900-02
Date: March 2, 2026

To: Mayor and Council
From: Amanda Graham, Corporate Officer
Subject: Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1241, 2026

RECOMMENDATIONS

THAT Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1241, 2026 be introduced and given first reading.

THAT Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1241, 2026 be given second reading.

OR

THAT Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1241, 2026 be given second reading with the following amendments:

- Amendment 1: (Mover and Seconder required)
- Amendment 2: (Mover and Seconder required) etc.

THAT Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1241, 2026 be given third reading.

SUMMARY

To present an amendment to Highway and Traffic Bylaw No. 974, 2011 due to recent changes to the Village's pay parking and boat launch operations for Council's consideration.

BACKGROUND

At the February 17, 2026 regular Council meeting, Council gave first three readings to Pay Parking Regulation Bylaw No. 1239, 2026 and Boat Launch Regulation Bylaw No. 1240, 2026. Accordingly, updates are required to Highway and Traffic Bylaw No. 974, 2011 to remove any references to pay parking and the boat launch.

DISCUSSION

Attached to this report is a draft Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1241, 2026. Also attached to this report for ease of reference is a copy of the existing bylaw showing the proposed amendments, with deletions struck out and insertions shown in red text. Updates to the bylaw include:

- Updating the language regarding Accessible Parking Stalls and incorporating definitions that are consistent with Pay Parking Regulation Bylaw No. 1239, 2026
- Updating the term “engineer” to reflect the current staffing title of “Director of Operations”
- At a July 2022 COW meeting, the following resolution was passed: THAT the speed limits be changed on all Village streets to 40km/h. The amendment brings the bylaw into alignment with this resolution.
- Incorporating the Highway Use Permit fee into Miscellaneous Fee Bylaw No. 1049, 2014 (future update forthcoming)
- Providing the Director of Operations with the authority to establish loading zones, commercial loading zones, passenger zones, bus zones, accessible parking stalls, stalls for use by persons attending Village owned facilities such as the Health Centre and Memorial Hall, and short-term parking stalls such as at the Post Office, in addition to creating offences for these regulations
- Clarifying the provision of section 27(b) to state that vehicles must be parked in areas designated for parking and adding a separate provision for occupying more than one stall
- Removing all references to pay parking and boat launch fees

Updates are required and forthcoming to Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw No. 855, 2006 due to several other recently adopted bylaws. Should this amendment also be adopted, the contraventions and penalties table will be updated accordingly for Council’s future consideration.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2025-2026 Strategic Plan Priorities

Public Safety – To ensure and enhance public safety.

Respectfully submitted:



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

Reviewed by:



Tyson Koch
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments (2): 1. Draft Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1241, 2026
 2. Draft Consolidated Highway and Traffic Bylaw No. 974, 2011

A BYLAW TO AMEND HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC BYLAW NO. 974, 2011

WHEREAS the Village of Harrison Hot Springs has deemed it advisable to amend Highway and Traffic Bylaw No. 974, 2011 to reflect updates to staffing titles and the Village's pay parking and boat launch operations;

NOW THEREFORE in open meeting assembled, Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited as "Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1241, 2026"

2. AMENDMENTS

Highway and Traffic Bylaw No. 974, 2011 is hereby amended as follows:

(a) Section 2 is amended by inserting the following after "In this bylaw":

"Accessible Parking Pass" means a valid pass issued by any authorized provincial, federal, or other recognized authority, indicating that the holder is entitled to park in an Accessible Parking Stall.

"Accessible Parking Stall" means a parking stall designated for motor vehicles displaying an Accessible Parking Pass.

(b) Section 2 is amended by removing "'Engineer" means the engineer for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs as appointed or authorized by Council." in its entirety.

(c) Section 2 is amended by inserting the following after the definition of "Cycle Path":

"Director of Operations" means the person appointed to that position for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

(d) Section 21(a) is amended by striking out "engineer" and substituting it with "Director of Operations".

(e) Section 22(b) is amended by striking out "50" and substituting it with "40".

(f) Section 24 is removed in its entirety and substituted with the following:

a. Where in the opinion of the Director of Operations a Highway may be damaged by Extraordinary Traffic, the Director of Operations may regulate, limit or prohibit the use of the Highway by the motor vehicle or Vehicles constituting the Extraordinary Traffic.

- b. Any person to whom the above noted section applies may make application to the Village for a Highway use permit on a prescribed form and subject to a prescribed fee as set out in Miscellaneous Fee Bylaw No. 1049, 2014 as amended or replaced from time to time.
- (g) Section 25(a) is amended by striking out “engineer” and substituting it with “Director of Operations”.
- (h) Section 25(b) is amended by striking out “engineer” and substituting it with “Director of Operations”.
- (i) Section 26 is amended by striking out “The Village” and substituting it with “The Director of Operations”.
- (j) Section 26(b) is amended by striking out “Disabled person” and substituting it with “Accessible Parking Stalls”.
- (k) Section 26(c) is removed in its entirety and substituted with the following:
 - c. Stalls for the exclusive use of persons attending at Village owned facilities, including but not limited to Memorial Hall at 290 Esplanade Avenue and the Village Health Centre at 160 Lillooet Avenue
- (l) Section 26 is hereby amended by inserting the following subsection:
 - d. Short-term parking stalls
- (m) Section 27(b) is removed in its entirety and substituted with the following:
 - b. On any portion of a highway that is not marked as a designated parking stall
- (n) Section 27(e) is removed in its entirety and substituted with the following:
 - e. In any Accessible Parking Stall without visibly displaying an Accessible Parking Pass
- (o) Section 27(v) is removed in its entirety and substituted with the following:
 - v. In any manner so as to unnecessarily occupy more than one parking stall
- (p) Section 27(x) is removed in its entirety and substituted with the following:
 - x. In any stall designated under section 26(c) while not attending at a Village owned facility
- (q) Section 31(a) is amended by striking out “except for the vehicles parked in a public parking lot designated for the use of public parking passes and where a valid pass is displayed from the rear view mirror of the vehicle or by the parking limitations imposed by this bylaw”.
- (r) Section 32 is removed in its entirety.

(s) Schedule A is removed in its entirety.

3. READINGS AND ADOPTION

READ A FIRST TIME this ___ day of ____, 20xx

READ A SECOND TIME this ___ day of ____, 20xx

READ A THIRD TIME this ___ day of ____, 20xx

ADOPTED this ___ day of ____, 20xx

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

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**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
BYLAW NO. 974**

**A Bylaw to regulate the use of
highways**

WHEREAS the Village of Harrison Hot Springs has deemed it advisable to establish a bylaw to regulate the use of highways in the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

NOW THEREFORE in open meeting assembled, the Mayor and Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the Village of Harrison Hot Springs "Highway and Traffic Bylaw No. 974, 2011".

2. INTERPRETATION

In this
bylaw:

"Accessible Parking Pass" means a valid pass issued by any authorized provincial, federal, or other recognized authority, indicating that the holder is entitled to park in an Accessible Parking Stall.

"Accessible Parking Stall" means a parking stall designated for motor vehicles displaying an Accessible Parking Pass.

"Boulevard" means the area between the curb lines, lateral lines or shoulder of a roadway and adjacent property line.

"Bylaw Enforcement Officer" means a person appointed by the Council as a bylaw enforcement officer for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

"Commercial Vehicle" means a vehicle used for business purposes for the transportation of goods, services or used by tradesmen in the performance of their work.

"Council" means the Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

"Crosswalks" means a portion of the roadway at an intersection or elsewhere indicated for pedestrian crossing by signs or lines or other markings on the road surface.

"Cycle" means a device having a number of wheels that is propelled by human or electrically assisted power on which a person may ride.

"Cycle Path" means a portion of highway that is designated for use by cyclists and which is adjacent and parallel to the highway and separated from it by a means of road markings.

["Director of Operations means the person appointed to that position for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs."](#)

"Emergency Vehicle" means a motor vehicle:

- a) carrying rescue or first aid equipment where there is an urgent emergency
- b) driven by a member of the fire department in the discharge of their duties
- c) driven by a peace officer, constable or member of the RCMP

~~["Engineer" means the engineer for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs as appointed or authorized by Council.](#)~~

"Extraordinary Traffic" carriage of goods or persons over a highway whether it be vehicles drawn by animal power or propelled by other means that in conjunction with the nature of existing conditions of the highway is so extraordinary or improper and the quality and/or quantity of the goods or the number of persons carried who are in the mode of time of use of the highway or in the speed of which the vehicles are driven or operated has to substantiate, alter or increase the burden imposed on the highway through its proper use by ordinary traffic and cause damage and expense to the highway beyond what is reasonable wear and tear or ordinary use.

"Highway" means the street, road, lane, bridge, viaduct or other way open to use by the public as defined in the *Transportation Act*.

"Mobility device" means any wheelchair, motorized scooter or any other device used by physically challenged or cognitively impaired persons;

"Parade" means any assembly or group of pedestrians numbering more than 20 standing, marching or walking upon a highway or any assembly of groups of vehicles numbering more than 10 standing or moving on any highway except a funeral procession.

"RV Vehicle" means a recreational vehicle that is equipped with a living space and amenities found in a home

"Tow truck" means a motor vehicle designed, equipped and used exclusively for towing and rendering assistance to motor vehicles experiencing a defect or disability and their means of locomotion.

"Vehicle" means a device in, on or by which a person or thing is or may be transported or drawn on a highway except a device designed to be moved by human power.

"Village" means the Village of Harrison Hot Springs

3. APPLICATION

Mobility Device
Exempt

- a. This bylaw shall not apply to the driving or operation of a mechanically propelled wheelchair, scooter, invalid chair or similar unlicensed devices when used transport a physically disabled person.

Use of
Animals

- b. A person riding an animal or driving an animal drawn vehicle upon the highway has all the rights and is subject to all the duties of that a driver of a vehicle has under this bylaw.

4. AUTHORITY OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Pursuant to this bylaw, an officer or employee of the Village is empowered to make an order respecting the matter. That power includes the power to rescind, revoke, amend or vary the order.

Council may appoint a bylaw enforcement officer to enforce the provisions of this bylaw. For the purposes of this bylaw, members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police are bylaw enforcement officers.

Every officer and member of the Village Fire Department, in the course of attending upon a fire or emergency, is appointed a bylaw enforcement officer for the purpose of this bylaw.

Every bylaw enforcement officer is authorized to take such course of action as they may deem necessary to regulate and control traffic during times of emergency for the attendance of emergency equipment is required.

5. PARADES

- a. No person shall hold or participate in a parade on a highway unless a permit has first been obtained pursuant to this bylaw.
- b. Every person wishing to hold a parade on a highway shall make application to the Village for a highway parade permit as set out in this bylaw and the Village upon

being satisfied that all applicable regulations, terms and conditions have been met shall issue the permit.

6. TEMPORARY SOLICITING

Council may grant approval to a person group or organization to:

- a. Solicit for donations of money or material assistance for charitable or similar purposes subject to the terms and conditions set out by Council.

7. CONVEYANCES

- a. Where, in the opinion of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer that public safety is a concern, no person shall use skateboards, roller skates, rollerblades, ice skates, sleighs, skies, snowboards or other similar conveyances on any highway identified in this bylaw.
- b. The Village may temporarily close any highway or part of it for the purpose of permitting use of conveyances prohibited under the previous section and for that purpose may cause traffic control devices to be erected, placed, marked or made temporarily inoperable as the Village deems necessary.

8. OBSTRUCTIONS

No owner or occupier of real property shall allow any obstruction to the line of vision from a highway intersection between the height of .5 meters and 3 meters above the average height of the ground of the highway and within a 25 meters radius from the intersection of the center lines of the highway if the obstruction reduces site distances to less than a minimum set out in this bylaw.

9. MAINTAIN BOULEVARD AND SIDEWALK

Every owner or occupier of real property adjacent to a boulevard, sidewalk or public footpath on a highway shall:

- a. Remove all snow and ice from the sidewalk or public footpath as soon as practical a snowfall, icefall or frost within a reasonable time of its deposit but in any case, no later than noon on the day following its deposit.
- b. Keep it clear of all litter, rubbish, debris and unsightly or overgrown vegetation.

10. PROHIBITED USES OF HIGHWAY

- a. Except as provided in this bylaw no person shall use the highway for any purposes of performing any work or doing any act not associated with normal use of a highway.
- b. Without limiting generality of the previous section, no person shall:
 - i. Construct or install or cause to be constructed or installed any access culvert, bridge, sidewalk or other access on or to any highway except as permitted in this bylaw.
 - ii. Make any repairs to motor vehicle while it is upon the highway other than such temporary repairs as are necessary for the removal of the vehicle.
 - iii. Engage in any sport, amusement, exercise or occupation of any highway which may delay traffic or cause any obstruction.
 - iv. Build, construct, place, maintain, occupy or cause to be built, constructed, place, maintain or occupied any structure, object, substance or anything which obstruct the free use of any highway or encroaches upon it.
 - v. Lay, construct or reconstruct any highway or any sidewalk which is on or adjacent to any highway or place, throw, deposit or cause to flow upon any highway or walkway:
 - a. Noxious, offensive or filthy water or substance
 - b. Any refuse, garbage, debris, bottle or container
 - c. Any rocks, stone, earth or soil
 - d. Any unlicensed or derelict motor vehicle

11. REAL PROPERTY ADJOINING HIGHWAY

No owner or occupier of real property adjoining a highway shall allow or permit any earth, log, rocks, dump water or other fluid or material to fall, slide, flow, accumulate or otherwise be deposited from the property onto the highway or having been so deposited to remain on it.

12. MATERIAL FALLING FROM VEHICLES

Where any article, substance or material becomes loose or detached or blows, spills or falls from any vehicle onto the highway it shall be the duty of the driver of that motor vehicle to immediately take all necessary precautions to safeguard traffic and remove such material from the highway.

13. **TOW TRUCK OPERATORS**

It shall be the responsibility of the driver or operator of a tow truck removing from the highway any vehicle damaged in accident or otherwise to also remove any dirt, broken glass, metal and debris deposited on the highway as result of the occurrence.

14. **NOISE ON HIGHWAY**

- a. No person shall make or create any noise on a highway whether from a motor vehicle or not which disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort and convenience of the neighbourhood or the persons in the vicinity or which Council believes is objectionable or liable to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of individuals or the public.
- b. Council may on application by a person wishing to operate a motor vehicle while using a public address system or other sound producing device permit such activity on a highway subject to such terms and conditions that Council may prescribe.

15. **LOCAL DAMAGE**

No person shall deface any highway in any manner or damage, modify, alter or remove any boulevard, tree, shrub, plant, bush, hedge, fence or any right of way.

16. **TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

Traffic Control Devices and Directions of a Peace Officer

- a. The Village may order the erection or placement of traffic control devices on any highway to give effect to this bylaw and to the *Motor Vehicle Act* as amended.
- b. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Peace Officer or members of the RCMP may order the erection and placement of temporary traffic control devices upon any highway to give effect to this bylaw and the *Motor Vehicle Act* as amended.
- c. Except where otherwise directed by Peace Officer, a person authorized by a Peace Officer or a flag person, every driver of a motor vehicle and every pedestrian shall obey the directions and instructions of a traffic control device.
- d. No person shall interfere in anyway with any traffic control device whether temporary or permanent which has been erected and place pursuant to this bylaw.
- e. No person shall refuse to comply with any lawful direction, command or order of a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, Peace Officer, or a member of the Fire Department.

- f. Commercial vehicles in excess of 5500 kg (tare weight) are not permitted on residential streets unless the purpose is for the performance of a service or delivery of goods.

17. SIZE AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

Except as authorized by permit on a form prescribed, no person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle or culmination of vehicles exceeding the permitted limits or dimensions, weight, load, drive axel, horsepower and other limits prescribed by the *Commercial Transport Act* as amended.

18. ESCAPING OR INSECURE LOAD

No person shall drive or operate on a highway a motor vehicle or culmination of vehicles unless the load is secured in a manner which complies with the requirement of the *Motor Vehicle Act* as amended.

19. WEIGHING

Where directed by a Peace Officer the driver of a motor vehicle on a highway shall:

- a. Stop the motor vehicle for the purpose of weighing, measuring or inspecting the whole or part of the vehicle or its load or for any other purpose pursuant to this bylaw or the *Motor Vehicle Act*.
- b. Drive a motor vehicle to the nearest public scales for the purpose of weighing the motor vehicle and load.
- c. Rearrange the load upon the motor vehicle or remove the whole or part of the load to comply with the bylaw and the *Motor Vehicle Act* before continuing to drive or operate the motor vehicle.

20. ANIMALS

No person shall on any highway or sidewalk:

- a. Leave any horse or other animal without the horse or animal being tethered in a manner so as to prevent it from running away or from moving onto the highway in anyway or from obstructing any portion of the highway or sidewalk.
- b. Tie or fasten the horse or other animal to a traffic sign, tree or any object which can be pushed or dragged onto the highway or sidewalk.

- c. Ride, lead or drive any horse or other animal unless the horse or other animal is being ridden, lead or driven under the control of a competent person at all times.

21. **PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS**

- a. The ~~engineer~~ Director of Operations may establish pedestrian crossings upon a highway and may establish traffic control devices to regulate the use of the pedestrian crossing.
- b. Where a pedestrian crossing exists across a highway no pedestrian shall cross a highway at any other place other than the pedestrian crossing.

22. **SPEED LIMITS**

No person shall drive or operate a motor vehicle or vehicle on a highway at a rate of speed in excess of:

- a. The posted speed limit
- b. ~~4050~~ km per hour where there is no posted speed.

23. **WARNING DEVICES**

No person shall interfere in anyway with any barrier, lamp, sign or other device lawfully placed upon the highway at or near any excavation, construction or other work.

24. **EXTRAORDINARY TRAFFIC**

- a. Where in the opinion of the Director of Operations a Highway may be damaged by Extraordinary Traffic, the Director of Operations may regulate, limit or prohibit the use of the Highway by the motor vehicle or Vehicles constituting the Extraordinary Traffic.
- b. Any person to whom the above noted section applies may make application to the Village for a Highway use permit on a prescribed form and subject to a prescribed fee as set out in Miscellaneous Fee Bylaw No. 1049, 2014 as amended or replaced from time to time.
- ~~a. Where in the opinion of the engineer a highway may be damaged by extraordinary traffic the engineer may regulate, limit or prohibit the use of the highway by the motor vehicle or vehicles constituting the extraordinary traffic.~~
- ~~b. Any person to whom the above noted section applies may make application to the Village for a highway use permit on a prescribed form and in addition pay a~~

~~fee in the amount of \$50.00 to the Village as compensation for the damage or expense which in the opinion of the engineer be caused by the extraordinary traffic and the engineer upon being satisfied that all applicable regulations, terms and conditions have been met shall issue the permit.~~

25. CONTROLLED USE OF THE HIGHWAY

- a. The ~~engineer~~ Director of Operations may limit or prohibit the use of a highway including but not limited to:
 - i. Prohibiting use or presence on the designated highway or part of it by or of a designated vehicle or type of vehicle either at all times or designated times
 - ii. Specifying the maximum rate of speed of which a vehicle may travel
 - iii. Requiring that any vehicle may proceed, be proceeded or followed or both by a pilot car
 - iv. Requiring the any vehicle may be driven, or operated on certain highways only
- b. The ~~engineer~~ Director of Operations may close to traffic or use any highway at any time for a period of time and for classes of traffic for use as in their opinion may be necessary for:
 - i. Construction or protection of a highway or other public work
 - ii. Protection of persons using the highway
 - iii. The enabling of permitted traffic to be handled safely and expeditiously

26. PARKING REGULATIONS

Designated Parking

The ~~Village~~ Director of Operations may establish the following designated parking stall and parking zones:

- a. Loading zones, commercial loading zones, passenger zones and bus zones
- b. ~~Disabled~~ Accessible person ~~P~~parking Sstalls

~~c. Public parking passes for designated public parking stalls~~ Stalls for the exclusive use of persons attending at Village owned facilities, including but not limited to Memorial Hall at 290 Esplanade Avenue and the Village Health Centre at 160 Lillooet Avenue

~~e.d.~~ Short-term parking stalls

27. **STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING**

Unless permitted by a traffic control device no person shall stop, stand or park a motor vehicle:

- a. Upon any portion of a highway marked for parallel parking other than between the lines or markings indicating the limits of a single stall except where a motor vehicle is longer than the length of the parking stall in which case it may occupy no more than two stalls

~~b. On any portion of a highway marked for designated parking must be between the lines or markings indicated~~

- b. On any portion of a highway that is not marked as a designated parking stall
- c. Any loading zone except where actually engaged in loading or offloading of goods or merchandise and only for a maximum of 30 minutes
- d. In a bus zone
- e. ~~Any stall designated for use by a physically disabled motorist unless a valid placard issued by the Social Planning and Research Council BC (SPARC BC) shall be obtained and is displayed in the front windshield of the motor vehicle. In any Accessible Parking Stall without visibly displaying an Accessible Parking Pass~~
- f. On the sidewalk or boulevard
- g. In front of a public or private driveway
- h. Within 5 meters of a hydrant.
- i. On a crosswalk or within 5 meters of the approach side of the crosswalk
- j. Within 6 meters of either side of an entrance to or exit from public meeting place, fire hall or playground
- k. Along side or opposite of highway excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking obstructs traffic

- l. On a highway side of a motor vehicle stopped or parked parallel to the curb side of a highway
- m. On a bridge or other elevated structure on a highway
- n. In a manner which obstructs the visibility of traffic or a traffic control device
- o. On a cycle path on any portion of a highway for a longer period of time than indicated on the traffic control device which applies
- p. At any place on a highway for a continuous period exceeding 48 hours without movement
- q. Commercial vehicles cannot park longer than 24 hours in a given area
- r. Adjacent to a yellow curb
- s. Facing the wrong direction from the normal flow of traffic on the highway
- t. In an area where parking is prohibited
- u. In any lane that leaves less than 3.5 m of the travelled portion of the lane for other vehicle
- ~~v. Park in the boat launch parking area without a permit~~
- v. In any manner so as to unnecessarily occupy more than one parking stall
- w. In such close proximity to another vehicle as to obstruct or unduly restrict movement of other vehicles
- x. In any stall designated under section 26(c) while not attending at a Village owned facility
- ~~w. In a parking space at which a parking meter has been installed, except upon depositing the parking fee in the meter assigned to that space, in the manner and at the rate showing on the meter and as measured by the meter; (AB#1086)~~

Where a highway or portion of a highway is subject to a parking regulation or designation with the time limit either as posted or contained in this bylaw, no person shall move a vehicle from one location to another location that is within four blocks of the initial location in an attempt to avoid the time limit penalties as may be applicable from time to time under this bylaw.

28. EXCEPTIONS

The previous section of this bylaw shall not apply to:

- a. An emergency motor vehicle
- b. A police motor vehicle
- c. A motor vehicle owned and operated by the Village, Province or Federal Governments
- d. A motor vehicle of a public utility corporation, tow truck, a motor vehicle used to service equipment in a business premises where it is not possible to service equipment from another location
- e. An armoured motor vehicle used for picking up and or delivering cash and other securities

29. NON-COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, TRAILERS, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND CYCLES

- a. No person shall stop, stand or park upon a highway any trailer, RV or other vehicle where;
 - i. Any culmination of vehicles including a towing apparatus in excess of 15 meters in length.
 - ii. The total gross weight of the vehicle and/or trailer is in excess of 5500 kg and is in a residential zone between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. the following day.
- b. No recreational vehicle will be permitted to park on any street in excess of 8 hours regardless if it is moved or not to another parking location.
- c. No person shall park any unattached utility trailer, boat trailer or recreational trailer on any street.

30. REMOVAL OF PARKING TICKETS OR MARKINGS

No person shall:

- a. Remove any notice or ticket placed or affixed to a vehicle by the bylaw enforcement officer except the owner or operator of the vehicle.
- b. Remove, obliterate or otherwise interfere with any marking placed on a vehicle by the bylaw enforcement officer for any purpose relating to this bylaw.

31. TIME LIMIT PARKING

No person shall:

- a. Park a vehicle in a stall for a period of time greater than the time indicated by the traffic control device governing this stall ~~except for the vehicles parked in a public parking lot designated for the use of public parking passes and where a valid pass is displayed from the rear view mirror of the vehicle or by the parking limitations imposed by this bylaw.~~
- b. Where the time limit for parking in the stall has expired and the person requires further parking the person may:
 - i. Park the vehicle in another stall located a minimum of 250 meters from the stall vacated.
 - ii. Occupy the same stall 2 hours after vacating that stall.

32. TIME LIMIT PARKING EXCEPTIONS

~~The engineer may exempt a person or organization that the engineer deems eligible from time limit restrictions from permitting that person or members of the organization to park in a time limited parking stall in excess of the posted time.~~

- ~~a. Parking meters will be installed, maintained and operated on the highways or portion of the highways described in Schedule A, which is attached to and forms part of this Bylaw, for the purposes of allotting and controlling street parking spaces for vehicles; measuring and recording the duration of street parking; and for measuring and collecting fees for parking at the rate prescribed in Schedule A, as amended from time to time;(AB#1086). —~~

33. BYLAW VIOLATION NOTICES

- a. The Bylaw Enforcement Officer may issue a Bylaw Violation Notice for any violation of this Bylaw and will be required to attach the notice to the motor vehicle.
- b. A notice issued under the above section shall be deemed to be sufficiently served if the notice is signed by the issuing officer and is;
 - i. The person who is the subject to the notice, or is the owner or operator of the vehicle which is the subject of the notice, or
 - ii. Placed or fixed or attached to the vehicle which is the subject of the notice.

34. **RESPONSIBILITY OF THE VEHICLE OWNER**

Where there is a violation of this Bylaw with respect to a vehicle, the person registered with the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles as the owner of the vehicle shall be responsible for the violation of any fine or penalty incurred whether or not they were in care and control of the vehicle at the time the violation occurred.

35. **IMPOUNDING**

Where a vehicle, chattel or obstruction is occupying a highway in violation of this Bylaw the Bylaw Enforcement Officer may in addition to or instead of any other power granted in this Bylaw, remove, detain or impound the vehicle, chattel or obstruction.

36. **IMPOUND OF VEHICLES**

- a. Where a licensed vehicle is removed, detained or impounded pursuant to this Bylaw and is not redeemed by the registered owner within 24 hours of the impoundment, written notice shall be given to the owner of the vehicle shown on the records of the Superintendent of Motor Vehicles advising the owner of the seizure of the vehicle and the procedure to redeem it;
- b. Any vehicle, chattel or obstruction removed, detained or impounded pursuant to this Bylaw may be recovered by the owner by paying the fees, costs and expenses to the business place of storage as the Village may designate; and
- c. If the vehicle, chattel or obstruction is not reclaimed by the owner within 30 days of the date of impoundment it shall become the property of the Village and it may be disposed of by the Village at its discretion.

37. **SALE OF IMPOUNDED PROPERTY**

Proceeds of the sale of any vehicle, chattel or obstruction impounded pursuant to this Bylaw shall be applied to the cost of selling it and for the fees, costs and expenses incurred by the Village for its contractors impounding it and the balance if any shall be paid to the general revenue account of the Village.

38. **ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY**

- a. Except where the penalty is otherwise provided for in the **Community Charter**, every person who offends against any of the provisions of this Bylaw, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or violation of the provisions of this Bylaw, or neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by this Bylaw, shall be deemed to have committed

an offence under this Bylaw and shall be liable, to fines specified under the Bylaw Notice Enforcement Bylaw.

b. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist constitutes a separate offence.

39. SEVERBILITY

a. If any portion of this Bylaw is held invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction then the invalid portion must be severed and then remainder of the Bylaw must be deemed to have been adopted without the severed portion.

40. REPEAL

(a) "The Village of Harrison Hot Springs Bylaw No. 378 and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed in their entirety.

READINGS AND ADOPTION

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 9th DAY OF MAY, 2011

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 9th DAY OF MAY, 2011

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 9th DAY OF MAY, 2011

RESCINDED THIRD READING THIS 26th DAY OF MAY, 2011

AMENDED A READ A THIRD TIME THIS 26th DAY OF MAY, 2011

ADOPTED THIS 20th DAY OF JUNE, 2011

AMENDMENT BYLAW 1086 ADOPTED ON THE 6th DAY OF JUNE, 2016

AMENDMENT BYLAW 1136 ADOPTED ON THE 19th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019

AMENDMENT BYLAW 1165 ADOPTED ON THE 21st DAY OF JUNE, 2021

AMENDMENT BYLAW 1181 ADOPTED ON THE 19TH DAY OF APRIL, 2022

AMENDMENT BYLAW 1191 ADOPTED ON THE 15th DAY OF MAY, 2023

"Ken Becotte"
Mayor

"Debra Key"
Corporate Officer

Highway and Traffic Amendment Bylaw No. 1191, 2023

Schedule "A"

The following highways are designated as pay parking areas for the purposes of pay parking and will be subject to the following pay parking fees, and as amended from time to time:

- Esplanade Avenue
- St. Alice Street between Esplanade and Lillooet Avenue
- Hot Springs Road north of Lillooet Avenue
- Lillooet Avenue west of Hot Springs Road
- Maple Street north of Lillooet Avenue
- Chehalis Street
- Spruce Street

Zone 1: Max. 4 Hour Parking **Excluding stalls with EV charging**

Parking Rates:

Hour 1 — \$2.00
Hour 2 — \$3.00
Hour 3 — \$4.00
Hour 4 — \$5.00

(Total \$14.00 for 4 hours)

Locations:

St. Alice Street between Esplanade and Lillooet Avenue
Hot Springs Road north of Lillooet Avenue
Esplanade Avenue west of Hot Springs Road
Lillooet Avenue west of Hot Springs Road

Zone 2: Hourly and Daily Parking **Excluding stalls with EV charging**

Parking Rates:

Hour 1 — \$2.00
Hour 2 — \$3.00
Hour 3 — \$4.00
Hour 4 — \$5.00
\$20.00 per day

Locations:

Esplanade Avenue east of Hot Springs Road

Streets between Esplanade Avenue and Lillooet Avenue including:

- Maple Street
- Chehalis Street
- Spruce Street

Electric Vehicle Charging Stalls on Public Property: Max. 4 Hour Parking

Parking Rates:

May 15 — September 15
\$7.00 per hour
September 16 — May 14
\$2.00 per hour



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

BYLAW NO. 1239, 2026

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH FEES AND REGULATIONS FOR PAY PARKING

WHEREAS the Village of Harrison Hot Springs has deemed it advisable to establish a bylaw to regulate the use of highways and parking thereon,

NOW THEREFORE in open meeting assembled, Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited as “Pay Parking Regulation Bylaw No. 1239, 2026”.

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this bylaw:

“Accessible Parking Pass” means a valid pass issued by any authorized provincial, federal, or other recognized authority, indicating that the holder is entitled to park in an Accessible Parking Stall.

“Accessible Parking Stall” means a parking stall designated for Motor Vehicles displaying an Accessible Parking Pass.

“Bylaw Enforcement Officer” means a person authorized to enforce the bylaws of the Village.

“Chief Administrative Officer” means the Chief Administrative Officer for the Village or their designate, appointed under section 147 of the *Community Charter*.

“Electric Vehicle” means a Motor Vehicle powered by electricity drawn from a rechargeable battery capable of being charged from an external source.

“Electric Vehicle Charger” means a device designed to supply electric energy to recharge the battery of an Electric Vehicle.

“Electric Vehicle Stall” means a parking stall designated for Electric Vehicles and equipped with an Electric Vehicle Charger.

“Emergency Vehicle” means a Motor Vehicle operated by police, fire, ambulance, search and rescue or other first responders in the performance of their duties.

“Motor Vehicle” has the same meaning as set out in the *Motor Vehicle Act* R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 318, as amended or replaced from time to time.

“Parking Pass” means a valid pass which permits a Motor Vehicle to be parked in a Pay Parking Zone in accordance with the provision of this bylaw.

“Pay Parking Zone” means any zone set out in Schedule A, attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.

“Resident Parking Pass” means a Parking Pass issued to a resident of Harrison Hot Springs upon proof of residency and valid only during the calendar year that the pass is purchased.

“Village Vehicle” means any Motor Vehicle operated by Village staff in the performance of their duties.

3. APPLICATION

- (a) This bylaw applies only to the Pay Parking Zones as set out in Schedule A.
- (b) Nothing in this bylaw shall be construed as limiting or altering any provisions of Village of Harrison Hot Springs Highway and Traffic Bylaw No. 974, 2011 as amended or replaced from time to time.

4. PARKING FEES AND REGULATIONS

- (a) Pay parking shall be in effect within the Pay Parking Zones annually from May 15 to September 15 as follows:
 - i. From 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday
 - ii. From 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Friday through Sunday
- (b) Parking and Electric Vehicle charging fees are set out in Schedule B, attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.
- (c) Pay Parking Zones may be subject to a maximum number of hours as set out in Schedule B.
- (d) Notwithstanding section 4(a) above, Electric Vehicle charging rates as set out in Schedule B are applicable year-round.
- (e) Electric Vehicles using an Electrical Vehicle Charger are subject to the Electric Vehicle charging rates as set out in Schedule B in addition to any applicable pay parking fees, while pay parking is in effect.
- (f) Motor Vehicles displaying an Accessible Parking Pass and parked in an Accessible Parking Stall while pay parking is in effect may do so for up to four (4) hours free of charge, after which time the first hourly rate for the applicable Pay Parking Zone applies.
- (g) Resident Parking Passes are valid in any Pay Parking Zone for up to 4 hours of parking per day, Monday through Sunday.

- (h) Resident Parking Passes are non-transferable and can only be registered to one (1) Motor Vehicle.

5. EXEMPTIONS

- (a) This bylaw does not apply to Emergency Vehicles or Village Vehicles.
- (b) The Chief Administrative Officer is authorized to grant temporary exemptions to any provision of this bylaw for the purposes of construction, emergency situations or Village events including, but not limited to, town halls, open houses, by-elections.

6. PROHIBITIONS

- (a) No person shall park a Motor Vehicle in any Pay Parking Zone while pay parking is in effect without a valid Parking Pass.
- (b) No person shall park a Motor Vehicle in any Pay Parking Zone for longer than the maximum number of hours permitted in that Pay Parking Zone.
- (c) No person shall park an Electric Vehicle in an Electric Vehicle Stall unless the Electric Vehicle Charger is being used to recharge the Electric Vehicle battery.
- (d) No person shall hinder, oppose or obstruct a Bylaw Enforcement Officer in the discharge of their duties in enforcing this bylaw.

7. OFFENCE AND PENALTIES

- (a) This bylaw is designated as a bylaw that may be enforced by means of a bylaw notice.
- (b) Every person who violates any provision of this bylaw or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence and is subject to a fine by bylaw notice.
- (c) Each day that a violation is permitted to exist constitutes a separate offence.

8. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed, and the decision will not affect the validity of the remainder of this bylaw.

9. READINGS AND ADOPTION

READ A FIRST TIME this 17th day of February, 2026

AMENDED AND READ A SECOND TIME this 17th day of February, 2026

READ A THIRD TIME this 17th day of February, 2026

ADOPTED this ___ day of _____, 2026

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**PAY PARKING REGULATION BYLAW NO. 1239, 2026
SCHEDULE A**



**PAY PARKING REGULATION BYLAW NO. 1239, 2026
SCHEDULE B**

ZONE 1 – MAX 3 HOURS	
HOUR	FEE
Hour 1	\$3.00
Hour 2	\$4.00
Hour 3	\$5.00

ZONE 2	
HOUR	FEE
Hour 1	\$3.00
Hour 2	\$4.00
Hour 3	\$5.00
Hour 4	\$6.00
All Day	\$25.00

RESIDENT PARKING PASS	
Annual Fee	\$75.00

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING RATES	
Hourly Fee	\$3.00

All fees listed above, with the exception of Electric Vehicle Charging Rates, may be subject to transaction or payment processing fees, as applicable.



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

BYLAW NO. 1240, 2026

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH FEES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF THE BOAT LAUNCH AND PARKING AREA

WHEREAS the Village of Harrison Hot Springs has deemed it advisable to establish a bylaw to regulate the use of the boat launch and boat launch parking area;

NOW THEREFORE in open meeting assembled, Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited as “Boat Launch Regulation Bylaw No. 1240, 2026”.

2. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this bylaw:

“Additional Parking Day Pass” means a pass which entitles the Holder to an additional day of parking in the Parking Area for one (1) Tow Vehicle and one (1) Boat Trailer for each day purchased.

“Annual Pass” means a pass which entitles the Holder to the annual launch and retrieval of one Boat, valid only during the calendar year that the pass is purchased, and parking in the Parking Area for one (1) Tow Vehicle and one (1) Boat Trailer.

“Boat” means any motorized watercraft designed to float, plane, work or travel on water.

“Boat Launch” means the ramp and wharf area designated for the launch, retrieval, and moorage of a Boat.

“Boat Launch Operator” means the person authorized to manage and operate the Boat Launch.

“Boat Launch Pass” means either an Additional Parking Day Pass, Annual Pass, Commercial Fleet Pass or Day Launch Pass.

“Boat Trailer” means a trailer pulled behind a Tow Vehicle for the purposes of transporting a Boat.

“Bylaw Enforcement Officer” means a person authorized to enforce the bylaws of the Village.

“Commercial Fleet Pass” means a pass issued for commercial purposes which entitles the holder to the launch and retrieval of Boats that the holder may own, lease, charter or

broker, valid only during the calendar year that the pass is purchased, as registered to a maximum of five (5) Licence Plates.

“Day Launch Pass” means a pass which entitles the holder to the launch and retrieval of one (1) Boat for one (1) day and parking in the Parking Area for one (1) Tow Vehicle and one (1) Boat Trailer.

“Holder” means the individual who purchases any Boat Launch Pass.

“Licence Plate” means a plate or marker issued by the appropriate authority for the purpose of identifying a Motor Vehicle.

“Motor Vehicle” has the same meaning as set out in the *Motor Vehicle Act* R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 318, as amended or replaced from time to time.

“Parking Area” means the area designated to park a Tow Vehicle and Boat Trailer as shown in blue on Schedule A attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.

“Tow Vehicle” means a Motor Vehicle pulling a Boat Trailer for the purposes of launching or retrieving a Boat at the Boat Launch.

“Village” means the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

“Wharf” means the dock where boats may moor to load and unload cargo or passengers.

3. FEES

- (a) The use of the Boat Launch and Parking Area are subject to the applicable fees as set out in Schedule B, attached hereto and forming part of this bylaw.
- (b) The Kent Harrison Search and Rescue Surcharge as set out in Schedule B shall be contributed to Kent Harrison Search and Rescue to support local search and rescue services.
- (c) The fees set out in Schedule B are applicable year-round and regardless of whether a Boat Launch Operator is present at the Boat Launch at the time of launch.

4. REGULATIONS

- (a) Parking of Boat Trailers and Tow Vehicles in the Parking Area is subject to parking availability.
- (b) All Boat Launch Passes issued under this bylaw are registered to the Holder via the Licence Plate of the Tow Vehicle.
- (c) Additional Day Parking and Day Launch Passes are for the use of the Holder only and are not transferable to another person or Licence Plate.

- (d) Annual and Commercial Fleet Passes are not transferable to another person or business but may be transferred to a different Licence Plate upon the Holder's request to the Village or Boat Launch Operator.
- (e) Persons purchasing a Commercial Fleet Pass must provide proof of a valid business licence prior to issuance of the pass.
- (f) The Village and Boat Launch Operator are authorized to refuse to issue, or to revoke, any Boat Launch Pass for any person who fails to comply with this bylaw or any applicable provincial or federal statutes or regulations.

5. PROHIBITIONS

- (a) No person shall park a Boat Trailer or Tow Vehicle in the Parking Area without a valid Boat Launch Pass.
- (b) No person shall launch or retrieve a Boat without a valid Boat Launch Pass, regardless of parking availability.
- (c) No person shall cause or permit a Boat, Boat Trailer, Motor Vehicle or Tow Vehicle to be left unattended at the Boat Launch or on the Wharf.
- (d) No person shall cause or permit a Boat to remain moored on the Wharf in excess of fifteen (15) minutes unless otherwise authorized by the Boat Launch Operator.
- (e) No person shall hinder, oppose or obstruct a Bylaw Enforcement Officer in the discharge of their duties in enforcing this bylaw.

6. OFFENCE AND PENALTIES

- (a) This bylaw is designated as a bylaw that may be enforced by means of a bylaw notice.
- (b) Every person who violates any provision of this bylaw or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this bylaw, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this bylaw shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence and is subject to a fine by bylaw notice.
- (c) Each day that a violation is permitted to exist constitutes a separate offence.

7. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this bylaw is for any reason held to be invalid by the decision of a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid portion shall be severed, and the decision will not affect the validity of the remainder of this bylaw.

8. REPEAL

Village of Harrison Hot Springs Bylaw No. 1075, 2015 and all amendments thereto are hereby repealed in their entirety.

9. READINGS AND ADOPTION

READ A FIRST TIME this 17th day of February, 2026

READ A SECOND TIME this 17th day of February, 2026

READ A THIRD TIME this 17th day of February, 2026

ADOPTED this ___ day of ____, 2026

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**BOAT LAUNCH REGULATION BYLAW NO. 1240, 2026
SCHEDULE A**



**BOAT LAUNCH REGULATION BYLAW NO. 1240, 2026
SCHEDULE B**

PASS TYPE	FEE	KHSAR SURCHARGE*	TOTAL
Additional Day Parking Pass	\$15.00	N/A	\$15.00
Annual Pass*	\$170.00	\$10.00	\$180.00
Commercial Fleet Pass	\$555.00	\$20.00	\$575.00
Day Launch Pass	\$28.00	\$2.00	\$30.00

All Boat Launch Passes may be subject to transaction or payment processing fees, as applicable.

* Village of Harrison Hot Springs and District of Kent residents are eligible to receive a 10% discount on an Annual Pass with proof of residency.