



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS Regular Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, February 2, 2026
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Memorial Hall
290 Esplanade Avenue, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

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

COUNCIL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
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
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey
Corporate Clerk, Tyler Kafi

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Talen acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING (If required)**

None.

4. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

The CAO requested that Item 15(e) – Consideration of the Issuance of a DVP and DP (889 Hot Springs Road) be removed from agenda at the applicant's request, for discussion on a future agenda.

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT item 15(e) be removed from the agenda.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-01

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT item 16(c) – Fire Services Bylaw No. 1236, 2026 be removed from the agenda.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-02

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-03

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2026

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Regular Council Meeting minutes of January 12, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-04

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

- (a) S/Sgt. Darryl Pepler, Supt. Darren Pankratz & Insp. Mike Greenway – RCMP
Re: 2025 Annual Policing Report

S/Sgt. Darryl Pepler, Supt. Darren Pankratz & Insp. Mike Greenway provided a presentation on the policing statistics for 2025.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Email dated January 8, 2026 from Hope Mayor Victor Smith
Re: UFV School – Letter of Support
- (b) Letter dated January 15, 2026 from Todd Richard
Re: Request to Waive Memorial Hall Rental Fee and Damage Deposit
- (c) Letter dated January 19, 2026 from Belle Peters-Lepitre
Re: BC Youth Parliament
- (d) Letter dated January 19, 2026 from Brooklynne Joyal
Re: BC Youth Parliament

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT all correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-05

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT a letter of support be sent regarding the UFV Hope Campus home building carpentry course.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-06

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the rental and damage deposit fees be waived for Todd Richard's benefit concert event.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-07

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting on January 15, 2026
 - Attended a meeting on January 29, 2026
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended the open house for evacuation route planning at Memorial Hall on January 21, 2026
- Attended a fundraiser for the Lets'emot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre on January 24, 2026

Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities
 - Attended a meeting on January 15, 2026
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee
 - Attended a meeting on January 21, 2026
- Attended a Community 2 Community forum hosted by Sts'ailes on January 14, 2026
- Attended a LMLGA Executive Board meeting on January 15, 2026

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison
 - Attended a meeting on January 28, 2026
- Reported on the Communities in Bloom meeting on January 22, 2026
- Attended a fundraiser for the Lets'emot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre on January 24, 2026

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society – No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors
 - Attended a meeting last week
- Attended a fundraiser for the Lets'emot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre on January 24, 2026
- Attended the open house for evacuation route planning at Memorial Hall on January 21, 2026

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting on January 13, 2026
- Attended a Community 2 Community forum hosted by Sts'ailes on January 14, 2026
- Reported on an Age-Friendly meeting on January 15, 2026
- Attended an Agassiz-Harrison Community Services board meeting on January 20, 2026

- Attended the Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee meeting on January 21, 2026
- Attended the open house for evacuation route planning at Memorial Hall on January 21, 2026
- Attended the Harrison Festival Society Annual General Meeting on January 21, 2026
- Reported on the Harrison Festival Society fundraising event at Memorial Hall on January 31, 2026

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- (a) Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of December 16, 2025.
- (b) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2025.

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT all Committee minutes be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-08

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated February 2, 2026
Re: Civic Campus – SD78 & VHHS Partnership Report

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council receive this report for information and continue to support ongoing collaboration with School District 78 as the project advances through Phase 1 engagement and planning.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-09

- (b) Presentation of Corporate Officer dated February 2, 2026
Re: 2025 Bylaw Enforcement Annual Report

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council receive this report for information and direct staff to implement the recommendations of the Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT this matter be referred to a future Committee of the Whole to address the recommendations contained in the 2025 Bylaw Enforcement Annual Report.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR SCHWEINBENZ
RC-2026-02-10

- (c) Report of Director of Operations dated February 2, 2026
Re: Lillooet West Streetscape Enhancement Project Award

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Lillooet West Streetscape Enhancements project be awarded to Element Excavating Ltd; and

THAT as budget of \$850,000 be included in the 2026 Financial Plan.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-11

- (d) Report of Community Services Manager dated February 2, 2026
Re: Wildlife Resistant Waste Bins

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff include the purchase of five wildlife resistant waste bins to replace wire mesh waste bins in the 2026 financial plan.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-12

16. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Planning Consultant dated February 2, 2026
Re: Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1237, 2026 - 469 Naismith Avenue

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1237, 2026 be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-13

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1237, 2026 be given second reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-14

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff be directed to proceed with publishing a Notice of Public Hearing Prohibited pursuant to section 464(3) of the *Local Government Act*.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-15

- (b) Report of Planning Consultant dated February 2, 2026
Re: Amenity Cost Charges Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council accepts the following as a part of the Village's new Amenity Cost Charges Bylaw framework.

- A. **Safety and Emergency Services**
 - New or expanded Fire Hall and/or apparatus equipment
 - Street lighting
 - Cross walks

- B. **Parks, Recreation, and Trails**
 - Parks
 - Land acquisition for parks
 - Off leash dog park (permanent)
 - Playing field
 - Trail building

- C. **Community Facilities and Public Spaces**
 - Library
 - Public spaces
 - Community space
 - Civic center on overflow parking lot
 - Village office and chambers
 - Existing village office renovation and lease

- D. **Housing**
 - Rental building

- E. **Health and Social Wellbeing**
 - Incentive for healthcare
 - Daycare building and facility

- F. **Environment and Urban Forest**
 - Tree canopy

G. Infrastructure and Utilities

- Hot spring source improvement

H. Land and Property

- Purchasing land

**Amendment moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT the fourth bullet point in item C. Community Facilities and Public Spaces be amended from “Civic Center on overflow parking lot” to “Civic center or hub”.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-16

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-17

17. NEW BUSINESS

None.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) Notice of Motion from Mayor Talen
Re: LMLGA Resolution – Treaty Negotiations

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.

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

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.

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 7:34 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-18



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer