



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

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026  
**TIME:** 9:00 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  
Chief Financial Officer, Scott Schultz  
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens  
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson

### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

### 2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Mayor Talen acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

### 3. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

None.

### 4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Councillor Facio**

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**  
COW-2026-02-01

### 5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- (a) PowerPoint Presentation of Community Services Manager  
Re: Pay Parking and Boat Launch

The Community Services Manager presented on the pay parking program, including recommendations from the Parking Master Plan, possible additional options for expanding pay parking areas, electric vehicle charging, boat launch passes and

proposed updates to rates, times and infraction ticket prices. Feedback from the pay parking survey was also provided. Council provided feedback and indicated general support for the following:

- Reducing the hours that pay parking will be in effect
- Promoting turnover in Zone 1
- Increasing the fees for pay parking
- Setting the infraction tickets to approximately \$70, with a reduced ticket price of \$45 for tickets paid within seven days
- A resident parking pass with a one-time fee for the whole season, potentially for weekday parking up to a maximum number of hours
- Free accessible parking stalls up to a maximum number of hours
- Ensuring pay parking rates are only charged for EV stalls when pay parking is in effect, and otherwise only charging the rate for charging the vehicle
- One free veteran parking stall
- Parking stalls for people providing home care services
- Implementing the proposed 2027 boat launch rates in 2026
- Clarifying the language of the boat launch passes, for example, annual pass instead of season's pass and commercial pass instead of fleet pass

**Moved by Councillor Facio**

THAT a Tourism Infrastructure Reserve be created; and

THAT any net pay parking revenue over and above the annual budgeted amount be contributed to the Tourism Infrastructure Reserve.

**CARRIED**  
COW-2026-02-02

Staff will incorporate the above noted feedback while preparing the appropriate bylaws for Council's consideration at a future regular meeting.

- (b) PowerPoint Presentation of Chief Financial Officer  
Re: 2026 Budget

The Chief Financial Officer presented on the budget timeline and public engagement process, providing an overview of 2025 and the proposed 2026 draft budget and capital projects.

**RECESS AT 11:57 A.M.**  
**RECONVENED AT 1:00 P.M.**

Council discussed the tax rate multiplier and its impact on local businesses.

**Moved by Councillor Facio**

THAT the tax rate multiplier be set to 3.03 for business and 3.66 for recreational.

**WITHDRAWN**

**Moved by Councillor Vidal**

THAT the tax rate multiplier be set to 2.84 for business and 3.75 for recreational.

**CARRIED**

COW-2026-02-03

Council discussed several road resurfacing and sidewalk construction projects, including McPherson Road and Naismith Avenue. It was requested that staff update the draft bylaw to use \$150,000 from the General Reserve for road and sidewalk projects in 2026 and increase the contribution to the Road and Sidewalk Reserve from \$30,000 to \$80,000.

- (c) PowerPoint Presentation of Community Services Manager  
Re: Food Trucks

The Community Services Manager presented on methods used by other local governments to regulate food trucks/mobile food vendors. Council discussed concerns about restricting them on private property, distinguishing them from catering services, reviewing requests for them on a case-by-case basis, and excluding them from operating near the beachfront.

**Moved by Councillor Vidal**

THAT staff be directed to report back to Council with a draft policy or bylaw for allowing mobile food vendors on private property for events that the public are not invited to and on a case-by-case basis for Village sanctioned events, including considerations of where mobile food vendors would not be permitted.

**CARRIED**

**OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO AND SCHWEINBENZ**

COW-2026-02-04

- (d) PowerPoint Presentation of Corporate Officer  
Re: E-Bikes and E-Scooters

The Corporate Officer presented on E-Bikes, E-Scooters and other E-transportation devices and the legality of their use throughout the Village.

Council discussed the Village's current bylaws and it was noted that no public engagement on this topic has been conducted to date, therefore it is difficult to know what the public sentiment is on these types of transportation.

**Moved by Councillor Facio**

THAT the Village not join the E-Scooter pilot program and follow the proposed next steps as outlined in the presentation.

**CARRIED**  
**OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR SCHWEINBENZ**  
COW-2026-02-05

Staff advised that there are other transportation, parks and trails related questions that could be incorporated into a survey in addition to questions about e-transportation devices, and will look to conduct the survey in the spring.

**Moved by Councillor Facio**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

**CARRIED**  
COW-2026-02-06



Fred Talen  
Mayor



Amanda Graham  
Corporate Officer