



## 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