



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

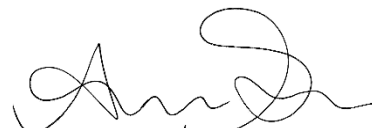
Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2026-02-43



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer