

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

**DATE:** Monday, March 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 Michie Vidal  
Councillor Mark Schweinbenz

**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  
Corporate Clerk, Tyler Kafi

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

Mayor Talen announced that the next Regular Council Meeting scheduled for March 16, 2026 will take place in Council Chamber at the Village office due to scheduled maintenance at the Memorial Hall.

**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 Vidal**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

THAT the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-01

**6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

**7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- (a) Committee of the Whole Minutes of February 17, 2026
- (b) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of February 17, 2026

**Moved by Councillor Facio**  
**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT all minutes be adopted.

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-02

**8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

None.

**9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS**

None.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

- (a) Email dated February 17, 2026 from Philip Perras  
Re: In the Wake of the Tumbler Ridge Tragedy: A Call for Unity Around Democratic Principles
- (b) Email and Letter dated February 18, 2026 from the Township of Spallumcheen  
Re: Township of Spallumcheen SILGA Resolution
- (c) Letter dated February 20, 2026 from Agassiz Harrison Community Services  
Re: Seniors' Housing Project Update
- (d) Letter dated February 23, 2026 from BC Timber Sales Chilliwack

Re: 2026-2030 Operations Plan Referral

- (e) Letter dated February 24, 2026 from Tourism Harrison River Valley  
Re: Request for Letter of Support – MRDT Renewal Application

**Moved by Councillor Vidal**  
**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT all correspondence be received.

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-03

## **11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE**

**Moved by Councillor Facio**  
**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

THAT the Village send a letter of support to Tourism Harrison River Valley regarding their MRDT renewal application.

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-04

**Moved by Mayor Talen**  
**Seconded by Councillor Facio**

THAT the Village follow up with BC Timber Sales regarding previous correspondence on their Operating Plan.

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-05

## **12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

### **Councillor Vidal**

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities
  - Attended a meeting on February 19, 2026
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended a LMLGA meeting on February 19, 2026
- Attended the Small Communities check-in meeting on February 22, 2026

### **Councillor Facio**

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
  - Attended a meeting on February 26, 2026
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended the I.D.E.A event on February 19, 2026
- Attended the Budget Open House on February 24, 2026

**Councillor Jackson**

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison
  - Attended a meeting
- Reported on the Communities in Bloom Committee activities

**Councillor Schweinbenz**

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society
  - Attended a meeting
  - Recognized Harrison Hot Springs residents Gene Hicks, Dennis Hill, Maureen Wendt, Marc Ferrero and Bruce Turner for their volunteer efforts
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report

**13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR**

- Attended a Festival Society Meeting on February 19, 2026
- Attended the I.D.E.A. event at the Memorial Hall on February 19, 2026
- Reported on the UBCM Small Communities check-in meeting on February 22, 2026
- Attended Agassiz-Harrison Community Services meeting on February 24, 2026
- Attended an Age-Friendly Committee meeting on February 26, 2026

**14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

- (a) Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2026.

**Moved by Councillor Facio**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

THAT all Committee minutes be received for information.

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-06

- (b) Report of Corporate Officer March 2, 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-2026-03-07

**15. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

- (a) Report of Community Services Manager dated March 2, 2026  
Re: Evacuation Planning Update

**Moved by Councillor Facio**  
**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

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

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-08

- (b) Report of Community Services Manager dated March 2, 2026  
Re: 2025 FireSmart Report

**Moved by Councillor Facio**  
**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

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.

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-09

**16. BYLAWS**

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

Mayor Talen called for comments from the public regarding the 2026-2029 Financial Plan.

**Moved by Councillor Jackson**  
**Seconded by Councillor Facio**

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

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-10

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

**Moved by Councillor Vidal**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

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

THAT Fire Inspections Frequency Policy 1.27 be repealed.

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-11

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

**Moved by Councillor Vidal**  
**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

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

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-12

**Moved by Councillor Facio**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

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

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-13

**Moved by Councillor Vidal**  
**Seconded by Councillor Jackson**

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

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-14

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

**Moved by Councillor Facio**  
**Seconded by Councillor Vidal**

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

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-15

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

**Moved by Councillor Vidal**  
**Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz**

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

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-16

**17. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**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 7:05 p.m.

**CARRIED**  
RC-2026-03-17



Fred Talen  
Mayor



Amanda Graham  
Corporate Officer