



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 10:00 AM
Village Office, 495 Hot Springs Road,
Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

1. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by Councillor Facio, Chair.
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
Acknowledgement of Sts'ailes traditional territory.
3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
(a) THAT the Accessibility Committee Meeting minutes of October 30, 2025 be adopted. Page 1
6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
(a) Annual Work Plan / Budget Page 5
(b) RBC Barrier Buster Grant
Recommendation:
THAT the Committee provide a letter of support for the Village's application to the RBC Barrier Buster Grants program.
(c) Building Belonging Update
(d) Local Community Accessibility Grant Update
(e) Free Accessible Parking Stalls
(f) Civic Campus / Partnership with School District 78
(g) Next Meeting Date: TBD
7. ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Accessibility Committee Minutes**

DATE: Thursday, October 30, 2025
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Leo Facio, Chair
Sharon Chatenay (at 10:09 a.m. via Zoom)
Stephanie Gallamore
Geraldine Mailhot

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shell De Martin

STAFF PRESENT: Christy Ovens, Community Services Manager
Kalie Wiechmann, Communications and Community
Engagement Coordinator
Amanda Graham, Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Facio called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Facio acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Geraldine Mailhot
Seconded by Stephanie Gallamore

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
AC-2025-10-01

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Stephanie Gallamore
Seconded by Geraldine Mailhot

THAT the Accessibility Committee Meeting Minutes of September 15, 2025 be adopted.

CARRIED
AC-2025-10-02

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Annual Work Plan / Budget

The Committee discussed adding repairing the ramps that go from Esplanade Avenue up to the beach walkway near Maple and Chehalis Streets, and adding replacing the current Mobi-Mats with wooden walkways with rails.

The Committee discussed accessibility feedback received informally from community members including workshops on how to use current technology, age-inclusive transportation and letdowns near bus shelters, and the availability of transit services on Sundays and Handy-Dart.

Moved by Stephanie Gallamore
Seconded by Geraldine Mailhot

THAT the 2026 Work Plan / Budget be approved with the addition of repairing the beach walkway ramps and acquiring wooden walkways to replace the Mobi-Mats and forwarded to Council for review.

CARRIED
AC-2025-10-03

Moved by Chair Facio
Seconded by Geraldine Mailhot

THAT a letter be sent to FVRD requesting that BC Transit consider expanding transit services in Harrison Hot Springs on Sundays.

CARRIED
AC-2025-10-04

(b) Letter dated October 27, 2025 from Rachel Fordham Re: Request for Crosswalk

The Committee discussed the letter requesting a crosswalk at the intersection of Walnut Avenue and Miami River Drive, from the pathway that leads to the Ruth Altendorf Bridge. Challenges in this area include the lack of sidewalk on the north side of Walnut Avenue and the pathway opening up into the middle of the intersection. Possible other solutions include signage alerting motorists to beware of children crossing, cutting back vegetation in the area to increase visibility or making the intersection a three-way stop. The Chair will work with staff to respond to the School District on this matter.

(c) Next Meeting Date: TBD January 2026

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Stephanie Gallamore
Seconded by Sharon Chatenay

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

CARRIED
AC-2025-10-03

Councillor Leo Facio, Chair
Accessibility Committee

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

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2026 Accessibility Committee Work Plan & Budget					
Project	Description	Timeframe	Est. Staff Time	Budget	Funding Source
Automatic Door Openers	Installation at Spring Park Washroom Building and Memorial Hall	2026	5 hours	\$11,000	Accessibility Grant
	Installation at Beach Washrooms	2026	5 hours	\$13,000	Resort Municipality Initiative
			Total	\$24,000 (grant funded)	
Project	Description	Timeframe	Est. Staff Time	Budget	Funding Source
Braille signage for washroom buildings		Spring 2026	10 hours	\$200	Accessibility Grant/Signage Budget
			Total	\$200	
Project	Description	Timeframe	Est. Staff Time	Budget	Funding Source
Accessible parking stalls and signage	Create a map of accesibility features along the beachfront and update Village signage to state "accessible" and new inclusive design	2025-2026	20 hours	\$200	Accessibility Grant
			Total	\$200	
Project	Description	Timeframe	Est. Staff Time	Budget	Funding Source
Accessibility Plan Review	Review and update plan	Fall 2026	20 hours	N/A	N/A
	Develop accessible/ inclusive features checklist and standards for Accessibility Plan as a guiding document for future improvements to parks, trails, roads, buildings and public spaces				
			Total	N/A	
Total Municipal Funds Requested: \$0					