



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 9:00 AM
 Village Office, 495 Hot Springs Road
 Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN-PERSON

1. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by the Chair.
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Acknowledgement of Sts'ailes traditional territory
3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
(a) THAT the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2026 be adopted. Page 1
6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
(a) Update on West Coast Seeds Fundraiser
(b) Earth Day in May: May 2, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Memorial Hall
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Horitculture Therapy Workshop Ideas • Concession
(c) Garden of the Week Update
(d) 2026 Gardening Projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lagoon Garden Bed Planting • Weed and Feed events • CIB Anniversary Tree Planting
(e) Adopt-a-Road Policy Page 5
(f) 2026 To-Do List
(g) Next Meeting Date: TBD
7. ADJOURNMENT



Amanda Graham
 Corporate Officer

VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
**Communities in Bloom Committee
Minutes**

DATE: Wednesday, February 25, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair
Susan Caley (at 9:05 a.m.)
Janice Moffat
Teresa Omelus
Margaret Shier

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Galvao

STAFF PRESENT: Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Jace Hodgson, Director of Operations (until 9:48 a.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Jackson acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Teresa Omelus requested to add "CIB Anniversary Tree" as item for discussion 6(f).

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Teresa Omelus
Seconded by Margaret Shier

THAT the agenda be approved as amended with the addition of the late item.

CARRIED
CIB-2026-02-01

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Margaret Shier
Seconded by Janice Moffat

THAT the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2026 be adopted.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Fundraiser: West Coast Seeds, March 1-22, 2026

Staff advised that the Village recently started advertising the fundraiser on the website, social media and notice boards and sent it directly to the Harrison Community Gardens. The school also included it in their newsletter to parents earlier this week. The Committee was given pamphlets and papers to hand out to potential sponsors and people who might like to purchase seeds. Staff will create a list of businesses organized by location for the Committee to take as teams for door-to-door canvassing. After the seed fundraiser, the Village will also promote the sponsorship packages. The Committee noted that it would be nice to provide "Proud Supporter of Communities in Bloom" window stickers to sponsors and post their pictures on the website or social media pages.

(b) Earth Day in May: May 2, 2026 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Memorial Hall

The Committee plans to have a table at the event and discussed the following:

- Selling succulents and other plants that Margaret Shier is growing
- Ordering extra seeds to sell at the event
- Having a raffle draw and obtaining a Gaming License
- Checking with the Environmental Committee to see whether CIB can run a concession by donation
- Having a workshop on the therapeutic benefits of gardening and incorporating mental health
- Providing recipe cards on how to use edible flowers
- Having a water fountain at the table

(c) Garden of the Week Update

Staff advised that they have applied for the Garden of the Week program with Scott's Miracle Gro and are awaiting a response. The Committee discussed varying the criteria to consider rock gardens, drought tolerant plants, or environmentally friendly plants, having the community submit photos to draw out people who might not otherwise participate, advertising it to target people who live in stratas and have patio gardens, and having special categories for kids or repurposed gardens.

(d) 2026 Gardening Projects:

- Lagoon Garden Bed Planting: Staff presented an idea for a red and white soccer ball to incorporate the FIFA World Cup. The Committee expressed support for this and for organizing another community planting day.
- Weed and Feed Events: The Committee expressed support for this idea and discussed union considerations and the summer student role.

(e) 2026 To-Do List

Staff will continue to update the to-do list and incorporate it into future agenda packages to keep the Committee informed on both the status of tasks and which ones require further support from the Committee.

(f) CIB Anniversary Tree

The Committee discussed the CIB anniversary Rose of Sharon/Hibiscus tree and where to plant it. Peace Park was originally selected to beautify the southern area of the Village, as the beachfront is usually the main focus. The Committee agreed to plant it in Peace Park. This will take place early in the spring and will be promoted as a community event.

(g) Next Meeting Date: March 25, 2026 9:00 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Margaret Shier
Seconded by Teresa Omelus

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

CARRIED
CIB-2026-02-03

Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair
Communities in Bloom Committee

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer



**VILLAGE OF
HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
POLICY**

COUNCIL	POLICY NO. 1.19
ADOPT A ROAD PROGRAM	DATE ADOPTED: November 5, 2012

1. PURPOSE

The Village of Harrison Hot Springs is promoting a public/private partnership in the form of an “Adopt-a-Road Program. This program will give private organizations, clubs and community groups the opportunity to assist the municipality in keeping the Village beautiful by volunteering their labour to pick up litter and debris along street frontages.

2. POLICY

- i. The Adopt-a-Road Program will be administered by the Communities in Bloom Committee under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer as it relates to continued enhancement of the Village.
- ii. All records pertaining to availability of roads for the Adopt-a-Road Program are maintained in the Village Office.
- iii. Volunteers are required to commit to a two year period and agree to look after an adopted section of road either in all or part, the minimum length being 1 km.
- iv. Volunteers will be required to follow the Volunteer Responsibilities listed in the Adopt-A-Road Application.
- v. Once the first cleanup has been completed the Village will install and maintain an Adopt-a-Road sign that displays the name of the organization or individual volunteering.
- vi. The Village Office must receive notice in writing if the volunteer group no longer wishes to participate in the Adopt-a-Road program after the initial two year commitment.