



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 4, 2026, 5:30 PM
 Memorial Hall, 290 Esplanade Avenue,
 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 Mayor Talen.	
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	
Acknowledgement of Sts'ailes traditional territory.	
3. PUBLIC HEARING (if required)	
4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS	
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	
6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST	
7. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES	
(a) THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026 be adopted.	Page 1
(b) THAT the Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2026 be adopted.	Page 11
8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	
9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS	
(a) Michael De Jong & Jeff Watson, Bridal Veil Mountain Resort Re: Bridal Veil Mountain Resort Progress Update	
10. CORRESPONDENCE	
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11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE	
12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS	
13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR	
14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS	
THAT the following adopted minutes be received for information:	
(a) Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2026	Page 33
(b) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2026	Page 37
(c) Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2026	Page 41
(d) Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2026	Page 45
15. REPORTS FROM STAFF	
16. BYLAWS	
(a) 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1238, 2026	Page 49
Recommendations:	
THAT Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1238, 2026 be adopted.	
(b) Report of Planning Consultant dated May 4, 2026 Re: C2 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1244, 2026 (889 Hot Springs Road)	Page 53
Recommendations:	
1. THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1244, 2026 be introduced and given first reading;	
2. THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1244, 2026 be introduced and given second reading; and	
3. THAT staff be directed to schedule a Public Hearing.	
17. NEW BUSINESS	

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) Notice of Motion from Councillor Vidal
Re: Cenotaph at Memorial Hall

Recommendation:

WHEREAS the permanent installation of a cenotaph provides a place of remembrance, reflection and gathering space to honor the service and sacrifice of members of the Canadian Armed Forces;

AND WHEREAS Memorial Hall is a central and historically significant location within our community which is well-suited to serve as a site of remembrance;

AND WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 32 plays a vital role in supporting veterans, their families and has a respected role in leading local commemorative services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to investigate the purchase and erecting of a cenotaph outside of Memorial Hall and engage with Royal Canadian Legion Branch 32 to seek input and guidance on appropriate design and protocols and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff report back to Council with recommendations including a proposed project budget and timeline.

- (b) Notice of Motion from Mayor Talen
Re: Impact of Forestry Activities

Recommendation:

WHEREAS the April 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting did not result in Council taking any action in relation to item 17 c);

AND WHEREAS the Village has interests that should be considered and protected arising from forestry activity near the Village and in the Harrison Lake watershed;

AND WHEREAS the Village wrote BC Timber Sales on April 27, 2026, seeking information on how forestry activities alter: wildfire risk, water quality in Harrison Lake, the risk of flooding in the Village, and asserting that the Village must have a role in maintaining and protecting the scenic view qualities from the Village;

AND WHEREAS the Village should take additional steps to advance these interests in future meetings with Provincial authorities;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT at a future Committee of the Whole Meeting:

1. Council discuss concerns that might arise from forestry activities near the Village of Harrison Hot Springs and how the Village should engage Provincial authorities on forestry activities near the Village that might affect:
 - a) Risks associated from wildfires;
 - b) The water quality of Harrison Lake;
 - c) The risk of flooding in the Village;
 - d) The view, and ascetic qualities of the forest and mountains as seen from the Village;

2. Council consider whether, and how to engage neighbouring communities, including the District of Kent and Sts'ailes, on these matters.

19. QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO THE AGENDA

20. ADJOURNMENT



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

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

DATE: Monday, April 20, 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
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson
Communications and Community Engagement
Coordinator, Kalie Wiechmann
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey
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 Schweinbenz

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2026-04-14

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- (a) Mayor Talen declared a non-pecuniary conflict regarding item 15(c) – Consideration of the Issuance of a DVP and DP (889 Hot Springs Road). Prior to being elected to office, he signed a letter of support regarding the proposed development at 889 Hot Springs Road. Mayor Talen advised that he would recuse himself from the meeting when the item comes before Council.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- (a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2026

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the minutes be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2026-04-15

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

- (a) Brian Szabo, BDO Canada
Re: Audit Findings

Brian Szabo reported on the Village's 2025 Financial Audit findings.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

None.

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities
 - Attended a meeting on April 16, 2026
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee
 - Attended a meeting on April 15, 2026
- Attended LMLGA Executive Board meeting on April 9, 2026
- Attended the first Lunch and Learn event hosted by the Village on April 14, 2026

- Attended the Small Communities forum on April 20, 2026

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
 - Attended a meeting on April 9, 2026
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society – No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report
- Reminder that the Environmental Committee's Earth Day in May Event is taking place on May 2, 2026 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Memorial Hall

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Attended Miami River Streamkeepers Annual General Meeting on April 11, 2026
- Participated in the 104th annual Chilliwack plowing match on April 11, 2026
- Attended a Chamber of Commerce Meeting on April 14, 2026
- Attended the Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee on April 15, 2026
- Attended the RCMP Officer in Charge awards ceremony on April 15, 2026
- Reported on the Age-Friendly Committee Meeting on April 16, 2026
- Reported on the Small Communities forum on April 20, 2026
- Reported on an art exhibit currently on display at the Ranger Station Art Gallery

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

None.

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator dated April 20, 2026

Re: Building Belonging I.D.E.A Framework and Action Plan

Kelli Paddon of Equiiti Strategic presented the I.D.E.A Framework and Action Plan.

Moved by Councillor Vidal

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council adopt the Building Belonging I.D.E.A Framework and Action Plan.

Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the motion be amended to include a subsequent review of the implementation of the I.D.E.A. framework within 90 days.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR FACIO
RC-2026-04-16

Council voted on original motion as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2026-04-17

- (b) Report of Community Services Manager dated April 20, 2026
Re: UBCM Fire Department Grant

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council approves the expenditure of \$30,000 in capital equipment for the Fire Department, to be funded by the approved UBCM CEPF: 2025 Volunteer and Composite Fire Departments Equipment and Training grant.

CARRIED
RC-2026-04-18

Mayor Talen recused himself from the meeting due to the earlier stated conflict of interest at 6:44 p.m. Deputy Mayor Facio assumed the chair.

- (c) Report of Planning Consultant dated April 20, 2026
Re: Consideration of the Issuance of a DVP and a DP (889 Hot Springs Road)

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Development Variance Permit 01/25 be issued to Woodside Smart Storage Ltd Inc BC1114734 for land legally described as Blk A (Reference Plan 6466) South East Quarter of Sec 12, Twp 4, Rge 29, W6M, New Westminster District located at 889 Hot Springs Road subject to:

- a. The placement of a save harmless flooding covenant on title.
- b. Entering into a Works and Services agreement that is acceptable to the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

CARRIED
RC-2026-04-19

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Development Permit 01/25 be issued to Woodside Smart Storage Ltd Inc BC1114734 for land legally described as Blk A (Reference Plan 6466) South East Quarter of Sec 12, Twp 4, Rge 29, W6M, New Westminster District located at 889 Hot Springs Road, (PID: 013-167-006) subject to:

- a. The placement of a save harmless flooding covenant on title.
- b. Entering into a Works and Services agreement that is acceptable to the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff be directed to ask the developer to come forward with considerations for a live roof or solar roof to come up with ideas to further mitigate greenhouse gas emissions.

FAILED
LACK OF SECONDER

Council voted on the original motion.

CARRIED
RC-2026-04-20

Mayor Talen returned to Council chambers and resumed the role of chair at 7:12 pm.

- (d) Report of Chief Financial Officer dated April 20, 2026
Re: 2025 Audited Financial Statements

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the Independent Auditor's Report be received; and

THAT the 2025 Financial Statements of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs be approved;
and

THAT the Independent Auditor's Report be attached to the approved Financial Statements of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

CARRIED
RC-2026-04-21

16. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Chief Financial Officer dated April 20, 2026
Re: 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1238, 2026

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1238, 2026 be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-04-22

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1238, 2026 be given second reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-04-23

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1238, 2026 be given third reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-04-24

17. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) Notice of Motion from Mayor Talen
Re: Civic Recognition

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

WHEREAS the Village does not currently have any established policies for recognizing and awarding members of the public for their contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS establishing such a policy would provide for a clear and consistent awarding process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to draft a Civic Recognition Policy that outlines eligibility criteria, a nomination process, selection method, and process by which public spaces may be named after an individual, for Council's consideration.

CARRIED
RC-2026-04-25

- (b) Notice of Motion from Councillor Schweinbenz
Re: Community Forest Engagement

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

WHEREAS the Village of Harrison Hot Springs is situated within a low-lying valley surrounded by steep terrain and predominantly second-growth forests, many of which were historically managed for timber production using practices such as monoculture species selection, suppression of deciduous vegetation through mechanical and chemical means, and subsequent clear-cut harvesting; and

WHEREAS the geographic setting of the Village makes it vulnerable to a range of natural hazards, including flooding from the Miami River, landslides and debris flows from surrounding slopes, wildfire risk within the wildland–urban interface, siltation of salmon-bearing streams, and reduced air quality due to limited atmospheric circulation within the valley; and

WHEREAS a growing body of British Columbia–based research highlights potential cumulative impacts associated with large-scale clear-cutting, including altered local microclimates, increased surface runoff and sediment transport, changes in slope stability, impacts to ecosystems and wildlife habitat, potential effects on archaeological and cultural values, and reduced opportunities for low-impact recreational use in areas adjacent to communities; and

WHEREAS climate change is contributing to more frequent and intense precipitation and heat events, increasing pressures on infrastructure, emergency management capacity, public finances, and the overall safety and well-being of residents; and

WHEREAS the Village of Harrison Hot Springs recognizes the importance of the forestry sector to local and regional employment and to the provincial economy, and further recognizes that evolving ecosystem-based forest management approaches can support both long-term economic viability and broader social, cultural, and environmental values;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to engage with relevant provincial agencies, departments, BC Timber Sales – Chilliwack Forest District, Indigenous governments, and neighbouring communities to share the following perspectives as a basis for dialogue and collaborative planning:

1. Council’s significant concern regarding the continuation of large-scale clear-cut harvesting on slopes and forested areas surrounding the community, including Mount Woodside, Mount Agassiz, Green Mountain, Bear Mountain, and Mount Slollicum, given their proximity to residential areas and critical watersheds; and
2. Council’s strong interest in exploring and supporting lower-impact, selective harvesting and other ecosystem-based forest management practices that recognize forest values beyond timber supply, while maintaining long-term economic returns from sustainably managed forests; and
3. Council’s support for community-based forest stewardship principles, including meaningful opportunities for residents of Harrison Hot Springs and surrounding communities to provide input into forest management decisions and policies affecting the local landscape; and

4. Council's interest in working collaboratively with provincial partners to reconsider the routine mechanical and chemical suppression of native deciduous species within the Harrison Lake watershed and surrounding areas, in order to encourage forest conditions that may enhance wildfire resistance, slope stability, biodiversity, and climate resilience.

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT this matter be referred to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

FAILED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS VIDAL, FACIO, SCHWEINBENZ

Council voted on the original motion.

FAILED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR TALEN, COUNCILLORS VIDAL, FACIO, JACKSON

- (c) Notice of Motion from Councillor Schweinbenz
Re: Public Art Policy

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

WHEREAS the Village of Harrison Hot Springs has an established and evolving history of public art and a community that values creative expression; and

WHEREAS public art contributes to the cultural character and shared spaces of the Village and may offer benefits to both residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS there is interest within the artistic community regarding potential opportunities related to public art;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to undertake a review of the current *Public Art Policy (Policy 1.37)* and provide observations and considerations related to its alignment with community and artistic interests; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff explore and report on possible approaches for the consideration of public art opportunities, including the potential role of an advisory panel.

CARRIED
RC-2026-04-26

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 7:52 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2026-04-27

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Minutes**

DATE: Thursday, April 23, 2026
TIME: 9:00 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
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 9:00 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-2026-04-01

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- (a) Presentation by Stephanie Gallamore, Executive Director and Erinn Kredba, Outgoing Executive Director from Tourism Harrison River Valley (THRV)
Re: 2027-2031 Tourism Plan

Stephanie Gallamore and Erinn Kredba provided a PowerPoint presentation on the following:

- The difference between the Municipal and Regional District Tax and the Resort Municipality Initiative
- THRV's Mission and Vision Statement

- THRV's 2026 Marketing Strategy and opportunities for digital marketing with the goal of making it easier for visitors to plan their journey and use the THRV's website as a primary trip planning engine
- Planned 2026 events including Canada Day, Sasquatch Days, Lights by the Lake and a new event to replace the previously held Family Day event
- Connecting with local businesses directly and via the Harrison Agassiz Chamber of Commerce
- THRV's 2027-2031 Strategic Plan which focuses on strengthening year-round visitation, destination development and product readiness, delivering exceptional visitor service and marketing the Sasquatch Museum and strengthening THRV's organizational excellence
- Conducting an economic impact study in the future to better communicate the impact of tourism in the region

Discussion ensued regarding several ideas pertaining to the visitor experience including leveraging nearby events to increase visitation to Harrison Hot Springs, additional billboards and signage, enhancing the existing band stand and increasing opportunities for live music, and adding a crosswalk at Hot Springs Road and Schooner Place to make it easier for people staying in campgrounds to more easily access the beachfront.

Council also discussed having THRV as an agenda item or delegation at a future Community to Community (C2C) forum. Further discussion ensued regarding the Resort Development Strategy Committee's role, function, process, procedures and composition.

6. Moved by Councillor Facio

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

CARRIED
COW-2026-04-02

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

2026/04/13

Sent via Email: Premier@gov.bc.ca
ECC.Minister@gov.bc.ca
TT.Minister@gov.bc.ca

David Eby, Premier of British Columbia
Honourable Lisa Beare, Minister of Education and Childcare
Honourable Mike Farnworth, Minister of Transportation and Transit

Dear Premier Eby, Minister Beare, and Minister Farnworth:

RE: City of Langford - Permanent Daylight-Saving Time and the Impacts on Safe Routes to School

At its Special Meeting held March 30, 2026, City of Langford Council passed the attached resolution that forms part of this letter. For your reference, an excerpt has been included below:

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a letter to the Minister of Education and Childcare, the Minister of Transportation and Transit, and the Premier's Office, with a copy to all local governments in British Columbia, outlining Council's concerns regarding the impacts of adopting year-round Pacific Daylight Time on children who would be required to walk to school in the dark. AND THAT the letter from the City of Langford Mayor and Council advocate for:

- *the immediate reopening of BC's Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program for safe routes to school projects;*
- *the establishment of a program ensuring all students have access to visibility enhancing resources such as lights and reflective gear; and*
- *the expansion of The Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY)'s Walking School Bus program.*

On behalf of the City of Langford Council, I am writing to express the collective concerns regarding the Province of British Columbia's adoption of permanent year-round Daylight-Saving Time (DST). While Council recognizes that the decision reflects changing regional and economic considerations and does not seek to reverse that decision, it is critical to address unintended safety impacts on children and their caregivers who commute to school by walking or rolling during the darkest months of the year.

Permanent DST will result in significantly later winter sunrises across southern British Columbia. In Langford and other communities served by Sooke School District 62 (SD62), it can be reasonably estimated that many elementary students begin their commute as early as 8:00 a.m. This new prolonged period of low-light conditions coincides with the wettest and foggiest season of the year, where heavy rainfall, poor visibility, and slick surfacing further increases risk for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages and abilities. Permanent DST results in a material increase in challenging travel conditions for school-aged children.

While the City recognizes that dark commutes are more common throughout other regions of the Province, the challenges noted above are compounded by the established characteristics of existing neighbourhoods in Langford and similar communities throughout the Province. Urban streets are busy with vehicular traffic, often containing parking and other barriers that can conceal pedestrians from drivers. Older residential areas and semi-rural roads are often wide with a very slim shoulders and often, there are no sidewalks paths, or adequate street lighting available.

Mitigating these risks requires targeted infrastructure improvements such as traffic calming, pedestrian lighting, sidewalk completion, protected crossings, and other safe-route-to-school measures. Langford has successfully partnered with the Province in the past through the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program to advance such projects. However, we are concerned that the pausing of the 2025/2026 intake of this program, pending review of the CleanBC framework, significantly limits the ability of local governments to plan, design, and implement safety improvements in time for the 2026/2027 school year.

As growth continues throughout the region, new school sites are being selected that are outside current transportation networks requiring significant investment from local governments that are not financially viable without Provincial support. The City of Langford strongly requests that the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program be reopened and that new applications featuring projects that support safe routes to school be given preference, or, at minimum, clear communication from the Province to all local governments regarding the status and anticipated timeline of this grant program.

To further support and encourage active transportation to commute to school, the Province is encouraged to develop a program in partnership with School Districts to ensure students have

access to visibility enhancing resources such as reflective gear and lights. As mentioned above, schools opening further from established transportation networks introduce further hazards for students navigating to school. Travelling in darkness may increase interactions with other road users, and without targeted support, permanent DST may exacerbate existing inequities and disproportionately affect children from lower-income households.

Council also wishes to acknowledge and commend the Province's recent support for the Walking School Bus Program, delivered in partnership with the Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY). In addition to improving safety during school commutes, expanding Provincial support for this program may play a critical role in assisting students during their commute to school under low-light conditions.

City of Langford Council wishes to express that the intent of this letter is to encourage early dialogue regarding proactive, collaborative steps that can be taken to ensure this transition does not compromise the safety of young commuters. Active Transportation grants that support the creation and enhancement of safe routes to school help local governments respond thoughtfully, maximize the impact of limited resources, and provide safe, healthy, and sustainable school travel across British Columbia. Early consultation and discussions can identify needs and mitigate impacts, particularly on more vulnerable groups.

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns. We would welcome the opportunity to engage further in discussions on how provincial and local governments can work together to mitigate impacts and improve outcomes for students and families.

Sincerely,



Mayor Scott Goodman
City of Langford

Attached: Certified Resolution from the Special Meeting of Council held March 30, 2026.
CC: BC Municipalities

CITY OF LANGFORD

RESOLUTION

ITEM TITLE: Notice of Motion from March 16, 2026 - Permanent Daylight-Saving Time and the Impacts on Safe Routes to School

MOVED BY: GUIRY
SECONDED: HARDER

WHEREAS the adoption of permanent, year-round daylight-saving time means that many school age children, including those in the Victoria area who begin their commute around 8:00 a.m., will be travelling to school in darkness from early November until the end of February;

AND WHEREAS many communities have older neighbourhoods with wide roadways which may cause unintended speeding, limited or non-existent sidewalks or pathways, and limited street lighting. Mitigation of these neighbourhood conditions would require significant upgrades to ensure safe travel for children during dark winter mornings;

AND WHEREAS the BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant 2025/2026 intake was paused pending a review in the fall of 2026, thus limiting the ability of local governments to make meaningful change and prepare for the 2026/2027 school year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to prepare a letter to the Minister of Education and Childcare, the Minister of Transportation and Transit, and the Premier's Office, with a copy to all local governments in British Columbia, outlining Council's concerns regarding the impacts of adopting year-round Pacific Daylight Time on children who would be required to walk to school in the dark. AND THAT the letter from the City of Langford Mayor and Council advocate for:

- *the immediate reopening of BC's Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program for safe routes to school projects;*
- *the establishment of a program ensuring all students have access to visibility enhancing resources such as lights and reflective gear; and*
- *the expansion of The Society for Children and Youth of BC (SCY)'s Walking School Bus program.*

Motion CARRIED.

This is a certified resolution passed by the City of Langford at their Special Meeting of Council held on March 30, 2026.



Marie Watmough
Corporate Officer

Amanda Graham

Subject: Letter of Support

From: Maria Martins <manager@agassizharrisonmuseum.org>

Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2026 3:51:33 PM

To: Hope Museum <museum@hopebc.ca>; Sharie Hertzog <shertzog@fvrl.bc.ca>; Franco Lanfranchi <info@kentharrisonfoundation.com>; Diane Janzen <djanzen@agassizcs.ca>; info@agassizcs.ca <info@agassizcs.ca>; Skylar Gormley <sgormley@kentbc.ca>; Erinn Kredba <execdirector@tourismharrison.com>; Mark Schweinbenz <mschweinbenz@harrisonhotsprings.ca>

Subject: Letter of Support

This sender is trusted.

Hello,

The Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society is once again applying to the Community Gaming Grants program administered through the province. I am emailing to request a letter of support from your organization to accompany our application.

The funding received would support the Museum Program delivered by our organization. This program provides the community access to our heritage through collections upkeep, research assistance, exhibition creation, and community events.

I have attached to this email a template letter of support. This document can be used partly or in its entirety.

Thank you for considering our request,



Maria Martins (she/her)

Manager

Agassiz-Harrison Museum & Visitor Centre

7011 Pioneer Ave, Agassiz, B.C.

604-796-3545

<https://www.agassizharrisonmuseum.org>

The Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society would like to acknowledge that we are located on the traditional, unceded and ancestral lands of the Sto:lo First Nation. We are grateful for the opportunity to live, work and learn in this beautiful place in mutual respect.

[Date]

Government of British Columbia
Community Gaming Grants

Subject: Support Letter
"Museum Program delivered by the Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society"

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you on behalf of [name of supporting organization] in support of an application submitted by the Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society in Agassiz, B.C., for funding through the Community Gaming Grants funding stream.

Our mandate is to [Brief description of the supporting organization].

The mandate of the Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society is to inspire conversation and dialogue, expand understanding and knowledge, and contributes to a better society by creating an inclusive and welcoming environment. This is done through the acquisition, preservation, and exhibit of artifacts, photographs, documents, and records of significant historical value pertinent to the Harrison-Agassiz Valley, as well as through using this material to create engaging and educational community programming. We support this organization because of our shared goal of supporting our local communities within the Agassiz-Harrison Valley.

With the assistance of funding through Community Gaming Grants, the Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society is able to steward our region's history and foster community identity.

I support this program as it will support local, and community needs such as the engagement of citizens and the preservation of our shared history.

For the reasons noted above, I am excited to support this funding request.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]

[Title]

[Name of Organization]

[Address]

[Email Address]

Amanda Graham

Subject: Clarification on Council Decision – Flood & Wildfire Motion

From: Gary [REDACTED]

Date: April 25, 2026 at 6:17:01 AM PDT

To: Tyson Koch <tkoch@harrisonhotsprings.ca>

Subject: Re: Clarification on Council Decision – Flood & Wildfire Motion

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Hello Tyson,

Thank you for the detailed staff response.

However, the central question remains unanswered.

The matter in question is a Council decision. Specifically, why Council chose not to support a motion related to further engagement on flood and wildfire risk.

Referring me to a video does not replace a clear, on record explanation.

I am again requesting a direct response from Mayor and Council outlining the rationale for their decision.

Please confirm this request will be forwarded for a Council response.

Thank you, Gary Webster

From: Tyson Koch <tkoch@harrisonhotsprings.ca>

Sent: Friday, April 24, 2026 2:04 PM

To: Gary [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Clarification on Council Decision – Flood & Wildfire Motion

Hello Gary,

I can't speak for Council however I would encourage you to watch the debate prior to the decision. Discussion starts at 1:55 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRy_Br2B42Y

Tyson Koch ASCT, RSIS

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From: Gary [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2026 5:03 PM
To: Tyson Koch <tkoch@harrisonhotsprings.ca>
Subject: Clarification on Council Decision – Flood & Wildfire Motion

Hello Tyson,

Thank you for the staff response.

However, the central question remains unanswered. This is a Council decision, not an operational matter.

A motion related to further engagement on flood and wildfire risk was brought forward and not supported by Council.

What was the rationale for Council's decision to reject that motion?

I am requesting a direct response from Mayor and Council.

Thank you, Gary Webster
[REDACTED]

From: Tyson Koch <tkoch@harrisonhotsprings.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2026 1:42 PM
To: Gary Webster [REDACTED]
Subject: Request for Clarification on Flood and Wildfire Preparedness

Good afternoon Mr. Webster,

Thank you for your email.

While your correspondence is addressed to Council your email relates to a matters that are currently delegated to staff. Responses to your questions are below.

Since, responding to such inquiries is a staff function, not a Council matter, I will not be placing your email on the next regular Council meeting agenda. However, your correspondence is addressed to Council, and accordingly it will be shared with Council. You may appeal the decision not to include your correspondence in the upcoming Council meeting agenda package in writing to Mayor Talen.

1. Why was it determined that now is not the time to engage external agencies on flood and wildfire risk?

I am not aware of a Village policy, motion of Council, or any statement from the Village stating that “now is not the time” to engage external agencies on flood and wildfire risk.

In fact, the reality is that the Village has been, and is, actively involved with other agencies and governments on mitigating the risk from flooding and wildfires. The Village is an active member of the Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program committee who met last on April 15th, 2026. Members of this committee include, the Village of Harrison Hot Springs, District of Kent, Seabird Island, SD78, the RCMP, EMCR, BCEHS, Tourism, Fraser Health, KHSAR, DoK FD, VHHSFD and MOTT.

As you may know, Council has directed staff to proceed with designing dike upgrades and improvements to mitigate the risk of flooding from Harrison Lake. Updates on this work is expected in the coming weeks.

The Village has also engaged Red Dragon consulting on an Evacuation planning. And when completed it will be shared with the District of Kent, Sts’ailes, Sq’ewqel (Seabird Island Band), RCMP, KHSAR, VHHS FD and working with our neighbours, taking steps to coordinate an emergency response, should it be needed.

In addition, the Village is updating its Resident Resource Guide, with input from other agencies, that provides information for residents on how to prepare for an emergency.

I would also add, that a recent Village ‘Lunch and Learn’ was well attended providing residents with information on fire smart landscaping. And, the Village working with UBCM was successful in obtaining grant funding for additional equipment for the Village’s Fire Department to enhance the ability of the Village’s Fire Department to respond to fires.

As you can see, it is always the time to engage external agencies and take steps to mitigate flood and wildfire risk, and more generally have plans in the event of an emergency.

2. What current emergency, evacuation, and wildfire plans are in place, and when were they last updated?

The Village and District of Kent operate under the Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program (KHJEP), which covers flooding, wildfire, landslides, and earthquakes with ongoing updates coordinated by the Emergency Program Coordinator.

The Resident Resource Guide, Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan (CWRP), finalized late 2024 and a Formal Evacuation Route and Planning Toolkit, under development with Red Dragon Consulting, are examples of Village plans.

3. Do these plans account for the documented 11–16 hour evacuation time and single road access?

The evacuation planning work presented in January 2026 confirms that:

- Harrison Hot Springs has one primary evacuation route (Highway 9, southbound).
- The 11–16 hour evacuation time represents a strategic, managed evacuation timeline, incorporating detection delays, Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) mobilization, traffic control, and door to door notification. This is not merely the time needed for residents to drive to an emergency centre.
- Population modeling includes residents and seasonal visitor surges, with uncertainty buffers applied.
- The consultants also noted that rapid onset hazards may not allow this timeframe, which remains a recognized constraint.

4. What specific actions have been taken in the past 12 months to reduce these risks?

In addition to the actions noted in the answer to question 1 above:

- Completion and adoption of the Community Wildfire Resiliency Plan, identifying treatment areas, fuel hazards, and inter agency coordination priorities
- Maintaining the SenseNet early wildfire detection sensors and cameras throughout forested areas and critical infrastructure sites
- Advancing evacuation route planning, including public surveys, modeling, and tabletop exercises
- Progress on the Waterfront Dike Upgrade Project

5. What active coordination is currently underway with the Ministry of Forests, BC Timber Sales, and Indigenous land managers?

Coordination includes:

- Alignment of the CWRP with provincial wildfire frameworks, BC Wildfire Service risk data, and Ministry of Forests guidance
- Operational coordination during active wildfire incidents near Harrison Lake with BC Wildfire Service and our indigenous neighbours.
- Joint emergency planning through KHJEP, which includes neighbouring jurisdictions and First Nations for response and evacuation support
- Ongoing communication with BC Timber Sales

6. What known gaps exist in Harrison’s emergency preparedness, and what is the timeline to address them?

Emergency preparedness is not a fixed endpoint but a continually evolving process that must adapt to changing risks, environmental conditions, population fluctuations, and operational experience. As a result, the Village recognizes that preparedness will always involve multiple considerations and areas for improvement rather than a finite list of gaps to be permanently closed. Ongoing work includes regularly reviewing plans, updating assumptions, and adjusting priorities as new information, technologies, and best practices emerge.

To address this, the Village is taking a continuous improvement approach that includes training and exercising staff, strengthening coordination with response partners, and incrementally adding or upgrading mitigation and response equipment as resources and funding allow. Some improvements can be implemented in the short term, such as training or equipment acquisition, while others—

particularly those involving infrastructure or external approvals—require longer term planning. Rather than a single timeline, preparedness actions are advanced through rolling work plans, grant opportunities, and council direction to ensure readiness keeps pace with changing risk.

7. Who is responsible for ensuring these risks are actively managed, and how is council informed?

Responsibility is shared across:

- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program, led by the Emergency Program Coordinator
- Councillor Vidal provides updates to Council at RCM’s
- Village staff departments (Operations, Community Services, Fire Department) implementing mitigation actions
- Council receives updates through staff reports, annual reports, consultant presentations, and council meeting agendas

8. If now is not the time, what conditions would trigger action?

This question could be interpreted in several ways. If this is in reference to emergency planning and preparations, please refer to the answers to questions 1, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

If this is in reference to when an emergency response is triggered, actions would be triggered when an emergency presents itself.

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From: Gary [REDACTED]

Sent: April 21, 2026 9:51 AM

To: Vivian Li <info@harrisonhotsprings.ca>

Subject: Request for Clarification on Flood and Wildfire Preparedness

Mayor and Council,

Following the recent council decision to reject a motion related to flood and wildfire risk engagement by Councillor Mark Schweinbenz , I am requesting clear answers to the following:

1. Why was it determined that now is not the time to engage external agencies on flood and wildfire risk?

2. What current emergency, evacuation, and wildfire plans are in place, and when were they last updated?
3. Do these plans account for the documented 11 to 16 hour evacuation time and single road access?
4. What specific actions have been taken in the past 12 months to reduce these risks?
5. What active coordination is currently underway with the Ministry of Forests, BC Timber Sales, and Indigenous land managers?
6. What known gaps exist in Harrison's emergency preparedness, and what is the timeline to address them?
7. Who is responsible for ensuring these risks are actively managed, and how is council informed?
8. If now is not the time, what conditions would trigger action?

These are reasonable questions tied directly to public safety and documented risk.

I look forward to your response.

Thank you, Gary Webster



Amanda Graham

Subject: Municipal Leaders Standing Together for Safety and Healing

From: Moose Hide Campaign Events <events@moosehidecampaign.ca>

Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2026 2:35 PM

To: Fred Talen <ftalen@harrisonhotsprings.ca>

Subject: Municipal Leaders Standing Together for Safety and Healing

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Dear Mayor Talen,

The nature of the cause:

- The Moose Hide Campaign is an Indigenous-led grassroots movement aimed at reconciliation and ending gender-based violence in Canada. **This May 14, 2026, marks the 15th annual Moose Hide Campaign Day:** A National Day of Ceremony where Canadians from all backgrounds, cities, communities, cultures, and gender identities stand in solidarity against gender-based violence.
- The Moose Hide Campaign gives Canadians who are looking to participate in the nation's journey of reconciliation an accessible and important path forward and an opportunity to help stop violence in our communities once and for all.
- The Moose Hide Campaign is represented by a simple square of moose hide worn on the lapels of so many Canadians. To date, over 7-million moose hide pins have been given to Canadians. All levels of governments are choosing to embrace the Moose Hide Campaign.

Eligibility: non-profit group and national awareness day.

History and background of the organization/cause:

- The Moose Hide Campaign began as a BC-born Indigenous-led grassroots movement to engage men and boys in ending violence towards women and children. It has since grown into a nationwide movement of Indigenous and non-Indigenous Canadians from local communities, First Nations, governments, schools, colleges/universities, police forces and many other organizations – all committed to taking action to end this violence.
- Since the Campaign began over 10 years ago along the Highway of Tears, thousands of communities and organizations across Canada have held Moose Hide Campaign events and joined the annual Moose Hide Campaign Day ceremony. The campaign is grounded in Indigenous ceremony and traditional ways of knowing and being. A cornerstone of the Moose Hide Campaign is the moose hide pin. Wearing the pin signifies your commitment to honour, respect, and protect the women and children in your life and speak out against gender-based and domestic violence.

We invite your support in the following ways:

Proclamation of Moose Hide Campaign Day

- Issue a proclamation in support of Moose Hide Campaign Day on May 14, 2026, to show the City's commitment to standing against gender-based violence and supporting the movement of reconciliation. You can find a Proclamation Template on our website [here](#).

Lighting of City Monuments

- We ask the City to light significant landmarks or monuments in the colour of the Moose Hide Campaign pin (golden yellow) to raise awareness and show solidarity with those working to end violence.
- The lighting will help spread a powerful message: That our communities have no space for gender-based violence and the community has been a part of the Moose Hide movement for many years: Student groups, families, business leaders, and politicians have all proudly worn the moose hide pin.

The requested date for the lighting:

May 14, 2026

The requested colour(s) for the lighting (RGB number or colour sample)

Golden yellow, similar to the colour of the moose hide pin.

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Event Calendar Inclusion:

- We request that the Moose Hide Campaign Day be added to the City's official event calendar as part of ongoing efforts to promote awareness and reconciliation. This inclusion will provide an opportunity for residents to learn more about the campaign and how they can contribute to this important cause.

Newsletter Feature:

- We would greatly appreciate it if the City's newsletter or website could feature the Moose Hide Campaign in the lead-up to May 14, 2026, providing information on how individuals, families, and organizations can participate and make a difference. Sharing the significance of the campaign and offering participation options helps us engage even more community members in the movement.

Why Your Support Matters

- Lighting our landmarks, proclaiming the day, and sharing the campaign in your communications will contribute to a growing network of Canadians working together to create safe, respectful, and inclusive communities.
- The Moose Hide Campaign invites individuals and groups to take action whether by wearing the moose hide pin, sharing stories of healing, or joining events across the country.

A web link to more information on our organization:

- https://marketing.moosehidecampaign.ca/e/1041051/2026-04-23/3cccm/653192499/h/8UUFrrcav1nCIZZrXq6_xh6mD8_2KQKDwlq_aJlU6Nc
- https://marketing.moosehidecampaign.ca/e/1041051/downloads/3cccm/653192499/h/8UUFrrcav1nCIZZrXq6_xh6mD8_2KQKDwlq_aJlU6Nc

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. We are hopeful that, with your support, we can raise awareness, create opportunities for healing, and promote an ongoing dialogue as part of Moose Hide Campaign Day on May 14, 2026. Reach out to us at info@moosehidecampaign.ca and we would be happy to provide any further details or assistance in bringing this vision to life.

K. Lacerte

Kathryn Lacerte
Acting Executive Director

Amanda Graham

Subject: 889 Hot Springs Road – Zoning Clarification (C2 Use)

From: Gary [REDACTED]

Sent: April 25, 2026 7:06 AM

To: Vivian Li <info@harrisonhotsprings.ca>

Subject: 889 Hot Springs Road – Zoning Clarification (C2 Use)

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Hello Mayor and Council,

With respect to the 889 Hot Springs Road application, could the Village please clarify how the proposed storage component is being classified under Zoning Bylaw 1115 (C2)?

Specifically:

- Under which permitted C2 use does the storage component fall; and
- Whether the storage is being treated as an accessory use to the retail component.

If it is considered accessory, please clarify how it meets the requirement of being subordinate in scale and function, given the apparent extent of storage structures relative to the retail use.

This is a request for clarity on how the proposed use aligns with the intent and permitted uses of the C2 zone.

Thank you, Gary Webster
[REDACTED]

Amanda Graham

Subject: Responsible garbage

From: cathy christiansen [REDACTED]

Sent: April 29, 2026 9:57 AM

To: Vivian Li <info@harrisonhotsprings.ca>

Subject: Responsible garbage

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To Staff and Council, I think we need a bylaw geared to Businesses and residents being responsible for keeping and maintaining garbage out of wildlifes accessibility. Businesses should have to have lids locked down to stop Bears from becoming Garbage dependent. I have spoken to Bylaw officer Jessica and Bear aware lady Kelly Ann Phipps. WE All agreed this would be a positive step, to helping bylaws enforce people's awareness and responsibility .I also contacted councillor Mark Schwenbenz on this matter. I hope this brings some discussion amongst Council and Staff to assist bylaws. Thank you Sincerely, Cathy Christiansen, please find attached 2 photos. one is a Bear in an open dumpster yesterday on Cedar st behind Lillooet Harrison cafe. Cafe was closed so couldn't alert staff . I called



Bylaws





VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Environmental Advisory Committee
Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, March 11, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Mark Schweinbenz (Chair)
Mayor Fred Talen (ex-officio)
Susan Galvao
Paul Kandt (via Zoom)

MEMBERS ABSENT: John DeMartin

STAFF PRESENT: Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson (until 9:25 a.m.)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schweinbenz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Schweinbenz acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Susan Galvao
Seconded by Paul Kandt

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
EAC-2026-03-01

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Susan Galvao
Seconded by Paul Kandt

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2026be adopted.

CARRIED
EAC-2026-03-02

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Report from February 17, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

The Corporate Officer advised that the Committee's request to be consulted on any proposals for recreational use of the East Sector was approved by Council.

(b) Lillooet Avenue West Landscape Plan

The Director of Operations provided information on the plan, noting the following:

- The goal is to create a pedestrian friendly area to draw foot traffic from Esplanade Avenue while also formalizing parking stalls
- The Village is still currently finalizing the design as there are budgetary and drainage considerations that require the plans to be altered
- Due to drainage issues, the bumpouts will no longer be possible, however, the Village is exploring other options at the crosswalks such as flexible bollards, painting the ground to highlight the crosswalk or concrete planters
- Traffic will be slowed as the road will become narrower when vehicles are parked parallel along it
- The tree species are Crab Apple and Japanese Zelkova and have been reviewed by the Village's horticulturist
- Due to cost and maintenance from vehicle traffic, the river painting will not extend over the road
- Wood from the oak trees that were removed from the area will be repurposed and reused as part of this project
- There are challenges with putting in raised sidewalks and crosswalks due to existing grades, cost and impacts to other areas of the design as a result
- There will be six fewer parking stalls in this area, however, data from pay parking shows the area is underutilized for parking due to confusion over whether you can park in gravel areas
- The Village is engaging and working closely with businesses in the area to address their concerns and provide the opportunity for them to work in improvements to their own pavers at the same time

(c) Earth Day in My Update

The Corporate Officer advised that the following groups have confirmed their attendance:

- FireSmart Representative
- Wild Bluebell
- Wild Safe
- Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society
- Miami River Streamkeepers
- Communities in Bloom

Call 2 Recycle and Agassiz Bottle Depot, which supports battery recycling, cannot attend. The Committee confirmed their willingness to accept batteries and take them to the Agassiz Bottle Depot.

The Committee indicated its support for Wild Bluebell to put on a sourdough bread making workshop, and for Communities in Bloom to operate a concession with coffee and snacks. The Committee requested that GFL and BC Timber Sales also be contacted. It was noted that Earthwise Society has a speaker putting on several series at their facility and Susan will connect with them. The Committee approved the participation of two vendors, one who sells driftwood products and the other faux leather gifts. The theme this year for Communities in Bloom is therapeutic gardening and the CIB Committee will be exploring a few workshop options at their March 25, 2026 meeting.

(d) Adopt a Road Policy

The Committee requested to defer this to a future meeting and refer this to the Communities in Bloom Committee for comment.

(e) Civic Campus

The Corporate Officer advised that as part of the engagement plan for the Civic Campus proposal, the Village is currently working the School District to find a date and time in May for a public engagement event. The idea is to have an open space concept event that is focused on community dialogue and conversation take place at the school. The Village's Accessibility and Age-Friendly Committees have indicated interest in attending to discuss their perspectives on the project. Staff will let the Committee know once a date has been finalized so that any interested members can attend as representatives of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Susan Galvao
Seconded by Paul Kandt

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

CARRIED
EAC-2026-03-03



Councillor Mark Schweinbenz, Chair
Environmental Advisory Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Age-Friendly Committee Minutes

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2026
TIME: 2:00 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Fred Talen, Chair
Alison Douglas
Hannelore Gidora
Audrey Johnstone
Marlene Reimer
Liz Webber

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judith Barron
Karen Seraphim

STAFF PRESENT: Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Communications and Community Engagement
Coordinator, Kalie Wiechmann

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Talen acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Audrey Johnstone
Seconded by Marlene Reimer

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
AFC-2026-03-01

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Liz Webber
Seconded by Alison Douglas

THAT the Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of February 26, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED
AFC-2026-03-02

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Career Day

Staff presented a few ideas surrounding a Career Day as outlined in the Committee's 2026 Work Plan. The idea is to have it in the school gym sometime in June, with various stations covering a range of careers including trades, first responders, marine-related work, arts, health care and politics. Other ideas include a photobooth and "Future Me" colouring station. The Committee will contact people who might be interested in participating and having a table. Staff will reach out to the school to determine interest and a potential date.

(b) Update on Age Friendly Grant Stream 2 Application

Staff thanked the Committee for the Letter of Support and advised that an application has been submitted for the following:

- An Age-Friendly gathering node as part of the Lillooet Avenue streetscape enhancement plan, based on the concept of a "Community Hub" in the Age-Friendly Action Plan
- Wellness programming such as chair or mat yoga, or tai chi
- Volunteer appreciation and honorariums

(c) Community Connections Café Series

The Village is launching a "Community Connections Café Series" at the Village Health Centre at 102-160 Lillooet Avenue every second Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. from April 24 to August 28. Each café will have a different theme. August 14 has been identified for an Age-Friendly café. The café is drop in and designed for people to visit the Health Centre, see the space, connect with each other and with staff who will be there during that time. There will be coffee and a lending library available, as well as resources and information. Anyone can come by at any time without having to register.

The Committee discussed usership of the Health Centre, the cost of leasing and renovating the space and the days of operation by Fraser Health.

(d) Lunch and Learns for Emergency Preparedness

The Village will be hosting a series of Lunch and Learn events at the Village Office every second Tuesday starting April 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The first one will focus on FireSmart Landscaping. Registration will be required as there is a maximum of 12 people who can attend. Other planned topics include preparing an emergency plan, using Alertable and creating a grab and go bag.

(e) Civic Campus Public Event Update – May 20, 2026

A date has now been set for the Civic Campus public event, to be held on Wednesday, May 20 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm at the school. Committee members were given a Table Host Guide outlining the participating groups, the proposed timeline and structure of the event, along with some age-friendly topics and general instructions.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Marlene Reimer
Seconded by Liz Webber

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:39 p.m.

CARRIED
AFC-2026-03-03



Mayor Fred Talen, Chair
Age-Friendly Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS Communities in Bloom Committee Minutes

DATE: Wednesday, March 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
Janice Moffat
Susan Galvao
Margaret Shier

MEMBERS ABSENT: Susan Caley

STAFF PRESENT: Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Councillor Jackson acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

4. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Janice Moffat
Seconded by Margaret Shier

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
CIB-2026-03-01

5. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

Moved by Janice Moffat
Seconded by Margaret Shier

THAT the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED
CIB-2026-03-02

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Update on West Coast Seeds Fundraiser

Staff advised that the Committee raised just over \$200 and that many people who purchased seeds were associated with the Committee in some way.

A resident provided feedback to a Committee member that the wording of the Garden of the Week signs which state "Best Garden" can make other people who work hard on their gardens feel excluded. It was noted that the signs are provided by Miracle Gro/Scott's and cannot be changed and the goal of the program is to bring positivity by recognizing unique, outstanding gardens in the community.

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

The Committee indicated support for a Horticulture Therapy Workshop with planting beans/peas within the range of \$300-\$350 as there is existing budget for a workshop. Staff will contact the vendor to finalize the details.

Staff noted that although the Environmental Committee is supportive of the CIB Committee operating a concession, there is going to be a sourdough workshop operating out of the Memorial Hall kitchen during the event and this may make running a concession difficult due to limited space. The Committee discussed the amount of work that goes into running a concession including obtaining the items, setting the price list, having people operate the concession during the entire event, managing the cash and leftover items. The Environmental Committee has a budget for providing free food and refreshments to the public to encourage attendance, so staff will reach out to local vendors.

Marg Shier has some starter plants to sell at a nominal fee for a fundraiser at the Committee table during the event.

(c) Garden of the Week Update

Staff advised that the Village was once again selected for the Best Garden program. The program will run around the same time as last year, and the Committee agreed to follow a similar process where every member would sign up for certain weeks. The Committee further discussed expanding the criteria into categories such as drought-tolerant, small space, patio, FireSmart, business gardens, etc.

(d) 2026 Gardening Projects:

Lagoon Garden Bed Planting: Staff advised that large landscape rocks have been installed around the border and more soil has been brought in.

Weed and Feed Events: Staff noted that the Committee has many events and projects planned and with a member recently resigning, putting on the Weed and Feed event may prove difficult. The Committee indicated it would consider this for the next meeting. There was some discussion around involving people with physical or cognitive disabilities in these events.

CIB Anniversary Tree Planting: Staff advised that unfortunately, the Anniversary Tree was severely damaged by rodents who ate the bark off the tree two-three feet up the trunk and at through the bark mulch in the pot and the roots of the tree. Locating a Tahiti Rose of Sharon has proven to be difficult. The Committee indicated that a pink Rose of Sharon would be a suitable replacement.

(e) Adopt-a-Road Policy

The Village's Adopt-a-Road Policy came up at the Environmental Committee table with a recommendation to expand it into an Adopt-a-Trail or Adopt-a-Shoreline program. The Committee commented that they have a long list of projects for this year already and fitting this in, along with Weed and Feed events, may not be feasible.

(f) 2026 To-Do List

Staff highlighted some other projects on this year's list, including the Garden Tour and the Canada Day Parade Float which will be added to the next agenda for further discussion.

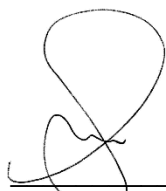
(g) Next Meeting Date: March 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Susan Galvao
Seconded by Janice Moffat

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

CARRIED
CIB-2026-03-03



Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair
Communities in Bloom Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Environmental Advisory Committee
Minutes

DATE: Thursday, April 2, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Mark Schweinbenz (Chair)
Mayor Fred Talen (ex-officio)
Susan Galvao
Paul Kandt (via Zoom)

MEMBERS ABSENT: John DeMartin

STAFF PRESENT: Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham (via Zoom)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schweinbenz called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Susan Galvao
Seconded by Paul Kandt

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
EAC-2026-04-01

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Susan Galvao
Seconded by Paul Kandt

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED
EAC-2026-04-02

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Report from February 17, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

The Corporate Officer advised that the Committee's request to be consulted on any proposals for recreational use of the East Sector was approved by Council.

(b) Lillooet Avenue West Landscape Plan

The Director of Operations provided information on the plan, noting the following:

- The goal is to create a pedestrian friendly area to draw foot traffic from Esplanade Avenue while also formalizing parking stalls
- The Village is still currently finalizing the design as there are budgetary and drainage considerations that require the plans to be altered
- Due to drainage issues, the bumpouts will no longer be possible, however, the Village is exploring other options at the crosswalks such as flexible bollards, painting the ground to highlight the crosswalk or concrete planters
- Traffic will be slowed as the road will become narrower when vehicles are parked parallel along it
- The tree species are Crab Apple and Japanese Zelkova and have been reviewed by the Village's horticulturist
- Due to cost and maintenance from vehicle traffic, the river painting will not extend over the road
- Wood from the oak trees that were removed from the area will be repurposed and reused as part of this project
- There are challenges with putting in raised sidewalks and crosswalks due to existing grades, cost and impacts to other areas of the design as a result
- There will be six fewer parking stalls in this area, however, data from pay parking shows the area is underutilized for parking due to confusion over whether you can park in gravel areas
- The Village is engaging and working closely with businesses in the area to address their concerns and provide the opportunity for them to work in improvements to their own pavers at the same time

(c) Earth Day in My Update

The Corporate Officer advised that the following groups have confirmed their attendance:

- FireSmart Representative
- Wild Bluebell
- Wild Safe
- Fraser Valley Invasive Species Society
- Miami River Streamkeepers
- Communities in Bloom

Call 2 Recycle and Agassiz Bottle Depot, which supports battery recycling, cannot attend. The Committee confirmed their willingness to accept batteries and take them to the Agassiz Bottle Depot.

The Committee indicated its support for Wild Bluebell to put on a sourdough bread making workshop, and for Communities in Bloom to operate a concession with coffee and snacks. The Committee requested that GFL and BC Timber Sales also be contacted. It was noted that Earthwise Society has a speaker putting on several series at their facility and Susan will connect with them. The Committee approved the participation of two vendors, one who sells driftwood products and the other faux leather gifts. The theme this year for Communities in Bloom is therapeutic gardening and the CIB Committee will be exploring a few workshop options at their March 25, 2026 meeting.

(d) Adopt a Road Policy

The Committee requested to defer this to a future meeting and refer this to the Communities in Bloom Committee for comment.

(e) Civic Campus

The Corporate Officer advised that as part of the engagement plan for the Civic Campus proposal, the Village is currently working the School District to find a date and time in May for a public engagement event. The idea is to have an open space concept event that is focused on community dialogue and conversation take place at the school. The Village's Accessibility and Age-Friendly Committees have indicated interest in attending to discuss their perspectives on the project. Staff will let the Committee know once a date has been finalized so that any interested members can attend as representatives of the Environmental Advisory Committee.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Susan Galvao
Seconded by Paul Kandt

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

CARRIED
EAC-2026-04-03



Councillor Mark Schweinbenz, Chair
Environmental Advisory Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

BYLAW NO. 1238, 2026

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH TAX RATES FOR 2026

WHEREAS pursuant to section 197 of the *Community Charter*, Council must by bylaw impose property value taxes for the year by establishing tax rates,

NOW THEREFORE in open meeting assembled, Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited as "Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1238, 2026".

2. RATES

The following rates are hereby imposed and levied for the year 2026:

- (a) For all lawful general purposes of the municipality on the assessed value of land and improvements taxable for general municipal purposes, rates appearing in Schedule A attached hereto and forming a part of this bylaw.
- (b) For Regional District purposes on the full assessed value of all land and assessed value of all improvements taxable for Regional District purposes, rates appearing in Column "A" of Schedule B attached hereto and forming a part of this bylaw.
- (c) For Regional Hospital District purposes on the full assessed value of all land and assessed value of all improvements taxable for Regional Hospital District purposes, rates appearing in Column "B" of Schedule B attached hereto and forming a part of this bylaw.

3. MINIMUM TAXATION

The minimum amount of taxation upon a parcel of real property shall be one dollar (\$1.00).

4. REPEAL

Village of Harrison Hot Springs Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1221, 2025 is hereby repealed.

5. READINGS AND ADOPTION

READ A FIRST TIME this 20th day of April, 2026

READ A SECOND TIME this 20th day of April, 2026

READ A THIRD TIME this 20th day of April, 2026

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**Bylaw No. 1238
SCHEDULE "A"
GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES**

General Municipal Tax Rates (Dollars of Tax per \$1,000 Taxable Value)	
Property Class	Tax Rate
1. Residential	2.12272
2. Utilities	7.42952
3. Supportive Housing	2.12272
4. Major Industry	7.21725
5. Light Industry	7.21725
6. Business / Other	6.02853
7. Managed Forest Land	6.36816
8. Recreation / Non-Profit	7.96020
9: Farm	2.12272

**Bylaw No. 1238
SCHEDULE "B"
REGIONAL & HOSPITAL TAX RATES**

Regional & Hospital Tax Rates (Dollars of Tax per \$1,000 Taxable Value)			
Property Class	A Regional District	B Regional Hospital	Total
1. Residential	0.20439	0.11563	0.32002
2. Utilities	0.71540	0.40476	1.12015
3. Supportive Housing	0.20439	0.11563	0.32002
4. Major Industry	0.69491	0.39315	1.08806
5. Light Industry	0.69491	0.39315	1.08806
6. Business / Other	0.50075	0.28331	0.78406
7. Managed Forest Land	0.61316	0.34690	0.96006
8. Recreation / Non-Profit	0.20439	0.11563	0.32002
9: Farm	0.20439	0.11563	0.32002

File No: 3360-20-Z02/26
Date: May 4, 2026

To: Mayor and Council
From: Ken Cossey, Planning Consultant
Subject: C2 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1244, 2026 (889 Hot Springs Road)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1244, 2026 be introduced and given first reading;
2. THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1244, 2026 be introduced and given second reading;
and
3. THAT staff be directed to schedule a Public Hearing.

SUMMARY

The applicant wishes to subdivide the parent parcel into two Lots. As part of the future commercial uses of one of the Lots, a Zoning Bylaw text amendment is required. This required zoning amendment was not noted by staff at the time of the original application, which was first submitted in 2023. This oversight was only recently identified after reviewing the file. Staff acknowledge this mistake and apologize for any inconvenience arising from it. In order to proceed with the recently issued DP and DVP, a Zoning Bylaw text amendment to address the permitted uses in the C2 Zone is required.

BACKGROUND

Zoning Information, Parcel Size, and Adjacent Uses

The parcel is zoned C-2 and is located adjacent to Hot Springs Road. Along all boundaries of this site, the parcels of adjacent land are zoned for R-2 residential activities.

The parent parcel is 0.40447 Ha (43,680 ft², 1.002 Ac, 4,057 M²) in size. The applicant is seeking to create two lots which if approved will both exceed the minimum lot size requirement of 464 M². If approved by the Village's Approving Officer (AO), proposed Lot 1 would be 1173.1 M² and proposed Lot 2 would be 2871.6 M².

OCP Designation

The site is designated as Low Density Residential. The continued use of the site for commercial purposes is governed by the following objective as outlined in s 7.2 (f) of the current OCP.

- “f. Consider carefully designed neighbourhood commercial development in the southern portion of the municipality, which provides for daily and occasional shopping needs for the adjacent area.”
(Official Community Plan Bylaw #1184, 2022)



(view from Hot Springs Road)



Site



ZONING DISCUSSION

Mini storage facilities, also known as self-storage units, have become increasingly popular in urban and suburban neighbourhoods across Canada. They offer residents and businesses a secure option for storing possessions, seasonal items, or inventory, which can be particularly useful in areas with limited living or commercial space.

The introduction of mini storage units can impact a neighbourhood in several ways. On the positive side, these facilities help to reduce clutter in homes and businesses, potentially improving property aesthetics and quality of life. They may also contribute to the local economy by providing jobs and supporting small businesses needing flexible storage solutions.

However, there can be challenges associated with mini storage facilities. Increased traffic and congestion may occur, especially if the facility is large or operates extended hours. Some residents may have concerns about the appearance of storage buildings, as their industrial look can contrast with residential surroundings. Additionally, inadequate site planning could lead to issues such as noise, lighting, or drainage problems.

Overall, the impact of mini storage facilities on a neighbourhood depends on their location, design, management, and community engagement. Thoughtful integration, such as landscaping, architectural design, and traffic management can help mitigate potential negative effects and enhance their benefits for the community.

The applicant has provided a Traffic Impact Assessment Report, dated September 3, 2025, that has indicated that no queuing or operational issues are anticipated on Hot Springs Road. The landscaping issues have been previously addressed in the DVP application. A Works and Services Agreement, as recommended for the issuance of the DP and DVP, will address any physical development of the site.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Zoning Bylaw – C2 requirements, Bylaw 1115, 2017
OCP Bylaw 1184, 2022 – section 7.2 (f)

Respectfully submitted:

Reviewed by:



Ken Cossey, MCIP, RPP
Planning Consultant



Tyson Koch
Chief Administrative Officer

Attachment: Draft Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1244, 2026



VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS

BYLAW NO. 1244, 2026

A BYLAW TO AMEND ZONING BYLAW NO.1115

WHEREAS the Mayor and Council have deemed it advisable to amend the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Zoning Bylaw No. 1115, 2017, the Zoning Bylaw for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs, as adopted May 7, 2018;

NOW THEREFORE in open meeting assembled, Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This bylaw may be cited as "Village of Harrison Hot Springs Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1244, 2026".

2. AMENDMENT

The "Permitted Commercial Uses" table in section 7.1.2 "Commercial Uses" is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) By inserting "Personal Service Uses", as a permitted use in the C-2 Zone column.

3. READINGS AND ADOPTION

READ A FIRST TIME this ___ day of ___, 2026

READ A SECOND TIME this ___ day of ___, 2026

READ A THIRD TIME this ___ day of ___, 2026

ADOPTED this ___ day of ___, 2026

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer