

VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS Age-Friendly Committee Minutes

DATE: Thursday, February 26, 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 (via Zoom)
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 2:01 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 Hannelore Gidora
Seconded by Audrey Johnstone

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
AFC-2026-02-01

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Audrey Johnstone
Seconded by Marlene Reimer

THAT the Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED
AFC-2026-02-02

It was noted that the Spring Park washrooms close early this time of year and that the Village is exploring automatic door locks on a timer. In the meantime, it was suggested that a sign with the washroom hours be placed outside the washroom.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) 2026 Age Friendly Grant Update

Staff advised that the Village will be submitting a grant application for Age Friendly funding up to \$15,000 to support implementing the Age Friendly Action Plan and the Committee work plan.

Moved by Liz Webber
Seconded by Audrey Johnstone

THAT the Committee provide a letter of support for the Village's 2026 Age Friendly Grant application.

CARRIED
AFC-2026-02-03

A copy of the letter will be circulated to the Committee.

(b) Chair Yoga Update

Chair Yoga is currently taking place on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. This session will end on March 21 and the Village will be looking to start it up again once the instructor returns in May. There has been an increase in participation, with approximately 40 unique registrants and about 20 people participating in each session. There have also been participants from outside of Harrison Hot Springs.

(c) Memorial Hall Usage

It was noted that Memorial Hall is well used by a variety of user groups.

(d) Civic Campus / School District 78 Partnership

Mayor Talen spoke about the proposed Civic Campus project, noting the following:

- The Village has engaged with the School District and the Parent Advisory Council
- The proposed project would see the construction of a new school that meets capacity needs and increases safety with a dedicated drop-off area off the main roads
- The school is currently over capacity for student enrollment and the number of students is expected to grow

- There have been concerns noted regarding the loss of green space and trees in Fire Hall Park
- There have not been any updates regarding the provincial 2026/2027 budget
- If the new school proceeds, this would open the door for other opportunities such as recreational programming, a casual drop in space for user groups to meet, support for the arts and improvements to Council chambers and civic buildings

Staff provided information about the Open Space concept, which is a public engagement event for the Civic Campus slated for the end of April to be held tentatively at the school. This is a conversation-focused open house where various stakeholders, partners and interest groups would be present to answer questions and provide information about their thoughts on the project. The Committee expressed support for participating in this event to ensure that Age Friendly concepts are taken into consideration.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Hannelore Gidora
Seconded by Marlene Reimer

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:49 p.m.

CARRIED
AFC-2026-02-04



Mayor Fred Talen, Chair
Age-Friendly Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer