



# 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.

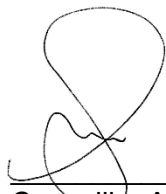
(g) Next Meeting Date: March 25, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

**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



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Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair  
Communities in Bloom Committee



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Amanda Graham  
Corporate Officer