



## VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 28, 2026  
**TIME:** 3:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** Council Chambers, Village Office  
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillor Mark Schweinbenz (Chair)  
John DeMartin  
Susan Galvao  
Paul Kandt

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:** Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Schweinbenz called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.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-2026-04-01

### 5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by John DeMartin  
Seconded by Susan Galvao

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2026 be adopted as amended, with the correction to the spelling of Susan's last name.

**CARRIED**  
EAC-2026-04-02

## 6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### (a) Earth Day in May Finalization

The Committee discussed final details of the event as follows:

- The new grass outside of Memorial Hall is cordoned off due to it being newly planted so the Yoga / Horticulture Therapy Workshop will take place up on the band stand instead
- The Sourdough Workshop sold out quickly and has a wait list
- Mayor Victor Smith connected the Village with a carver named Hannu Yliruusi and determined that they would have him set up on the beachfront in front Memorial Hall and carve during times when the gardening and yoga workshop are not taking place
- Assisting with battery recycling and directing people where to go
- The final schedule of events and attendees

### (b) Adopt a Road / Shoreline Policy

The Committee discussed the current policy, noting that it is currently inactive and would require some initial work to get started again. There are also liability and union considerations that need to be taken into account. It was determined that this matter would be tabled until the next meeting to give the Committee some time to review the current policy and recommend changes.

### (c) 2026 Work Plan

Discussion ensued regarding outstanding items on the 2026 Work Plan including exploring partnerships regarding the health of the Miami River, identifying public areas for tree planting, research into mitigating human-wildlife conflicts, and reviewing cosmetic pesticide use.

### (d) Update on Village Meeting with Miami River Streamkeepers (Paul Kandt)

Paul Kandt provided an update on a meeting between Miami River Streamkeepers (MRSS) and the Village. Both parties recently met to discuss what work they're doing to make sure everyone is informed. The Rotary Club has a convention in town this weekend and MRSS will be partnering with them to do a weed pull on Sunday. The Village will be assisting by taking away whatever gets pulled out. The meeting also touched on bank stabilization along McCombs Drive and the need for funding to cover the materials which are estimated to be around \$5-6,000.

### (e) Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 26 at 3:00 p.m.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by John DeMartin**  
**Seconded by Susan Galvao**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:49 p.m.

**CARRIED**  
EAC-2026-04-03



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Councillor Mark Schweinbenz, Chair  
Environmental Advisory Committee



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Amanda Graham  
Corporate Officer