



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA AGE-FRIENDLY COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 18, 2026, 2:00 PM
Village Office, 495 Hot Springs Road
Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN-PERSON ONLY

1. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by Mayor Talen.
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT
Acknowledgment of traditional territory of Sts'ailes.
3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
(a) THAT the minutes of the May 21, 2026 Age-Friendly Committee Meeting be adopted. Page 1
6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
(a) Career Day
(b) Canada Day Activity
(c) New Horizons Grant – Video Project
7. ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Age-Friendly Committee Minutes**

DATE: Thursday, May 21, 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
Judith Barron
Alison Douglas
Hannelore Gidora
Audrey Johnstone

MEMBERS ABSENT: Karen Seraphim
Liz Webber

STAFF PRESENT: Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
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

Hannelore Gidora requested to add Seniors Health and Wellness as Item for Discussion 6(d).

Alison Douglas requested to add Connections Café and Pay Parking as Items for Discussion 6(e) and 6(f) respectively.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Audrey Johnstone
Seconded by Hannelore Gidora

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED
AFC-2026-05-01

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Judith Barron
Seconded by Alison Douglas

THAT the Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED
AFC-2026-05-02

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Career Day

Staff advised that due to the short turnaround time and the school's schedule during the busy month of June, there is not enough time or staff resources to put on a Career Day next month. This item is on the Committee's 2026 Work Plan and will be planned for the fall instead.

(b) Canada Day Activity

The Canada Day Committee usually organizes kids' activities between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Last year, Canada Day was very hot so this year we will be opening up Memorial Hall during that time to provide a cooling off area for kids to do indoor activities such as colouring or reading. One proposed activity is to paint wooden shapes that would be affixed to sticks and placed in various garden beds throughout the Village. The hope is for some community volunteers to participate in facilitating this activity. The plan is to have the painting activity take place outdoors, either under a tent or in the covered area in front of Memorial Hall.

The Committee noted that some children may wish to take their shape home with them and also requested that the Village look at purchasing some flags or maple leaf shapes.

Discussion ensued regarding traffic control as large groups of motorists all leave the Village at once after the fireworks conclude.

(c) New Horizons Grant – Video Project

The Village was successful in its New Horizons Grant application in the amount of \$21,500 provided by the federal government to support a ten part seniors' video series filmed between now and next spring. The goal is to compile the videos into an approximately 50 minute film and screen it at a community event. The film would then be publicly available on the Village's YouTube page. Staff requested that the Committee consider connecting with community champions who may wish to participate based on the following topics:

1. Roots of Harrison – Seniors share their personal journeys about what brought them to Harrison Hot Springs and why they choose to live here
2. Herstory – Celebrating women who shaped Harrison Hot Springs. The Village is connecting with the Agassiz Harrison Museum on this.

3. Cultural Mosaic – Exploring the diverse cultures that make up Harrison Hot Springs
4. Mentorship in Action – Filming events such as the hands of children painting at community events and other community-based intergenerational activities
5. Staying Connected – Focusing on wellness, activity, and social connections such as the Social Club
6. Community Treasures – Seniors share their hidden gems around the Village or special places they visit
7. Why We Volunteer – Filming different volunteer led events
8. Looking Ahead – Seniors reflect on their hopes for the future of Harrison Hot Springs and what an age friendly community means to them
9. Arts and Connecting – Focusing on the role of arts and creativity in our community
10. Belonging – Seniors speak on what belonging means to them and when they feel the most connected to community

It was noted that the Committee may wish to share one of these clips during a regular Council meeting or share them with the Agassiz Harrison Museum to play on a loop.

(d) Seniors' Health and Wellness Institute

Hannelore circulated a document listing several workshops provided for free for groups of over ten people by the Seniors' Health and Wellness Institute/COSCO. It was requested that this item be brought forward at a future meeting for further discussion.

(e) Connections Café

Alison thanked Kalie for putting on the Connections Cafes at the Village Health Centre, stating that she met several people there and appreciated the initiative.

Discussion ensued regarding a new notice board on Lillooet Avenue, the need for an annual event calendar in hardcopy form and potential future electronic message boards.

(f) Pay Parking

Alison noted that some people are frustrated by the extend hours of pay parking this year going until 8 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. and that some people are choosing not to come for dinner here due to pay parking. It was clarified that from Monday to Thursday, pay parking ends at 7 p.m. It was also noted that meters have been ordered so people have another option to pay for parking other than a phone app, but the meters have been delayed and have not yet been installed. The Committee discussed the resident parking pass and free accessible stalls, which are new features of pay parking this year.

Alison provided an update regarding seniors activities taking place at Memorial Hall through the Community Response Network including Mah Jong, card games, soup and buns, and live music. A Family Parenting Place dinner will be held there in the future as well.

Mayor Talen thanked Hannelore Gidora for her time on the Committee and presented her with a card on behalf of the Village.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Alison Douglas
Seconded by Audrey Johnstone

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

CARRIED
AFC-2026-05-03

Mayor Fred Talen, Chair
Age-Friendly Committee

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

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