

VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS Regular Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, June 15, 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
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Communications and Community Engagement
Coordinator, Kalie Wiechmann
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**

- Item 9(a) delegate Dave Eidet was unable to attend and will reschedule at a later date.

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT item 9(a) be removed from the agenda.

CARRIED
RC-2026-06-14

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2026-06-15

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 1, 2026

(b) Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2026

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the minutes be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2026-06-16

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

None.

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director) – Attended a Regional and Corporate Services Committee Meeting on June 11, 2026
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report

- Attended Sasquatch Days on June 13-14, 2026
- Attended a Fire Department training session on June 2, 2026

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Reported on the Communities in Bloom Committee meeting on June 4, 2026 and the Committee's recent activities

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society
 - Reported on the annual report and highlighted the work of 8 volunteers from the Village who donate their time to the Museum: Marc Ferrero, Hanne Gidora, Jean Hicks, Dennis Hill, Shirley Matkowski, Maureen Wendt, Bruce Turner, and Sharon Weeks
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Food Coalition – No Report
- Attended a Fire Department Training Session on June 2, 2026
- Attended Sasquatch Days on June 13-14, 2026

Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee
 - Attended a meeting on June 3, 2026
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended a Fire Department Training Session on June 2, 2026
- Attended a meeting with Enbridge on June 11, 2026
- Attended Sasquatch Days on June 13-14, 2026

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Attended Lower Mainland Mayor's meeting with RCMP on June 2, 2026
- Attended a virtual meeting with Fraser Health regarding Village Health Centre on June 3, 2026
- Attended a Fire Department Training Session on June 2, 2026
- Attended a Resort Community Collaborative Mayor's Meeting on June 4, 2026
- Reported on Communities in Bloom planting day on June 4, 2026
- Attended Agassiz Elementary Secondary School's graduation ceremony on June 5, 2026
- Reported on the "Look West" conference call with the Province on June 8, 2026
- Attended a Chamber of Commerce Meeting on June 9, 2026
- Attended a meeting with Enbridge on June 11, 2026
- Attended Sasquatch Days on June 13-14, 2026

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- (a) Communities in Bloom Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2026

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the adopted committee meeting minutes be received.

CARRIED
RC-2026-06-17

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated June 15, 2026
Re: Civic Campus Project Update

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council receive the Civic Campus Update report dated June 15, 2026 for information.

CARRIED
RC-2026-06-18

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council direct staff to prepare a report to Council that includes costs/funding models to engage consultants to perform a danger tree assessment, to evaluate the health and safety of existing vegetation within the area, an ecological/environmental assessment to provide valuable baseline data regarding site conditions, habitat value, and potential constraints.

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT this motion be tabled until the Province confirms funding for the school.

The question was called and Mayor Talen, and Councillors Schweinbenz and Vidal voted in favour, while Councillors Facio and Jackson voted in opposition of the motion. Upon further discussion, it was noted that the first time the question was called, Council believed they were voting on the main motion. Mayor Talen re-called the question on the motion to table.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY MAYOR TALEN, COUNCILLORS SCHWEINBENZ AND VIDAL

Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Mayor Talen

THAT the scope of the assessment be expanded to include an assessment of potential social and recreational value and opportunities in Fire Hall Park.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON AND VIDAL

Council voted on the original motion.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO AND JACKSON
RC-2026-06-19

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Mayor Talen

THAT Council direct staff to forward the revised Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) for consideration.

MOTION FAILED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLORS FACIO, JACKSON AND SCHWEINBENZ

- (b) Report of Director of Operations dated June 15, 2026
Re: Ayelexw Qwo'ls: Reviving the Hot Springs

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council authorize the expenditure of up to \$250,000 toward a feasibility study of the Hot Springs Source to identify requirements for a future project supporting public access to hot springs mineral water, of which \$50,000 will be funded by the Community Works Fund, and the remaining \$200,000 will be funded by grants; and

THAT staff issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to define scope, methodology, and costs to undertake a feasibility study of the hot springs source.

CARRIED
RC-2026-06-20

- (c) Report of Chief Financial Officer dated June 15, 2026
Re: 2025 Annual Report

Mayor Talen called for comments from the public regarding the 2025 Annual Report.

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the 2025 Annual Report be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2026-06-21

- (d) Report of Corporate Officer dated June 15, 2026
Re: Anti-Racial Discrimination and Anti-Racism Policy 1.42

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Anti-Racial Discrimination and Anti-Racism Policy 1.42 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2026-06-22

- (e) Report of Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator dated June 15, 2026
Re: Temporary Off-Leash Dog Park – Spring Park

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council approve the reinstallation of a temporary off-leash dog park within Spring Park during the 2026 peak tourism season, located between the two sports courts and operating from the end of June to the end of September 2026, from dawn to dusk; and

THAT staff implement a public feedback survey open to all users of Spring Park throughout the temporary trial period; and

THAT staff report back to Council with updated findings, additional public feedback, concept options, and associated costs for future consideration.

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16. BYLAWS

None.

17. NEW BUSINESS

None.

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

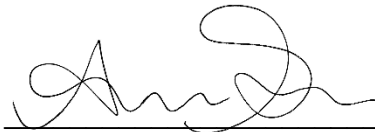
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2026-06-24



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer