

VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS Regular Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, July 13, 2026
TIME: 5:30 p.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

COUNCIL PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Vidal
Councillor Leo Facio
Councillor Allan Jackson
Councillor Mark Schweinbenz

COUNCIL ABSENT: Mayor Fred Talen

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
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey
Fire Chief, Curtis Genest (Via Zoom)
Corporate Clerk, Tyler Kafi

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Deputy Mayor Vidal called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Deputy Mayor Vidal acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. **PUBLIC HEARING (If required)**

None.

4. **INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

None.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-01

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- (a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of June 15, 2026

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the minutes be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-02

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- (a) Letter dated April 27, 2026 from the Lets'emot Community 2 Community Forum to Premier Eby
Re: Request to Develop a Standard Approach to Managing Construction Waste
- (b) Letter dated June 19, 2026 from the Ministry of Environment to the Lets'emot Community 2 Community Forum
Re: Response to Request to Develop a Standard Approach to Managing Construction Waste
- (c) Letter dated June 30, 2026 from District of Oak Bay to the Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions
Re: Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) Funding
- (d) Letter dated July 2, 2026 from the Fraser Valley Regional District
Re: Support for Village of Harrison Hot Springs Resolution regarding FOIPPA Resourcing for Small Local Governments
- (e) Email dated July 3, 2026 from Agassiz Harrison Museum & Visitor Centre
Re: Requesting Letter of Support – New Horizons for Seniors Program (NHSP)

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT all correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-03

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council send a letter of support to the Agassiz Harrison Museum & Visitor Centre for their grant application to the New Horizons for Seniors Program.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-04

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Council send a letter of support to the District of Oak Bay regarding continued support for the Local Government Climate Action Program funding.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-05

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Reported on the Communities in Bloom Judges visiting the Village on July 8, 2026
- Thanked Councillor Facio for his involvement in the planning of the Canada Day Parade

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society – No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Food Coalition – No Report
- Reported on the fire that occurred at Springs RV Resort on June 23, 2026 and thanked the many emergency services that stepped in to help.

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council send letters of thanks to all agencies involved in responding to the Springs RV Resort fire on June 23, 2026.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-06

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Council send a letter of appreciation to the Fire Department expressing gratitude for their service.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-07

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director) – Attended a meeting on June 25, 2026 and a Regional and Corporate Services Committee Meeting on July 9, 2026
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended
- Reported on the Communities in Bloom Judges visiting the Village on July 8, 2026
- Reported on Canada Day event on July 1, 2026

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council send a letter of support to FVRD Electoral Area A Director Diane Johnson offering support if needed to the Electoral Area affected by the current wildfire.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-08

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council send a letter to Fraser Health and Minister of Health Josie Osborne regarding clarification on registration with the nurse practitioner at the Village Health Centre.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-09

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

Deputy Mayor Vidal reported on the following:

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended LMLGA Executive Board Meeting on June 18, 2026
- Attended the fire at Springs RV on June 23, 2026. Thanked residents for avoiding the area and all agencies involved.
- Attended a Tourism Harrison River Valley meet and greet at the Harrison Beach Hotel with new Tourism Harrison staff on June 25, 2026
- Attended Canada Day Celebrations on July 1, 2026
- Attended Lets'emot C2C forum on July 8, 2026
- Reported on the Communities in Bloom Judges' visit on July 8, 2026
- Attended the Festival of the Arts opening on July 11, 2026
- Attended public information meeting regarding the Lets'emot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre hosted by the District of Kent on July 9, 2026

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

- (a) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2026
- (b) Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2026
- (c) Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2026

Moved by Councillor Facio

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the adopted committee meeting minutes be received.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-10

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated July 13, 2026
Re: CAO 2026 Second Quarter Update

Moved by Councillor Jackson

Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer's report dated July 13, 2026 regarding the 2026 Second Quarter Update be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-11

- (b) Report of Corporate Officer dated July 13, 2026
Re: Generative AI and Information and Technology Policy 1.44

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Generative AI and Information and Technology Policy 1.44 be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-12

- (c) Report of Corporate Officer dated July 13, 2026
Re: Civic Recognition and Commemorative Naming Policy 1.45

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Civic Recognition and Commemorative Naming Policy 1.45 and the Civic Recognition Committee Terms of Reference be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-13

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff be directed to bring the policy forward to the incoming Council after the 2026 General Local Election as part of the review of all Committees.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-14

- (d) Report of Corporate Officer dated July 13, 2026
Re: Agenda Management Platform

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be authorized to proceed with the implementation of the Diligent Community governance platform at a cost of up to \$8,000 to be funded through surplus in 2026 and through the budget process annually thereafter.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-15

- (e) Report of Chief Financial Officer dated July 13, 2026
Re: Council Remuneration Review Update

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Chief Financial Officer's report dated July 13, 2026 regarding the council remuneration review update be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-16

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be directed to draft updates to policy to reflect that the Village will provide electronic devices to Council beginning at the start of next council term.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR SCHWEINBENZ
RC-2026-07-17

- (f) Report of Chief Financial Officer dated July 13, 2026
Re: Grant Notification – Firehouse Subs Equipment Grant

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council approves the expenditure of up to \$45,000 in capital equipment for the Fire Department, to be funded by the approved Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation grant.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-18

- (g) Report of Community Services Manager dated July 13, 2026
Re: Community Bulletin Board Policy

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council rename Policy No. 1.06 to "Community Bulletin Board" and approve the proposed amendments to Policy No. 1.06 as presented.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-19

- (h) Report of Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator dated July 13, 2026

Re: IDEA Framework and Action Plan – Implementation Update

Moved by Councillor Facio

Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council receive the IDEA Framework and Action Plan – Implementation Update for information.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-20

16. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Corporate Officer dated July 13, 2026

Re: Pesticide Use Regulation Bylaw No. 1245, 2026

Moved by Councillor Facio

Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Pesticide Use Regulation Bylaw No. 1245, 2026 be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-21

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Pesticide Use Regulation Bylaw No. 1245, 2026 be given second reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-22

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be directed to conduct public education and engagement regarding the draft bylaw and report back to Council with the results prior to consideration of third reading and adoption.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-23

- (b) Report of Planning Consultant dated July 13, 2026
Re: Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1244, 2026 (889 Hot Springs Road)

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1244, 2026, be given third reading as amended.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR SCHWEINBENZ
RC-2026-07-24

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1244, 2026 be adopted subject to:

- a. A landscaping agreement being accepted by the Village of Harrison Hot Springs as per the Site Plan submitted with the applicable Development Variance Permit and the Site Plan presented at the Public Hearing on June 1, 2026; and
- b. The applicant entering into a Works and Services Agreement with the Village.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR SCHWEINBENZ
RC-2026-07-25

17. NEW BUSINESS

None.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) Notice of Motion from Mayor Talen
Re: Civic Campus Memorandum of Understanding

Recommendation:

THAT staff be directed to engage staff from School District No. 78 (Fraser-Cascade) and jointly prepare a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), for Council and the School Board's consideration, regarding a Civic Campus proposal that:

- Clearly outlines the purpose of the MOU as an exploratory, without prejudice document, the intent of which is to formally discuss a potential land exchange of land between the School Board and the Village;
- Incorporates clear language stating the Village's requirement to preserve the values and features of the forested areas and mature trees to the greatest extent possible;
- Incorporates a provision that both parties will explore options to enhance the use of forested areas;

- Confirms that any exchange of land contained in Fire Hall Park will require the approval of the electors either through an Alternative Approval Process or Assent Voting; and
- Allows for consideration of other possible configurations of the school and other buildings on the land being considered in this process.

19. QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO THE AGENDA

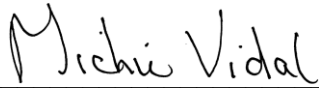
Questions from the public were entertained.

20. ADJOURNMENT

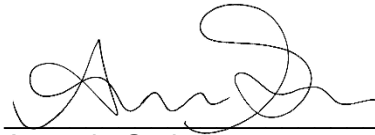
Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2026-07-26



Michie Vidal
Deputy Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer