

NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 5:30 PM
Memorial Hall, 290 Esplanade Avenue,
Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

1. CALL TO ORDER	
Meeting called to order by Mayor Talen.	
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	
Acknowledgement of Sts'ailes traditional territory.	
3. PUBLIC HEARING (if required)	
4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS	
5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	
6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST	
7. ADOPTION OF COUNCIL MINUTES	
(a) THAT the Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2026 be adopted.	Page 1
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13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR	
14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS	
THAT the following adopted minutes be received for information: (a) Accessibility Committee Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2026 Page 41 (b) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2026 Page 45 (c) Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026 Page 49 (d) Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2026 Page 53	
(e) Report of Corporate Officer dated September 8, 2026 Re: Environmental Advisory Committee Report Recommendation: THAT Council approve the following recommendations from the Environmental Advisory Committee: 1. THAT Council direct staff to consider both passive and active non-lethal hazing methods as an alternative to egg addling for Canada Goose management. 2. THAT Council engage with the District of Kent regarding riparian and water health concerns about the upper reaches of the Miami River. 3. THAT Council write to Tourism Harrison requesting that they continue to explore alternatives to fireworks for events such as Canada Day and Lights by the Lake.	Page 57

(f) Report of Corporate Officer dated September 8, 2026 Re: Committee of the Whole Report Recommendation: THAT Council adopt the report of the Committee of the Whole.	Page 61
15. REPORTS FROM STAFF	
(a) Report of Community Services Manager dated September 8, 2026 Re: Harrison-Agassiz Chamber of Commerce Request Recommendation: THAT staff be authorized to waive the Memorial Hall rental fees and damage deposit requirements for the Harrison-Agassiz Chamber of Commerce to host an All-Candidates Forum for the upcoming general local election.	Page 63
(b) Report of Community Services Manager dated September 8, 2026 Re: Memorial Hall Generator Recommendations: THAT staff pursue grant funding to support the purchase of a portable generator capable of powering Memorial Hall; OR THAT staff seek out formal quotes for a standby generator for Memorial Hall, to be included in the 2027 financial plan.	Page 65
16. BYLAWS	
(a) Board of Variance Bylaw No. 1247, 2026 Recommendation: THAT Board of Variance Bylaw No. 1247, 2026 be adopted.	Page 67

17. NEW BUSINESS

- (a) New Business from Councillor Schweinbenz
Re: Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre (LRRAC)

Recommendation:

WHEREAS the Lets'emot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre (LRRAC) is due to open at the end of August and will provide users of all ages with exceptional physical fitness, social, cultural and general wellness opportunities for many decades, the benefits of which align with the Village's strategic goal of a Healthy Livable Community and Age Friendly community principles; and

WHEREAS a regional partnership between the District of Kent and the Village of Harrison Hot Springs whereby the residents of Harrison Hot Springs would contribute to the capital and operating costs of the LRRAC through taxation is still to be determined and subject to future approval of the electors; and

WHEREAS the District of Kent has proposed a two-tier rate structure for the use of the LRRAC by residents of Harrison Hot Springs, which reflects a 71% (in some cases) premium to use the facility compared to our neighbours in the District of Kent and Seabird Island; and

WHEREAS the Village should reduce barriers to access recreational opportunities where possible;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to investigate and report back to Council with ideas, should a Regional Partnership not be established, to address the proposed cost difference in user fees for residents and non-residents of the District of Kent in order to reduce economic barriers to access the LRRAC.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

19. QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO THE AGENDA

20. ADJOURNMENT



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes**

DATE: Monday, August 10, 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 Mark Schweinbenz
Councillor Michie Vidal

COUNCIL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Communications and Community Engagement
Coordinator, Kalie Wiechmann
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey
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

None.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-01

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2026

(b) Special Pre-Closed Council Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2026

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the minutes be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-02

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Letter dated July 7, 2026 from the Town of Lake Cowichan
Re: Request for Letter of Support – Elect Respect

(b) Letter dated July 8, 2026 from the City of Merritt to Thompson-Nicola Regional District
Re: City of Merritt Animal Control Bylaw Amendment – Pigeon Release Restrictions

(c) Letter dated July 14, 2026 from the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solution
Re: Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) Funding Letter Response

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT all correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-03

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff be directed to respond Lake Cowichan endorsing their resolution regarding Elect Respect.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-04

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director) – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report

Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee – No Report
- Attended the Small Community forum hosted by the UBCM Small Communities representative on July 14, 2026
- Attended a UBCM meeting as an observer with LGLMA executive board on July 17, 2026

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Reported on the Communities in Bloom garden tour and garden of the week

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society – No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Food Coalition – No Report

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Participated in the Harrison Dragonboat Regatta in July
- Reported on the Agassiz-Harrison Community Services Annual General Meeting in July

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

None.

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

- (a) Report of Director of Operations dated August 10, 2026
Re: Memorial Hall Heating and Cooling System Upgrades

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council approve the expenditure of up to \$40,000 from the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) grant funding to replace the heating and cooling system at Memorial Hall.

Prior to the above motion being voted on, Councillor Schweinbenz moved the following:

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff report back to Council about the financial impact and possibility of putting a generator in at Memorial Hall in a timely fashion.

WITHDRAWN

Mayor Talen called the question on the main motion.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-05

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff report back to Council in a timely fashion regarding a permanent, capable, gas-fired generator for Memorial Hall.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-06

- (b) Report of Community Services Manager dated August 10, 2026
Re: UBCM Grant Approval – CEPF: Emergency Operations Centre

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council authorize up to \$30,000 in expenditures to support the Village's 2026 Emergency Operations Centre grant project, to be funded through an approved grant source.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-07

- (c) Report of Community Services Manager dated August 10, 2026
Re: Geese Management Update

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council write to the Minister of Environment and Minister of Water, Lands and Resource Stewardship enclosing a copy of the 2026 Canada Goose Nesting Survey - Harrison Hot Springs Results Summary and outline concerns regarding water quality due to goose populations in crown areas up the lake and requesting that the province address this issue in crown land areas or partner with the Village to address it.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-08

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff request a meeting with these ministry staff at UBCM about this issue.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-09

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff coordinate with the Environmental Advisory Committee and local environmental organizations to recruit volunteers to learn about the permit application and egg addling process in a facilitated workshop provided by EBB Environmental Consulting.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-10

- (d) Report of Community Services Manager dated August 10, 2026
Re: Splash Pad Update

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff host an engagement event in Spring Park to highlight the footprint of the Splash Pad and seek feedback from families on features they would like to see included through this event and the Village's 'Get Into It Harrison' engagement platform.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-11

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Council allocate an additional \$400,000 of RMI funding to the Splash Pad project and authorize the expenditure in 2026.

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Mayor Talen

THAT this item be deferred until after the Village receives feedback from residents.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR JACKSON
RC-2026-08-12

- (e) Report of Community Services Manager dated August 10, 2026
Re: Cenotaph Update

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff report back with specific options and cost estimates for a community memorial cenotaph with a commemorative plaque and a Veterans crosswalk at Esplanade Avenue and Maple Street for consideration in the 2027 financial plan.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-13

16. BYLAWS

- (a) Report of Planning Consultant dated August 10, 2026
Re: Board of Variance Bylaw No. 1247, 2026

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Board of Variance Bylaw No. 1247, 2026 be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-14

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Board of Variance Bylaw No. 1247, 2026 be given second reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-15

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Board of Variance Bylaw No.1247, 2026 be given third reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-16

- (b) Report of Planning Consultant dated August 10, 2026
Re: Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1246, 2026

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1246, 2026 be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-17

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1246, 2026 be given second reading.

Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council adopt the low estimate (\$19,500) for the parking charges for developments.

Upon further discussion, Councillor Schweinbenz altered the wording of the above motion to:

Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff be directed to report back to Council with more reasonable parking cash-in-lieu rates.

MOTION FAILED
LACK OF SECONDER

Council voted on the original motion.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-18

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT staff be directed to proceed with a Public Hearing.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-19

17. NEW BUSINESS

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

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

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.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-20

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

- (a) New Business from Councillor Schweinbenz
Re: Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre (LRRAC)

Recommendation:

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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 8:07 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2026-08-21

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Committee of the Whole Meeting
Minutes**

DATE: Monday, August 17, 2026
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Fred Talen
Councillor Leo Facio
Councillor Allan Jackson
Councillor Mark Schweinbenz
Councillor Michie Vidal

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch (at 10:23 a.m.)
Chief Financial Officer, Scott Schultz
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey
Corporate Clerk, Tyler Kafi

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Talen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Talen acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Facio

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
COW-2026-08-01

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant Master Plans

The Director of Operations provided a PowerPoint presentation on the draft Water and Waste Water Treatment Plant Master Plans including the process to date, the scope of the plans, the timeline and cost for various projects and recommendations, and an implementation strategy.

Staff advised that the initial Request for Information and Qualifications was issued by the Village two years ago. Staff clarified that adopting the master plans does not commit the Village to completing any or all of the recommendations, but will be used to guide priorities, seek grant funding and establish capital plans and budgets going forward.

The CAO entered chambers at 10:23 a.m.

Discussion ensued regarding a previous plan to connect the Village to the District of Kent's Wastewater Treatment Plant, the history of that proposal and the decisions that lead to the construction of the Village's current Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Council discussed future growth, the potential for hotels or campgrounds to connect to utilities, funding opportunities, Development Cost Charges, user fees, taxation and the impacts of seasonal tourism on peak periods of water consumption. Further discussion ensued regarding the current location of the Wastewater Treatment Plant, water flow through the lagoon and water quality testing near the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Moved by Councillor Facio

THAT Council adopt the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plans; and

THAT staff prepare a five-year capital plan incorporating Village master plan recommendations and community input for council consideration and approval.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR SCHWEINBENZ
COW-2026-08-02

Moved by Mayor Talen

THAT staff prepare a report to Council on the factors that informed the previous Council decision that led to the Wastewater Treatment Plan in its current location, and an assessment if any of those factors have materially changed.

CARRIED
COW-2026-08-03

Council discussed peak demand of utilities and future universal water metering.

Moved by Mayor Talen

THAT staff prepare a report to Council that includes a revenue assessment and sensitivity analysis on the rates charged for water and sewer as part of the five-year capital plan.

CARRIED
COW-2026-08-04

RECESS AT 11:15 A.M.
MEETING RECONVENED AT 11:25 A.M.

- (b) Presentation from Planning Consultant
Re: Amenity Cost Charges

The Planning Consultant provided a PowerPoint presentation on Amenity Cost Charges including the legislative framework, the calculation process, potential amenities, growth forecasts and draft rates.

RECESS AT 12:00 P.M.

MEETING RECONVENED AT 1:00 P.M.

The Planning Consultant advised that a draft Amenity Cost Charges Bylaw would be referred to third parties and the public for comment. Council discussed the Housing Needs Assessment figures, the reliability of growth projections, how the charges are calculated, how priorities are determined and the impact of these charges on new developments.

Moved by Councillor Vidal

THAT the matter of an Amenity Cost Charges Bylaw be presented to the incoming Council as part of the strategic planning process.

CARRIED

COW-2026-08-05

- (c) Forestry and BC Timber Sales Resolution from the May 19, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

Council discussed local logging practices in the areas surrounding the Village, focusing on wildfire risk, altered hydrology, flooding concerns and impacts to aesthetic qualities. It was noted that the Village has limited jurisdiction over surrounding Crown lands and should continue ongoing advocacy efforts with the province. Council discussed the concept of a community forest as seen in other municipalities, advocating for selective, sustainable forestry and focusing on FireSmart activities.

Moved by Councillor Vidal

THAT staff request forestry management be added to the agenda for the next Lets'emot Community 2 Community Forum.

CARRIED

COW-2026-08-06

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Facio

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

CARRIED

COW-2026-08-07

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

DRAFT

Petition for Resident-Only Parking Zone**Location:** ASPEN LANE, HARRISON HOT SPRINGS**Date:** February 2026**1. Statement of Purpose**

We, the undersigned residents of **ASPEN LANE**, formally request that the City of Harrison Hot Springs establish a **Resident-Only Parking Zone** for our street.

2. Reasons for Request

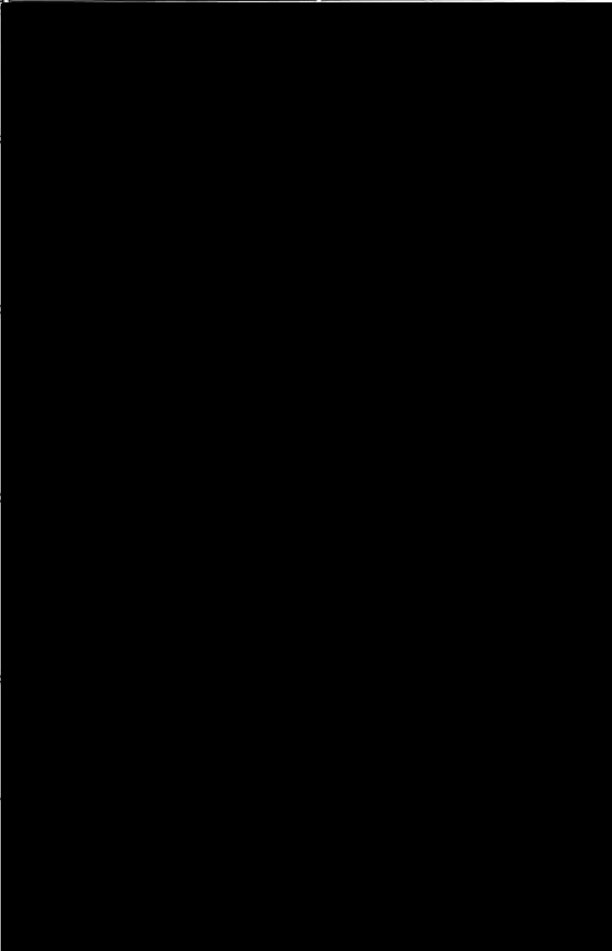
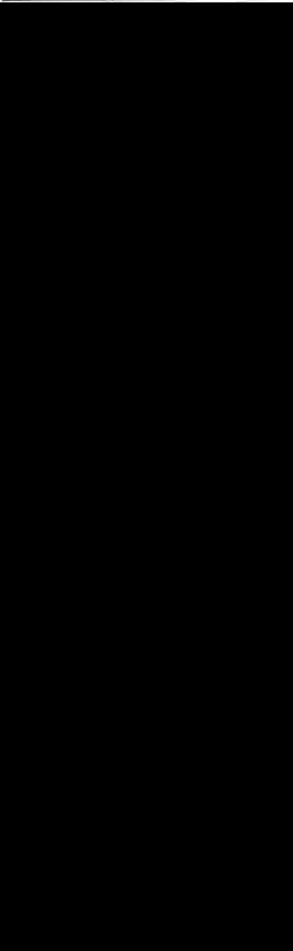
The current unrestricted parking situation has created several significant issues for the residents of this neighborhood, including:

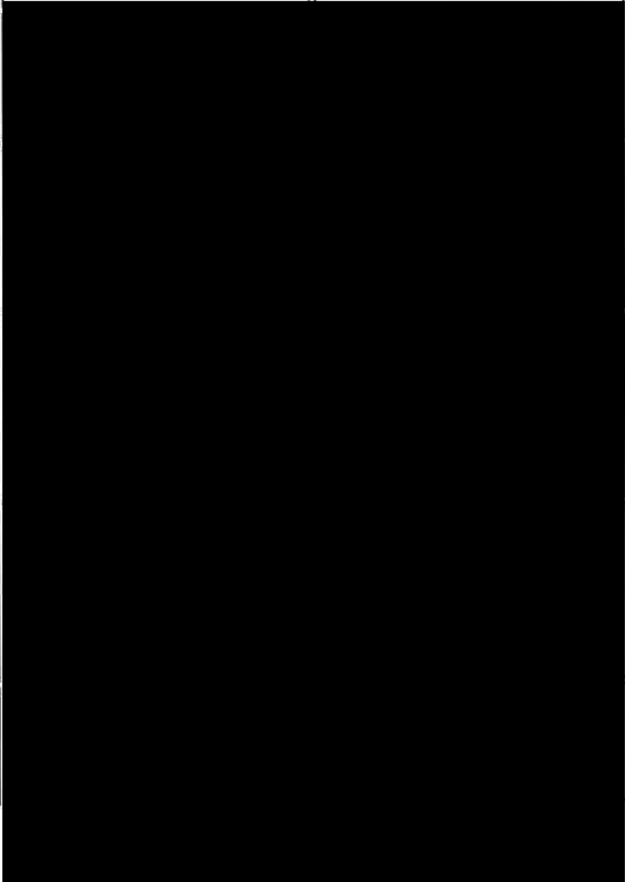
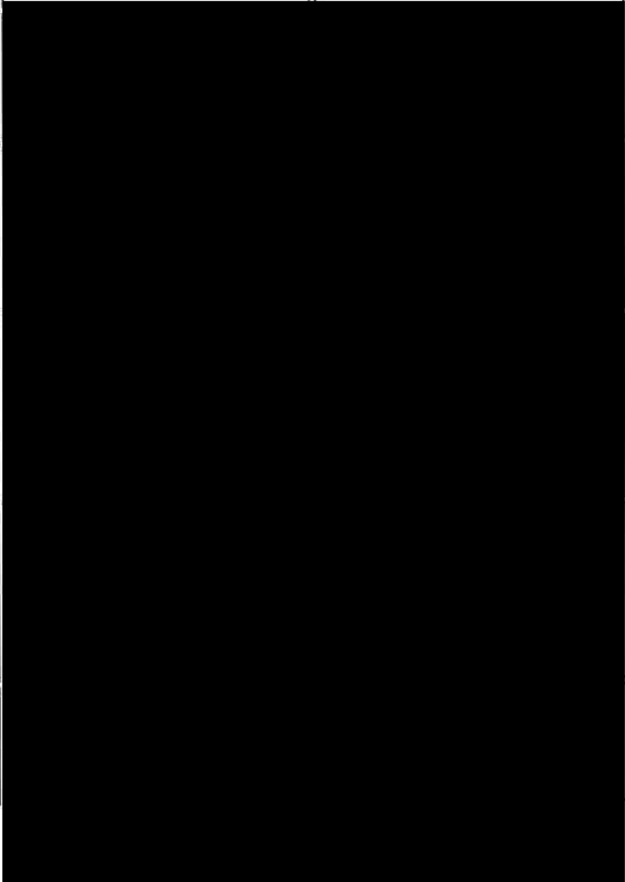
- **Lack of Access:** Residents are frequently unable to find parking near their own homes due to high volumes of non-resident/tourist vehicles.
- **Safety Concerns:** Congested street parking restricts visibility for backing out of driveways and creates obstacles for emergency vehicle access.
- **Traffic Flow:** Constant circling by visitors looking for free parking increases neighborhood noise and carbon emissions.
- **Residential Integrity:** As taxpayers, we require a reasonable expectation of access to our properties that is currently being impeded.

3. Proposed Solution

We request the installation of "Resident Only" parking signage and the implementation of a permit system to ensure that those living on this street have priority access.

Blocking our vehicle from parking in our driveway
Narrow. For Recycling & Garbage!

Name (Printed)	Address	Signature	Date
RON LOGAN			MARCH 27/26
Ken Marshall			March 26
Stan Marshall			March 27/26
KEVIN HANSON			April 22/26
Ashleigh Hole			Apr. 22/26
Carol Mupit			April 22/26

Name (Printed)	Address	Signature	Date
Cindy Li			march 11/2026
Valerie O'Brien Jason O'Brien			march 14/26
Noah McPherson Pete McPherson			march 14, 2026
ANDREW COOPER			Mar 27/26
Susan Cooper			Mar 27/26

August 18, 2026

File: 0540-20

Via Email: ftalen@harrisonhotsprings.ca

Mayor Fred Talen
Village of Harrison Hot Springs
P.O. Box 160
Harrison Hot Springs, BC
V0M 1K0

Dear Mayor Talen:

Re: Lets'emot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre Regional Partnership

Thank you for your letter dated July 24, 2026 regarding the Lets'emot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre.

As you know, we have been working with your Council for more than 6 years on this proposed arrangement to partner on the new aquatic centre. Our meetings show that we have involved Village of Harrison Hot Springs Council from the start with the pool and encouraged Harrison Hot Springs to engage the public to approve a financial model through a public Referendum or Alternative Approval Process (AAP) to seek a public resolution of approval for the project.

On July 6, 2026, Council directed our CAO and staff to release all In-Camera meeting conversations with the Village of Harrison Hot Springs with respect to the Lets'emot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre. The minutes of those meetings reflect the collaboration efforts of the District of Kent attempting to work out the capital contribution and operational costs of the pool with the Village of Harrison Hot Springs throughout the years to form a partnership. For \$1.85 million your community would have total access to a brand new \$26 million facility, just minutes away. I would say this is a pretty good windfall for your community.

Your letter dated June 10, 2026, sums up your Council's funding priority on our aquatic centre, and once again, no public engagement process until after the election.

We, as District Council have no choice but to proceed with increasing non-resident user fees to cover-off and offset our taxpayers subsidizing public recreation facilities for your municipality.

We will be happy to adjust or rescind our non-resident fees when the Village of Harrison Hot Springs comes up with an equitable financial plan to share capital contributions and operating funds for the new Lets'emot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre.

We would be pleased to provide your Council with a private tour of our new facility to see what you are contributing towards.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Pranger', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Sylvia Pranger
Mayor

c: T. Koch, CAO, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
W. Mah, CAO, District of Kent

Amanda Graham

From: Minister, WLRS WLRS:EX <WLRS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2026 10:19 AM
To: Amanda Graham
Cc: Ministre / Minister (ECCC)
Subject: RE: 51579 FW: Letter from Mayor Talen - Canada Goose Management

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Reference: 51579

Dear Mayor Fred Talen:

Thank you for your letter via email, on August 14, 2026, regarding Canada Goose management. We appreciate that you took the time to share your thoughts with this ministry, however the topic of Canadian Geese falls under the purview of the Federal Government under Environment And Climate Change Canada. We have shared a copy of your enquiry with Honourable Julie Dabrusin for their review and consideration.

Thank you, again, for writing, we do appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Office of the Minister
Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

pc: Honourable Julie Dabrusin, Minister of Environment And Climate Change Canada

From: Amanda Graham <agraham@harrisonhotsprings.ca>
Sent: August 14, 2026 9:57 AM
To: Minister, ENV ENV:EX <ENV.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; Minister, WLRS WLRS:EX <WLRS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mayor & Council <MayorandCouncil@harrisonhotsprings.ca>; Tyson Koch <tkoch@harrisonhotsprings.ca>; Christy Ovens <community@harrisonhotsprings.ca>
Subject: Letter from Mayor Talen - Canada Goose Management

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Good morning Minister Davidson and Minister Neill,

Please see attached correspondence sent on behalf of Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

Thank you,

T: 604-796-2171
W: harrisonhotsprings.ca
 P.O. Box 160, 495 Hot Springs Road
 Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

The diagram shows a window with a title bar and a client area. The title bar is at the top and contains a close button (a red 'X' in a square) and a dashed line. The client area is the main part of the window, which is currently empty.

			
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Patrick Johnstone
Mayor

By email: premier@gov.bc.ca

August 18, 2026

The Honourable David Eby
Office of the Premier
PO BOX 9041 STN Prov. Govt.
Victoria, BC V8W 9E1

Dear Premier Eby,

Re: Advocating that Provincial Legislation Requiring Housing Targets or Density be Directly Tied to Infrastructure Funding

At its Regular Council meeting on May 25, 2026, New Westminster City Council passed the following resolution:

THAT the City of New Westminster write a letter to the Province of British Columbia including the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs, the Premier, and the three MLAs for New Westminster advocating that any provincial legislation requiring housing targets or density be directly tied to infrastructure funding; and

THAT this letter be shared with other BC municipalities; and

THAT a motion be submitted to the Union of BC Municipalities aligned with the above.¹

Background

In November 2023, the Provincial Government introduced wide-ranging changes to the legislation governing how municipalities plan for and approve new development. The City has complied with all of the recent legislative changes and have always supported adding new housing, increasing housing choice and supporting affordable options. Our community has also expressed their concerns about park space, high-quality community amenities, sustainable infrastructure, and school spaces. They expect these things as benefits of the sustainable growth model, not things they must sacrifice to live in a region that is booming.

¹ Union of BC Municipalities resolution attached as Appendix A

Analysis

The new legislation hampers our ability to align municipal capital projects with more concentrated growth. Despite taking advantage of new financing growth tools, there is a significant gap between what we can potentially fund through our new Amenity Cost Charge (ACC) and updated Development Cost Charge (DCC) programs, and what's actually needed to support growth in New Westminster. We have calculated that Cost Charges set at a level that allows us to meet infrastructure needs would likely make development unviable, and recognize that is not the intent of the legislation.

Need for Provincial Housing Legislation to Be Tied to Infrastructure Funding

The City has seen and deeply appreciates significant investment in health care, schools, and affordable housing in recent years. We want to see consistent Provincial support, aligned with our commitment to housing growth, and tied to Provincial legislation requiring housing targets or density. Additional sources are needed to address the funding gap for community-funded infrastructure.

A program built on municipal competition for limited infrastructure funding and forcing reductions in DCCs will not meaningfully help a rapidly growing community like New Westminster. The City has always supported adding a diversity of new housing; we are asking the Province to recognize these efforts by prioritizing infrastructure funding for those municipalities actively encouraging more homes.

Need for Provincial Services to Keep Pace with Municipal Growth

The City appreciates the grant funding, investments and financing tools that senior levels of government have provided. We need the Province to continue investing in affordable housing, schools and transit in our community. Continued partnership will help ensure that as New Westminster grows toward its Housing Target, it remains a livable city.

The requests outlined in this letter are also reflected in a Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) resolution, attached as Appendix A.

Your attention to this important matter is appreciated.

Yours truly,



Patrick Johnstone
Mayor

Appendix A – Union of BC Municipalities Resolution

Need for Provincial Housing Legislation to Be Directly Tied to Infrastructure Funding

Submitted by the City of New Westminster

WHEREAS local governments are committed to implementing Provincial legislation aimed at delivering new housing supply and clarifying development contribution to growth-related infrastructure and amenities, and also rely on the Government of British Columbia to directly deliver certain services, including schools, transit, affordable housing, and supportive housing and related services for those living with homelessness, mental health and substance misuse;

AND WHEREAS City of New Westminster analysis has found the amount of funding necessary to support infrastructure and amenities required to meet the needs of growth enabled through legislation, exceeds what can be collected while still ensuring that development remains financially viable, and at the same time, the Province of British Columbia and the federal government are actively collaborating to stimulate development by reducing Development Cost Charges (DCCs) to lessen financial barriers for developers and homebuilders, to help them build more housing in the current uncertain economic environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM call on the Government of British Columbia to provide funding for the infrastructure and amenities needed to achieve the legislated housing targets and density for those local governments that are actively working toward enabling new supply;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT UBCM call on the Government of British Columbia to provide the services within their mandate, such as schools, transit, affordable housing, and supportive housing and related services for those living with homelessness, mental health and substance misuse, needed to serve the population growth anticipated based on the legislated housing targets and housing needs report, in those municipalities where the local government is actively working toward enabling new supply.

Amanda Graham**Subject:** A Municipal Framework for Supporting People Living with Severe Mental Illness**From:** Jaling Kersen <policy@bcss.org>**Sent:** Thursday, August 27, 2026 2:51 PM**To:** Jaling Kersen <policy@bcss.org>**Subject:** A Municipal Framework for Supporting People Living with Severe Mental Illness

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Dear Mayor,

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to you as the Director of Policy & Communications at the British Columbia Schizophrenia Society (BCSS), which is a provincial non-profit organization founded in 1982 which advocates for individuals and families affected by schizophrenia and other severe and persistent mental illnesses. I am pleased to share a new resource we developed: *A Municipal Framework for Supporting People Living with Severe Mental Illness* (attached to this email). As an organization, our goal is straightforward in that no individual living with severe and persistent mental illness should be left untreated, unhoused, unsupported, or excluded from their community.

We understand that severe and persistent mental illness is not only a public health issue, but also a municipal issue, as it intersects with public safety, homelessness, emergency services, community well-being, and social inclusion. While municipalities should not be expected to address these challenges alone, municipal leadership and local action can make a meaningful difference. Our framework highlights four areas for municipal consideration including 1) Support for treatment, including collaborative crisis response initiatives, frontline worker education and early intervention, 2) Available, accessible and affordable treatment and care through municipal leadership, planning, partnership and community engagement, 3) Supported housing through municipal leadership, partnerships, planning, and community engagements and 4) Engagement of people with lived experience and their families in municipal consultations, planning, and community initiatives. BCSS is committed to working collaboratively with municipalities, individuals and families, Indigenous communities, governments, health authorities, and community organizations to advance community-based solutions.

I would welcome the opportunity to connect with you, or a member of your team to discuss the framework, learn more about your municipality's priorities, and explore potential practical opportunities for collaboration.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jaling Kersen
Jaling Kersen


**BRITISH COLUMBIA
 SCHIZOPHRENIA SOCIETY**

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policy@bcss.org



www.bcscs.org

BC Schizophrenia Society's head office is based on unceded Coast Salish territory, including the lands belonging to the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) and səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) nations. The work we do in this province spans the territories of more than 200 First Nations, as well as Métis and Inuit communities. We are thankful to be able to work and live in these territories.

Want to stay updated on BCSS programs and resources?

[Click here to join our email newsletter list.](#)

Tune in to the latest season of Look Again: Mental Illness Re-Examined [HERE](#).

If you are in crisis and require immediate assistance, please call 9-1-1 or contact one of the 24 hour options below:

- Mental Health Support Line: 310-6789 [no area code needed]
 - Suicide Prevention Line: 9-8-8
 - Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868
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A Municipal Framework for Supporting People Living with Severe Mental Illness

The Goal

No person living with a severe and persistent mental illness, such as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, should be left untreated, unhoused, unsupported, or excluded from their community. For people living with severe mental illness, recovery is an ongoing process of managing symptoms and building productive, meaningful, and fulfilling lives. Appropriate treatment, housing, support, and community inclusion are essential.

A Shared Responsibility

Severe mental illness is both a health and a municipal issue because it affects public health, public safety, homelessness, emergency services, community well-being and social inclusion. Municipalities cannot do everything, but what they do matters. Working together with individuals, families, Indigenous communities, governments, health authorities, and community organizations such as the BC Schizophrenia Society, municipalities can make a difference.

The British Columbia Schizophrenia Society (BCSS)—a provincial non-profit organization founded in 1982—advocates for individuals and families affected by schizophrenia and other severe and persistent mental illnesses.

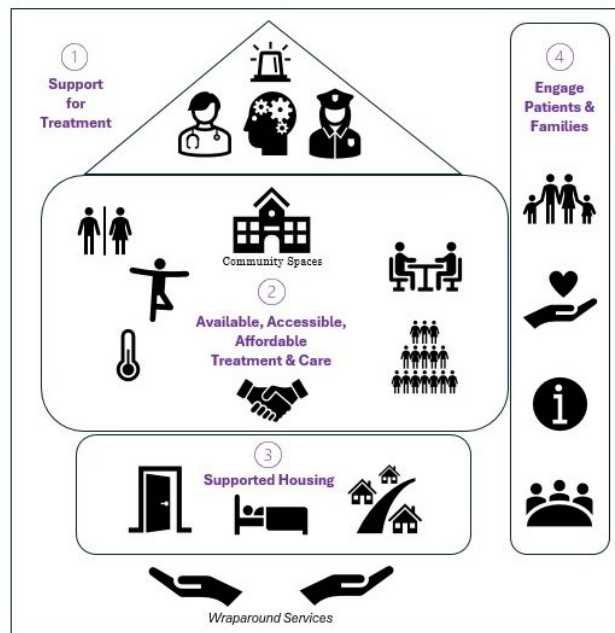
What BCSS is Asking Municipal Leaders to Do

- Recognize severe mental illness as an important municipal concern affecting community well-being.
- Include severe mental illness considerations (impacts on individuals, families and communities) within municipal plans, policies and election platforms.
- Support community partnerships that improve treatment, recovery, and supported housing.
- Promote safe, inclusive, and healthy communities for everyone.

The Four Municipal Priorities

- 1. Support for Treatment** – Strengthen collaborative crisis response initiatives, frontline worker education, and early intervention programs that improve outcomes for people living with severe mental illness and their families.
- 2. Available, Accessible, and Affordable Treatment and Care** – Encourage municipal planning processes that support community-based mental health services and reduce barriers to accessing care.
- 3. Supported Housing** – Champion housing initiatives through municipal leadership, planning, partnerships, and community engagement. Appropriate supported housing is fundamental to recovery and community well-being.
- 4. Engagement of People Living with Severe Mental Illness and Their Families** – Ensure that people with lived experience and family caregivers are included in municipal consultations, planning, and community initiatives.

Municipal Framework for Supporting People Living with Severe Mental Illness in British Columbia



Recovery, Inclusion, and Public Safety

An individual's journey towards recovery involves more than treatment and housing. Municipalities help create opportunities for belonging through recreation programs, libraries, volunteer opportunities, cultural activities, and community spaces. Early intervention, treatment, and supported housing also contribute to safer and healthier communities while reducing pressures on emergency services, hospitals, and policing resources.

Our Commitment

BCSS is committed to working collaboratively with municipalities across British Columbia. We believe that practical, community-based solutions can improve the lives of individuals and families affected by severe mental illness.

Conclusion

This platform is founded on four principals:

- 1. Treatment**
- 2. Recovery** – *managing symptoms and building fulfilling lives*
- 3. Partnership**
- 4. Practical municipal action**

Together, we can build communities where people living with severe mental illness and their family members are treated with dignity, feel supported, and welcomed as valued members of society.

Amanda Graham

Subject: Letter regarding chemical-fuelled wildfires

From: Troy <thelilloetgazette@gmail.com>

Sent: August 27, 2026 11:45 AM

To: Vivian Li <info@harrisonhotsprings.ca>

Subject: Letter regarding chemical-fuelled wildfires

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From: S. Troy Anderson, Concerned Citizen, Researcher, Published Writer

Sent: August 27, 2026

To: Mayors and Council, All BC Municipalities, UBCM

Subject: Exploding Wildfires and the Urgent Need to Stop Chemical-Induced Weather Experiments

To All it may concern,

Another summer of communities evacuated, 1000s of people losing their homes, massive fires burning out of control, smoke-filled air for weeks and months. Tremendous resources—human and financial—go into fighting fires that become larger, more volatile and greater in number every year. The strain on families, communities, business, tourism, health, and taxpayers is excessive. **We're continually told the crisis is due to climate change but this is not the whole picture.**

Recently, a Fire Chief told a CBC reporter that the Bald Range wildfire near Summerland doubled in size so fast that firefighters could do little but order over 12,000 people to evacuate. He said the fire "exploded". CBC news presenter, Johanna Wagstaffe, said, "I've never seen anything like this as a meteorologist." Back in 2018, during California's deadliest-ever fire season, their exasperated Fire Chief told a reporter the **"fire behaviour has changed, the fires are exploding."** And it gets worse. We're now seeing fire tornadoes and on the weekend of August 22nd over 7000 lightning strikes!

This must be our call to action. It's time to question why billions of pounds of flammable chemicals are sprayed into earth's atmosphere every year—for over 50 years—and how this is contributing to exploding wildfires, extreme weather events, and other problems.

They call it 'geoengineering' and the list of government bans is growing. Mexico has banned it. Seven American states have banned it. Lawmakers in over 30 states are in the process of criminalizing atmospheric manipulation or climate intervention. Legislative bills are currently wending through the U.S. political system: New Jersey's Bill 4161 "seeks to ban the release of hazardous chemicals for geoengineering"; North Carolina's Bill 362 "amends environmental laws to bar intentional chemical releases for weather or sunlight manipulation"; Montana "prohibits releasing chemicals to alter weather or sunlight intensity"; Florida is "protecting natural weather patterns."

According to their Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), **the flammable chemicals being sprayed fundamentally conflict with fire, water and fire-fighting: Aluminum Particulate** “reacts violently and/or explosively with water, steam or moisture.” **Barium:** “Contact with water releases flammable gases which may ignite spontaneously.” With **Sodium Chloride**, “avoid excess heat and exposure to moist air or water” or the chemical will explode. **Sulphur dioxide** “may explode if heated.” When using **Silver Iodide**, “excess heat is a condition to avoid—no data available for explosive limits.” **Potassium Chloride** must be “kept away from heat or sources of ignition.” **Calcium Carbonate** “may explode when heated” and “should not be released into the environment.” **Aluminum Strontium** “should not be released into the environment. Do not allow product to reach ground water, water course or sewage system.” **Manganese:** “keep away from heat, sparks or open flames.” **Titanium Oxide**, which are nano-particles, “must be kept away from open flames and sources of ignition.” **Aluminum oxide:** “avoid excessive heat.” And more.

Canada has no domestic laws prohibiting chemical experiments involving solar radiation, weather modification or climate intervention. What we have is a Canada/U.S. Weather Modification Treaty, formed in 1975. (Verification documentation at the end of this letter). Canada’s only oversight over our skies is the toothless Weather Modification Information Act which politely asks only to be informed of what’s already been done. See UBC’s Bertram Research Group website for their active involvement in the region.

It must be noted that climate geoengineering makes billions in profit for the chemical industry every year. They sell both the flammable chemicals that can cause explosive fires and the dry chemicals they advise are “suitable for extinguishing” them. MSDS for flammable chemicals have pages and pages of missing data: “toxicological properties have not been fully investigated.” Effects on human health: “no information available.” Product flammability, burning rate, or explosion limits: “no information available.” Ecological information: “no information available.” No data for chemical stability or reactivity. After more than 50 years, there’s no information pertaining to downsides and negative effects? Or is that information being hidden?

We all know the history of industries claiming their products are safe and harmless, then it turns out they’re not. Thalidomide, big tobacco, and opioids are three of many examples. Corruption repeats—as do reaction patterns. When harms become evident, industries typically ignore, deny, explain away, and cover up; vested interests and profits are prioritized. Nothing changes until dedicated researchers and whistleblowers expose the facts to the people, who then organize and demand change. **It’s not our fault if we didn’t know, or if we trusted and believed what they told us. But it is our fault if we learn the truth and kick the can down the road.**

We need everyone to share information, band together, call for government transparency, and demand a moratorium on chemical climate experimentation. The upcoming UBCM conference would be a good opportunity. **You are our best defense. You can protect our health, our lives and livelihoods, our communities, our firefighters, our clean and clear atmosphere, our land and waterways, our shared future.**

Thank you for your honourable service and your attention to this urgent issue. Links to primary sources, documentation and high quality research listed below.

Respectfully,
S. Troy Anderson
Lillooet, BC,
V0K 1V0
Email: theLillooetGazette@gmail.com

Primary Source Documentation for Verification and Research

Type or Copy/Paste the underlined words into the search bar of your preferred Search Engine
(Google, Firefox, Safari, Brave, etc)

1975 Weather Modification Treaty between Canada and U.S.

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Canada Weather Modification Information Act

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Bertram Research Group: UBC Chemistry Department

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Material Safety Data Sheets and the chemical name – MSDS and Aluminum Particulate

State-level geoengineering bans: Florida, Montana and Beyond

Is geoengineering pushing us into climate chaos

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Geoengineering Watch has been documenting this for over 20 years. See their excellent documentary, Hacking the Planet: the Geoengineering Reality

Chemtrails Exposed is a database of photos of climate experimentation, uploaded to the internet from concerned citizens all over the world.

Center for International Environmental Law Expose the Dangers of Geoengineering on Substack

EPA Releases New Online Resources Giving Americans Total Transparency on the Issues of Geoengineering and Contrails

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Controversial Geoengineering Test Quietly Launches Salt Crystals into Atmosphere

August 29, 2026

10(f)

Village of Harrison Hot Springs
PO Box 160
495 Hot Springs Road,
Harrison Hot Springs BC
V0M 1K0

Dear Council and Staff,

Please include this letter as correspondence in the agenda package of the next Regular Council Meeting.

I would like to request an additional 15 minute free parking space be created on Esplanade, West of Hot Springs Road.

We currently have one space close to Hot Springs road and another mid way between Hot Springs road and St Alice but no Free spots on the West end of the street. We have many local customers who come shopping and this would assist our business.

As well, St Alice is all paid parking and no spots for residents pick up or drop off area or for deliveries for our business or the residents at 120 Esplanade Ave.

There is one spot on St Alice on the North East end of the street which would be ideal for a Free 15 min parking sign.

Please consider granting this request as it would certainly help our business and the residents of 120 Esplanade during paid parking times.

I am looking forward to some feedback on this request.

Sincerely,



Wendy Baldwin

Blue Dandelion Stores

Email thebluedandelion5@gmail.com



August 29, 2026

10(g)

Village of Harrison Hot Springs
PO Box 160
495 Hot Springs Road,
Harrison Hot Springs BC
V0M 1K0

Dear Council and Staff,

Please include this letter as correspondence in the agenda package of the next Regular Council Meeting.

1) As a representative of the business community, I would like to visit the return of the Paid Parking Zone signage in the "Overflow" parking lot. We had requested the Free All Day Parking sign added for the 2025 season. The new sign was purchased and installed. Now both signs have been completely removed. I have heard that the electronic sign at the Village office has information on paid parking, however, it is an ever changing information sign and it would be a hit and miss chance that people would see the parking information.

The paid parking zone a head sign with our friendly looking Sasquatch was a great notice for our tourists about the paid parking ahead. The purpose of adding the Free All Day parking was to help with families who, like many, are struggling in these very challenging economic times.

2) As a business in Harrison, we have been met by many visitors being confused by the lack parking signage on Esplanade and side streets. Many of our older visitors do not have smart phones or are familiar with APPS for parking. As a Village that expresses the importance of inclusion, I feel we need to address this. There are only 3 pay stations that do not have noticeable signs to direct people to them. If people have challenges like this, they will remember this for future and perhaps will not venture back to Harrison because of the confusion.

3) Duration of the seasonal paid parking zones. Is there a reason that the paid parking extends into mid September? After the September long weekend there is a drastic drop in visitors. Many locals from Harrison, as well as other local towns, wait until the paid parking is over before they venture to Harrison. This time of aprox 2 weeks is critical for local businesses to acquire as much income as possible to prepare for the off season. What is the actual revenue that the Village makes during these two weeks compared to the loss of business due to paid parking during this time? Also, these two weeks generally have nice weather and it would be great for the locals to enjoy the beach front before cooler times set in without paying for parking. I cannot see the benefit to locals, to businesses or for the Village income/expenses for this 2 week time period. I can see how it is detrimental to locals and businesses.

The more information our visitors have to make their visit to Harrison Hot Springs a positive experience without confusion with inclusion in mind of all the more people will enjoy their time here. The more we can share the waterfront with our residents while the weather is good the happier they will be to be able to invite family and friends to enjoy it as well without the concern of paid parking.

I am looking forward to some feedback on my concerns,

Sincerely,


Wendy Baldwin

Blue Dandelion Stores Harrison Hot Springs/Agassiz

VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Accessibility Committee Minutes

DATE: Monday, May 25, 2026
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
PLACE: Council Chambers, Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Leo Facio, Chair
Shell De Martin
Stephanie Gallamore
Geraldine Mailhot

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sharon Chatenay

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Facio called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Facio acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Shell DeMartin
Seconded by Stephanie Gallamore

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
AC-2026-05-01

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Stephanie Gallamore
Seconded by Chair Facio

THAT the Accessibility Committee Meeting Minutes of March 4, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED
AC-2026-05-02

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Beach Ramp

Staff advised that the purchase order for the improvement to the beach ramp from Esplanade Avenue up to the lagoon walkway has been issued and the Village is now looking to schedule the work with a contractor.

Discussion ensued surrounding the dike project and staff provided an update on the latest design as outlined at the May 19, 2026 regular Council meeting. Portions of the design require a level surface to support the deployable dike and accessibility considerations could be incorporated at that time.

(b) Canoe/Kayak Ramp Wheelchair Access

Chair Facio noted that there may be some accessibility challenges with the new canoe/kayak dock in terms of people being able to park and walk down. Staff advised that the plan is to facilitate a drop off area in the boat launch parking lot and set aside some stalls for canoe/kayak dock users. This is something that will have to be monitored and reviewed for feedback once installed.

The Committee discussed other locations that could have been considered.

(c) Washroom Door Buttons

Staff indicated that there are plans to renovate the beach washrooms after this summer. The renovations require new doors and the plan is to include electronic door openers at that time. The washrooms at Rendall Park have not had door openers installed yet due to electrical considerations in that location. It is possible that this work may need to be done in conjunction with the dike surface upgrade in that area.

It was requested that the swimmer's itch sign on the men's beach washroom be replaced as it is in poor condition.

(d) Crosswalk on Walnut

The Committee discussed the merits of installing a three way stop at the north corner of Walnut Avenue and Miami River Drive, directly adjacent to the trailhead that leads to the Ruth Altendorf Bridge. There had been prior discussion about extending the sidewalk on the north side of Walnut Avenue, shifting the trailhead and adding in a crosswalk. Discussion ensued regarding surveying parents to determine the use of local trails for getting to school. Discussion continued regarding various other traffic concerns along Miami River Drive including the area close to the Fred Hardy Bridge.

Moved by Chair Facio
Seconded by Shell DeMartin

THAT staff be directed to install a three way stop on the corner of Miami River Drive and Walnut Avenue near the Ruth Altendorf Bridge.

CARRIED
AC-2026-05-03

(e) Lillooet Avenue North Sidewalk

Chair Facio commented that the sidewalks along the north side of Lillooet Avenue East are uneven due to trees whose roots have come up. This is a tripping hazard and should be painted yellow. This will be treated as a public concern and passed along to Public Works. Further discussion ensued surrounding missing bricks in front of a business along Lillooet Avenue West which are also a tripping hazard. This will require further research by staff as to the property lines in this area.

(f) Accessibility Plan Updates

- i. Ramps on Lillooet Avenue – Chair Facio noted that there is a new blacktop ramp that has been installed on Lillooet Avenue West near the Village Pizzeria. Staff advised that this will be for an accessible parking stall.
- ii. Ramps at Picnic Area Near Flood Gates – Chair Facio commented that the picnic area near the flood gates is not accessible due to the gravel and the grade. It was noted that the roadway there is being elevated as part of the dike upgrade project so this could be taken into consideration at that time.
- iii. Rendall Park Washroom Wheelchair Access – Chair Facio brought forward an issue with cones falling from the trees near the Rendall Park washrooms, which could make it difficult for wheelchairs to roll over the cones.

The Committee discussed other updates to the Village's Accessibility Plan including paving the lagoon, traffic scrambles at intersections and making the washrooms at Rendall Park gender neutral.

(g) Next Meeting Date: July or August, details to follow

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Shell DeMartin
Seconded by Geraldine Mailhot

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:44 a.m.

CARRIED
AC-2026-03-04

Leo Facio, Chair
Accessibility Committee

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

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

DATE: Thursday, June 18, 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
Alison Douglas
Audrey Johnstone
Karen Seraphim

MEMBERS ABSENT: Judith Barron
Liz Webber

STAFF PRESENT: Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
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

Alison Douglas requested to add Pooper Scooper and Electric Commuter Van as Items for Discussion 6(d) and 6(e) respectively.

Moved by Audrey Johnstone
Seconded by Karen Seraphim

THAT the above-noted late items be added to the agenda.

CARRIED
AFC-2026-06-01

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Audrey Johnstone
Seconded by Karen Seraphim

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED
AFC-2026-06-02

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Alison brought forward the possibility of free parking Monday through Thursday mornings for the stalls on the west side of Maple Street by Memorial Hall. This feedback will be passed along to the Community Services Manager for future consideration.

Moved by Alison Douglas
Seconded by Audrey Johnstone

THAT the Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED
AFC-2026-06-03

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Career Day

This event will most likely take place in November, as September and October will be busy with the General Local Election and back to school. This item will be placed on future agendas for planning.

(b) Canada Day Activity

The painting activity outside Memorial Hall on Canada Day is going ahead and volunteers are needed in 1.5-hour shifts, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. and 2:30-4:00 p.m. There are small ornaments that children can take with them, and the larger wooden pieces are intended to be placed throughout the Village. This activity will be filmed as part of the New Horizons Grant Video Project.

(c) New Horizons Grant – Video Project

Staff presented an example video clip that was prepared earlier in June for the Communities in Bloom Committee. The Committee discussed several potential participants and suggested connecting with both the Community Gardens organizers and the Harrison Paddling Club.

(d) Pooper Scooper

Alison noted concerns with the amount of goose droppings along the beach and suggested that scoopers be purchased so that beachgoers can scoop their own area. The Committee discussed the goose management planning already underway and the various challenges with managing goose populations. This concern is part of the larger issue of goose management in the Village.

(e) Commuter Van

Alison is a volunteer for Agassiz-Harrison Community Services' Drive4U program and advised that there are several seniors who do not drive and rely on community services

to get groceries. AHCS has a large van that can seat up to six people comfortably. Alison is looking into whether she can drive it on the first Wednesday of the month to get seniors to Agassiz where they can hopefully have a discounted shopping day at several local businesses. It was requested that this item be added to the next agenda for an update, as there was some further discussion about acquiring an electric van and approaching the Legion for funding.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Committee will not meet in July. The next meeting is August 20, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.

Moved by Alison Douglas
Seconded by Karen Seraphim

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

CARRIED
AFC-2026-06-04



Mayor Fred Talen, Chair
Age-Friendly Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Environmental Advisory Committee
Minutes**

DATE: Tuesday, June 23, 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

Paul Kandt requested to add "Fireworks" as Item for Discussion 5(e).

The Corporate Officer advised that due to an administrative error, the agenda that was posted on the notice boards had the previous meeting date of May 26, 2026 at the top. The agenda posted online had the correct date.

Moved by Paul Kandt

Seconded by John DeMartin

THAT notice of this meeting be waived due to an administrative error.

CARRIED
EAC-2026-06-01

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Paul Kandt

Seconded by Susan Galvao

THAT the agenda be approved as amended with the addition of the late item.

CARRIED
EAC-2026-06-02

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Paul Kandt

Seconded by Susan Galvao

THAT the Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED
EAC-2026-06-03

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Wildlife Society Conference Attendance

The Committee discussed schedules and budget, and it was determined that John DeMartin and Susan Galvao would be registered for the Wildlife Society Conference in Harrison Hot Springs in September.

(b) Letter to Council dated June 5, 2026 re: Civic Campus

Chair Schweinbenz provided an update from the June 15, 2026 regular Council meeting, indicating that Council had requested an assessment of Fire Hall Park and had voted against proceeding with a MOU with School District No. 78. The Committee discussed its role in any environmental assessments of the area, with staff noting that there are budgetary considerations and it's likely that a plan for assessing the area will take several months.

(c) Cosmetic Pesticide Use Update from June 15, 2026 Regular Council Meeting

The Corporate Officer reported that the Committee's recommendation to Council regarding a Cosmetic Pesticide Use Bylaw was supported and that staff are working on a draft to bring forward to Council. The Committee discussed provincial legislation and regulations regarding cosmetic pesticide and herbicide use, noting that local governments have specific authority to regulate pesticide use for certain purposes.

(d) Miami River Health

Paul Kandt presented his findings after conducting research on the history of the Miami River (or Miami Creek). In 2019, the Miami River Streamkeepers participated in a think tank with several other environmental groups and presented a report to Council on tree and riparian area stewardship, making several recommendations. Despite development pressures, the community has made efforts over the years to follow riparian area and streamside protection and enhancement area regulations, and to change pumps, ditches, and culverts to maintain the health of the Miami River. Paul also noted that he reviewed an Environmental Overview Assessment Memo that was produced as part of the 2025 Highway 9 drainage project and the report speaks to many of the same impacts and qualities of the Miami River. Since 2010, the pH has dropped from 6.5% to 6%. Contributing factors are local housing developments, agricultural inputs such as manure, fertilizer and farm run off, and severe weather such as atmospheric rivers. What

remains unclear is how big of an impact agricultural inputs have on the river. It seems that agricultural discussions have fallen off. There was previously an Agassiz-Harrison Mills Drainage Committee but it is not clear whether that Committee is still active. Additional research is required in this area, but the pH level being low is concerning.

Chair Schweinbenz requested that the Committee be notified of the date that the Miami River Streamkeepers would be painting the fish markings on the storm drains in case any Committee members want to assist.

(e) Fireworks

The Committee discussed the impacts of fireworks in environmentally sensitive areas to both the environment and to animals. Several alternatives including laser shows and drones were mentioned. The Committee expressed a desire to advocate for the Village to transition from fireworks to a different, more environmentally friendly alternative that still attracts visitors during events like Canada Day. Costs for alternatives are unknown, and the Committee agreed to do research on possible options and discuss this again at a future meeting.

(f) Next Meeting Date: August 24, 2026, 9:00 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Susan Galvao

Seconded by Paul Kandt

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

CARRIED
EAC-2026-06-04



Councillor Mark Schweinbenz, Chair
Environmental Advisory Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Communities in Bloom Committee
Minutes**

DATE: Thursday, June 25, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Village Office
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair
Susan Caley
Susan Galvao
Janice Moffat

MEMBERS ABSENT: Margaret Shier

STAFF PRESENT: Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Jackson acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

Susan Galvao requested to add "FireSmart Trees" as Item for Discussion 6(d).

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Janice Moffat
Seconded by Susan Galvao

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

CARRIED
CIB-2026-06-04

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Susan Galvao
Seconded by Janice Moffat

THAT the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED
CIB-2026-06-05

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Canada Day Float

Susan G. advised that the float is coming along with the trailer and decorations. The Committee will be using plex pipe to create and spray paint an arch. Some decorations and speakers have been donated for the Committee's use. The only outstanding item is candy, which will be ordered by staff. Councillor Jackson will find participants to walk the banner in front of the float. The Committee will be getting together on June 30 to finalize the float.

(b) Judges Visit: July 8-10

The Committee discussed the final details of the Judges' Visit and Welcome Event, including FireSmart and hardscaped gardens to drive by. Susan G. will walk the judges from their hotel to the Welcome Event. A member of the Yacht Club has volunteered to take the judges by boat for a short tour at the end of the day. The itinerary has been amended to reflect feedback from the judges, and now incorporates stops at the Water and Waste Water Treatment Plants.

(c) Garden Tour

To date no one has signed up for the Garden Tour using the form. The Committee discussed several addresses and residents that they are aware of who would be interested in participating and will follow up. Signage is being prepared and a map will be available once the addresses are confirmed.

(d) FireSmart Trees

It was noted that there was recently a tree on the Miami River Greenway that appears to be dead and is very dry. If any Committee members see anything requiring maintenance or removal prior to the judges' arrival or any time, there is an online public concern form that can be completed. The Director of Operations indicated that he would follow up with field staff regarding the timeframe for removal of that tree on the Miami River Greenway.

(e) Next Meeting Date: Thursday, August 20, 2026 9:00 a.m.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Janice Moffat

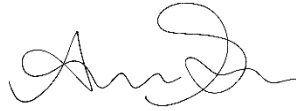
Seconded by Susan Caley

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

CARRIED
CIB-2026-06-06



Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair
Communities in Bloom Committee



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

Regular Council

File No: 0360-20-07
Date: September 8, 2026

To: Mayor and Council
From: Amanda Graham, Corporate Officer
Subject: Environmental Advisory Committee Report

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the following recommendations from the Environmental Advisory Committee:

1. THAT Council direct staff to consider both passive and active non-lethal hazing methods as an alternative to egg addling for Canada Goose management.
2. THAT Council engage with the District of Kent regarding riparian and water health concerns about the upper reaches of the Miami River.
3. THAT Council write to Tourism Harrison requesting that they continue to explore alternatives to fireworks for events such as Canada Day and Lights by the Lake.

SUMMARY

To present resolutions and information on behalf of the Environmental Advisory Committee from its August 24, 2026 meeting for Council's consideration.

BACKGROUND

1. Canada Goose Management

At the August 10, 2026 regular Council meeting, Council passed the following resolution:

THAT staff coordinate with the Environmental Advisory Committee and local environmental organizations to recruit volunteers to learn about the permit application and egg addling process in a facilitated workshop provided by EBB Environmental Consulting.

The Committee reviewed the report and raised concerns as to whether egg addling is humane. It was noted that section 7.1.3.1 of the Handbook for Managing Canada Geese and Cackling Geese in Southern Canada¹ published by the federal Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Canada lists several scaring or hazing techniques that do not require a permit including:

¹ <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/migratory-bird-conservation/publications/handbook-managing-cackling-geese-southern.html>

- **“Propane cannons.** Portable, propane-fired exploders can effectively displace geese. Equipment must be moved regularly, as geese will become habituated to these devices. Two exploders set at different intervals (for example, one at 10 minutes and the other at 7 minutes) are more effective, because the length of time between explosions is constantly changing, extending the time taken by geese to habituate. This equipment is available from wildlife control companies.
- **Air horns or sirens.** These noise-making devices can be mounted on vehicles, hand-held, or used remotely. They exhibit variable effectiveness, but proximity to human activity or housing may make their use unacceptable.
- **Strobe lights/lasers.** Bright flashing strobes can disturb geese after dark or just before dawn. Although the technique is quiet, the light may disturb people. Also available is a long-wavelength "laser pistol," which can be used in low light conditions to scare geese and can be effective at a distance of several hundred metres.
- **Distress tapes.** Recorded distress calls of Canada Geese or other bird species, played loudly in the direction of a goose flock, may displace birds that believe they are also in jeopardy. Calls of eagles or falcons, in combination with models or kites displaying eagle or falcon graphics (see "Scarecrows" below), may also scare geese away.
- **Flagging tape and streamers.** Lengths of shiny or bright materials strung between stakes or poles or attached to trees and allowed to move in the wind create a visual distraction that geese may avoid.
- **Balloons and kites.** Helium balloons with graphics of large eyes and kites shaped like eagles or other large birds of prey are perceived by geese to pose a threat and may help scare them away. Check their availability from wildlife control companies.
- **Scarecrows.** Human, eagle, alligator, swan or coyote effigies may be perceived by geese to pose a threat. Human scarecrows that appear to be carrying a shotgun may increase their effectiveness. Eagle decoys that are larger than life size and coyote decoys have shown some success.
- **Flags.** A fluttering flag constructed from a black plastic garbage bag and mounted on a tall pole has also been found to discourage goose use. Geese do not like to feed in areas where they sense a threat from overhead, which the fluttering flag represents to them. The dimensions of the flag should be about 0.6 metre by 1 metre. Two or three slits about one-third the length of the flag should be cut in the end of the flag, to make three or four flaps. The flag should be mounted at least 2.5 metres above the ground.
- **Motion-activated sprinklers.** Geese may be disturbed by water sprays designed to activate when movement is detected by infrared sensors. The advantage of these devices is that they can operate unattended 24 hours a day and energy-efficient circuits allow several months of operation on a single battery. However, their effectiveness is limited to quite small areas.
- **Dogs** trained to chase and retrieve a dummy decoy or ball projected toward or over a problem flock or herding dogs (such as border collies) can successfully scare geese away in some areas. Dogs must be kept under control at all times and no geese may be injured or killed.”

During discussion, the Committee made the distinction between passive hazing as including all the methods above except for using trained dogs, which would be considered active hazing.

2. Miami River Health

The Committee routinely discusses the health of the Miami River as part of the 2026 work plan. It was noted that the health of the Miami River depends largely on what takes place upstream, outside of the Village's jurisdiction and that coordination with the District of Kent in the future would be beneficial.

3. Fireworks Alternative

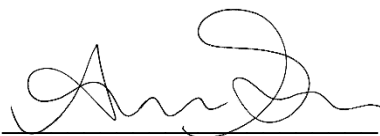
The Committee first discussed alternatives to fireworks during special events at its June 23, 2026 meeting and agreed to research additional options. Drone shows have been identified as a possible alternative being used by other event organizers. The Committee recognizes that fireworks for special events in the Village are organized by Tourism Harrison and is requesting that Council bring this matter to their attention and request that they consider seeking alternative displays or shows.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2025 Strategic Plan Priorities

Environmental Protection – To restore and protect the environment for future generations.

Respectfully submitted:



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer



Councillor Mark Schweinbenz, Chair
Environmental Advisory Committee

Regular Council

File No: 5480-03
Date: September 8, 2026

To: Mayor and Council
From: Committee of the Whole
Subject: Committee of the Whole Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council adopt the report of the Committee of the Whole.

SUMMARY

To present resolutions to Council for ratification from the August 17, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting.

BACKGROUND

At the August 17, 2026 Committee of the Whole meeting, the Committee passed the following resolutions:

THAT Council adopt the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plans; and

THAT staff prepare a five-year capital plan incorporating Village master plan recommendations and community input for council consideration and approval.

COW-2026-08-02

THAT staff prepare a report to Council on the factors that informed the previous Council decision that led to the Wastewater Treatment Plan in its current location, and an assessment if any of those factors have materially changed.

COW-2026-08-03

THAT staff prepare a report to Council that includes a revenue assessment and sensitivity analysis on the rates charged for water and sewer as part of the five-year capital plan.

COW-2026-08-04

THAT the matter of an Amenity Cost Charges Bylaw be presented to the incoming Council as part of the strategic planning process.

COW-2026-08-05

THAT staff request forestry management be added to the agenda for the next Lets'emot Community 2 Community Forum.

COW-2026-08-06

DISCUSSION

Section 30(f) of the Village's Council Procedure Bylaw No. 1216, 2025 states that Council may take any of the following actions in relation to the Committee of the Whole's report:

- adopt the report;
- reject the report;
- adopt the report with amendments;
- refer the subject matter for further consideration, either in part or in whole;
- postpone action on the report; or
- approve the request of the Committee of the Whole to sit again, the Committee of the Whole having reported progress after partial consideration of the subject.

Pursuant to section 30(h) of the bylaw, a motion of Council to adopt the Committee of the Whole's report constitutes ratification of the motions contained in the report.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no additional financial considerations associated with this report.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

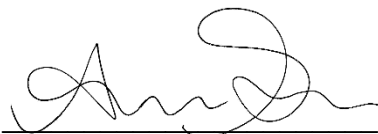
2025-2026 Strategic Plan

Sustainable Development – To maintain Harrison Hot Springs as a place we call home.

Infrastructure Development – To provide for the needs of a growing community.

Environmental Protection – To restore and protect the environment for future generations.

Respectfully prepared by:



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

Reviewed by:



Tyson Koch
Chief Administrative Officer

Regular Council

File No: 4520-02-01
Date: September 8, 2026

To: Mayor and Council
From: Christy Ovens, Community Services Manager
Subject: Harrison-Agassiz Chamber of Commerce Request

RECOMMENDATION

THAT staff be authorized to waive the Memorial Hall rental fees and damage deposit requirements for the Harrison-Agassiz Chamber of Commerce to host an All-Candidates Forum for the upcoming general local election.

SUMMARY

To seek approval from Council regarding waiving of fees for the Harrison-Agassiz Chamber of Commerce (The Chamber) to host an All-Candidates Forum at Memorial Hall.

BACKGROUND

The Chamber has hosted All-Candidates meetings / forums in the past, including during General Local Elections and by-elections. According to their website, this forum will provide voters with the chance to learn more about the candidates, their priorities, and their vision for the future of Harrison Hot Springs.

DISCUSSION

A representative from the Harrison-Agassiz Chamber of Commerce reached out to the Village expressing an interest in hosting this event at Memorial Hall on Monday, September 28th, 2026. Staff are recommending that the rental fee and damage deposit requirements be waived to support the Chamber in their efforts to provide this opportunity to electors. Insurance will still be required from the Chamber.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

In accordance with the Village's Miscellaneous Fee Bylaw No. 1049, 2014, the rental rate for Memorial Hall would be \$50.00 per hour, with a damage deposit requirement of \$500.00.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no policy considerations associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted:



Christy Owens
Community Services Manager

Reviewed by:



Tyson Koch
Chief Administrative Officer

Financial Considerations Reviewed by:



Scott Schultz
Chief Financial Officer, Deputy CAO

Regular Council

File No: 0810-20-02
Date: September 8, 2026

To: Mayor and Council
From: Christy Ovens, Community Services Manager
Subject: Memorial Hall Generator

RECOMMENDATION

THAT staff pursue grant funding to support the purchase of a portable generator capable of powering Memorial Hall;

OR

THAT staff seek out formal quotes for a standby generator for Memorial Hall, to be included in the 2027 financial plan.

SUMMARY

To provide Council with information on initial cost estimates and potential grant opportunities for a generator at Memorial Hall.

BACKGROUND

At the August 10, 2026, Regular Council Meeting, the following resolution was passed:

THAT staff be directed to report back to council on the financial implications of installing a generator in Memorial Hall in a timely fashion.

This motion followed discussions regarding the replacement of the heating and cooling system at Memorial Hall which will now support cooling centre operations during extreme heat events.

DISCUSSION

Memorial Hall is a multi-purpose facility that could function as an Emergency Support Services (ESS) reception centre and cooling / warming centre during emergencies and extreme weather events. There is currently no generator on site, or in the Village that could support the full operations of this building in the event of a power outage. As previous grant funding supported the relocation of the electrical services and the installation of a generator transfer switch, the generator is the final component remaining.

Since the last Council meeting, the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) has confirmed an upcoming intake of their Community Emergency Preparedness Fund: Emergency Support Services Equipment and Training grant. Staff were previously successful in this grant

stream to acquire ESS supplies, equipment, and upgrade the electrical system at Memorial Hall to support generator use. Grant applications for this stream are written in partnership with the Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Coordinator as they oversee the Village's ESS team. To be considered for funding, and align with the program goals of deployable equipment, the generator would need to be portable. The current intake for this grant program has a maximum request limit of \$30,000 and UBCM has stated that there are limited funds available with a high volume of applications expected. Staff are not aware of any current funding opportunities to support a standby (non-portable) generator installation. If this is the preferred generator choice, staff will seek out formal quotes to bring back to Council during the 2027 financial plan.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

At this time, staff have received initial cost estimate ranges for both a portable generator, and a standby generator to be used at Memorial Hall. Upon direction from Council and inclusion in the 2027 financial plan, staff will follow the formal procurement process for the preferred type of generator.

A new, towable commercial diesel generator is estimated to cost between \$45,000 and \$70,000. If a grant application in the CEPF: ESS intake is successful, there would still be an additional amount that would need to be funded through other means. The funder will approve applications within 120 days of the application deadline of October 16, 2026, allowing sufficient time for a final decision to be made before the adoption of the 2027 financial plan.

A standby generator is estimated to cost between \$80,000 and \$100,000 depending upon the fuel type (natural gas vs. diesel).

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

2025-2026 Strategic Plan Priorities

Public Safety – To ensure and enhance public safety.

Respectfully submitted:



Christy Owens
Community Services Manager

Reviewed by:



Tyson Koch
Chief Administrative Officer

Financial Considerations Reviewed by:



Scott Schultz
Chief Financial Officer, Deputy CAO

A BYLAW TO ESTABLISH AND SET OUT THE
PROCEDURES FOR THE BOARD OF VARIANCE

WHEREAS the Village of Harrison Hot Springs has adopted a Zoning Bylaw;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 536 of the *Local Government Act*, Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs must establish by bylaw, a Board of Variance;

NOW THEREFORE in open meeting assembled, Council of the Village of Harrison Hot Springs enacts as follows:

1. CITATION

This Bylaw may be cited for all purposes as the "Village of Harrison Hot Springs Board of Variance Bylaw No. 1247, 2026".

2. DEFINITIONS

(a) Unless otherwise defined in this Bylaw, the terms used in this Bylaw have the same definitions as outlined in the *Village of Harrison Hot Springs Zoning Bylaw No. 1115, 2017*, as amended from time to time.

(b) In addition to the above, the following definitions apply:

"Applicant"

means an individual or organization that formally applies to seek relief, due to hardship, as per Section 540 of the *Local Government Act* as amended from time to time, to address any or one of the following:

- i) Relief from the siting, size or dimensions of a Building or Structure, as pursuant to *Zoning Bylaw No. 1115, 2017*, as amended from time to time;
- ii) Relief from any tree regulation bylaws created under section 8(3)(c) of the *Community Charter*, as amended from time to time;
- iii) Relief from a Building Inspector's determination of damage or the lack of an allowance of an alteration or addition to a non-conforming use of the property, as outlined in sections 531(1) or 544 of the *Local Government Act*, as amended from time to time;
- iv) Relief from the Village's Subdivision servicing requirements, as amended from time to time, created under Section 506(1)(b) of the *Local Government Act*, as amended from time to time.

“Board”

means the Village of Harrison Hot Springs Board of Variance;

“Board Clerk”

means the individual appointed to perform the required tasks, pursuant to this Bylaw;

“Hearing”

means the Board of Variance meeting;

“Village”

means the Village of Harrison Hot Springs.

3. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or schedule of this Bylaw is for any reason found invalid by the decision of any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision must not affect the validity of the remainder of this Bylaw or the validity of the Bylaw as whole.

4. BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- (a) There is hereby established a Board consisting of three (3) persons appointed by Council. Appointments to the Board may be rescinded by Council at any time.
- (b) An appointment to this Board is for a three (3) year term, subject to the successor requirements of the *Local Government Act*.
- (c) The following persons are not permitted to be on the Board:
 - i. A member of Council,
 - ii. A staff member of the Village, or
 - iii. A member of the Village’s Advisory Planning Commission.
- (d) The members of the Board must elect a member to act as chair. The chair may appoint an acting chair as and when required.

5. BOARD CLERK

- (a) The Chief Administrative Officer or their designate, must appoint a Board Clerk.
- (b) The Board Clerk will be the contact point for the Board.
- (c) The Board Clerk or their designate must provide administrative support to the Board. This includes but is not limited to organizing the Hearing, posting notice of the Hearing, preparing an agenda for the Hearing, taking minutes of the Hearing, and maintaining a record of all Hearings.

- (d) The Board Clerk must ensure that each Board member has a copy of the Hearing agenda, Hearing notice and the application at least five working (5) days before the Hearing

6. APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

- (a) Each Board application must include:
 - i. A completed application form;
 - ii. A complete set of site drawings or site plan;
 - iii. A current, not more than 30 days old, Land Title Certificate;
 - iv. An explanation of what the hardship is and the reasons for the Hearing;
 - v. Other information as requested by the Board during the Hearing or the Applicant feels is necessary at the time of the application;
 - vi. The required application fee as set out in Miscellaneous Fee Bylaw No. 1049, 2014 as amended from time to time; and
 - vii. The Applicant's name and contact information.
- (b) Upon receipt of a completed application the Board Clerk must schedule the Hearing in consultation with the Board Chair. At least ten (10) days before the scheduled Hearing, the Board Clerk must mail or otherwise deliver the Hearing notice to the adjacent landowners or occupiers of the Lot located within 50 metres of the Lot that is subject to the application

7. HEARINGS

- (a) All Hearings must be held in the either Village office or in Memorial Hall and must be open to the public.
- (b) Hearings may be adjourned from time to time, and no further notification is required if the date time and place of the reconvening Hearing is announced to the persons present at the original Hearing.
- (c) Any individual or organization with an ownership, tenancy or other interest in the Lot, or their authorized agent, is entitled to make a presentation to the Board.
- (d) Following the Board's decision the Board Clerk must provide a copy of the decision to the Applicant within ten (10) days.
- (e) A quorum for a Hearing is two (2) Board Members.
- (f) The decision of the Board must be by a majority vote of the members present.
- (g) A decision of the Board is final and binding.
- (h) Village staff may act as a technical advisor to the Board and will attend a Hearing when requested by the Board Clerk.
- (i) In consultation with Chair, the Board Clerk will determine if an external expert or professional is required to attend the Hearing.

8. REPEAL

The Village of Harrison Hot Springs Board of Variance Establishment Bylaw No. 810, 2004 and any amendments thereto are hereby repealed upon adoption of this Bylaw.

READ A FIRST TIME this 10th day of AUGUST, 2026

READ A SECOND TIME this 10th day of AUGUST, 2026

READ A THIRD TIME this 10th day of AUGUST, 2026

ADOPTED this ____ day of ____, 20xx

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer