VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, September 8, 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
Chief Financial Officer, Scott Schultz
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Community Services Manager, Christy Ovens
Director of Operations, Jace Hodgson
Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator, Kalie Wiechmann
Corporate Clerk, Tyler Kafi

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Mayor Talen acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. PUBLIC HEARING (If required)

None.

4. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2026-09-01

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of August 10, 2026

(b) Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2026

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the minutes be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2026-09-02

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

(a) Petition dated September 2, 2026 from Norah McMenaman
Re: Aspen Lane Resident Only Parking

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT this matter be referred to staff to bring a report back to Council.

WITHDRAWN

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council direct staff to investigate the feasibility of establishing a resident only parking permit for Aspen Lane, including confirmation of the legal status of Aspen Lane, applicable statutory restrictions and bylaws, potential impacts on neighbouring streets and emergency access, and that staff report back to council with recommendations.

CARRIED
RC-2026-09-03

10. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Letter dated August 18, 2026 from Mayor Pranger, District of Kent
Re: Lets'emot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre Regional Partnership

(b) Email dated August 18, 2026 from the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
Re: Canada Goose Management

(c) Letter dated August 18, 2026 from the City of New Westminster to Premier Eby
Re: Advocating that Provincial Legislation Requiring Housing Targets or Density be Directly Tied to Infrastructure Funding

(d) Email dated August 27, 2026 from the British Columbia Schizophrenia Society
Re: Municipal Framework for Supporting People Living with Severe Mental Illness

(e) Email dated August 27, 2026 from S. Troy Anderson
Re: Chemical-Fueled Wildfires

(f) Letter dated August 29, 2026 from Wendy Baldwin
Re: Free 15 Minute Parking Space on Esplanade Avenue

(g) Letter dated August 29, 2026 from Wendy Baldwin
Re: Pay Parking Signage & Season Timing

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT all correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2026-09-04

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the matter of an extra 15-minute parking stall and signage as proposed in Wendy Baldwin's letters, items 10(f) and 10(g), be referred to staff.

CARRIED
RC-2026-09-05

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
- Attended the 130th anniversary of the Agassiz Anglican Church on August 22, 2026
- Attended the Bands on the Beach event on September 6, 2026
- Commented on the beautification project on Lillooet East.

Councillor Vidal

- Corrections Canada Citizen's Advisory Committee
  - Attended a meeting on September 2, 2026
- Agassiz-Harrison Healthy Communities – No Report
- Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Program Committee
  - Attended a meeting on August 19, 2026
- Attended a UBCM Area Associations Webinar on August 27, 2026
- Attended the Bands on the Beach event on September 6, 2026

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report

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

- Commented on the current splash pad survey on getintoitharrison.ca
- Reported on the Kent Harrison Joint Emergency Committee meeting on August 19, 2026
- Reported on the Agassiz Harrison Community Services board meeting on September 1, 2026
- Reported on exercise programs starting in Memorial Hall in the fall

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

(a) Accessibility Committee Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2026

(b) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2026

(c) Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of June 23, 2026

(d) Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2026

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the following adopted minutes be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2026-09-06

(e) Report of Corporate Officer dated September 8, 2026
Re: Environmental Advisory Committee Report

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

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.

CARRIED
RC-2026-09-07

(f) Report of Corporate Officer dated September 8, 2026
Re: Committee of the Whole Report

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

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

Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff include a more robust community input strategy regarding the Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Master Plans.

MOTION FAILED
LACK OF SECONDER

Council voted on the main motion.

CARRIED
RC-2026-09-08

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

(a) Report of Community Services Manager dated September 8, 2026
Re: Harrison-Agassiz Chamber of Commerce Request

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

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.

CARRIED
RC-2026-09-09

(b) Report of Community Services Manager dated September 8, 2026
Re: Memorial Hall Generator

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

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

WITHDRAWN

Moved by Mayor Talen
Seconded by Councillor Facio

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

THAT staff explore grant opportunities to offset the costs of this project

CARRIED
RC-2026-09-10

16. BYLAWS

(a) Board of Variance Bylaw No. 1247, 2026

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Board of Variance Bylaw No. 1247, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2026-09-11

17. NEW BUSINESS

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

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

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.

CARRIED
RC-2026-09-12

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

19. QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO THE AGENDA

Questions from the public were entertained.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2026-09-13

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer