VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, October 5, 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
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 Schweinbenz

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-01

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of September 8, 2026

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

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the minutes be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-02

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Letter dated September 10, 2026 from BEST Mobility
Re: BC Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program (BCATIG)

(b) Email dated September 14, 2026 from Indigo Alert Canada
Re: House of Commons Petition e-7703

(c) Letter dated September 14, 2026 from the Youth Parliament of British Columbia
Re: British Columbia 98th Youth Parliament

(d) Email dated September 16, 2026 from Phil Perras
Re: Unity as Stability – A Thought Before the 2026 Local Election

(e) Email dated September 23, 2026 from Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society
Re: Request for Letter of Support for Grant Funding

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT all correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-03

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the letter dated September 14, 2026 from the Youth Parliament of British Columbia be forwarded to the Principal of the Agassiz Elementary Secondary School to determine whether there is a student interested in participating.

Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Village also fund the registration fees for a student to attend the BC Youth Parliament.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-04

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-05

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Council send letters of support to the Agassiz Harrison Historical Society regarding their grant funding applications.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-06

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

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 UBCM Convention from September 14-18, 2026 and reported on participation with LMLGA Executive Board during the convention
- Attended a virtual meeting with staff from the Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship on September 10, 2026
- Attended the opening of the Letsemot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre in Kent on September 25, 2026

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
  - Attended a meeting on September 24, 2026
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report

- Attended UBCM Convention from September 14-18, 2026

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Reported on the Village receiving 5 blooms in the provincial Communities in Bloom program and thanked the Committee for their efforts

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society – No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report
- Agassiz-Harrison Food Coalition – No Report
- Attended UBCM from September 14-18, 2026

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Reported on the UBCM conference from September 14-18, 2026, including meetings with the Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Indigenous relations, Ministry of Infrastructure, Ministry of Citizens Services, and the Ministry of Water, Lands and Resource Stewardship
- Attended a Harrison Festival Society meeting on September 24, 2026
- Attended the opening of the Letsemot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre in Kent on September 25, 2026
- Attended Agassiz Harrison Community Services board meeting on September 29, 2026
- Attended the Kent Harrison SAR 50th Celebration Open House on October 3, 2026

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

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

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the adopted committee minutes be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-07

(b) Report of Corporate Officer dated October 5, 2026
Re: Environmental Advisory Committee Report

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

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

THAT Council direct staff to seek partnerships, such as with graduate students, for environmental assessments, data gathering, reports and studies within the Village and consider including such a project in the 2026-2030 Strategic Plan

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-08

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

(a) Report of Corporate Officer dated October 5, 2026
Re: Release of Closed Meeting Resolutions

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT the following resolution from the September 24, 2026 special closed Council meeting be received for information:

THAT Council authorize staff to engage BDO Canada LLP as the Village's external auditor for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2026, 2027, and 2028.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-09

(b) Report of Corporate Officer dated October 5, 2026
Re: Flag Policy 1.36

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Council approve the amendments to Flag Policy 1.36 as presented.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-10

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT staff research further amendments to the policy to address exterior lighting colours on Village facilities where applicable and the flying of additional flags.

CARRIED
OPPOSED BY COUNCILLOR JACKSON
RC-2026-10-11

16. BYLAWS

(a) Report of Corporate Officer dated October 5, 2026
Re: Indemnification Amendment Bylaw No. 1248, 2026

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Indemnification Amendment Bylaw No. 1248, 2026 be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-12

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Indemnification Amendment Bylaw No. 1248, 2026 be given second reading.

Amendment moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Mayor Talen

THAT section 4(b) of Indemnification Amendment Bylaw No.1248, 2026 be amended to strike “$5,000” and insert “$10,000” in its place.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-13

Council voted on the main motion as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-14

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Indemnification Amendment Bylaw No. 1248, 2026 be given third reading as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-15

17. NEW BUSINESS

None.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

None.

19. QUESTION PERIOD FOR ITEMS RELEVANT TO THE AGENDA

Questions from the public were entertained.

Mayor Talen provided comments reflecting on his time as Mayor and thanked Council and staff.

20. ADJOURNMENT

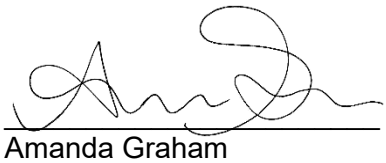
Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-16



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer