



NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 22, 2026, 9:00 AM
Village Office, 495 Hot Springs Road
Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN-PERSON

1. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order by the Chair.
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
Acknowledgement of Sts'ailes traditional territory.
3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
(a) THAT the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2026 be adopted. Page 1
6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
(a) 2026 CIB Results
7. ADJOURNMENT

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

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

DATE: Thursday, August 20, 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
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 9:00 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Councillor Jackson acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

3. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS

None.

4. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Janice Moffat
Seconded by Susan Galvao

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
CIB-2026-08-01

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved by Susan Galvao
Seconded by Janice Moffat

THAT the Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of June 25, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED
CIB-2026-08-02

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(a) Judges Visit Debrief

The morning of the judges' departure, Councillor Jackson and the Corporate Officer met with one of the judges briefly who provided the following feedback:

- Incorporate more historical context such as a tour of the hotel grounds or information pamphlets from the Agassiz Harrison Museum
- Collaborate more closely with the school and local real estate companies
- Take advantage of times when the judges are sitting down to provide presentations such as during lunch or on the boat tour
- Conduct a tree canopy coverage assessment to obtain a percentage figure
- Enhance tree protection bylaws and policies

The Committee discussed increasing historical promotion, adding information to the Sasquatch statue at Hot Springs Road and McPherson Road, promoting the Sasquatch museum, supporting an art crawl, partnering with the school to replace the fish along the fence, providing more professional presentations, walks through residential areas, and incorporating meeting with Garden of the Week winners or Garden Tour participants.

It was noted that overall, the judges seemed to be impressed and enjoyed the welcome event.

(b) Garden Tour Debrief

The Committee noted that the weather on the Garden Tour day was not the greatest and that it would be helpful to schedule it on a day where there is not an event in the Village such as the Dragonboat regatta. The turnout this year was lower than last year, with less than 20 people. A few of the participants got together afterward at one of the tour stops for a few hours. The Committee suggested earlier advertising, contacting previous participants and Garden of the Week winners earlier, using photos from previous tours to advertise, providing maps at the tour stop locations and providing a framed photo of people in their gardens as thank you gift to participants. The Committee also discussed organizing a walking tour time for tourists to go on a guided tour of the stops.

(c) Garden of the Week – Final Week Winner Selection

The Corporate Officer advised that the final category for Garden of the Week is "People's Choice" and requested direction as to how to implement that. It was agreed that the Committee would put out a Facebook post asking people to add a comment below with the address they'd like to nominate and that a "like" on the comment would be counted as a vote. The Committee will also place a poster on the notice boards allowing people to submit an address by email which will then be placed as a comment on the Facebook post for people to like. The prize will be given to the address with the most likes.

(d) Committee Terms and 2026 General Local Election

The Corporate Officer advised that an email had been sent out to all Committee and Commission members regarding the Committee terms of office and to determine interest in continuing past that time if the Committee is re-struck. Committee terms follow the terms of office for Council. The incoming Council will take office on November 2, 2026 at which time, they will consider which Committees to strike.

(e) Next Meeting Date: October 22, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.

It was requested that the Judges' Evaluation and winter activities, such as a planter or workshop, be added to the agenda.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Councillor Allan Jackson, Chair
Communities in Bloom Committee

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer