NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA
INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 2, 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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

(a) Meeting called to order by the Corporate Officer.

(b) Presentations to outgoing members of Council.

(c) Administration of Oaths of Office to:

- Fred Talen, Incumbent Mayor
- Susan Galvao, Councillor-elect
- Stewart Pritchard, Councillor-elect
- Michael Warn, Councillor-elect
- Landry Winkles, Councillor-elect

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 October 19, 2026 be adopted.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

(a) Report of Chief Election Officer dated November 2, 2026 **Page 5**
Re:2026 General Local Election Results

Recommendation:

THAT the report of the Chief Election Officer dated November 2, 2026 regarding the results of the 2026 General Local Election be received.

16. BYLAWS

17. NEW BUSINESS

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, October 19, 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 Michie Vidal
COUNCIL ABSENT: Councillor Mark Schweinbenz
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 Jackson

THAT the agenda be approved.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-17

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6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of October 5, 2026

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT the Regular Council meeting Minutes of October 5, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-18

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

None.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Letter dated October 7, 2026 from Deputy Minister of Infrastructure Bobbi Plecas
Re: 2026 UBCM Convention

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-19

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

None.

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Members of Council thanked the community, their colleagues and members of staff for their support over the term and extend their congratulations to the incoming members of Council.

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director)
  - Attended a meeting on October 8, 2026

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- 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

Councillor Jackson

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

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Mayor Talen thanked the outgoing members of Council for their commitment and service to the Village.

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

None.

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

(a) Report of Chief Administrative Officer dated October 19, 2026
Re: CAO 2026 Third Quarter Update

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the Chief Administrative Officer's report dated October 19, 2026 regarding the 2026 Third Quarter Update be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-20

16. BYLAWS

None.

17. NEW BUSINESS

None.

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 6:03 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2026-10-21

Fred Talen
Mayor

Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer

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HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Naturally Refreshed

COUNCIL REPORT

Regular Council

File No: 4200-20
Date: November 2, 2026

To: Mayor and Council
From: Amanda Graham, Chief Election Officer
Subject: 2026 General Local Election Results

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the report of the Chief Election Officer dated November 2, 2026 regarding the results of the 2026 General Local Election be received.

SUMMARY

To provide a report regarding the recent 2026 General Local Election for the offices of one (1) Mayor, four (4) Councillors and three (3) Agassiz-Harrison Electoral Area School Trustees. This report must be presented to Council within 30 days of the declaration of official election results, in accordance with section 158 of the *Local Government Act*.

BACKGROUND

The nomination period for the 2026 General Local Election began at 9:00 am, Tuesday, September 1, 2026 and ended on Friday, September 11, 2026 at 4:00 pm. At the end of the nomination period there were three (3) candidates nominated for the office of the Mayor, thirteen (13) candidates nominated for the offices of Councillor and four (4) candidates nominated for the offices of School Trustee.

On Monday, September 21, 2026, pursuant to section 98 of the *Local Government Act*, a declaration of an election by voting was made.

Mail Ballots

The Village's General Election and Other Voting Procedures Bylaw No. 1121, 2018 authorizes same-day elector registration and voting by mail ballot. Applications to vote by mail were available online and at the Village Office from 9:00 am on Tuesday, September 1, 2026 to Friday, October 9, 2026 at 4:00 pm. Sixteen (16) Mail Ballots were issued. Of those, two (2) were issued to non-resident property electors. Mail Ballot certification envelopes were reviewed at the Village Office Council Chambers on Friday, October 16, 2026 at 9:00 am. Any Mail Ballots received after that time were reviewed at the close of voting on General Voting Day. All Mail Ballots issued were received by the Chief Election Officer before the close of voting, and all certification envelopes were completed correctly and accepted.

Voting Opportunities

The Village provided for one (1) Advance Voting opportunity on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at Memorial Hall as required by section 107(2) of the *Local Government Act*. Three hundred and thirty-two (332) electors registered and voted on this day.

On October 17, 2026, after the polls closed at 8:00 pm, sixteen (16) Mail Ballots were added into the Advance Voting ballot box. This was done in accordance with section 137(3) of the *Local Government Act* to ensure the Mail Ballots were not identifiable. With this addition, the final total number of ballots placed into the Advance Voting Machine was three hundred and forty-eight (348).

General Voting Day took place on Saturday, October 7, 2026 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at Memorial Hall. Five hundred and eighty seven (587) electors registered and voted on this day.

DISCUSSION

Preliminary Results

As soon as possible after 8:00 pm on General Voting Day, the polls were closed on the two electronic voting machines, and a report of results was printed. Candidates and candidate representatives present at the voting place observed the counting proceedings.

The results were printed off and read aloud as they became available. They were inputted into a spreadsheet to calculate the total number of votes between the two machines. The spreadsheet was available on a large screen for observers to view. The final ballot accounting paperwork was completed, and the preliminary results were published as soon as possible as follows:

For the Offices of Agassiz-Harrison Electoral Area School Trustee (3):

Candidate Name	Advance/Mail in	General	Total
CLARK, Wendy	170	304	474
COLMAN-LAWLEY, Wendy	133	240	373
HATT, Benita	145	231	376
HENSEN, Andrea	158	304	462

For the Office of Mayor (1):

Candidate Name	Advance/Mail in	General	Total
MANLEY, Cassandra	73	125	198
TALEN, Fred	**229**	**373**	**602**
WOOD, Ed	43	85	128

For the Offices of Councillor (4):

Candidate Name	Advance/Mail in	General	Total
ALLEN, John	51	116	167
BALDWIN, Wendy	43	40	83

BUCHANAN, Ross	102	158	260
FACIO, Leo	118	168	286
GALVAO, Susan	**239**	**373**	**612**
OMELUS, Teresa	44	115	159
PRITCHARD, Stewart	**131**	**218**	**349**
THORNTON, Gabby	18	43	61
VELTMAN, Greg	36	131	167
VIDAL, Michie	140	191	331
WARN, Michael	**154**	**215**	**369**
WEBSTER, Gary	101	164	265
WINKLES, Landry	**131**	**214**	**345**

Official Results

As required by section 145 of the *Local Government Act*, all candidates were notified that the determination of official election results would take place on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 9:00 am in the Village Office Council Chambers. The election results and ballot accounts were reviewed. The results remained the same as were determined at the close of voting on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

Voter Turnout

The estimated number of eligible voters for the Village of Harrison Hot Springs was determined to be 2,066 based on information available from registered provincial electors with Elections BC, 2021 census data, 2025 BCStats population estimates, and data available from the BC Assessment Roll regarding non-resident property owners. A total of nine hundred and thirty-five (935) ballots were cast, resulting in a 45.25% voter turnout.

Additional Notes

Memorial Hall worked well as a voting place. The space is accessible and large enough for five (5) registration tables and five (5) voting booths. Same-day registration and the use of voting machines continued to work well. The election staff worked diligently throughout both voting opportunities, and their assistance and dedication were greatly appreciated.

Fewer Mail Ballots were requested during the 2026 General Local Election than during the 2023 and 2024 By-Elections. Despite this, Mail Ballots remain an important opportunity for electors to cast their ballot and staff recommend that the Village continue to offer Mail Ballot voting.

Election signage was prevalent throughout the community. There were a few points of clarification that could be brought forward in future amendments to the Village's Sign Bylaw No. 1126, 2018, including:

- Clarify when signs are not allowed within 100 metres of a voting station – for example, Memorial Hall is only a voting station when voting is taking place; and
- Align timelines for placing election signs to coincide with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit's policy – currently, election signs can be placed on Village public areas at the close of the Nomination Period, but they cannot be placed on Ministry of Transportation and Transit right of ways until the Campaign Period starts which is a week afterwards.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no policy considerations associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted:

Amanda Graham
Chief Election Officer / Corporate Officer

Reviewed by:

Tyson Koch
Chief Administrative Officer