VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS
Regular Council Meeting Minutes

DATE: Monday, May 4, 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
Councillor Mark Schweinbenz

COUNCIL ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Administrative Officer, Tyson Koch
Chief Financial Officer/Deputy CAO, Scott Schultz
Corporate Officer, Amanda Graham
Communications and Community Engagement Coordinator, Kalie Wiechmann
Planning Consultant, Ken Cossey (Via Zoom)
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-2026-05-01

6. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

(a) Mayor Talen declared a non-pecuniary conflict regarding item 10(e) – Email dated April 25, 2026 and 16(b) – Report of Planning Consultant regarding C2 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No.1244, 2026 (889 Hot Springs Road). Prior to being elected to office, he signed a letter of support regarding the proposed development at 889 Hot Springs Road. Mayor Talen advised that he would recuse himself from the meeting when these items come before Council.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

(a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2026

(b) Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2026

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the minutes be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2026-05-02

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

9. DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

(a) Michael De Jong & Jeff Wilson, Bridal Veil Mountain Resort
Re: Bridal Veil Mountain Resort Progress Update

The delegates provided Council with an update on the status of the Bridal Veil Mountain Resort Project, which has received stage 1 approval by the Province and will be proceeding to a formal proposal stage.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

(a) Letter dated April 13, 2026 from the City of Langford to Premier David Eby
Re: Permanent Daylight-Saving Time and the Impacts on Safe Routes to School

(b) Email dated April 15, 2026 from Agassiz Harrison Historical Society
Re: Request for Letter of Support

(c) Email dated April 21, 2026 from Gary Webster
Re: Clarification on Council Decision – Flood & Wildfire Motion

(d) Email dated April 21, 2026 from Moose Hide Campaign
Re: Support Moose Hide Campaign

(e) Email dated April 25, 2026 from Gary Webster
Re: 889 Hot Springs Road – Zoning Clarification

(f) Email dated April 29, 2026 from Cathy Christiansen
Re: Responsible Garbage Bylaw

Moved by Councillor Vidal
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT all correspondence be received.

CARRIED
RC-2026-05-03

11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff send a letter of support to the Agassiz Harrison Historical Society regarding their application for the Community Gaming Grant.

CARRIED
RC-2026-05-04

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT the Village support the City of Langford's resolution to the UBCM regarding permanent daylight savings time.

CARRIED
RC-2026-05-05

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Mayor Talen

THAT the Village support the Moose Hide campaign by turning lights golden yellow in a show of support.

CARRIED
RC-2026-05-06

Moved by Councillor Schweinbenz
Seconded by Councillor Facio

THAT staff be directed to research bylaws and tools to manage wildlife in the Village.

Amendment moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT the motion be amended to add that staff be directed to include wildlife and waste management messaging with the 2026 property tax notices educating residents about wildlife.

CARRIED
RC-2026-05-07

Council voted on the original motion as amended.

CARRIED
RC-2026-05-08

12. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

Council Congratulated Councillor Vidal on her recent election as LMLGA Executive Board President.

Councillor Facio

- Fraser Valley Regional District Board (Municipal Director) – No Report
- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board (Alternate Municipal Director) – No Report
- Attended the LMLGA Conference on April 29 – May 1, 2026
- Attended the Earth Day in May event on May 2, 2026

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 LMLGA Conference on April 29 – May 1, 2026

Councillor Jackson

- Fraser Valley Regional Library Board – No Report
- Tourism Harrison – No Report
- Reported on the Communities in Bloom Committee meeting on April 21, 2026
- Attended the Community Connections Café on April 24, 2026 at the Village Health Centre
- Attended the LMLGA Conference on April 29 – May 1, 2026

Councillor Schweinbenz

- Agassiz-Harrison Historical Society – No Report
- Community Futures North Fraser Board of Directors – No Report
- Reported on the Earth Day in May event on May 2, 2026
- Attended the LMLGA Conference on April 29 – May 1, 2026

13. REPORTS FROM MAYOR

- Spoke on the use of bicycles along the lagoon pathway
- Attended the LMLGA Conference on April 29 – May 1, 2026
- Attended the Earth Day in May event on May 2, 2026
- Attended the Rotary 50/50 District Conference on May 2, 2026

14. REPORTS AND MINUTES FROM COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

(a) Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2026

(b) Age-Friendly Committee Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2026

(c) Communities in Bloom Committee Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2026

(d) Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2026

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT all committee minutes be received for information.

CARRIED
RC-2026-05-09

15. REPORTS FROM STAFF

None.

16. BYLAWS

(a) 2026 Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1238, 2026

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Vidal

THAT Tax Rate Bylaw No. 1238, 2026 be adopted.

CARRIED
RC-2026-05-10

(b) Report of Planning Consultant dated May 4, 2026
Re: C2 Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1244, 2026 (889 Hot Springs Road)

Mayor Talen recused himself from the meeting due to the above stated conflict of interest and exited council chambers at 6:57 pm. Deputy Mayor Vidal assumed the chair.

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Jackson

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1244, 2026 be introduced and given first reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-05-11

Moved by Councillor Jackson
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 1244, 2026 be given second reading.

CARRIED
RC-2026-05-12

Moved by Councillor Facio
Seconded by Councillor Schweinbenz

THAT staff be directed to schedule a Public Hearing.

CARRIED
RC-2026-05-13

Mayor Talen returned to council chambers at 7:10 p.m. and resumed the chair.

17. NEW BUSINESS

None.

18. NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) Notice of Motion from Councillor Vidal
Re: Cenotaph at Memorial Hall

WHEREAS the permanent installation of a cenotaph provides a place of remembrance, reflection and gathering space to honor the service and sacrifice of members of the Canadian Armed Forces;

AND WHEREAS Memorial Hall is a central and historically significant location within our community which is well-suited to serve as a site of remembrance;

AND WHEREAS the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 32 plays a vital role in supporting veterans, their families and has a respected role in leading local commemorative services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to investigate the purchase and erecting of a cenotaph outside of Memorial Hall and engage with Royal Canadian Legion Branch 32 to seek input and guidance on appropriate design and protocols and:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff report back to Council with recommendations including a proposed project budget and timeline.

(b) Notice of Motion from Mayor Talen
Re: Impact of Forestry Activities

WHEREAS the April 20, 2026 Regular Council Meeting did not result in Council taking any action in relation to item 17 c);

AND WHEREAS the Village has interests that should be considered and protected arising from forestry activity near the Village and in the Harrison Lake watershed;

AND WHEREAS the Village wrote BC Timber Sales on April 27, 2026, seeking information on how forestry activities alter: wildfire risk, water quality in Harrison Lake, the risk of flooding in the Village, and asserting that the Village must have a role in maintaining and protecting the aesthetic view qualities from the Village;

AND WHEREAS the Village should take additional steps to advance these interests in future meetings with Provincial authorities;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT at a future Committee of the Whole Meeting:

1. Council discuss concerns that might arise from forestry activities near the Village of Harrison Hot Springs and how the Village should engage Provincial authorities on forestry activities near the Village that might affect:

    a) Risks associated from wildfires;
    b) The water quality of Harrison Lake;
    c) The risk of flooding in the Village;
    d) The view, and ascetic qualities of the forest and mountains as seen from the Village;

2. Council consider whether, and how to engage neighbouring communities, including the District of Kent and Sts'ailes, on these matters.

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 7:17 p.m.

CARRIED
RC-2026-05-14



Fred Talen
Mayor



Amanda Graham
Corporate Officer