



# NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 11, 2024, 10:00 AM  
Village Office, 495 Hot Springs Road  
Harrison Hot Springs, BC V0M 1K0

**THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE**

<b>1. CALL TO ORDER</b>
Meeting called to order by the Chair. Acknowledgment of Sts'ailes traditional territory. Roundtable introductions.
<b>2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS</b>
<b>3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>
<b>4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES</b>
(a) THAT the Accessibility Committee Meeting minutes of October 9, 2024 be adopted. <span style="float: right;">Page 1</span>
<b>5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</b>
(a) Council Procedure Bylaw / Committee Reporting Structure
(b) Report of Community Services Manager dated December 11, 2024 <span style="float: right;">Page 5</span> Re: Accessible Parking Awareness Event
(c) Accessibility Grant
(d) Accessible Playground
(e) Accessibility Feedback ( <i>standing item</i> )
<b>6. ADJOURNMENT</b>

Amanda Graham  
Corporate Officer



**VILLAGE OF HARRISON HOT SPRINGS  
MINUTES OF THE ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 9, 2024  
**TIME:** 10:30 a.m.  
**PLACE:** Council Chambers, Village Office  
495 Hot Springs Road, Harrison Hot Springs, BC

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Councillor Leo Facio, Chair  
Sharon Chatenay  
Stephanie Gallamore

Tyson Koch, Chief Administrative Officer  
Amanda Graham, Corporate Officer  
Christy Ovens, Community Services Manager  
Kalie Wiechmann, Community Services Clerk Receptionist

**ABSENT:**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Facio called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.  
Chair Facio acknowledged the traditional territory of Sts'ailes.

**2. INTRODUCTION OF LATE ITEMS**

Late item from Councillor Facio to add Mobi-Mats as Item for Discussion 5(c).

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Stephanie Gallamore**  
**Seconded by Sharon Chatenay**

THAT the agenda be approved as amended.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
AC-2024-10-01

**4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Stephanie Gallamore**  
**Seconded by Sharon Chatenay**

THAT the Accessibility Committee Meeting minutes of September 4, 2024 be adopted.

**CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**  
AC-2024-10-02

**5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

(a) Draft 2024 Accessibility Plan Feedback & Final Review

The Committee discussed the following:

- Accessibility Plans in other Canadian municipalities including Winnipeg, Toronto, Edmonton, Golden and Whistler
- A potential presentation from an architect who facilitates discussion on disability access and built environments
- Business grants and home rebates for adaptability and promotion of those grants by the Village to help spread the message
- Promoting the Village's accessibility feedback mechanism more

**Moved by Stephanie Gallamore**  
**Seconded by Sharon Chatenay**

THAT the Accessible Committee recommend to Council that the 2024 Accessibility Plan be adopted.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
AC-2024-10-03

(b) Disability Alliance of BC Webinar

The Community Services Manager reported on an email from the Disability Alliance of BC. They are hosting an online Zoom webinar on October 17 that she will forward to the Committee if they wish to attend. The Disability Alliance of BC is hoping to get feedback from municipal governments and other public sector bodies to discuss challenges in trying to meet accessibility standards.

(c) Mobi-Mats

The Committee discussed the following:

- The current Mobi-Mats at the beach are used by regular traffic and often get covered in sand
- There is a Council resolution for staff to research replacement options and potentially a more permanent wooden boardwalk
- Challenges with keeping the Mobi-Mats level, slippery surfaces with wooden options, erosion issues during periods of heavy rain, maintenance issues
- Challenges with the location of the Mobi-Mats at Rendall Park not being near washrooms or picnic tables, issues with the grade in that area
- Budgetary considerations
- A newer wood-like roll up product from Mobi-Mat

6. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Stephanie Gallamore**  
**Seconded by Sharon Chatenay**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:01 am.

**CARRIED**  
**UNANIMOUSLY**  
*AC-2024-10-04*

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Leo Facio, Chair  
Accessibility Committee

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Amanda Graham  
Corporate Officer

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File No: 0360-20-08  
Date: December 11, 2024

To: Mayor and Council  
From: Christy Ovens, Community Services Manager  
Subject: Accessible Parking Awareness Event

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## RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Community Services Manager's report regarding the Accessible Parking Awareness Event be received for information.

## SUMMARY

To report on the Accessible Parking Awareness Month event held on Tuesday, November 19, 2024.

## BACKGROUND

November is designated as Accessible Parking Awareness Month. Through SPARC BC, the Village applied for and successfully received a \$500 grant to support hosting and promoting an event.

## DISCUSSION

On Tuesday November 19, 2024, the Village hosted an Accessible Parking Awareness Event starting at Memorial Hall. The group had a round-table discussion over coffee surrounding accessibility barriers and issues in the Village before conducting a walking tour and discussing the current accessible parking stalls along the beachfront.

Three Accessibility Committee members were in attendance along with four additional residents. Christy and Kalie attended on behalf of Village staff. There were some great discussions and ideas brought up surrounding accessibility barriers including:

- lack of letdowns from sidewalks to roadways at many locations (including in front of Memorial Hall)
- some ramps have hand railing on only one side
- need for more frequent rest stops along paths and trails (don't require full benches but could be smaller stool styles)
- need for tactile strips at crosswalks/letdowns
- discussions on height of toilets in accessible washrooms
- limited ramp access to beachfront between where Hot Springs Road meets Esplanade Avenue and the Harrison Hot Springs Resort

- not enough 15-minute parking stalls and 15 minutes may not be adequate for those with mobility challenges looking to make a quick stop
- free parking areas are too far away for those with accessibility challenges
- lack of oversize vehicle parking areas for buses from seniors' facilities
- sidewalks letdowns don't always correlate with where the sidewalk is located

Attached to this report is a map demonstrating the above observations.

The event and Accessible Parking Awareness Month were advertised in the Agassiz Harrison Observer's November 15, 2024 newspaper.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

### **POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

#### 2023 Strategic Plan Priorities

Healthy Livable Community – To promote and enhance a healthy lifestyle for all ages.

Respectfully submitted:



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Christy Ovens  
Community Services Manager

Attachment: Accessibility Barriers Map November 2024



