

Local Government Internship Program Host Profile - Village of Harrison Hot Springs

About the Community

The Village of Harrison Hot Springs is in the eastern Fraser Valley, on the traditional territory of Sts'ailes. Harrison Hot Springs is a short drive to Agassiz, and other nearby larger cities, including Chilliwack and Mission. The resident population in the Village is approximately 2,000, with a large influx of tourists during the summer season. Harrison Hot Springs and the surrounding region are popular destinations known for the sandy beaches, hot springs, hiking, forest bathing, rock climbing, golfing, bird watching, and more. There are many year-round recreational opportunities for families, retirees, artists, and outdoor enthusiasts that bring up 750,000 visitors to town each year. Harrison Lake is popular for fishing, boating, kayaking, and windsurfing.

About the District, Village, or Municipality

The vision of Harrison Hot Springs is that of a residential and resort community on the traditional territory of Sts'ailes that provides an exceptional quality of life for residents and an outstanding experience for all visitors.

The Village of Harrison Hot Springs was incorporated in 1949 and has eighteen full-time employees, including six exempt members of management. The municipality is governed by an elected Mayor and four members of Council.

In 2025, the Village's annual operating budget was \$5.016 million. The staff works hard to secure grant funding to provide opportunities that may otherwise not be feasible in a community with a tax base of this size.

Working at the Village, you'll experience a team-oriented organization, good work-life balance, supportive colleagues, and diversity in day-to-day tasks.

For more on the Village of Harrison Hot Springs, visit our website: www.harrisonhotsprings.ca or our project page: www.getintoitharrison.ca

Proposed Intern Activities

- Support the development and implementation of the asset management program
- Review infrastructure master plans and assist in schedules and tracking tools
- Provide updates for GIS mapping
- Research and review bylaws in other similar municipalities
- Support in digitization of records
- Election training and support

What the LG is looking for in a candidate:

Some examples provided below are:

- Post-secondary degree or diploma
- Education in GIS, engineering, asset management, or project management
- Willingness to take on new challenges and to learn on the job
- Demonstrated teamwork and collaboration skills
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite
- General knowledge of municipal operations and interested in a future in local government