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Via Email: ftalen@harrisonhotsprings.ca

Mayor Fred Talen
Village of Harrison Hot Springs
P.O. Box 160
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Dear Mayor Talen:

Re: Lets'emot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre Regional Partnership

Thank you for your letter dated July 24, 2026 regarding the Lets'emot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre.

As you know, we have been working with your Council for more than 6 years on this proposed arrangement to partner on the new aquatic centre. Our meetings show that we have involved Village of Harrison Hot Springs Council from the start with the pool and encouraged Harrison Hot Springs to engage the public to approve a financial model through a public Referendum or Alternative Approval Process (AAP) to seek a public resolution of approval for the project.

On July 6, 2026, Council directed our CAO and staff to release all In-Camera meeting conversations with the Village of Harrison Hot Springs with respect to the Lets'emot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre. The minutes of those meetings reflect the collaboration efforts of the District of Kent attempting to work out the capital contribution and operational costs of the pool with the Village of Harrison Hot Springs throughout the years to form a partnership. For \$1.85 million your community would have total access to a brand new \$26 million facility, just minutes away. I would say this is a pretty good windfall for your community.

Your letter dated June 10, 2026, sums up your Council's funding priority on our aquatic centre, and once again, no public engagement process until after the election.

We, as District Council have no choice but to proceed with increasing non-resident user fees to cover-off and offset our taxpayers subsidizing public recreation facilities for your municipality.

We will be happy to adjust or rescind our non-resident fees when the Village of Harrison Hot Springs comes up with an equitable financial plan to share capital contributions and operating funds for the new Lets'emot Regional Recreation and Aquatic Centre.

We would be pleased to provide your Council with a private tour of our new facility to see what you are contributing towards.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pranger", with a large, stylized initial "P" that loops around the first part of the name.

Sylvia Pranger
Mayor

c: T. Koch, CAO, Village of Harrison Hot Springs
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