



During the January 14th Public meeting regarding the new Water Treatment Plant, there was a question of just how much water is being consumed by the Village of Ashcroft users. The above graph breaks down the monthly use for the period 2012-2015.

As you can see the demand on our system varies drastically between the warmer seasons and the cooler part of the year. During July and August the Village has pumped up to 8,219 m<sup>3</sup> in a single day and during the winter months we have pumped as little as 662 m<sup>3</sup> in one 24 hour period. The majority of the increase in water use is for lawns and gardens, however Ashcroft is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in the entire country for water use per capita and there are ways to continue to have beautiful lawns and gardens using less water.

For reference, 1 m<sup>3</sup> of water is equal to approximately 220 imperial gallons. The Ashcroft Swimming Pool holds 546m<sup>3</sup> so on our highest use day the Village pumped and treated just over 15 swimming pools worth of water in a 24 hour period.

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**January 2016 Newsletter**



***Council wishes to thank all those who attended the Water Treatment Public Meeting on January 14th, 2016.***

## Community Update

Mayor Jeyes and Council would like to take a few minutes of your time to tell you about a number of things they have been working on as well as some community events:

- **Proclamation:** Council proclaimed February 8-14 2016 "Variety Week" in Ashcroft. Visit <http://www.variety.bc.ca/> for more information.
- The Ashcroft and Area Community Resources Society asked Council for the use of the Community Hall for their 2016 Christmas Hamper Drive. Council approved this request.
- In accordance with Village Policy, two \$250 bursaries will be awarded to 2016 Ashcroft graduates.
- Bylaw No. 803, Ashcroft Water Treatment Upgrades Loan Authorization Bylaw, 2016 was given first three readings at the January 25th meeting of Council. It will now be sent for approval from the Inspector of Municipalities. Once this is received the Alternative Approval Process to obtain elector assent can commence.
- Bylaw No. 801, "OCP Amendment Bylaw, 2015" and Bylaw No. 802, "Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2015" both went to final reading and final adoption. A Public Hearing for these bylaws was held on January 11th, 2016. There were no comments, written or verbal, received from the public regarding these changes.
- A Public Meeting was held on January 14th at the Ashcroft Community Hall concerning the Upgrades to the Ashcroft Water Treatment Plant. Approximately 40 people showed up to ask questions and provide comments.
- Mayor Jeyes signed a "Letter of Intent" with Chief Blain of the Ashcroft Indian Band to work towards the provision of Village water to band residents.
- There will be a Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:00 pm on Monday, February 22, 2016 and a regular meeting following at 7:00 pm.



## Upcoming Community Events



**January 30** Free Public Skating for Family Literacy Week (January 25-31)

**February 8** BC Family Day (Village Office will be closed).

**February 22** Committee of the Whole meeting for Ashcroft Council at 6:00 pm. Regular meeting to follow at 7:00 pm.

**February 28** Village of Ashcroft Heritage Event at the Community Hall. This years Heritage Week theme is "Distinctive Destinations: Exploring Historic Places"

**March 9** Kamloops Exploration Group is hosting a lecture by John Clague at the Ashcroft River Inn at 7 pm. For more information visit [www.keg.bc.ca](http://www.keg.bc.ca)

**March 14** The 70th United Church Women's Bean Supper will be held from 5-6 pm and the second seating will be held at 6-7 pm at the United Church.

**March 25** Good Friday (Village Office will be closed)

**March 28** Easter Monday (Village Office will be closed)

**May 27-29** The 5th Annual Ashcroft Plein Air Paint Out. For more information contact [ashcroftpleinair@gmail.com](mailto:ashcroftpleinair@gmail.com)

### Did you know.... The Courage to Come Back Awards

The Courage To Come Back Awards is a province-wide annual campaign that pays tribute to BC residents who have demonstrated extraordinary courage in their recovery from illness or adversity. The awards are presented to one individual in each of the following categories:

- Addiction
- Medical
- Mental Health
- Physical Rehabilitation
- Social Adversity
- Youth



If you would like to know more, or wish to nominate someone, go to [www.coastmentalhealth.com](http://www.coastmentalhealth.com). Nominations close February 12th. This years awards will be held on Thursday, May 5th at the Vancouver Convention & Exhibition Center West.