

**Request for Public Comments:
Local Government Elections Task Force**

Many of you may be aware that in 2009, Premier Campbell announced the formation of a Local Government Elections Task Force to review local government election issues.

The Task Force is a joint, consensus-based group of provincial and Union of BC Municipalities members who are seeking written comments from both elected officials and members of the community. Interested individuals are invited to submit written comments on any or all of the following topics:

- Campaign finance, including contribution/spending disclosure and limits;
- Enforcement processes and outcomes;
- Role of the British Columbia Chief Electoral Officer in local government elections;
- Election cycle (term of office);
- Corporate vote; and
- Other matters of concern that you may have.

The Task Force would appreciate receiving comments by April 15, 2010 as they anticipate delivering the recommendations to the Province by May 30th. The time line, while quite tight, is to allow new legislation to be in place in time for the 2011 general local elections.

Written comments can be submitted using any of the following options:

Local Government Elections Task Force
c/o Ministry of Community and Rural Development
PO Box 9839 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC V8W 9T1
Email: LocalElectionsTaskForce@gov.bc.ca
Fax: 250-387-7972

Mayor Anderson and Council would appreciate receiving copies of any written submissions for their information and review. Comments can be submitted by mail, fax or email as outlined below.

Your Mayor and Council:

Mayor: Andy Anderson

Councillors:

Alice Durksen—Jerry Fiddick—Helen Kormendy—Colin Williams

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Village of Ashcroft

March 2010 Newsletter



MAYOR ANDERSON AND COUNCIL

*Invites everyone to the
VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENING*

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 7:00 PM—9:00 PM

ASHCROFT COMMUNITY HALL

*This is an opportunity to recognize and thank
the volunteers who contribute to our community*

Community Update

Mayor Anderson 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:

Community Update

- The Heritage Committee held a very success History of Sports in Ashcroft event at the Ashcroft Curling Club on February 28. There were several local residents who spoke on the various sports that are available in the area. The event was part of BC Heritage Week.
- Mayor Anderson and Council are very concerned regarding the controversy surrounding food permits that are required from Interior Health. Mayor Anderson has sent a letter to the Minister of Health Services requesting he investigate and resolve these concerns.
- The Village has been successful obtaining a grant for 1/3 of the costs to install a solar heating system at the Ashcroft Swimming Pool. The Village has applied for a grant for \$30,000 as well as a low interest loan from Northern Development Initiative Trust to assist with the funding. The Village will recognize significant cost savings once the system is in place for the 2011 season.
- The Village will be amending our Official Community Plan in accordance with new Provincial regulations. The Village is required to establish a greenhouse gas emission reduction target for 2020.
- The Branding Boot Camp workshop was attended by approximately 30 members of the community. The next step will be the formation of a community group to carry on the process of determining what it is that makes Ashcroft unique.
- The Porter family of Desert Hills Ranch made a presentation to Council explaining the Environmental Farm Program. They also updated Council on the variety of crops they produce and outlets they supply.
- The next meeting of Council will be on Monday, April 12. This will be a regular meeting of council and will begin at 4:30 pm. The second meeting for the month will be on Monday, April 26. There will be a committee of the whole meeting at 6:00 pm followed by the regular meeting of Council at 7:00 pm. These meetings are open to the public.



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Upcoming Events

1. April 9, 2010 – Rotary Wine and Art Show
2. April 14, 2010—Council hosts a Volunteer Appreciation evening in the Ashcroft Community Hall
3. April 23—27, 2010—Ashcroft Arts Club Annual Art Show
4. April 27—Meals for a Mine Free World Fundraising Dinner sponsored by Ashcroft Legion, Ashcroft Cache Creek Rotary and Zion United Church
5. May 6—Ashcroft Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee Fun Fair
6. May 9—11th Annual Mother's Day Fly-In Breakfast at Campbell Hill Airport
7. July 21– Communities in Bloom judges evaluate our community

VOLUNTEER:

1. **Somebody who works without being paid**
2. **To perform, or offer to perform, work of your own free will**
3. **To do charitable or helpful work without receiving pay for it**

Volunteer Appreciation....

April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and Mayor Anderson and Council wish to recognize the many individuals who provide hours of their time to community events. It is far to easy to forget the number of hours that are involved in the planning of an event that may only last a few hours, but these events are what bring a community together. Without volunteers a community loses its vibrancy and connection to each other.

On Wednesday, April 14th Council will be hosting an evening where everyone is invited to attend and thank the volunteers of our community. There will be a very short program at the beginning which will be followed with light refreshments and fellowship.

Please feel free to stop by the Community Hall and take the opportunity to visit with your friends and neighbours and perhaps learn more about the various activities that are taking place within our community.

We hope to see you there.