



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT
REGULAR MINUTES**

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 7:00 PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017**

PRESENT: **Acting Mayor Doreen E. Lambert
Councillor Helen A. Kormendy
Councillor Barbara H. Roden
Councillor W. Alfred Trill**

**J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer
Wayne Robinson, Deputy Corporate Officer**

Press & Public

EXCUSED: **Mayor John C. (Jack) Jeyes
Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

2. MINUTES

2.1. Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held on Monday, July 24, 2017

Acting Mayor Lambert declared the minutes adopted as presented.

2.2. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, July 24, 2017

Acting Mayor Lambert declared the minutes adopted as presented.

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1. None

4. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

4.1. Accounts Payable Listing for the period ending August 24, 2017

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

That the accounts payable listing for the period ending August 24, 2017 be received and filed.

Carried. (01-08-17)

5. CORRESPONDENCE

5.1. Reconciliation Canada – Invitation to participate in Walk for Reconciliation, September 24, 2017

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That the invitation to participate in the Walk for Reconciliation on September 24, 2017 in Vancouver be received and filed.”

Carried. (02-08-17)

5.2. Stg. Kat Thain, Ashcroft RCMP Detachment – Letter of Commendation/Thanks to Fire Chief White, Ashcroft Firefighters and Ashcroft Crew

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That the letter from Sgt. Thain be received with thanks and be read out during the public information meeting on September 20, 2017, and further that copies of the letter be provided to Fire Chief White and Fire Captain Duchaine.”

Carried. (03-08-17)

5.3. Jati Sidhu, MP, Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon – Expression of Concern following Wildfires in our Area

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the correspondence from MP Sidhu expressing his concern following the wildfires in our area be received and filed.”

Carried. (04-08-17)

5.4. Thompson Nicola Regional District – Items for 50th Anniversary Time Capsule

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That Council consider one or two items that they would like to see included in the TNRD’s 50th Anniversary Time Capsule and further that the suggestions be brought back to the September 11, 2017 regular meeting.”

Carried. (05-08-17)

5.5. Ashcroft & District Fall Fair - Notification that the 2017 Fall Fair has been cancelled due to summer wildfires

M/S Councillor Kormendy / Councillor Roden

“That the notification that the 2017 Ashcroft & District Fall Fair has been cancelled be received and filed.”

5.6. Southern Interior Local Government Association – Proposed Changes to Eliminate the 1/3 Tax Free Expense Allowance for Local Government Officials

M/S Councillor Roden/Kormendy

“That the correspondence relating to proposed budget changes that would eliminate the 1/3 tax free expense allowance for local government officials be received and filed.”

Defeated.

M/S Councilor Trill / Councillor Kormendy

“That the Village of Ashcroft send a letter to the Southern Interior Local Government Association advising that they wish to go on record as opposing the proposed changes that would eliminate the 1/3 tax exemption for local government officials as the tax free allowance is used by elected representatives to attend and support public functions as required within their line of duty and further that all citizens are encouraged to run for office and therefore be entitled to this benefit.

Carried. (06-08-17)

5.7. Union of BC Municipalities – Gas Tax Agreement Community Fund Payment - \$61,065.52

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the correspondence advising that the Village’s Gas Tax Agreement Community Works Fund payment would be \$61,065.52 be received and filed.”

Carried. (07-08-17)

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1. None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Municipal Insurance Association of BC – Appointment of voting delegates for 2017 AGM, September 26, 2017

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the Village appoint Councillor Trill as our voting delegate and Councillor Kormendy and Councillor Roden as alternate delegates for the 2017 Municipal Insurance Association of BC Annual General Meeting.”

Carried. (08-08-17)

- 7.2. **Historic Plaque Applications**
- **Approval for 210 Brink Street (private residence)**
- **Ashcroft Bakery**

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That Council approve the Historic Plaque applications for the Ashcroft Bakery and 210 Brink Street as presented and further that staff proceed with preparing the plaques for installation.”

Carried. (09-08-17)

- 7.3. **Community Update Meeting – Proposed Agenda for Community Meeting on September 20, 2017**

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That Council invite Urban Systems to provide information on the water treatment plant project and the official community plan and zoning bylaw updates at the Community Update Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2017.”

Carried. (10-08-17)

- 7.4. **Letter to the Editor from Andrea Walker – Public Expectation for Village to remove all potential fire hazards**

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the information on the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative be included in the October planning session agenda for further discussion.”

Carried. (11-08-17)

8. BYLAWS

- 8.1. **Introduction and First Three Readings**

8.1.1. None

- 8.2. **Reconsideration and Final Adoption**

8.2.1. None

9. INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1. **Information Correspondence Listing for August 28, 2017**

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That the information correspondence listing for August 28, 2017 be received and filed.”

Carried. (12-08-17)

10. REPORTS

Council Reports

10.1. Finance Committee – Mayor Jeyes, Councillor Roden & Councillor Kormendy

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the Financial Statement for June 30, 2017 be approved as presented.”

Carried. (13-08-17)

10.2. Cache Creek Environmental Assessment Committee – Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Kormendy

Council was advised there is a Cache Creek Landfill Extension Monitoring Committee meeting later this week. Councillor Kormendy requested the date and time to see if she could attend.

10.3. Northern Development Initiative Trust – Councillor Trill & Councillor Kormendy

No report.

10.4. Gold Country Communities Society – Councillor Trill & Councillor Roden

No report.

10.5. TNRD – Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Lambert

Council reviewed The Current – Highlights of the Board of Directors’ Meeting held August 17, 2017.

10.6. Tourism – Councillor Roden & Councillor Lambert

Councillor Roden advised that the Visitors’ Centre had closed early due to the smoke from the wildfires and the fact that there were very few tourists coming through the area. Council agreed that taking the volunteers out for lunch would be an appropriate thank you.

10.7. School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) Liaison – Councillor Lambert & Mayor Jeyes

No report.

10.8. Economic Development & Chamber of Commerce - Councillor Roden & Mayor Jeyes

Councillor Roden advised Council that the BC Economic Development Association has established a business recovery hot line where small businesses that have been negatively impacted by the wildfires can register for assistance.

10.9. Historic Hat Creek– Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Trill

No report.

10.10. Heritage – Councillor Roden & Councillor Kormendy

Councillor Roden advised that the QuestUpon session was attended by approximately a dozen people and it took just over one hour to complete. The Museum Open House that followed was attended by about 2 dozen people and was very entertaining and informative.

10.11. Transit – Councillor Kormendy & Councillor Roden

No report.

10.12. Wellness & Music (Kids) Festival – Councillor Trill & Councillor Roden

Councillor Trill advised Council that the TRYathlon had been rescheduled from July and took place on Saturday, August 26. There were roughly 30 participants which was about half of the original number. The new route limited the time the children were on public streets which increased the safety aspect of the event.

10.13. Seniors' Liaison – Councillor Lambert & Councillor Roden

No report.

10.14. Communities in Bloom – Councillor Trill & Councillor Roden

No report.

10.15. Health Care – Mayor Jeyes & Councillor Lambert

No report.

10.16. Bifuka Sister City Relationship – Councillor Kormendy & Councillor Lambert

Councillor Kormendy advised that the local artists have sent pictures of the various murals to our sister city for their information.

10.17. Other

Thank you advertisement regarding recent wildfire events.

M/S Councillor Lambert / Councillor Trill

“That the Village purchase a one-half page advertisement in the local newspaper thanking the residents, emergency responders, and neighbours for their cooperation and support during the recent wildfire events.”

Carried. (14-08-17)

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That council receive the verbal and written reports as presented.”

Carried. (15-08-17)

10.18. Administration

Chief Administrative Officer

10.18.1. Notes of the special meeting of council held on Thursday, July 27, 2017 regarding recent wildfire event

M/S Councillor Trill / Councillor Roden

“That the notes of the special meeting of council held on Thursday, July 27, 2017 regarding the recent wildfire event be received and filed.”

Carried. (16-08-17)

Chief Financial Officer

10.18.2. None

11. INCAMERA

11.1. Section 90. 1. (g) – a matter of litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Trill

“That the regular meeting move in-camera to discuss an item under Section 90.1(g) of the community charter – a matter of litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.”

Carried. (17-08-17)

Council returned from the in-camera meeting at 8:23 pm.

M/S Councillor Trill / Councillor Roden

“That Council authorizes staff to send a notice to the owner of 404 & 432 Tingley Street outlining the repairs and remediation that must be carried out within the property within 45 days of delivery of the notice or the Village will have the authority to carry out the actions and charge the funds back to the property owner.”

Carried. (18-08-17)

12. TERMINATION

M/S Councillor Roden / Councillor Kormendy

“That the regular meeting of council terminate at 8:24 pm.”

Carried.

Doreen E. Lambert, Acting Mayor

Certified to be a true and correct copy
Of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
Council held Monday, August 28, 2017.

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer

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