

CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE CLOSURE AND GARBAGE COLLECTION

The Village Office will be closed from noon on Thursday, December 23rd, 2016 until 8:00 am Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017.

As December 27th is a statutory holiday for the public works department, **Tuesday garbage collection will be moved to WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28**. To ensure that you are not missed, please have your garbage to the curb by 8:00 am. Regular Tuesday collection resumes on January 3, 2017. There are no changes required to the Friday collection route except to ensure that your garbage is at the curb by 8:00 am.

The TNRD Building Inspector will be in Ashcroft on Tuesday, December 20th. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017. Please call the TNRD office directly at 1-877-377-8673 if you have any questions regarding inspections.

2016 TAX & UTILITY PAYMENTS

Payments on 2016 tax and utility accounts must be received in our office by 4:00 pm, Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017 to avoid 2017 penalties and interest. Payments received on or after January 4th, 2017 will be applied against applicable penalties and interest charges. **SORRY, POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS DATE OF PAYMENT.**

2017 LICENSES

2016 Dog Licenses and Commercial Vehicle decals will go on sale Wednesday, January 4th, 2017. They will not be sold on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2016. Business License renewal notices will be mailed out the first part of January.

ARENA HOURS OF OPERATION

The Drylands Arena will be closed on December 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 & January 1. However we are pleased to offer **free public skating** on December 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29, & 31 from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Regular arena scheduling resumes on Tuesday, January 4th, 2017. Please call the arena at 250-453-9545 to confirm schedule. In the event of snowfalls or other emergency these times may be cancelled.

2016 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Copies of the Village of Ashcroft Council meetings for 2017 are available at the Village office during regular office hours or can be viewed on our website at www.ashcroftbc.ca/council_meeting_schedule

Mayor Jeyes, Council and Staff wish you a happy and healthy holiday season!!

Your Mayor and Council:

Mayor: Jack Jeyes

Councillors:

Doreen Lambert—Hellen Kormendy—Barbara Roden—Alf Trill

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December 2016 Newsletter



Mayor Jeyes & Council

Wish everyone a safe and healthy Holiday Season.

メリークリスマス Merry Christmas

Happy Hanukkah Joyeux Noël Frohe Weihnachten

圣诞节快乐 Feliz Navidad

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 the week of January 23, 2017 “Family Literacy Week” in Ashcroft. Free Public Skating will be offered on January 28th in recognition of this event.
- **Proclamation:** Council proclaimed the week of January 30, 2017 “BC Aware 2017. Be Secure, Be Aware, Days” in Ashcroft. This initiative is to raise awareness of internet security issues.
- Council has committed to: be included in the Gold Country Trail Guide; advertise the community in the “Buy Local, Buy Fresh” map; and participate in the Gold Rush Trail initiative created by the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association.
- Council has written a letter of support for the funding being applied for by the Ashcroft HUB Society, from the Northern Development Initiative Trust, to make the HUB more accessible for those with mobility issues.
- Council has received delegations from Mr. & Mrs. Wilf Sulz of Ashcroft regarding the burning bylaw; and Shayne Wright, Coordinator of Buy Local BC Initiative to provide information about the Buy Local, Buy Fresh Thompson Shuswap map featuring participating Ashcroft farms.
- Council has resolved to create a Council Select Committee to explore the possibility of creating a public dog park within the Village of Ashcroft.

Radon Detectors

Radon detectors are available at the Village Office at no charge - things you might want to know:

- You will need to come to the Village Office and fill out the form to receive your detector.
- Radon detectors need to be left in place for a minimum of 3 months in your home.
- Detectors are not harmful to you in any way.
- Results are emailed to you; a summary is provided to the Village Office after all the results have been analyzed; results specific to your home are kept confidential and are not shared with the Village Office.

Upcoming Community Events

December 23 Village Office is closed at Noon. Reopens on January 3rd.

December 27 Statutory Holiday (see back for Solid Waste Collection Changes)

January 1 Happy New Years Day - **May the year of 2017 be even better than the last!**

January 3 Payments on 2016 tax and utility accounts must be received in our office by 4:00 pm to avoid penalties and interest. Payments through your financial institution can take up to 3 business days to reach the Village Office, please plan ahead if using this payment option.

January 9 Regular Meeting of Council at 4:30 pm.

January 23 Committee of the Whole Meeting at 6:00 pm and Regular Council meeting at 7:00 pm.

January 28 Free Public Skating for Family Literacy Week (January 22-28)

Did you know.... New Disposal Fees Beginning January 1, 2017.

As you are aware, the Cache Creek landfill is closing and what will remain is a transfer station to meet your disposal needs, operated by the Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD).

To remain consistent with other disposal sites within the TNRD, tipping fees will be in effect beginning in the New Year. Fees must be paid for using an Eco Card, cash is not accepted. Eco Cards can be purchased in \$10, \$20, and \$50 denominations - this could be the perfect stocking stuffer for that “hard-to-buy-for” friend or loved one!



You can visit the following website address to view the entire list of fees and charges: <https://tnrd.ca/content/garbage-disposal-fees>. As before, recyclables are accepted at no charge, as well as clean yard waste (up to 1000 kg or 5 cubic meters per day).

For a complete list of fees and recyclable items accepted at the Cache Creek Transfer Station, see the above website. To get more information or to call ahead for large loads, call the **TNRD** at **1-877-377-8673**; email to: recyclenow@tnrd.ca or communications@tnrd.ca.