

**TURBIDITY**  
**WATER QUALITY ADVISORY (WQA) vs. BOIL WATER NOTICE (BWN)**

Because the Village of Ashcroft sources our water from the Thompson River, turbidity is a water quality parameter that we monitor on a 24 hour basis. As turbidity levels increase our water quality decreases from “Good” to “Fair” to “Poor”. A “Good” rating means that the turbidity levels are less than 1.0 NTU. A “Fair” rating means that the turbidity levels are between 1.0 and 5.0 NTU, and a “Poor” rating means that the turbidity levels are over 5.0 NTU.

On February 17 the turbidity reading was consistently registering over 5.0 NTU so the Village issued a Boil Water Notice (BWN). This Notice was posted on our website, on public bulletin boards, Canada Post Office front door, on Kamloops radio stations, distributed to all commercial and public buildings, dropped into every Ashcroft mail box and the sign on Railway Avenue was adjusted. This spike in turbidity occurred overnight and the readings went from 0.74 to over 20 due to the heavy rains and excessive sudden snow melt.

On February 21 the turbidity reading had dropped below 5.0 for over 24 hours and the BWN was downgraded to a Water Quality Advisory (WQA). The Advisory was distributed in the same manner as the BWN. The turbidity in the water is now below 1.0 but it is slowly rising and the Village and Interior Health have agreed that the WQA should remain in place.

The Village advises Interior Health when the status of our water quality changes and we work together regarding the process for public notification. Because we have surface water and do not have a filtration system in our water treatment plant turbidity will continue to be an annual issue. If you or members of your family have health challenges you should be aware that our water quality is available on our website or by checking the sign on Railway Avenue. You may also call the office if you have any questions.

The Village is currently developing a Water Treatment Plant that will provide the appropriate treatment process including filtration to meet the BC Provincial treatment objectives based on our raw water quality characteristics.

**Your Mayor and Council:**

Mayor: Jack Jeyes

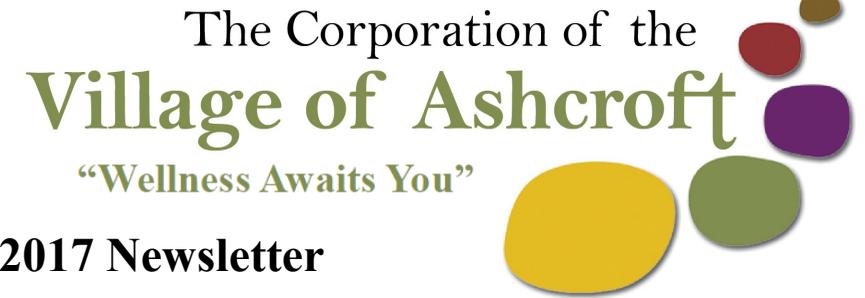
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**February 2017 Newsletter**



***Mayor Jeyes & Council***

***Thank everyone for their patience and  
Cooperation during this long winter season***

## 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:

- The annual Heritage Week event was well attended and those present learned the history and background of many of the baskets that are in the Ashcroft Museum collection. In addition a summary of fashion through the years was presented
- Council received many positive comments on the exceptional manner in which the crew dealt with the heavier than normal rains and snow melt that caused runoff and potential flooding
- The Village issued a Boil Water Notice on Friday, February 17 as the turbidity was far above 5.0. This notice was removed and replaced with a Water Quality Advisory on Tuesday, February 21. Once the new filtration system is in place the turbidity concerns will be eliminated
- Sgt. Kat Thain appeared before Council and provided an update on the detachment operations
- Mr. Mike LeVecchio, Director Government Affairs for CP appeared before Council and provided an update on the remediation of the derailment and coal spill that occurred on January 12
- Mr. John Pierro advised Council that he is proposing a Bonaparte Pow Wow for August 18—20 to be held in the Drylands Arena
- Council received a letter from Robert A. Johnson, Executive Vice President Operations for CP thanking the community for their patience and cooperation following the January 12 derailment of the CP coal train
- Council proclaimed April 24—30, 2017 as 15th Annual Rail Safety Week in Ashcroft
- Council proclaimed April 17—23 as Art Heritage Week in honour of their 50th year of activity
- The next Council meetings are Regular Meeting at 4:30 pm on Monday, March 13 and a Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:00 pm followed by the Regular meeting of council at 7:00 on Monday, March 27. These meetings are open to the public



## Upcoming Community Events



**March 13**—Regular Council Meeting starts at 4:30 pm

**March 17—19**—Atom Division Minor Hockey Tournament at Drylands Arena, come out and support our local and visiting teams

**March 27**—Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Council Meeting starts at 6:00 pm

**March 31**—Utilities must be paid by 4:00 pm to qualify for the 10% discount

**April 10**—Regular Council Meeting starts at 4:30 pm

**April 12**—Spring Community Forum in Ashcroft Community Hall at 7:00 pm

**April 14 & 17**—Good Friday and Easter Monday, Village Office closed

**April 14**—Friday garbage collection will be moved to Thursday, April 13 due to Good Friday

**April 22—25**—50th Annual Art Show at St. Alban's Church from noon—5:00 pm. April 21 opening night for adults only, 6:00 pm—9:00 pm

**April 24**—Committee of the Whole Meeting and Regular Council Meeting starts at 6:00 pm

**May 1**—Village of Ashcroft Annual Town Hall meeting at 7:00 pm at Ashcroft Community Hall

**May 1**—Harlem Ambassadors in Ashcroft sponsored by Ashcroft Cache Creek Rotary Club

### Did you know.... Sewer system

Over the past year there have been a number of occasions when chemicals have been poured down the Village's sewer system. The introduction of these types of products changes the chemical balance of the sewage treatment plant and can cause the system to malfunction.

The Village will be endeavouring to trace the source of these contaminants in the future and we ask that residents who have old or surplus cleaning supplies, art supplies, drugs or other chemical based products dispose of them properly.

The TNRD will be hosting a Hazardous Waste Round Up in April and local residents are invited to bring adhesives, paint thinners, chemicals, cleaners, mercury, antifreeze, herbicides, pesticides, paint, oils and grease to the event to ensure that they are safely disposed of.

Surplus medications can be taken to any pharmacy for safe disposal.