

Winter Driving Conditions

There have been a number of concerns expressed this past winter regarding the road conditions and the dangers of driving in less than perfect conditions.

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and Interior Roads would like to make the public aware that there are a few things that you can do before heading out to make your travels safer:

1. Check the DriveBC.ca website. This website is maintained by the Province and is updated on a regular basis. This site will provide you with the latest road conditions as well any accidents or delays that you may encounter
2. Review the Shiftintowinter.ca website. This website is hosted by Worksafe BC and contains a number of safety tips and information regarding winter driving.
3. Ensure that your vehicle is properly maintained and that you have good winter tires on your vehicle.
4. Provide lots of time for you to get to your destination and ensure that you have a full tank of fuel and a blanket and water in your vehicle in case you are delayed en route for any reason
5. Remember that the posted speed limits are under ideal conditions. While we may not get a lot of snow we do live in an area that has dramatic changes in the climate within very short distances. Leaving Ashcroft you encounter changes in elevation which can change the road conditions. As well, roads that follow the river can be subjected to more frost and ice.

Be aware of highway maintenance equipment and respect their position on the road. If they are plowing please leave them plenty of room to do their jobs and only pass when it is absolutely necessary. Remember they are out there to make the roads safe for all of us



Your Mayor and Council:

Mayor: Jack Jeyes

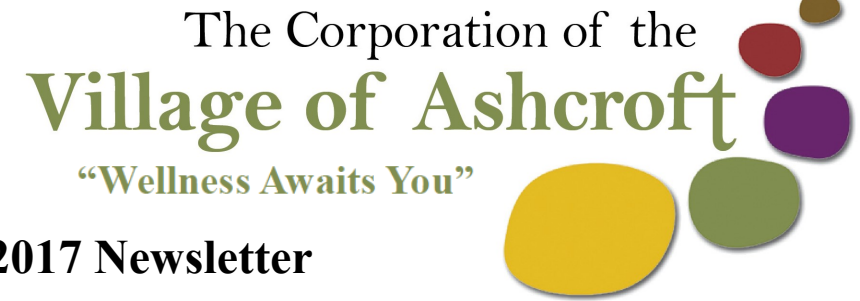
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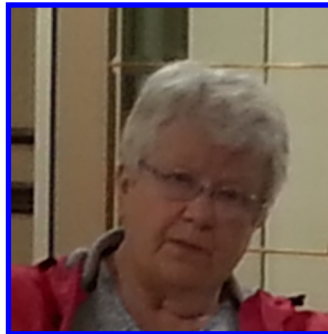
Mayor Jeyes & Council

*Thank our local volunteers for making Ashcroft
a place we are proud to call home*

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 Village has received a grant from Canadian Heritage to assist with the cost of replacing the HVAC system and the back stairs at the Ashcroft Museum
- Council submitted comments to the Ministry of Education on the successes and challenges of rural education and rural schools. All rural local governments were invited to participate
- Mayor Jeyes will be attending the Mayors' Caucus in Oak Bay. This is an opportunity for BC Mayors to get together and share concerns and ideas
- Mayor Jeyes will be attending the Cargo Logistics Conference in Vancouver. This conference is important to the Village as all aspects of the movement of cargo including via railway will be discussed
- Council received many positive comments on the exceptional manner in which the crew dealt with the heavier than normal snowfalls and kept the streets and road well maintained. This was passed along to the crew
- Mr. Donald Cram appeared before Council and passed along a number of items that had been brought up to him during the recent by-election
- Ms. Anne Marie McLean appeared before Council with a number of comments and concerns regarding items in the community
- The Village will be providing two \$250 bursaries to Ashcroft students who are graduating from DSCS in June 2017
- The new fire truck was delivered to the department just before Christmas. The members are receiving weekly training sessions to familiarize themselves with the new controls
- The next Council meeting is a Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:00 pm followed by the Regular meeting of council at 7:00 on Monday, February 27. These meetings are open to the public



Upcoming Community Events



February 2—Ashcroft Library hosts an Identity Theft & Fraud Prevention session from 2:00 pm—3:30 pm

February 9—Applications for the Off Leash Dog Park Development Select Committee will be accepted until 4:00 pm

February 13—BC Family Day, Village Office and Drylands Arena closed

February 26—Annual Heritage Event in Ashcroft Community Hall starting at 2:00 pm

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

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 avoid penalties and interest

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

Did you know.... Derailment on CP Line January 12, 2017

At approximately 3:45 pm on January 12, 2017 a westbound freight train derailed 7 km west of Ashcroft, BC. There were no injuries to the crew and no dangerous goods were involved. No rail cars reached the river however some coal from the cars did enter the water; action was immediately taken to contain the material. The rail line reopened to freight traffic on the evening of January 13th. As the spill was downstream from the Village of Ashcroft's water intake **there was no threat of contamination to our water system.**

The Transportation Safety Board is continuing their investigation however it could take several months to determine the cause.