

2016 Community Survey Results

As you are aware Council invited members of the public to complete a survey on our community. There were 178 surveys returned and a summary of the results are:

Who Responded: 50% have lived in Ashcroft for more than 15 years and 20% have lived here less than 5 years. Over 60% were 65 years of age and older

Quality of Life: 85% said quality of life was good or very good

Raise a Family: 70% said it was a good place to raise a family

Place to Retire: 67% said it was a good place to retire

What would you like to see changed: Availability of health services * More business and employment * Implementation of progressive development plans * Improved water quality * Greater variety of shopping & dining * Cultural activity development * Building renewal

What does community mean to you: Mutual support * Unity and inclusion in diversity * Involvement in activities * Participatory planning * A sense of belonging * Safety * See a future for one's family

How would you promote/describe Ashcroft as a place to live or visit: Great weather * Beautiful scenery * Tranquility * Convenience of location * Community mindedness * History * Local indoor and outdoor recreation * Friendliness

List the most important services: Water infrastructure * Sewer infrastructure * Fire protection * Garbage collection * Business retention * Business investment attraction

Council has applied for an additional grant to move forward with developing long term plans that address the points brought forward. We would like to thank everyone for taking the time to complete the survey.

Your Mayor and Council:

Mayor: Jack Jeyes

Councillors:

Helen Kormendy—Doreen Lambert—Barbara Roden—Alfie Trill

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November 2016 Newsletter



***Mayor Jeyes and Council thank everyone
for making Ashcroft a wonderful
place 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:

- Council had a presentation from Shayne Wright of the Buy Local! Buy Fresh! Campaign. They have agreed to support this project for 2017 as it brings awareness to food suppliers in our area
- Do you know an outstanding community member? You can nominate them for a BC Community Achievement Award. Details are at www.bcachievement.com
- Council declared the week of January 23, 2017 as Literacy Week in Ashcroft and will provide a free family public skate on January 28
- Josh White has been re-appointed as the Fire Chief for 2017 & 2018
- Council approved a variance at 112 Brink Street to allow the canopy to be built higher than the current bylaw permits
- Mr. and Mrs. Sulz appeared before Council to inquire about using an outdoor wood burning cook stove. Council will be reviewing the bylaw and will get back to Mr. and Mrs. Sulz
- Council approved a variance for a development at 202 Brink Street to allow the building to meet current safety regulations as well as meet the intent of the heritage requirements
- The Village submitted an application to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for new de-watering equipment at the sewer treatment plant. The village has funds in reserve to cover our share of this project
- The Village will provide a letter of support to the Ashcroft HUB. They are seeking funding for upgrades to the building including a ramp into the gym for people with mobility challenges
- The Village renewed the 5 year funding agreement with the Ashcroft Communities In Bloom committee
- The next meetings of Council will be a Regular Meeting at 4:30 pm on Monday, December 12. Due to the Christmas holidays there is only one meeting scheduled for December. Meetings are open to the public



Upcoming Community Events

December 2—Santa Claus Parade and Love Ashcroft Contest

December 11— Annual Kinsmen Family Christmas Turkey Bingo, Cache Creek Community Hall, doors open at 10 am

December 12—Skate with Santa at Drylands Arena, sponsored by the Ashcroft Volunteer Fire Department and the Village of Ashcroft

December 13—16—Preparation of Christmas Hampers at Ashcroft Community Hall

December 15—CP Holiday Train arrives in Ashcroft , time to be confirmed

December 17—Sage Sound Singers & Desert Bells Handbell Choir Annual Christmas Concert, Cache Creek Crossroads Pentacostal Church. Doors open at 6:30 pm

December 23—Village Office closes at noon. Reopens at 8:00 am on January 3, 2017

January 20—Deadline for nominations for the BC Community Achievement Awards

January 28—Family Literacy Family Skate at Drylands Arena 2:15 pm—3:45 pm

Did you know... Drylands Arena

The Village is pleased that the number of users at the Drylands Arena continues to grow. Our minor hockey program is more vibrant than it has been in years thanks to the endless hours put in by a number of volunteers. Public skating is now offered on 5 days of the week as follows:

Monday:	3:30 pm—4:45 pm
Wednesday	3:30 pm—4:45 pm
Friday:	6:45 pm—8:30 pm
Saturday:	2:15 pm—3:45 pm
Sunday:	2:15 pm—3:45 pm

In addition to minor hockey and public skating there is a ladies drop in hockey group and a mens' hockey league. If you are interested in any of these groups the contact numbers are below:

Minor Hockey—Lewis Kinvig: 250-453-9955
Ladies Hockey—Marianne Munro: 250-453-9522
Mens Hockey—Larry Van Leest: 250-457-7464

