

## OCP Planning Week—Nov 27 to 30, 2017

An OCP (**Official Community Plan**) is a visionary document which aims to reflect the community's aspirations. An OCP should answer the question, *"where do we, as a community, want to be in the future?"* The previous OCP was adopted twelve years ago in 2005. Since then, there have been significant changes in Ashcroft's population and economic landscape. The process of creating the OCP can help us understand the unique challenges we face in Ashcroft, such as an aging population, and allow us to explore new and exciting opportunities. This could include economic development opportunities as well as new and innovative ways of addressing social and environmental issues.

The **Zoning Bylaw** is a regulatory tool which allows the Village to implement the OCP. The zoning bylaw addresses issues such as site layout and permitted uses for new development, as well as:

The land uses permitted in certain areas of the community.

The placement of buildings on properties including how far they must be from property lines and the road .

How much development should be allowed in certain areas.

The maximum height of buildings.

The area of property that can be covered by a building.

Whether or not fences are permitted, and if so their height and permitted materials.

### How can you participate?

A successful update process requires the participation of the community. We will be hosting a number of public and stakeholder engagement events from November 27th to 30th. The public will be invited to provide feedback at the following:

**Community Workshop** – Tuesday, November 28th at the Community Hall 6:30 – 9:00 pm – attendees will have the opportunity to provide their input on what should be the vision, goals, and policies for a number of important topics such as land use, economic development, housing, environmental protection, and community services

**Community Open House** – Thursday, November 30th at the Community Hall 7:00 – 9:00 pm – attendees will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft policies and ideas for the OCP and Zoning Bylaw which will be based on the input received through the previous engagement.

**In addition, residents can drop in to the Ashcroft HUB during the following hours:**

Monday Nov. 27 to Wednesday Nov. 29: 9 am – 8 pm; & Thursday, Nov. 30: 9 am – 2 pm

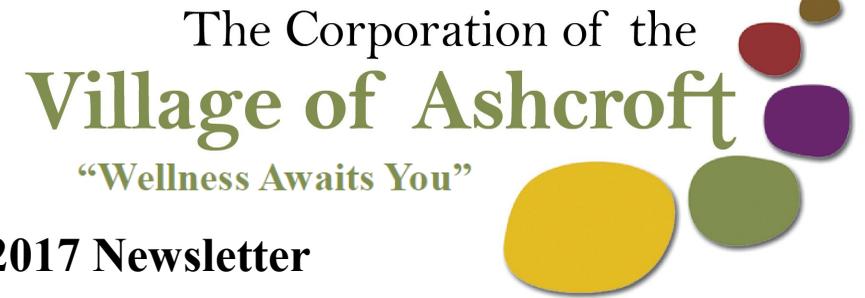
#### Your Mayor and Council:

Mayor: Jack Jeyes; Councillors: Hellen Kormendy—Doreen Lambert—Barbara Roden—Alf Trill

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## October 2017 Newsletter



**Mayor Jeyes & Council would like to acknowledge the sacrifices made by the women and men of the Canadian Armed Forces.**

**LEST WE FORGET**

## 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 received a delegation from Sgt. Kat Thain of the Ashcroft RCMP who outlined police responses to incidents over the past several months.
- Council received a delegation from Bernie Easson and Kerry McLean-Small of Interior Health, who provided an update on local hospital operations.
- Council received a delegation from Elsy LePage of Interior Roads, who provided an update on Interior Roads winter preparations.
- Council received the 2017 Communities in Bloom certificate of award and recognition from Andrea Walker.
- Council resolved to request permission to waive property tax penalties due to the unprecedented wildfires experienced this summer.
- Council resolved to provide a grant-in-aid of \$500 to Winding Rivers Arts & Performance Society.
- Council resolved to discuss BC Transit Service with the Village of Clinton Council.
- Council completed the first three readings of Bylaw No. 814 to amend the Solid Waste Collection Bylaw No. 785.
- Council conducted a planning session on October 10, 2017.



### Be a Part of the Planning Advisory Committee.

Are you interested in how the Village develops planning and zoning documents?  
Would you like to have input into the planning and future vision of the Village?

Please consider applying to join the Planning Advisory Committee — We require a broad cross section of the Community representing a wide variety of ages and occupations to ensure as many perspectives as possible are brought forward.

Send your name, contact information and a brief outline of why you wish to be a part of this process. Applications are due on Thursday, November 2, 2017 and accepted at:

**The Village of Ashcroft**  
**PO Box 129 Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0**  
**Email: [council@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:council@ashcroftbc.ca)**  
Be a part of planning the Village's future!

## Upcoming Community Events



**November 2**—Community Forum at the Community Hall at 7 pm.

**November 2**—Applications to join the Planning Advisory Committee are due to the Village office by 4:00 pm.

**November 13**—Village Office is closed for the statutory holiday.

**November 14**—Regular Meeting of Council at 4:30 pm, everyone welcome.

**November 18&19**—Canucks Alumni come to teach and play in the Drylands Arena

**November 20**—Last day to enter to win cash prizes through Love Ashcroft.

**November 27**—Committee of the Whole at 6 pm and the Regular Meeting of Council at 7 pm, everyone welcome.

**November 27-30**—OCP in a week, please be a part of the process. See the back page for all the details.

**Throughout November**—**Sewer Line** and **Water Main flushing** continues, weather permitting. Residents are reminded if turbidity is seen in your water to run your taps for a few minutes until the water clears.

### Driving—Winter is Coming!

The Village of Ashcroft would like to remind drivers that road conditions change quickly in the month of November. It is important that drivers be prepared with the proper equipment to prepare for the conditions winter driving presents.

Be sure to travel prepared, consider bringing with you:

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| Food that won't spoil                           | Roadmaps                                |
| Water   | Copy of your emergency plan             |
| Blanket   | Sand, salt or cat litter (non-clumping) |
| Extra clothing and boots                        | Antifreeze and windshield washer fluid  |
| First aid kit with seatbelt cutter              | Tow rope                                |
| Small shovel, scraper and snowbrush             | Jumper cables                           |
| Candle in a deep can and matches                | Fire extinguisher                       |
| Wind-up flashlight                              | Warning light or road flares            |
| Whistle (in case you need to attract attention) |   |

Be sure to check your tires and that they have the **M & S** symbol or the symbol to the right (which is preferred). Don't forget to check your tire pressure and tread depth, anything less than 3.5 mm or 9/64" is not safe to drive on and needs to be replaced. Be safe on the roads this winter, for your sake and everyone else.

