THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

REGULAR AGENDA

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 4:30 PM ON MONDAY JANUARY 13, 2020

In compliance with the Village of Ashcroft Audio and Video Recording of Council Meetings Policy # A-01-2019 this is to advise that permission has been granted to the HUB Online Network to record and live stream todays Council meeting. Those present in the gallery that do not wish to be recorded, you may move to another seat at this time. The Village asks that the HUB Online Network be respectful of those participants not wishing to be recorded. Hub Online Network, you may begin recording now.

1. **CALL TO ODER**

2. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
   Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended

3. **MINUTES**

3.1	Minutes if the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday December 9, 2019 *Motion to adopt the minutes as presented or as amended*	**1 – 5**

4. **DELEGATIONS**

4.1	N/A	

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

FOR ACTION		
5.1	17th Annual BC Natural Resources Forum – Invitation	**6**
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5.6	Gloria Mertens – Request to waive fees	**13**
5.7	Esther Lang – Christmas Hamper Committee – Facility Use Request	**14**
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FOR INFORMATION		
5.9	Ashcroft CiB – 2019 Final Report & Proposed 2020 Budget	**16 – 19**
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6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6.1	Motions List	**21 – 22**

7. NEW BUSINESS

Business arising from the current Council Meeting may be added to the agenda for discussion

7.1		

8. BYLAWS

8.1	N/A	

9. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
9.1	N/A	
FOR INFORMATION		
9.2	CFO Bhalla - Budget Review 2019 – Digital Presentation	

10. COUNCIL REPORTS

10.1	Mayor Roden – December Report TNRD – The Current	**23 – 25** **26**
10.2	Councillor Anderson	
10.3	Councillor Anstett	
10.4	Councillor Davenport	
10.5	Councillor Tuohey	

11. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

11.1	To Be Determined	

12. QUESTION PERIOD

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13. CLOSED MEETING

Motion to move to closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

13.1	(c) Labour relations or other employee relations, (g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality and (e) the acquisition, disposition or expropriation of land or improvements.	

14. TERMINATION

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

MINUTES

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 4:30 PM ON MONDAY DECEMBER 9, 2019

PRESENT: **Mayor Barbara Roden**
Councillor Marilyn Anderson
Councillor Jonah Anstett
Councillor Nadine Davenport
Councillor Debra Tuohey

Anne Yanciw, Chief Administrative Officer
Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer
S. Daniela Dyck, Deputy Corporate Officer

Media & Public

EXCUSED:

Mayor Roden advised that public that the Council meeting is being recorded and lives streamed. Mayor Roden further advised the HUB Online Network that the Delegation from Teck, Highland Valley Copper requested not to be recorded or live streamed and that recording and streaming may begin at the conclusion of the Teck, HVC delegation presentation.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda
M/S Roden / Tuohey
"That the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for December 9, 2019 be adopted as presented."
CARRIED (01-12-2019)

3. MINUTES

3.1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday November 25, 2019
Mayor Roden declared the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for November 25, 2019 adopted as presented."

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1. **Teck, Highland Valley Copper**, Peter Martell, Superintendent of Environment and Community Affairs, Jacqui Schneider, Sr. Community Affairs Officer, Environment and Community Relations and Charlene VanDean, Economic Development Coordinator
Mr. Martell provided a brief overview of current operations and future endeavors for the mine including:

- Autonomous dump truck pilot program, if program is successful the mine will move to full automation in the next 4 years and operate up to 40 autonomous dump trucks.
- HVC is planning on keeping current levels of work force even if moving to autonomous dump trucks.
- Mine is scheduled to close in 2027 – 2028, HVC is applying for an expansion to extend the life of the mine to 2040. Application to be submitted by end of 2020, approval by end of 2021, construction begins 2022 and expansion pit to be operational by 2024.
- Technology and efficiency is expanding and Teck has rolled out a new program called Race21
- Mr. Martell advised Council that the Village will be contacted in the near future by the Ministry of Environment regarding the proposed expansion.

Mayor Roden asked if a tour of the mine could be arranged, Mr. Martell suggested a spring tour would be best.

4.2. **Village Christmas Tree**, Joyce Beddow

Ms. Beddow addressed Council on behalf of a small group of locals that would like to enhance the Christmas Lights in the community. The vision of the group includes:

- Begin small with one or two trees next year to be decorated at Heritage Park.
- Invite community groups and businesses to sponsor trees
- Establish a group to oversee the project
- Wondering about liabilities and what Council's concerns might be?
- The vision is to establish a "Winter Wonderland" at Heritage Park.

Council thought this was a great idea and liked the idea of a "Winter Wonderland"; however, Council did share a concern regarding set up, take down and storage of lights and decorations.

Mayor Roden thanked both delegations for their presentations and for the work that they are doing in the community and region.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION

5.1. Steve Takacs – Bylaw No. 753 Amendment Proposal

M/S Roden / Anderson

"That staff write a letter advising Mr.Takacs that Council is unable to amend a Bylaw for one property owner."

CARRIED (02-12-2019)

FOR INFORMATION

5.2. Ashcroft Terminal – Safety of DSCS Students

M/S Anderson / Anstett

Motion to receive and file

CARRIED (03-12-2019)

Concern that community does not seem to be adjusting to the slough not being accessible to the public. Public safety is the main concern, and commented that it is a federal offense to cross a rail line where there is no crossing.

Public education suggestion for CN Rail to engage with the public and encourage the public to respect the transition of the property use.

5.3. Information Correspondence Listing to December 9, 2019

M/S Anstett / Anderson
"That the Information Correspondence listing to December 9, 2019 be received and filed."
CARRIED (04-12-2019)

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 Motions List
M/S Anderson / Tuohey
"That the Motions list for December 9, 2019 be received and filed."
CARRIED (05-12-2019)

7. NEW BUSINESS

Business arising from the current Council Meeting may be added to the agenda for discussion.
7.1. N/A

8. BYLAWS

8.1. N/A

9. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION

9.1. CAO – Declaration of Fire Services Level
M/S Roden / Anderson
"THAT Council approve Policy #5.1, Declared Fire Operations Service Level."
CARRIED (06-12-2019)

9.2. CAO – Request for Support for Intern Application
M/S Anderson / Davenport
"THAT Council of the Village of Ashcroft supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant of up to $35,000 to host an intern under the Local Government Internship Program from the Cariboo Chilcotin Lillooet Regional Account. The Village of Ashcroft is committed to providing sufficient financial and staffing resources to host an intern and is committed to providing training and professional development opportunities for the intern."
CARRIED (07-12-2019)

9.3 DCO – 2020 Council Meeting Dates
M/S Tuohey / Anstett
"That Council approve the 2020 Ashcroft Council Meeting Dates schedule."
CARRIED (08-12-2019)

FOR INFORMATION

9.4 CFO – Budget Presentation – CFO Bhalla presented Council with a verbal and digital review of the current financial status and commented that the Auditor met with the Finance Committee earlier this afternoon.
During the financial update CFO Bhalla noted that Environmental Health Services is the only category in the General account that is in the red due the Garbage Truck requiring repairs.
Sewer – overall budget is balanced
Water – overall budget variance is positive all primary accounts are good and GL's are on budget.
End of year CFO is checking that things are coded properly in preparation for the upcoming audit.

CFO – Asset Management Presentation –
CFO Bhalla provided a summary of the Village's assets excluding the WTP as it is still in progress noting that the Village recently received approval for the project expansion. Most assets are in moderate position, there is nothing in critical condition, most of our assets are in fair condition.
Asset registry is tracking all assets, CFO Bhalla provided a brief overview of the new program including a cost comparison of program development.
CFO Bhalla presented the newly developed Asset Management portal, demonstrated the mapping interface and highlighted how this will assist all Village departments moving forward, the interface is compatible with cell phones and PW staff is able to access the data at any time providing they have internet access. CFO Bhalla also explained that the public will have access to parts of the system through the Village Website in the near future.
Mayor Roden thanked CFO Bhalla

9.5 Fire Chief White – Mental Wellness in the Fire Services Report – CAO Yanciw explained that there was a scheduling conflict and regrettably Chief White has requested that his presentation be rescheduled to January.

10. COUNCIL REPORTS

10.1. MAYOR RODEN

Verbal report

Mayor Roden gave a verbal report of recently attended meetings and upcoming meetings

10.2. COUNCILLOR ANDERSON

10.3. COUNCILLOR ANSTETT

10.4. COUNCILLOR DAVENPORT

10.5. COUNCILLOR TUOHEY

11. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETINGS

11.1. N/A

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- No questions from the gallery
- Comment commending CFO Bhalla's Asset Management presentation
- Comment commending the new Agenda format

13. CLOSED MEETING

13.1. N/A

14. TERMINATION

M/S Roden / Anderson

"That the Regular Meeting of Council for December 9, 2019 be terminated at 5:49 pm"

Certified to be a true copy of
The Regular Meeting of Council held
Monday December 9, 2019**.**

Barbara Roden, Mayor

Anne Yanciw, Chief Administrative Officer

AY/sdd

BC NATURAL RESOURCES FORUM

Our Resources - Our Future

December 6, 2019

Mayor and Council
Village of Ashcroft
Box 129
601 Bancroft Street
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Dear Mayor and Council,

Re: 17th Annual BC Natural Resources Forum – Invitation – January 28th to 30th, 2020

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 17th Annual *BC Natural Resources Forum* January 28th – 30th, 2020. The annual event is hosted at the Prince George Conference and Civic Centre. The *Forum* is the largest natural resource conference in Western Canada attracting over 1,000 delegates representing almost 500 different organizations.

The 2020 *Forum* includes many high caliber speakers including Chief Councillor Crystal Smith, Haisla Nation; Peter Zebedee, CEO, LNG Canada; James Thompson, Vice President, Western Region, CN; Alan Dunlop, Vice President, Asset Development Chevron Canada; Michael Crothers, President & Country Chair, Shell Canada; Affonso Bizon, General Manager, Rio Tinto BC Works as well as a keynote address from Premier John Horgan. We are also pleased to be hosting five of British Columbia's resource sector Ministers at the popular and always sold-out Ministers' Breakfast.

A key contributor of the *Forum's* huge success as the largest natural resources forum in Western Canada is the unprecedented participation of a large contingent of Indigenous leaders, all levels of Government and the broad cross section of the resource sectors. There is no other gathering that provides this diversity of speakers, delegates, exhibitors and leaders under one roof to explore issues, challenges and opportunities facing BC's and Western Canada's dynamic resource sectors. The *Forum* is recognized for its ability to foster respectful discussion about the vital importance of the Northern economy. It sets the stage for new relationships and facilitates productive dialogue about new business and community opportunities. The high caliber speakers, sold-out trade show and sold-out keynote dinner, lunches and breakfast, reflect the relevance of this event.

We hope you will consider attending the 2020 *Forum* for the opportunity to be part of the discussion on cross-sector solutions and help shape the future of the Province's resource economy. For more information on the BC Natural Resources Forum and to register, please visit https://bcnaturalresourcesforum.com/.

Sincerely,

Dan M. Jepsen, RPF
Director & Co-Founder, C3 Alliance Corp.

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Mayor Roden & Council,
Village of Ashcroft
Email: broden@ashcroftbc.ca

To Mayor Roden and Council,

Re: Invitation to participate at Ashcroft HUB regular meetings

At the regular meeting of the Ashcroft HUB Society board of directors, it was resolved to send an invitation to the Village of Ashcroft Council to participate in the Ashcroft HUB regular meetings. The HUB purposes to increase opportunities for community to connect in synergy through wellness, recreation and the arts. The work of the HUB is complementary to the work of council and we would like to increase collaboration and information sharing between our organizations.

The HUB board of directors' regular meetings occur on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 6:30 PM. The meetings generally finish within two hours of the start time. Would the Council consider appointing a representative to attend these monthly meetings with the purpose of information sharing?

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Juanita Little,
Chair
Ashcroft HUB Society

Cc: A. Yanciw, CAO, Village of Ashcroft

SILGA Southern Interior Local Government Association

December 12, 2019

To: All SILGA Members

Re: SILGA Convention – Call for Nominations 2020

As per the Constitution of the Southern Interior Local Government Association (amended 2017), the "Call for Nominations" is now going out to all member Mayors, Councillors, Regional Chairs and Directors who wish to seek a position on the SILGA Executive for the 2020/2021 term. Elections are to be held at the SILGA Convention in Vernon on April 30th, 2020.

Offices to be filled are President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President and seven Directors. One member of the SILGA board must be an Electoral Area Director of a member Regional District. All positions are for one year. Those presently serving may run for another term if they so wish.

Excerpt from the SILGA constitution regarding new voting procedures:

7.10 The election of Officers to the Executive shall be held at the Annual General Meeting on a first ballot and that of the Directors at Large subsequently on a second ballot. Any candidate that is unsuccessful in obtaining an Officer position on the first ballot may become a candidate for a Director at Large position on the second ballot.

7.11 If, in the election of the Officers to the Executive on the first ballot, an Electoral Area Director of a regional district is elected, the Director at Large positions will then be filled by the candidates with the most votes.

7.12 If, in the election of the Officers to the Executive on the first ballot, an Electoral Area Director of a regional district is not elected, then in the election of the Directors at Large, the candidate - of those candidates that are Electoral Area Directors of a regional district - with the most votes will be elected as a Director at Large and the balance of the Director at Large positions will be filled by the remaining candidates with the most votes. If only one Electoral

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Area Director of a regional district candidate runs for a Director at Large position, that candidate will be acclaimed.

Deadline for nominations is Friday, February 28, 2020. You will be asked to complete a biography and submit a photo for the printing of the official Nominating Committee Report to be contained in the Convention Package.

The SILGA nomination committee is chaired by Past President Shelley Sim, District of Clearwater.

All those interested in serving are asked to contact Councillor Sim by email at shelleysim@telus.net or the SILGA office at 250-851-6653. All information should be forwarded to both Councillor Sim and the SILGA office (yoursilga@gmail.com).

Alison Slater
SILGA

SILGA Southern Interior Local Government Association

December 12, 2019

To: All SILGA Members

Call for Resolutions for 2020 Convention

The SILGA Annual General Meeting and Convention is scheduled to be held in Vernon from April 28th to May 1st, 2020. The SILGA Constitution requires that resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting are to be received by the Secretary-Treasurer no later than 60 days prior to this meeting. Friday, February 28th, 2020 will be the deadline for receipt of resolutions.

If your local government wishes to submit a resolution for consideration at the 2020 SILGA Convention, please forward by email your resolution to yoursilga@gmail.com. Any background information on the resolution would be helpful. Each resolution should be endorsed by the sponsoring Member's Municipal Council or Regional Board. The resolution should be relative to regional issues and should not pertain to a finite local interest.

If you do not receive a confirmation email regarding your resolution, please contact the SILGA office at 250 851 6653.

For information on how to properly write a resolution please refer to the UBCM website below.

http://www.ubcm.ca/EN/main/resolutions/resolutions/resolutions-procedures.html

or go to the resolutions page on the SILGA website at

http://www.silga.ca/convention/resolutions/

Resolutions not received by February 28th, 2020 will be considered late resolutions and must go through the following procedures to be considered at the AGM.

Late Resolutions

(1) Resolutions submitted following the expiry of the regular deadline noted in section 10.4 shall be considered "Late Resolutions" and shall comply with all other submission requirements, except that a copy of the resolution shall be provided to SILGA by noon on the Friday preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting. The resolutions committee will meet on the Tuesday preceding the Annual General Meeting to provide recommendations as to whether the late resolution(s) should be brought to the Members for inclusion in the resolution debate. All late resolutions must be adopted by a Special

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Resolution of the Member Representatives in attendance at the Annual General Meeting to be included in the discussion.

(2) Late resolutions will be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee prior to the Meeting and only those of a subject matter which could not have been submitted by the normal deadline date outlined in section 10.4 will be considered.

(3) Late Resolutions shall be available for discussion after resolutions printed in the resolutions book have been considered.

(4) Late Resolutions admitted for plenary discussion shall be dealt with in the order presented in the Late Resolutions report.

(5) In the event that a late resolution is recommended to be admitted for discussion, the sponsoring member of the late resolution shall produce sufficient copies for distribution to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.

(6) The Late Resolution will, after reading, be properly before the meeting, and the regular procedures for handling resolutions will apply.

Alison Slater
SILGA

December 15, 2019
Village of Ashcroft
601 Bancroft Street
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Dear Mayor and Council,

Each year towards the end of January, hundreds of children and adults in Canada celebrate Family Literacy Week by participating in activities designed to promote reading and learning as a family. This special week communicates the important message to children and parents in our community that the reading and learning habits we develop at an early age set the stage for our success later in life.

The members of Bridging to Literacy are committed to seeing children and adults prosper. They understand the importance of learning through family activities, and wish to promote many types of literacy, physical activity being one.

I am writing to request that you proclaim the week of January 26th, 2020 as Family Literacy Week in Ashcroft. An official recognition of this week as Family Literacy Week will serve to reinforce Ashcroft Council's commitment to literacy and to securing a solid foundation for our children.

As a partner in literacy, we would like to ask the mayor and council to donate the use of the Community Skating Arena for a free family skating afternoon on Friday, January 31, 2020 and would like to ask if you would put the information about this event in your Newsletter. I will be finalizing the weeks activities in early January.

We would also like to invite you to experience Family Literacy Day for yourselves by attending the activities we have planned in our area for the week of January 26, 2020.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jessica Clement
Literacy Outreach Coordinator
Bridging to Literacy
250-457-7128

admin

From: Gloria Mertens <admin@ashcroftbc.ca>
Sent: January 6, 2020 2:32 PM
To: admin
Subject: New Entry: Contact from Website

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Email
gloria.mertens@gmail.com <mailto:gloria.mertens@gmail.com>
Comment or Message
January 6, 2020

Village of Ashcroft
Box 129
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Dear Village of Ashcroft Mayor and Councillors:

At the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer, I am writing to request that the Village of Ashcroft waive the fee associated with a request for information I had on January 2, 2020.

On January 2, 2020, I came into the office to do my own research to find out when the Village of Ashcroft extended its municipal boundary to include the property currently owned by Ashcroft Terminal. I asked if I could see former Official Community Plans and their attached Zoning Bylaws in order that I might ascertain this information. The CAO came to the front desk to assist the clerk and stated that she would look into this as she didn't know the history of the town, nor where the documents were located.

The CAO stated overall that it took one hour of her time to find the information, between researching when the boundary extension occurred, when the application for the extension was first made, the Zoning Bylaw in place in 2001, and the current boundary map that appears to show the difference.

The new Fees and Charges Bylaw establishes the cost of Routinely Releasable Information at $25.00 for the first 30 minutes, and $12.50 for every ¼ hour afterwards. This would place the value of this search at $50. The information provided would be an excerpt from the 2001 Zoning Map and the current boundary map.

I participate in civic politics in order to provide public oversight, but am not willing to do so at personal expense. I am writing to Council to ask that the fee be waived so that I may receive the information, which I would be happy to view at the village office so no photocopying costs need be incurred by the Village.

I would also like to suggest that the Village add an archival folder to its website so that information of a routine nature would not have to be requested. As most of this information is now digital, it would not be difficult to do and, if done on a systematic basis, would not be time-consuming.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,
Gloria E. Mertens
Sent from Village of Ashcroft <https://ashcroftbc.ca>

Ashcroft & Area
Community Resources Society
P.O. Box 843
Ashcroft, B.C. V0K 1A0

January 6, 2020

Mayor & Council
Village of Ashcroft
P.O. Box 129
Ashcroft, B.C. V0K 1A0

Dear Mayor & Council:

The Ashcroft and Area Community Resource Society (CRS) acts as an umbrella organization to the Christmas Hamper Drive. We would like to request the use of the Community Hall from December 15 to December 19, 2020.

Yours truly,

Esther Lang

Esther Lang, Chair
Christmas Hamper Committee

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Jan 8 2020

DearAshcroft Village Council,

My name is Gareth Smart. I work as a Civic Journalist with the HUB Online Network which is an online community channel, based out of the HUB in Ashcroft. My position is new and although we at the HUB Online Network have reached out to you before, we have a new idea that we would like for you to consider.

We would like to have a representative from Council come into our studio for a monthly interview about what is happening with council and within the Village. These interviews would take roughly up to an hour to film, and will be put up on our YouTube Channel and be linked through our Facebook Page.

We are asking the local Indian Bands, as well as our MLA and MP to do a similar series of interviews and examples of these interviews can be found on our YouTube page. We at the HUB Online Network feel that this would be a great way to connect with not only the population of Ashcroft, but also reach out to the larger local area. It would be fantastic for us to get to know you a little better.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to email or call for more information or to set up a meeting.

Sincerely,

Gareth Smart

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Ashcroft Communities in Bloom

Annual report to Village of Ashcroft

20 December 2019

2019 marked Ashcroft's 13th year of participation in the Communities in Bloom program. Our small, enthusiastic committee of volunteers continued to strive to make Ashcroft "bloom;" to become a better place for all.

Communities in Bloom is a world-wide organization encouraging and promoting pride in where you live. Many countries, including Canada, encourage competitions within their boundaries, while Canada also welcomes both Canadian and International participants to our National competition. In Canada's International Challenge categories, Canadian participants may compete against towns and cities from Italy, Ireland, Great Britain, Belgium, USA and Hungary just to name a few.

Competitors are judged (by volunteer national and international judges) in several categories: Tidiness, Environmental Awareness, Community Involvement, Natural and Heritage Conservation, Tree/Urban Forest Management, Landscaped Areas, Floral Displays and Turf and Groundcovers. Thus, it is not all about flowers as the name suggests, rather about making your community "bloom" in many ways.

One of Ashcroft Communities in Bloom yearly activities is planting flowers in all the planters (with the exception of Adamski owned barrels) in the downtown core. This is fully supported by our local fire department, who water the soil and fill all the reservoirs on the desert planters prior to planting and the merchants who care for the plants for the remainder of the growing season. The planters add color and vibrancy and extend a warm welcome to our downtown area. Our committee holds an annual plant swap each April and continues to work with students at Desert Sands Community School where we encourage and enrich student's learning experiences with virtual lessons on the growing of plants.

We honor our residents and instill pride with the Best Residential Garden Award and Best Street Award and our businesses with the Best Bloomin Business Award. Our main focus continues to be Heritage Park, the jewel of our downtown area. We are very proud of the refurbishment projects we have undertaken over the past several years, and the excellent support from the Village administration and maintenance departments.

Each year, our committee endeavors to plan projects that will enhance our community and foster pride in where we live. This year we organized and carried out three projects.

With a grant from Second Time Around, we organized the painting of street banners for the poles on Railway Avenue. We invited a number of community groups to participate and the result was stunning, colorful banners that brightened up the main street.

We partnered with Rotary and the Ashcroft Art Club and organized a community Garden Tour, which was very well received and will be in the works again for 2020.

We commissioned a large glass mosaic to honor the 100th anniversary of CN Railway (one of CiB's major sponsors). This stunning mosaic was designed and completed by Andrea Walker and Patricia Denis, the structure was designed by Daniel Collett, built by Bruce Walker and the Village of Ashcroft sponsored the materials and prepared the base to house the structure. This is the fifth large mosaic that Ashcroft CiB has commissioned and we are very proud of our contributions to the unique public display of mosaic art in our community.

As we look ahead to 2020, Ashcroft CiB will continue with their annual projects and initiatives and are working on plans for several new community projects.

Our focus on Heritage Park remains and we hope to move forward on plans to refurbish the pond and waterwheel area of the park; a project has been on our books and on hold for the past 3 years due to more pressing Village commitments.

Comments regarding the budget:

Each year Ashcroft CiB budgets funds for our annual projects together with larger projects that we would like to undertake. As some of the projects require involvement of the Village maintenance department, they may or may not be completed due to time constraints or other Village projects having precedence.

Thus, funds that were budgetted and not utilized have been “carried forward” to the next calendar year.

Ashcroft CiB

Summary of 2019 Income and Expenses plus Proposed Budget 2020 -- To Village of Ashcroft

Fiscal Year to December 31, 2019

Category	Operating	Trust	Total	Draft Budget
	2019	2019	2019	2020
Income				
Donations (Plant Swap & Garden Tour)	588.70	0.00	588.70	**0.00**
Grant: CN Mosaic (2nd Time Around)	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00	**0.00**
Grant: Shade Sails Pool (2nd. Time Around)	0.00	0.00	0.00	**3,000.00**
Interest Earned	1.01	1.96	2.97	**0.00**
Operating Grant	5,300.00	0.00	5,300.00	**5,400.00**
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	**0.00**
Re-Sale	292.69	0.00	292.69	**0.00**
	7,382.40	1.96	7,384.36	**8,400.00**
Expenses				
Conference NS 2019 (Ft. Mac, AB - 2020)	0.00	0.00	0.00	**500.00**
Flower Desert Planters - 4 for 2019 & 2020	918.46	0.00	918.46	**1,200.00**
Flowers and Soil in Barrels	984.65	0.00	984.65	**1,300.00**
Incidental Expenses	48.81	0.00	48.81	**100.00**
Judges' Booklets Printing Costs	140.00	0.00	140.00	**150.00**
Judges Hosting Costs	891.55	0.00	891.55	**1,000.00**
Membership - National CiB	0.00	708.70	708.70	**725.00**
Millennium Park Landscaping	0.00	0.00	0.00	**4,000.00**
Plaques, Storyboards, & Shields	0.00	0.00	0.00	**200.00**
Promos: Best Bloomin' Business Prog.	21.85	0.00	21.85	**25.00**
Promos: Community Celebration	78.09	0.00	78.09	**100.00**
Promos: Community Parades	0.00	0.00	0.00	**25.00**
Promos: Fall Fair Regis. + Sponsor	0.00	0.00	0.00	**60.00**
Promos: Flags/Banners/T-Shirts/Etc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	**50.00**
Promos: Insurance	10.00	0.00	10.00	**10.00**
Promos: Miscellaneous Costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	**20.00**
Promos: National CiB Conf 2019 (2020)	0.00	0.00	0.00	**25.00**
Promos: School Projects	107.43	0.00	107.43	**100.00**
Promos: Village Partner Barrels	0.00	0.00	0.00	**175.00**
Promos: Pre-School Rock Painting	33.46	0.00	33.46	**50.00**
Projects: Public Pruning Workshop	0.00	0.00	0.00	**380.00**
Projects: Tree Inventory	0.00	0.00	0.00	**330.00**
Projects: CN Mosaic (2019)	1,205.26	0.00	1,205.26	**0.00**
Projects: New Street Banners (2019)	824.87	0.00	824.87	**0.00**
Projects: Shade Sails in Pool Park (2020)	0.00	0.00	0.00	**3,000.00**
Projects: Trail Signs	0.00	0.00	0.00	**1,000.00**
	5,264.43	708.70	5,973.13	**14,525.00**
Projected Surplus/Deficit 2019 (2020):	**2,117.97**	**-706.74**	**1,411.23**	**-6,125.00**
Cash Balances On-Hand at Start of Year	100.11	4742.29	**4,842.40**	**6,253.63**
TR to Trust (2019 Excess Funds)	-2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00	
Est. Net Cash Left 2019.12.31/2020.12.31	**$118.08**	**$6,135.55**	**$6,253.63**	**$ 128.63**

*** Need $725.00 left at year end to register with CiB for 2020**

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE
FOR THE JANUARY 13, 2020COUNCIL MEETING

1. Interior Health
   - Healthy Communities December Newsletter

2. Letter from Desert Sand Community School
   - Rhea Little, Lenay Weigel – previously emailed to Council (time-sensitive)

3. Letter from Mr. Robert Eugene Gregory
   - Animal Rights Activist

4. Alberni-Clayquot Regional District
   - $10.00 a Day Child Care Plan

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Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker Nov-19

Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
SM-03-10-19	"That Council direct staff to approach Director Rice, TNRD Area "I" and apply for financial assistance through his discretionary Gas Tax Funds"	CAO	he requires a report to take to the TNRD Board for expenditure approval. Dir. Rice has allocated up to		in-progress
08-10-2019	"That Council include at the 2020 Budget discussions, consideration of a Trails Master Plan that could identify feasible trails and pathways for the development of a trail and walking path network in the Village of Ashcroft."	CFO	To be discussed at budget deliberations		in-progress
11-10-2019	"That Council direct staff to contact the Ashcroft representative at the Health Round Table and request that a Standing Committee be set up specifically to discuss 7 days per week services at the Emergency Department and report back to the Round Table."	CAO/Mayor	clarification required from Mayor Roden		in-progress
15-10-2019	"That Council approves proceeding with the River Intake Upgrades & Backup Generator to take advantage of the remaining grant to fund two critical pieces of the Village water infrastructure."	CFO	CFO to work with the Province, Engineers and PW	asap	in-progress
04-11-2019	"That Council approve the Development Variance Permit Application 19-03 fpr the property located at 30, 807 Railway Ave., Ashcroft, BC, Strata Lot 22, Plan KAS1700, DL423, KDYD, PID#023-656-387."	CAO	Notice to be placed on title		in-progress
05-12-2019	"That Council approve the Development Variance Permit Application 19-04 fpr the property located at 29, 807 Railway Ave., Ashcroft, BC, Strata Lot 21, Plan KAS1700, DL423, KDYD, PID#023-656-379."	CAO	Notice to be placed on title		in-progress
18-11-2019	"That Council consider participating in the Age Friendly Program during budget deliberations."	CFO	Include in Budget deliberations		in-progress
20-11-2019	"That Council approve staff to estimate the installation and operational costs of the mural and report back to Council."	PWF			in-progress

21-11-2019	"That staff develop a survey regarding communications and distribute it via a mail drop, on the Village website, at the Village office and other venues as appropriate, and that all completed surveys be entered in an "Ashcroft Bucks" draw."	CAO			in-progress
25-11-2019	"That Council review the current committee appointments, consider changes and bring suggestions to Council for consideration at a future meeting."	Council	DCO to include in future agenda for consideration	January	in-progress
02-12-2019	"That staff write a letter advising Mr.Takacs that Council is unable to amend a Bylaw for one property owner."	DCO	Letter sent to Mr. Takacs via email		Complete
06-12-2019	"THAT Council approve Policy #5.1, Declared Fire Operations Service Level."	CAO/Fire Chief			Complete
07-12-2019	"THAT Council of the Village of Ashcroft supports the application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a grant of up to $35,000 to host an intern under the Local Government Internship Program from the Cariboo Chilcotin Lillooet Regional Account. The Village of Ashcroft is committed to providing sufficient financial and staffing resources to host an intern and is committed to providing training and professional development opportunities for the intern."	CAO			Complete

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

DATE: **January 13, 2020**

TO: **Council**

FROM: **Mayor Roden**

Assigned Committees:	**Alternate:**
Finance Committee	Heritage
Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS)	Communities in Bloom (CiB)
Historic Hat Creek Ranch	
Cache Creek Environmental Assessment	
TNRD	
Municipal Insurance Association (MIA)	

Dec. 6: Return-It BC meeting
Meeting with Return-It BC CEO Allen Langdon regarding the Return-It BC program in Ashcroft

Dec. 10: Gold Country Communities Society
Special meeting regarding an issue to do with one member municipality

Dec. 11: TOTA meeting
Telephone meeting with Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association President and CEO Glenn Mandziuk, Vice-President Destination & Industry Development Ellen Walker-Matthews, and Director of Marketing Ingrid Dilschneider. I requested a meeting to discuss what Ashcroft offers and how TOTA can help. Key takeaways: They are very excited about the mosaics, noting that the travel trade is looking for 'gems' outside the obvious, things that others aren't featuring and doing. They are looking to make promotion of the Fraser Canyon route a key priority in 2020-21, in conjunction with other partners and MLA Jackie Tegart. Mandziuk hopes to come to Ashcroft early in 2020 and I have offered him a tour of the Village.

Dec. 11: Historic Hat Creek AGM
On Dec. 9 Friends of Historic Hat Creek Board Chair Robert Sharkey gave an interview to CBC and later sent out a lengthy message to many people, in which he cited personal information about Historic Hat Creek manager Don Pearse. Pearse took exception to this, and Sharkey apologised. On Dec. 10 he sent a message to the board stating that he was stepping down as board chair effective immediately and was leaving the board. At the AGM on Dec. 11, a motion to accept the terms proposed by the Heritage Branch (a one year contract extension, which would extend to two years if board members took governance and cultural awareness training) was defeated, but was immediately followed by a successful motion authorising the new board chair to enter into discussion with the Heritage Branch to more clearly define the terms of a new agreement and indicate that the Friends are willing to take the recommended training. Another motion—to remove the statutory appointments to the Friends board from local governments, such

as the Villages of Ashcroft, Cache Creek, and Clinton—was rescinded before voting, so those statutory appointments remain. Long-time board member Jack Jeyes was acclaimed as the new chair.

Dec. 12: TNRD Committee of the Whole
The meeting was about the use of RVs as permanent dwellings in areas administered by the TNRD. Staff were directed to look at bylaw amendments to enable open-ended stays on approved, appropriately zoned land (manufactured home parks, recreational vehicle parks, and private campground lands in the TNRD); to enable longer-term RV dwelling use on a case by case basis via a temporary use permit; and amend board policy 9.1.3 to set policy parameters for guests or vacationers staying in an RV on a temporary basis (e.g. for a month or less).

Dec. 12: TNRD regular meeting
Two requests for funding from Ashcroft-based organisations, both of which arose from delegations at a previous meeting after I suggested privately that the organisations apply to the TNRD for funding, came forward for consideration. I recused myself from discussion on the first (Winding Rivers Arts & Performance Society), as I am on the board of directors of WRAPS. They were approved for funding of $1,450 for the production of a play in spring 2020. The second request, from the Christmas Hamper committee for $500, was also approved.

Dec. 15: CP Holiday Train
I gave my two tickets to ride the CP Holiday Train from Savona to Ashcroft to Cnlr. Anstett, as I had the opportunity to ride the train in 2018. A record crowd of 1,200 people were at the Ashcroft stop, where the South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society was presented with a cheque from CP for $5,500, and it was with great pleasure that I accepted the cheque alongside Fraser-Nicola MLA Jackie Tegart and SCEFS executive director Trish Schachtel.

Dec. 16: Motion reconsideration meeting
I met with Cnlr. Davenport and CAO Yanciw to discuss possible reconsideration of a motion regarding a public art policy for the Village.

Dec. 17: Belkorp meeting
There was a regular meeting of stakeholders at the Cache Creek Village office to discuss the progress of the Campbell Hill landfill (previously known as the Landfill Extension). The final layers of the landfill were in the process of being laid, and it was anticipated that the landfill will be open to receiving waste early in 2020.

Dec. 17: Wastech post-closure meeting
There was a regular meeting of stakeholders at the Cache Creek Village office to discuss post-closure remediation at the Cache Creek landfill. All targets are being met or exceeded.

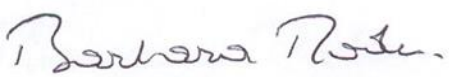
Dec. 18: Meeting with MP Brad Vis
Newly-elected MP Brad Vis (Mission-Matsqui-Fraser Canyon) met with members of council and CAO Yanciw to talk about issues of concern in the riding and what his office can do to help residents. He indicated that the Steelhead fishery and the Big Bar landslide are two of his top

priorities, and also said that a mobile outreach office will be in the area every six weeks, based out of office space at MLA Tegart's office in Ashcroft, to assist residents, with information about dates/times and services offered advertised to area residents. He also stressed that he is available to assist the Village with any federal issues and to help with any grant applications to the federal government.

Dec. 20: Radio NL interview

Radio NL in Kamloops did 'Year in Review' interviews with several mayors in their listening area, and on Dec. 20 I was on the Howie Reimer show to discuss issues such as the hospital closures earlier in 2019, the new water treatment plant, and to look ahead to 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Roden,
Mayor

THOMPSON-NICOLA REGIONAL DISTRICT

Highlights from the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board of Directors' Meeting of December 12, 2019

The Current **December 13, 2019**

Delegation from A Way Home Kamloops Society

Katherine McPharland and Grayden Flanagan of A Way Home Kamloops Society gave a presentation to the Board on the Camp Out to End Youth Homelessness. The camp out takes place December 13-14 and will give community members a sample of what life on the streets can be like outside in the cold.

The society has a goal to raise $50,000 and requested the TNRD to make a donation in support of the cause, which will be considered at the next Regular Board Meeting.

Delegation from Enbridge

Mark Amundrud, Senior Advisor Community Engagement for Enbridge gave the Board an update on the various projects and community investment initiatives happening in the region. Mr. Amundrud spoke about Enbridge's BC Pipeline system, which runs through communities within the TNRD and connects to a number of other key pipeline systems including FortisBC. Read the fact sheet to learn more about Enbridge's BC Pipeline.

Delegation from Fraser Basin Council

Fraser Basin Council's Senior Regional Manager Mike Simpson gave a presentation to the Board on two new projects in the Thompson River Watershed. Following the completion of the 2018-2019 Thompson Watershed Risk Assessment, the Fraser Basin Council is now overseeing LiDAR (light detection and ranging) data acquisition and base-level floodplain mapping in the region. These projects will allow for the production of detailed, up-to-date topographic maps and will enable detailed base level mapping covering 478 km^2 across 11 floodplain sites in the TNRD.

Click here to view a map showing the areas of the Thompson River Watershed slated for LiDAR surveying, and click here to see the sites chosen for base level floodplain mapping.

Funding Approved for Charge North Initiative

The Board approved $4,000 in bridge funding to be provided to the Community Energy Association (CEA) in order to pursue new capital grants for electric vehicle (EV) projects for the Charge North Community Initiative. A TNRD Board representative will also be appointed to sit on the Charge North Advisory Committee. Read the report here.

The next Regular Board Meeting is on January 16, 2020 at 1:15 pm.

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