

Easter Long Weekend and COVID-19

The words of Minister of Health, Adrian Dix “**bend the curve, don’t bend the rules**” is the message the Province is relaying to the residents of BC for the Easter long weekend. The consistent effort of many residents across the province seems to be having a positive effect on the impacts of COVID-19 in BC. That said, we are at a crossroads, and although it is tempting to go to the cottage, or visit friends and family, we must be diligent and stay home.

All our lives have changes substantially since the beginning of March, in less than one month, the economy and life as we know it seem to have stopped, kids are not in school, parents are home, many employees are unable to go to work, and our focus seems to be on maintaining our budget and hope that we can make ends meet. Aid packages are being released to assist Canadians in need and through it all there appears a glimmer of hope; neighbours are helping neighbours, strangers are reaching out, birthday parties have become a drive by parades, hearts appear in windows in an effort to share the love and message that no one is alone. Crisis truly brings out the best and sometimes unfortunately the worst in humanity. In Ashcroft, I would like to think that we are banding together though not physically, we are finding ways to support one another. If we remain diligent, we will win!

The Village realizes that these are difficult times, closing access to facilities and play spaces has added to the stress for many, but please remember we are following the direction of the Province and Interior Health. Keeping distance between you and others is the best way to protect all of us. Our employees are practicing social distancing while at work as they continue to provide essential services to Ashcroft. Please protect them, and practice physical distance when they are in your area. The hall is getting a little interior facelift while we are keeping staff working separately. Also of note, we are moving forward with the Spring clean up on Wednesday April 22nd. and Thursday April 23rd. The TNRD is allowing us to bring the yard waste to the Eco-Depot.

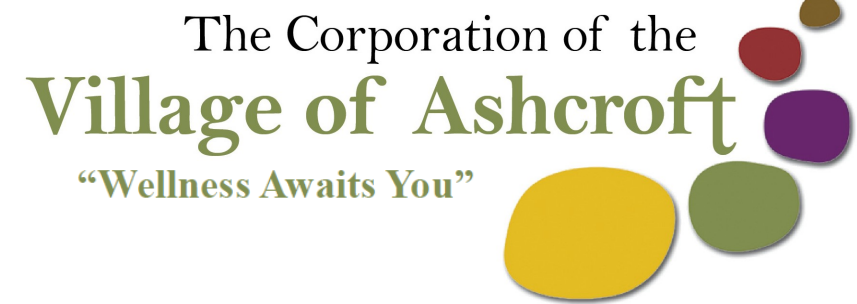
The Village would like to “shout out” to the merchants of Ashcroft and all their staff for showing up every day to assist customers and provide us with food, medicine, hardware, all our basic needs while we are staying home as much as possible and keeping our social distance. Your hard work, commitment and service is appreciated beyond measure!

There are many supports available to help you cope. Are you aware of the HUB’s helpline? If you need help to pick up you mail, groceries, need someone to talk to, spiritual support, etc. **call 250-457-3422**. Someone is there to assist you.

For links to current COVID-19 information and links to services visit the Village of Ashcroft Website: www.ashcroftbc.ca click the “news: link at the bottom of the home page

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April 2020 Newsletter



Council Encourages Resident to:

“Bend the Curve, NOT the rules”

Adrian Dix, Minister of Health

Community Update

Mayor Roden 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 past community events:

- Council is in the process of adopting a new Council Procedures Bylaw;
- Council approved to once again advertise and participate in the Star FM98.3 Road Trip Adventure.
- Council approved an application to NDIT to fund Economic Development initiatives and actions.
- Council approved the new Economic Development and Tourism Strategy.
- Council deferred the Outdoor Burning Bylaw Report to a meeting when public is able to attend.
- Council approved the annual Spring Clean Up

Did you know, you can watch Council meetings online? The HUB Online Network streams Council meetings on YouTube!

The Village of Ashcroft wishes to recognize and thank all:

Health Care Workers, First Responders, Fire Fighters, Pharmacare Workers, Long Term Care Staff, Custodial Staff, Truck Drivers, Delivery Drivers, Cooks and support staff, and all Essential Service employees for your dedication and service through these challenging times. You are all very much appreciated!

SPRING CLEAN UP

Special Yard Waste Pick Up

Wednesday and Thursday April 22 & 23, 2020

- ◆ Branches less than 8" diameter & 8' long
- ◆ Leaves/grass/weeds/twigs—can NOT be bagged
 - ◆ Non-Refrigeration appliances
 - ◆ Old tires—OFF RIMS
- ◆ Maximum weight of any item or bundle = 100 lbs
- ◆ Total volume of material is 4 cubic yards (6'x6'x3')
- ◆ Waste must be out where it can be picked up by equipment. Not against fences, signs, buildings or retaining walls
 - ◆ Waste can not be on Highway right-of-way
- ◆ Waste must be on a level surface and items MUST be kept separate

To arrange for FREE GARBAGE PICKUP

Call the Village office before 4:00 pm April 21st at: 250-453-9161

PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR WASTE OUT BEFORE THE EVENING OF APRIL 21ST.

Upcoming Community Events and Notices

**UPCOMING
EVENTS**

Apr 14—Council Meeting—4:30 pm

Apr 16—Community Forum—7:00 pm—CANCELLED

Apr. 27—Committee of the Whole—6:00 pm—CANCELLED

Apr. 27—Council Meeting—7:00 pm

May 4—Town Hall Meeting—7:00 pm—CONSIDERING MOVING TO A DIGITAL PLATFORM

Regularly scheduled Council meetings are closed to the public until further notice. Recorded meetings can be accessed on the HUB Online Network.

Council is exploring options for the Town Hall Meeting and may host the meeting on a digital platform with public access via telephone.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PHYSICALLY DISTANCE YOUR SOCIAL CONTACTS!

OFFICE HOURS

VILLAGE OFFICE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Staff are in the office to assist you by telephone or email. If you wish to drop off utility payments, a drop box is set out at the top of the stairs beside the office entrance.

Phone: 250-453-9161

Email: admin@ashcroftbc.ca

TNRD BUILDING INSPECTOR

The TNRD Building Inspector is not attending the office at this time. Please call the TNRD office directly at: 1-877-377-8673 if you have any questions regarding inspections. Building permit application can be made online.

2020 UTILITY PAYMENTS

Utility payment discounts have been extended to April 30, 2020 ***SORRY, POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS DATE OF PAYMENT. If you are uncomfortable coming to the office, please feel free to mail your payments to: Village of Ashcroft, PO Box 129, Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0***

2020 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE—CHANGE

Council meetings are closed to the public due to social distancing, agenda's will be posted to the website by Friday afternoon no later than 3:30 pm. If you would like to comment or ask questions, please email them to : cao@ashcroftbc.ca or call: 250-453-9161 by 3:00 pm Tuesday April 14th for the April 14th meeting and 3:00 pm Monday April 27th for the April 27th Council Meeting.

Copies of the Village of Ashcroft Council meetings for 2020 are available at the Village office during regular office hours or can be viewed on our website at www.ashcroftbc.ca/council_meeting_schedule