

Water Conservation Reminder

The onset of the wet-season and the Thompson's high water level may trick us into thinking water supplies are unlimited, but all water we use runs through the Water Treatment Plant (WTP). Nearing the WTP's operational capacity means higher consumption and maintenance costs. Current flow-rate (i.e., volume of water used) has reached high-demand levels that are **unsustainable**. Present use is 10,000 cubic meters greater than this time last year, and 20,000 cubic meters greater than 2018. Please be advised that in order to continue supplying quality potable water we are asking all residents to abide by Water Conservation [Bylaw No. 799](#). Doing so will lower pressure on the WTP and reduce costs incurred by the consumer. **As of May 1st Stage 1 Water Conservation Measures are in effect:**

- a. *No person shall use a watering system to water a lawn, garden or landscaped area on a property except:*
 - i. *At premises with even numbered civic address, on even numbered calendar days between 6:00 am and 9:00 am as well as 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm for hose supplied sprinklers or between 12:00 am and 6:00 am for underground automated sprinkler systems.*
 - ii. *At premises with odd numbered civic addresses, on odd numbered calendar days between 6:00 am and 9:00 am as well as 8:00 pm and 11:00 pm for hose supplied sprinklers or between 12:00 am and 6:00 am for underground automated sprinkler systems.*
- c. *During Stage 1 Water Conservation Measures, the following uses are permitted:*
 - i. *Hand watering of flower gardens, vegetable gardens, decorative planters, shrubs or trees. Drip irrigation or micro sprinkler irrigation for watering flower gardens, vegetable gardens, decorative planters and shrubs or trees is also permitted.*
 - ii. *Use of hose to provide water to wash boats or motor vehicles, if the hose is equipped with an automatic shut off device.*

Did you Know?

- ◆ A leaky tap dripping once per second can waste 10,000 litres of water in just one year
- ◆ One load of laundry uses about 225 litres of water. A front loading washing machine uses 40 to 60 percent less water than a top loading washing machine
- ◆ A leaky toilet can waste up to 260 litres of water each day
- ◆ Leaving the tap running while you brush your teeth wastes roughly 10 litres of water



- iii. *Watering of public sports fields, school yards, public parks and cemeteries.*
- iv. *Filling and maintaining of private pools, spas, hot tubs and ponds.*
- v. *Prevention or to control fires.*
- vi. *For health and safety of any person.*
- vii. *Water slide or sprinkler for the purpose of children's play.*
- viii. *Uses authorized by a permit issued by the CAO, Public Works Foreman or Designate (Schedule 'B')*

Your Mayor and Council:

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June 2020 Newsletter



Village Plans to Open Pool July 4

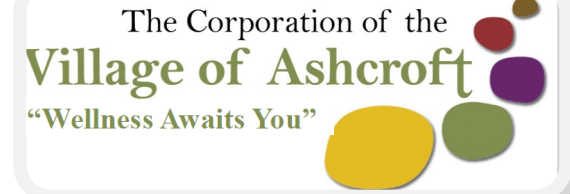
Given the significant impact COVID-19 has had on recreation facilities, Council and the Village office have received many questions regarding whether or not the pool will open this year. We are doing our best to open the pool this summer, though there are many precautions to be taken and hoops to jump through to ensure staff and visitor safety. Barring any unforeseen circumstances the pool will be open July 4th

Currently, we have the pool manager and head life guard at the pool freshening up the facility. Staff have participated in multiple conference calls and zoom meetings as they learn about safeguarding pool users and developing a COVID-19 Safety Plan.

As with so many other facilities, the pool will be establishing a new normal. There will be a strong emphasis on practicing social distancing, especially on the pool deck and in the changing rooms. Staff need to be trained on COVID-19 first aid practices and there will be restrictions on the number of people in the pool at any one time.

To that end, staff is researching the recently developed guidelines from WorkSafe BC, Lifesaving Society –BC/YK, and Interior Health and is developing the COVID-19 Safety Plan that is required prior to opening. From an operational perspective, it takes approximately 14 days to fill and balance the pool chemicals for use.

As the warmer weather approaches, and we begin to settle into "summer vacation" mode, please continue to practice social distancing and use hand sanitizer to reduce the risk of spreading or contracting the virus. As we prepare to open the pool for public use, we ask that you do not attend the pool if you or a family member are not well, and kindly respect staff as they implement the COVID-19 precautions.



VILLAGE OFFICE TO RE-OPEN

Beginning Tuesday June 9, 2020 the Village office will welcome the public back and recommence office services—with some adjustments to comply with WorkSafe BC COVID-19 guidelines:

1. Visitors are to enter the building at the usual front door
2. Please follow directional arrows and Social Distancing signage
3. Only one (1) person is permitted in the office reception area at a time, unless accompanied by family members (i.e., spouse, children)
4. Follow directional arrows and exit using the side-door by the ramp
5. If there is a lineup for the office, wait outside the building while practicing social distancing

Office hours will be 8:00 am - 4:00 pm with a closed lunch-hour from 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Plexiglas has been installed at the desk for everyone's protection. Please make use of the free hand sanitizer before entering the Village office—it is available in the hallway beside the bulletin board.

Staff will wipe down commonly touched surfaces on a regular basis (and as required).

Kindly only visit the office if absolutely necessary. Please make use of the drop box if you wish to submit a payment, or submit by mail or bank transfer.

If you need to meet with the Building Inspector please call the office and schedule an appointment; he will be in Ashcroft Tuesdays from 10:00-11:00am.

Community Update

Mayor Roden and Council would like to briefly share what they have been working on as well as some past community happenings:

- Council approved a letter of support request for Community Futures in their endeavor to provide support to Business through NDI's Business Ambassador program.
- Council approved 1st & 2nd Reading of OCP Bylaw 837 and Zoning Bylaw 838 Amendments
- Council approved to enter into a 5 year Lease Agreement with the Legion Branch #113 for the Skateboard Park property in exchange for sidewalk snow removal
- Council adopted the Village of Ashcroft Five Year Financial Plan and Tax Rate Bylaw
- Council approved the development of three Policies: Social Media, Respectful Workplace, and Bullying and Harassment
- Council Resolved to sign a Protocol Agreement between the Village and the Ashcroft Indian Band
- Council approved the temporary placement of a Sea-Can at the rear of the Village office building for the Health Care Auxiliary Thrift Shop.

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



Ashcroft Museum

"The Ashcroft Museum would like to invite you to participate in the Project of Heart through tile decorating. The project commemorates the lost lives and honors the survivors of Residential School. For those of you who wish to participate at home, all you need is acrylic paint or permanent markers, and tiles may be picked up starting Monday June 8th and must be returned by Friday, June 26th at 3pm. You must call or email to arrange pick up or drop off.

Tables will be set up in front of the Museum June 16-18th from 11am-2pm to decorate tiles with supplies provided. Appropriate social distancing and sanitizing rules will be in effect.

250-453-9232,
museum@ashcroftbc.ca".

What's new at the Village?

The Village of Ashcroft is pleased to welcome Amy O'Rourke to the team. Amy is a participant of the Northern Development Initiative Trust's Local Government Internship program and will be with the Village for one year. Amy's diverse background includes a Master's Degree in Resource Management and a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in Political Science. Amy's unique perspective will enhance Village operations and bring new insight into economic development, environmental practices and day to day operations. Amy recently returned from Iceland and has an appreciation for small, rural, riverine communities. Staff are looking forward to the year ahead as we work together and learn from each other.

Playgrounds & Skateboard Park to Re-open!

Playgrounds and the skateboard park will be open for use beginning Wednesday, June 10th.

Please practice social distancing, use available hand sanitizers, and play safe!

Upcoming Community Events and Notices

June 8—Council Meeting—4:30 pm

June 22—Council Meeting—7:00 pm

June 22—Public Hearing—6:00 pm—The HUB Online Network will broadcast the meeting and have call in or email/chat questions available to the public.

Regularly scheduled Council meetings will re-open to the public on June 22, 2020 with limited seating capacity to meet social distancing requirements. To that end, no more than four (4) residents will be permitted in the gallery. Recorded meetings can be accessed on the HUB Online Network.

ATTENTION ALL DOG OWNERS:

Please keep your dogs on-leash while walking in the Village boundary. Having dogs on-leash is a requirement of the Dog Control Bylaw and we have been receiving numerous complaints from residents. Your co-operation is appreciated!



TNRD BUILDING INSPECTOR

The TNRD Building Inspector will be meeting with residents by appointment only. To book an appointment call the Village office at 250-453-9161 for any other inquiries contact the TNRD office directly at: 1-877-377-8673 Building permit application can be made online.

VILLAGE PAYMENTS

Recently a "mail box" was installed at the Village office front entrance door. If you wish, you can drop payments into the mail box and be assured that we will receive it. **Tax notices have been mailed out and are due July 15th. Don't forget to return your Home Owner Grant to the Village before the due date.**

2020 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Council meetings will re-open to the public on June 22, 2020. The public will be limited to 4 people in the gallery due to social distancing constraints. The HUB Online network will continue to broadcast the Council meetings. Agenda's will be posted to the Village website the Friday afternoon and can be viewed at: www.ashcroftbc.ca/council_meeting_schedule

MUSEUM

The Museum will re-open to the public on June 15th and will be open Monday—Friday 9:00 am—4:00 pm. Public access will be limited due to social distancing constraints.

RV's ON BOULEVARDS

RV owners, please take care not to block sight lines of traffic turning out of lanes or Village roads. Some visibility concerns have been received at the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Property Taxes are due July 15th.

Don't forget to submit your Home Owner Grant to avoid penalties being applied to your account particularly if your Bank or Mortgage company remits your tax payments.

