



## Hockey & Curling Update

In preparation of those chilly months, the Village crew has been busy putting ice in the arena, like so many other facilities during the pandemic, things are quite different. Arena operations will be limited to Minor Hockey skill development, practices and limited games. Staff is working with the Thompson Cariboo Minor Hockey Association to ensure kids hockey continues and they are able to get on the ice; sadly, public skating or adult hockey will not be part of the arena operations this year. Notably, ladies, co-ed and Beer-belly leagues are disappointed with this decision. The decision was based on staffing levels and safety, facility amenities including dressing room capacity and meeting WorkSafeBC regulations were the primary difficulties to overcome.

The ice has also been put in at the Curling Rink. On Tuesday November 3rd the Curling Club officially opened the rink to curling with stringent COVID-19 safety regulations in place. The new chiller is working well and the ice is keen!

The curling club welcomes new curlers and invites anyone interested to stop by and give it a try!

## Trails

The ongoing issue of the walking trail along Evans Rd. continues to be a concern for the Village. We fully understand the desire to have a “river walk” however as administrators of the municipality, we must look at this from all angles and most specifically through the lens of public safety. The current pathway along Evans Rd. has been developed by a group of volunteers with the best of intentions; a river walk would certainly be a wonderful recreational addition to the community, that said, the development of trails and pathways must be undertaken with the approval of Council.

Recently, Council identified the strategic priorities for next year, the development of a Trails Master Plan is one of those goals. Staff is currently seeking quotes from experienced trail builders for the development of this plan. Having someone that not only develops trail plans but also builds and uses trails is a priority for Council. This individual will bring a new perspective and fresh eyes to



Ashcroft’s recreational trail opportunities, considering all existing trails and propose locations for new trails, trail heads and suggest ways to connect the three distinct neighbourhoods in Ashcroft. Stay tuned for future updates!

## Economic Development

The focus of the Economic Development committee has been community promotion. Perhaps you heard some of the advertising on the Kamloops radio stations or noticed posts on social media. In the upcoming weeks you will notice splashes of plaid, this is a shop local promotion that encourages British Columbians to “shop local” on Black Friday instead of online. Local businesses are participating, so watch for special sale items. Not only will there be “deals” to be found at local merchants, but if you spend \$50 locally on November 27th, bring your receipts to the Village office and receive a lovely tote. Watch for more information in the Journal, Village website and social media sites. Did you know, for every \$100 spent locally, up to \$63 are recirculated in the community, creating 4.6 times the economic impact over any money spent at a non-local businesses. When you shop local, you help advance the local economy and allow your community to thrive. Local businesses support community much more than big box stores. How many times a year do we ask our businesses to contribute to our fundraisers, kids teams, events etc. and they always come through in support. It’s our turn now, let’s show our support and shop local this holiday season and please support “Plaid Friday” on Nov. 27th!



### Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

**Mayor:**

Barbara Roden

**Councillors:**

Marilyn Anderson

Jonah Anstett

Nadine Davenport

Deb Tuohey

## COVID-19

As the numbers of COVID—19 continue to increase in our Province, Council is reminding residents to remain diligent in our fight against the virus. Please support local businesses as they implement safety precautions, these are in place to protect you! You can access the latest Public Health Orders through the Village website at:

<https://ashcroftbc.ca/news-events/>

## What has Council been up to?

- Council Adopted Sign Bylaw No. 840
- Council approved the EDTC request to spend \$4000 on a promotional fall video
- Council appointed Councillor Anderson as Ashcroft's representative to the Bylaw Enforcement Officer Working Group collaboration
- Vicky Trill presented to Council as a delegation requesting Council to provide 2 letters of support for grant applications
- Council approved a \$500 Grant in Aid request to the Sage and Sound Singers to produce a virtual Christmas Concert
- Council approved a \$500 Grant in Aid request in support of the Christmas Hamper
- The Slough Society presented to Council in regards to gaining legal access to the slough
- Ashcroft Terminal and CN Rail presented to Council advocating for no trespassing on private land or CN Rail property
- Council is in the process of developing a new Strategic Plan that will provide direction for staff and community projects over the course of the next two years.

### Events & Updates

-Virtual Community Forum—November 26 at 6:00 live streamed by HON

-Committee of the Whole—Nov 23, 6:00

-Council Meeting November 23, 7:00 pm

-Council Meeting: Dec 14, 4:30 pm

## Council is in Favour of Hiring a Bylaw Officer

The communities of Ashcroft, Cache Creek and Clinton are exploring the possibility of implementing Bylaw Enforcement as a shared service in their communities. At this time a Working Group has been established consisting of one staff member and one Council member from each community. If implemented, the shared bylaw enforcement service will work in collaboration with local RCMP detachments working towards community bylaw compliance. A new bylaw will be required that supports ticketing and an appeal process. All communities are struggling to provide this service, the proposed collaboration may be the catalyst to other shared services in our

## RV and Other Parking on Boulevards

The Village is receiving many complaints in regards to RV's and un-licensed vehicles parked on boulevards. Not only is this unsightly it impedes sight lines for drivers and is a safety risk for pedestrians. Current bylaws, allow residents to park a **licensed** vehicle for a maximum of 30 days on Village boulevards; however, during winter months with crews plowing snow this becomes an issue. Please park your recreational vehicles in appropriate driveways, yards or storage facility. The Village will be acting on by-law infractions and we ask for your cooperation rather than impose enforcement.

Also, please note, **living in an RV is prohibited in the Village of Ashcroft.**



## Sidewalk Snow & Ice Removal

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 753, Ashcroft residents are reminded that it is unlawful for any person to permit any accumulation of snow or ice to remain upon any sidewalk in front of or abutting any premises owned or occupied by him/her after ten o'clock in any morning of any day.

## Voyent Alert - Mass Notification System

One of the priorities from the previous strategic plan, was to purchase a portable digital sign; however, during a community survey, residents clearly said they prefer a automated telephone system to broadcast emergency notifications. As such, the Village has purchased the Voyent Alert system. Over the next two months, you will receive registration information to sign up for emergency notifications from the Village. Notices will be broadcast by land line phone, cell phone (text or message) and email. Stay Tuned for more info!

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