



## NOVEMBER & DECEMBER Project Updates:

- Lift Station** - Progress is delayed due to supply chain interruptions; however, project should be completed by mid March.
- North Ashcroft Drainage Study**— Engineers have completed site work and are continuing with data research as they draft the report.
- Water to AIB**— The working group and Council continue to discuss options that provide water to AIB and meet with band administration.
- Hot Tub** - Installation of new hot tub is scheduled for completion in May 2022. Plans are being finalized and the IHA approval is pending.
- Fire Hall #2**— The RFP is posted and interested bidders have been invited for a site visit on December 10, 2021. Project construction is to begin as soon as possible.
- Economic Development & Tourism** - The EDT collaborated with the HUB to promote and host Plaid Friday and the Santa Parade. Continuing to work with Gold Country Communities Society on promotional opportunities. Working on grant application submissions and reporting to keep established programs functioning in the community and is moving forward to develop an Investment Ready and Community profile.
- LED Sign** - Draft Policy developed and will go before Council in January.
- Heritage Park / Community Garden**—The working group wanted to establish a Christmas Light display at Heritage Park to celebrate the holidays. Thanks to the volunteer efforts of the 2022 DSCS Grad Class, the park was lit up for the first time this year the eve of the Santa Parade.
- Arena** - Arena is open with strict COVID regulations and protocols in place to ensure public safety. If you or your child are unwell, please do NOT come to the arena.
- Trails Plan**—The working group met with Thomas Schoen the consultant developing the plan. A draft plan is scheduled for first review by February. Tom continues to work with non profit groups in the area to develop a comprehensive plan for all users.
- Council Working Groups** - The working groups established to implement Council's Strategic Priorities continue to meet and move projects forward. All meeting notes are added to subsequent Council Agenda.

### COUNCIL NOVEMBER / DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS:

- ⇒ Council has taken the Outdoor Burning Bylaw which allows back yard campfires to third reading.
- ⇒ Council has taken the updated Business License Bylaw to third reading. A copy of the Bylaw will be mailed out to Ashcroft business owners for feedback prior to adoption. Business License fees were not increased.
- ⇒ Council has taken the updated Fire Department Regulations Bylaw to second reading. With the full support of the Fire Department. This bylaw updates the current bylaw which was enacted in 1988.
- ⇒ Council approved letter of support be forwarded to various local non profit groups.
- ⇒ Council endorsed staff to undertake a Wastewater Plant Infrastructure Condition Assessment for the Sewer Treatment Plant.
- ⇒ Council directed staff to coordinate meetings with SD#74 Gold Trail Board of Education, Thompson View Manor Society, MP Brad Vis, AIB and HAWC.
- ⇒ Council approved Grant In Aid requests by the Health and Wellness Action Coalition and the Community Resources Society , both receiving \$500
- ⇒ Council endorsed to update the Village of Ashcroft Long Service Awards Policy.

### Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

**Mayor:**

Barbara Roden

**Councillors:**

Marilyn Anderson

Jonah Anstett

Nadine Davenport

Deb Tuohey

Grad students string holiday cheer at Heritage Park



## Plaid Friday and Santa Parade—2021

Thank you to all the businesses and residents that participated in this years Plaid Friday and Santa Parade events. Despite the hardships due to the continuing pandemic, summer fires and the disastrous washouts caused by the atmospheric river, the business community has shown incredible resiliency and offered Plaid Friday shoppers many incentives to Shop LOCAL for the holidays! To those that participated in the parade, wow, what a wonderful effort to spread some holiday cheer, well done! The shoppers outdid themselves showing community support helping to keep local businesses open through one of the most difficult years in decades. This year, the “Love Ashcroft” program gave away 45 Love Ashcroft toques and 33 Love Ashcroft canvas bags worth \$7998.50 in receipts! This is only a portion of the dollars spent in Ashcroft on November 26<sup>th</sup>, an amazing example of support to the Love Ashcroft shop local initiative. Thank you once again and wishing you all a joyous and Happy Holiday Season.



### Events & Meetings

#### Council Meetings:

December 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm  
Meetings are Livestreamed on the HUB Online Network

#### Holiday Office Closure:

Closed December 24, at noon, reopening Tuesday January 4, 2022, at 8:00 am

## Welcome Simon Our New Bus Driver

Please welcome Simon our new Bus Driver with Yellowhead Community Services. We wish Lawrence all the best in his retirement and are thankful for his service. Simon moved to Ashcroft with his wife from the Lower Mainland in 2018 and originally hails from England.



Merry Christmas, from our family to yours!

## Holiday Garbage Pick Up

Due to observation of the Christmas Statutory Holidays, the Mesa Vista and Downtown Garbage pick up for Tuesday December 28, 2021 will be moved to Wednesday December 29, 2021. North Ashcroft pick up will remain as scheduled.

## Snow Removal Reminder

As per Bylaw No. 753 Division II - General Regulations

8. Snow Removal – It shall be unlawful for any person to permit accumulation of snow or ice to remain upon any sidewalk in **front** of or abutting any premises owned or occupied after ten o'clock in any morning of any day.



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*A Year End Reflection*

Reflecting over this past year, the difficult times come to mind, but I want to focus on the good things. Neighbours supporting each other, lending a helping hand, opening a door and embracing change. Our daily lives have changed, but the strength of a community is in its residents. The resilience demonstrated over the course of the years as we faced COVID surges, heat domes, wildfires, mudslides and floods, highway closures and separation from loved ones, the people of Ashcroft supported local businesses, looked out for their neighbours and showed compassion and generosity time after time. It seems that the spirit of kindness was evident throughout the year. It is our pleasure to serve this community and deliver services. From our family to our yours, Merry Christmas Ashcroft and a healthy, happy and prosperous new year!

