



Project Updates:

1. **Lift Station** - Construction is well underway, chamber is installed and work is in progress.
2. **Paving**— Paving will get started in October, PLEASE obey all road signs and closures as posted by the Village Crew. Safety is important to us. We are paving Railway Ave. near Villa Fronterra, Riverview Cres, road widening at Old Cariboo/Hollis Rd. to Ranch Rd. and road patching between 1st and 2nd Ave. on Railway Ave and Brink Street between 1s and 2nd Ave.
3. **North Ashcroft Drainage Study**—Staff is working with Village Engineers to develop the study. Completion is expected in early spring 2022.
4. **Hot Tub** - Hot Tub deconstruction is almost complete, installation of the new Hot Tub will begin in early spring in anticipation of the 2022 Pool Season.
5. **Fire Hall #2**— The Fire Department and staff have confirmed plans with the architect. We are working on finalizing the Request For Proposal (RFP) to contract the upgrades and renovation.
6. **Economic Development & Tourism** - The Ec Dev and Tourism working group was the first to resume meetings. Planning for Plaid Friday and an additional print order of the visitor guide for the 2022 season is underway.
7. **LED Sign** - Please bare with us as we determine appropriate font and brightness levels.
8. **Community Garden**—3D garden plans are under development. These will guide the Village with grant funding applications and provide a long term plan for the sustainability of Heritage Park.
9. **Arena** - Arena Opened October 2, 2021 Minor Hockey, Ladies Hockey, Old Timers Hockey, Public Skating, Sticks and Pucks are all on the schedule. Masks are required for spectators (less than 50) and proof of vaccination is required for adult sport as per the Public Health Order.
10. **Trails Plan**—Thomas Schoen of First Journey Trails continues to visit the area to GPS trails. The plan is in progress , once the draft is completed the Trails Plan will be presented to the community for final input prior to Council approval.
11. **Council Working Groups** - Council Working Groups established earlier this year to implement the Strategic Plan were temporarily halted during the summer and will resume meetings in October.

COUNCIL UBCM HIGHLIGHTS:

- ◇ Council met with the Minister of Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations to discuss the impacts of the Tremont Creek fire and Ashcroft’s application for a Community Forest License.
- ◇ Council met with the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to discuss staffing levels at the local RCMP and EMBC funding and processes for highway rescue.
- ◇ Council met with the Minister of Finance to discuss BC Assessment reclassification of Rail properties in the village boundary from business to industrial.
- ◇ Council met with the Minister of Health to advocate for the HAWK and IHA’s Urgent Primary Care model to deliver services in Ashcroft and request

Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

Mayor:

Barbara Roden

Councillors:

Marilyn Anderson

Jonah Anstett

Nadine Davenport

Deb Tuohey

Hot Tub demolition



Lift Station #1

Chamber delivery



Chamber installed below



UBCM Highlights Continued

Aside from the Minister Meetings, Council participated in the virtual conference advocating for Ashcroft and participating at various sessions and workshops such as Housing, Financial Resilience, Plenary Sessions, Cyber Security and Climate Change.

Mayor Roden was invited to participate as a panelist for a Heat Wave Workshop. Other panelists included: Minister of Health Adrian Dix, Public Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry, Meteorologist Johanna Wagstaff, BCCDC, Dr. Sarah Henderson and Councilor Patrick Johnstone. Mayor Roden was the small community representative.

Discussions included risk reduction preparations that could be completed prior to a heat wave, environmental changes, mortality rates of vulnerable citizens during a heat event and lessons learned from the 2021 heat dome. Mayor Roden presented how small communities can prepare for a heat wave.

BC Hydro Power Outage = Stage 4 Water Restrictions

In regards to the scheduled BC Hydro power Outage on **October 17, 2021 from 8AM – 4PM**, we ask **all** residents to prepare for a Stage 4 Water Restrictions for the duration of the Power Outage, as per Bylaw No. 799:

In order to keep reservoirs at safe levels for fire protection and resident health, please limit use of water consumption during the outage whether your property is included in the outage or not. This includes car washing, laundry, showers, pressure washing etc.

The Village appreciates your cooperation!

Community Sessions to Discuss Backyard Burning

Council invites **residents** of the Village of Ashcroft to attend one of two public meetings on **October 14, 2021 at the Community Hall**. The first meeting will begin at **1:00 pm** and the second at **6:00 pm**. These sessions will present the community survey results and gather final resident feedback prior to Council deciding whether the bylaw will be considered for amendment.

Meetings are limited to 50 residents, proof of vaccination is not required; however, all those in attendance must wear a mask as per the Public Health Order. If additional meetings are required to accommodate residents wishing to attend, further meetings will be scheduled.

These meetings are in addition to the public virtual meeting held on June 14, 2021 where the survey results were presented to the community.

Ahead of Winter Season - Boulevard Parking / Snow Removal Reminder

Sadly summer is over and we are in the midst of a beautiful fall. Given the lower temperatures knocking on our door, we want to remind residents about Boulevard parking and snow removal on walkways.

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.

Please remember that parking of any motor vehicle or trailer on Boulevards during winter /snow season is not allowed. As per Bylaw No 753 Division VI – Stationary Traffic

4. Obstruction Motor Vehicles

a. Should any motor vehicle or trailer be abandoned or left standing on any street within the Village in such a manner as to impede or obstruct the lawful flow of traffic of the employees of the Village engaged in the removal of snow or other roads operations, the Chief Administrative Officer, Foreman or any traffic office may direct the removal of the obstructing motor vehicle which shall be removed to such place as may be directed and the owner of the motor vehicle shall, upon request, pay the Village the cost of such removal.

The Village boulevards and right of ways are not meant for long term parking of recreational or utility trailers. During spring and summer the Village makes concessions due to limited parking; however during the winter months we ask that all RV's, utility trailers and unlicensed vehicle be stored on private property and off the boulevards. Please be advised that the Bylaw Enforcement Officer will be enforcing the Bylaws.

Fall Special Yard Waste Pick Up

To aid Ashcroft residents with their **FALL CLEANUP**, additional waste pick-ups will be provided **Wednesday October 20 and Thursday October 21, 2021**. Branches less than 8" in diameter & 8' in length; Leaves/Grass/Weeds/Twigs cannot be bagged; Non-Refrigeration Appliances; Old Tires (off rims only); Maximum weight of any single load or bundle is 100lbs. Garbage must be out where it can be picked up by equipment. Garbage **MUST NOT** be against fences, signs, buildings or retaining walls or it will not be picked up. Strictly Enforced!

Events & Meetings

Council Meetings:

October 12 & 25, 2021 at 6:00 pm—Virtual

Resident Meeting to discuss Burning Bylaw

October 14, 2021 at 1:00pm and 6:00 pm
Community Hall max 50 people per session.