



## APRIL Project Updates:

- 1. Lift Station** - Waiting for BC Hydro to connect power and waiting to install poly wrap on the kiosk
- 2. North Ashcroft Drainage Study** - Study received and is under review.
- 3. Water to AIB** - Ongoing, AIB is proposing to host a Community to Community Forum to continue the dialogue.
- 4. Hot Tub** - Still waiting....Contractor is expected to arrive and begin deck preparations.
- 5. Fire Hall #2** - Waiting for design build drawings to be submitted by contractor.
- 6. Economic Development & Tourism**—Working group is focusing on community profile development and gearing up for community promotion in anticipation of the tourist season.
- 7. Heritage Park / Community Garden** - Community Garden is almost ready for planting. The garden will be open to gardeners with reserved plots on Friday May 13th.
- 8. Trail Master Plan** - Draft plan is available on the village website and a public meeting will be held May 18 at 6:00pm at the Community Hall.
- 9. Emergency Plan Update** - In consultation with TNRD, plan update is ongoing.

### Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

**Mayor:**

Barbara Roden

**Councillors:**

Marilyn Anderson

Jonah Anstett

Nadine Davenport

Deb Tuohey

## COUNCIL APRIL HIGHLIGHTS:

- ⇒ Council approved the Village entering into a contract with Serenity Pools and Hardscapes for Hot Tub installation with cost overruns allocated from the Capital Reserve Fund not to exceed \$110,000
- ⇒ Council approved the Mayor and guest attending Clinton's 155<sup>th</sup> Annual Ball
- ⇒ Council supported a resolution recognizing and celebrating World Oceans Day 2022
- ⇒ Council sent a letter of support for the New Pathways to Gold Society work and investments in the region's Gold Rush/Spirit Trails heritage tourism corridor to the Premier Horgan, Minister Mark and Minister Rankin urging them to continue ongoing core funding
- ⇒ Council sent a letter supporting the Desert Mesa Lions Club for their NDI Marking Initiative Grant
- ⇒ Council gave first and second reading to the Village of Ashcroft Local Government Election and Other Voting Opportunities Amendment Bylaw No. 853, 2022
- ⇒ Council gave first three readings to Bylaw No. 851, Village of Ashcroft 5 Year Financial Plan Commencing 2022
- ⇒ Council gave first three readings to Bylaw No. 852, Village of Ashcroft Tax Rates Bylaw, 2022
- ⇒ Council approved the renewal of the CiB Agreement for a five (5) year term ending December 31, 2026
- ⇒ Council approved the Desert Mesa Lions Club request to use Drylands Arena September 9-11, 2022 for Annual Fall Fair
- ⇒ Council approved WRAPS Annual Grant in Aid, use of Heritage Park and free swimming at the pool in support of the 2022 Canada Day Celebrations
- ⇒ A letter of congratulations was sent to Gareth Smart as the new TNFC's new Film Commissioner

## PROPERTY TAXATION INFORMATION

Property taxes for 2022 have been a huge concern not just for residents but for Council and staff as well. Affordable living seems to be increasingly difficult to maintain. Council and staff have strived to develop a budget that maintains services while keeping the promise of not exceeding a 2.5% property tax increase.

Please keep in mind, the Village taxation only impacts 54% of your tax bill, other levels of government make up the remaining 46%. The village has no control over the increases in taxation that are collected and forwarded to the province for school taxes, hospital taxes, RCMP and the regional district portion to the TNRD.

We are here to work with you and remind you that you can make prepayments through your financial institution throughout the year, provide post-dated cheques or stop in and make payments as you wish. As always staff is here to answer any questions you may have.

Tax notices will be sent out before the end of May and are due by July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022. If payment is received after July 15<sup>th</sup> a penalty of 10% is applied.

## LET'S CELEBRATE ASHCROFT- BBQ

Council invites Ashcroft to get together and celebrate with live music, free food, free swimming and bouncy castle fun at the Pool Park on Saturday May 21, 2022 from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. This event is formerly known as the “Community Thank You BBQ”

It's been a long time since we've been together, there are many new faces to welcome to the village so let's celebrate, have some fun and show our appreciation of all those that made life a little easier as we navigated our way through the COVID-19 pandemic!

Are you a community organization struggling with membership, we invite you to participate and set up a table at the event to recruit members and build community awareness of what your organization is all about. If you would like to set up a table, please call the office at 250-453-9161.



### 2022 Events & Meetings

#### Council Meetings:

Meetings are Livestreamed on the HUB Online Network

May 9- 5:00 pm Town Hall Meeting to present Financial Plan  
 May 9 - 6:00 pm  
 May 24 - 6:00 pm

#### Community Trails Master Plan Meeting - Community Hall

May 18 - 6:00 pm

#### Pool Opening:

May 21

#### Museum Opening:

May 9

#### Legacy Park—Open

May 1

### DOG LICENCE REMINDER

As per Bylaw No. 832, 2019 all Dogs residing within the boundaries of the Village of Ashcroft are required to have a registered Dog licence each year. You can get the 2022 tag at the Village Office, which are valid until December 2022.

### TRAILS MASTER PLAN COMMUNITY MEETING

On May 18, 2022 there will be a Community Meeting presenting the Trails Master Plan at the Community Hall starting at 6pm. Come and listen and provide your feedback !

### VOYENT ALERT

Stay Current and Alert with important information being send by the Village! We can help you register if you require assistance. Feel free to contact the Village office at (250) 453-9161 and we can arrange to get you registered remotely. You can receive Alerts via, Text Message, Phone call (Cell and landline), email and through the Voyent Alert App. Voyent Alert! is a multi-purpose communication service used to send alerts to residents, businesses, and visitors during critical events like extreme weather, fires or floods, etc. The service can also be used to communicate important information updates regarding local events and services.

### COMMUNITY GARDEN

There are still garden boxes available if you want to garden. The Community Garden will be open and ready for planting Friday May 13, 2022. The Public Works Crew will still be installing and working on some items around the area, but the garden boxes are ready to go. Come to the Village Office and pick up your Gardner Agreement and sign up for one of these fabulous garden boxes!



### Commit 2 Conserve

#### STAGE 1 WATER RESTRICTIONS

Even numbered houses should only water on even calendar days, odd numbered houses should only water on odd calendar days. Example, if you live at 248 Ashcroft Lane, you can water on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> (and so on) of the month. Watering hours are 6am-9am & 8pm-11pm to conserve water and lower pressure on our water treatment plant.

#### SUSTAINABLE USE IS

#### AFFORDABLE USE.

### How to Register

**Mobile App Users**  
 Download and install the Voyent Alert! app from the Apple App or Google Play stores.

**Email, SMS or Voice Dial Users**  
 Register online to receive email, voice or text-based alerts at <https://register.voyent-alert.com>

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