



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT
MINUTES

**FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE
OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2022**

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett
Councillor, Jessica Clement
Councillor, Doreen Lambert

CAO, Daniela Dyck
CFO, Yogi Bhalla
DPW, Brian Bennewith
Bylaw Officer, Samuel Sidal

Media – 1
Public – 5

EXCUSED: Councillor Davenport

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday December 12, 2022 to order at 6:01pm
“Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka’pamux people.”

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended

M/S Clement / Anstett

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, November 28, 2022 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2022-269

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, November 28, 2022 M/S Anstett / Lambert <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, November 28, 2022 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-270
2.2	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, November 28, 2022 M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, November 28, 2022 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-271

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	<p>Daniel Collett and Marina Papais – Mosaic Maintenance Proposal Daniel thanked Council for the opportunity to propose a maintenance program for the mosaics throughout Ashcroft and provided the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daniel and Marina with volunteer assistance have created the art pieces installed throughout Ashcroft and maintained them • Approx. 14 thousand hours invested in the art • Concerns about the ongoing maintenance and would like to train others for sustainability and succession planning • Schedule maintenance for one month per year (ie: April) • VOA to take the art down and bring it to the facility where maintenance will take place • There are new materials on the market that last longer • Harmony project requires caulking to be changed out • Some pieces may be repaired on site • Asking for Village to cover the cost of facility rental, materials, estimated cost \$1000-\$2000/year <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Roden thanked Daniel for the presentation noting the art installments impact on tourism • Council agrees that training new volunteers to maintain and repair the artwork is vital for succession planning and sustainability • Size of facility – small space to accommodate 4x8 table and workspace a shelf for glass, glue etc. • Council wondered if repairs could be completed on site, do as little removal as possible • Query regarding art that is not on public property – is this included in the proposal? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Daniel would like to have the plan be all inclusive not just for art on public property ○ Daniel has agreements with all private property owners to allow for art change out or repairs • Council wondered who owns the art? Technically the art belongs to Marina and Daniel but is “for Ashcroft” – on display throughout the community for all to enjoy. 	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

All questions and comments will be addressed through the Chair and answered likewise. Please state your name and address prior to asking a question or commenting, no more than 2 minutes per question.

Gloria Mertens – 301 Rattle Snake Rd.

- Comment – hopes Council supports the maintenance proposal and expand maintenance to other signage and plaques throughout the community – art and historic maintenance plan
- Question regarding Museum visitor stats and if these will be provided?
- Question regarding budget and strategic planning wondering when members of the public could submit suggestions?
 - Suggestion that sidewalks, pathways, and trails be considered as a priority

- Question re: the recent water pump issue and cost
- Question re: bylaw enforcement process for getting vehicles off the boulevards
- Comment re: expense listing not on agenda
- Question re: cost of the TNRD library renovation – question should be directed to TNRD
 - Question re: residents' ability to access the guitar program in Ashcroft – should be directed to TNRD
- Was the Eco depot invitation open to the public – should be directed to TNRD
- Ec Dev – clarification requested where to view videos
- Clarification EDT working group vs committee
- Mayors Report – clarification re: planning for ECO meeting room at TNRD building – should be directed to TNRD
- Clarification – re Primary care centre vs. Primary care network model

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	CAO Memo and Bylaw No. 857, 2022 – Ashcroft Fire Department Regulation Amendment Bylaw, 2022 Councillor Anstett recused himself at 6:32 – returning at 6:34 as a member of the FD he is in a conflict of interest. M/S Clement / Lambert <i>THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Fire Department Regulation Amendment Bylaw No. 857, 2022 be given first, second and third reading.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-272
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
FOR INFORMATION		
6.1	CAO Memo – Record Destruction of Election Materials	
6.2	Sam Sidal, Inter-Community Bylaw Officer – Verbal Presentation Sam noted since his arrival the direction for Bylaw Enforcement has been: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on process and developing documentation prior to active enforcement • Bylaw enforcement is primarily complaint driven • Complaints are confidential • Developing community presence and rapport with community • Monitoring water restriction infractions • Focus on public education in regard to current bylaws • Currently focusing on winter snow removal, dog licence and business licence renewals • Review bylaws, research other examples, suggest changes and rewrites • Some sight line obstruction on boulevard issues have been brought to Bylaw attention and are being or have been addressed Q & A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is a list of contractors available for those residents looking for snow removal assistance? Not at this time, but a list will be developed. 	

6.3	<p>CFO Financial Statement Verbal Presentation CFO Bhalla provided a brief verbal update of the Village financial position using the BI portal.</p> <p>General operating fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trending on target ending the year on budget • Fiscal Services shows a negative variance due to required capital cost transfer • CFO Bhalla clarified why some categories are showing a negative balance <p>Sewer operating fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On track to be balanced at year end <p>Water Operating Fund:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showing a surplus but waiting for some expenses to be billed • Anticipate a balanced fund at year end <p>CFO Bhalla noted that the Village has managed a balanced budget at a 2.5% tax increase even though we are in an inflationary environment. Challenge for next year is the cyber security risk factor – reminder to be cautious when opening emails. Maintaining a balanced budget that enables the necessary projects but maintains a minimal taxation increase.</p>	
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>Home Hardware Ashcroft – Homes BBQ Cook Off July 15, 2023 - Request street closure between 5 & 6 Streets and use of Heritage Place Park M/S Anstett / Clement <i>THAT, Council supports Home Hardware’s “Home BBQ Cookoff” event, approve the closure of Railway Ave. between 5th and 6th Street and provide Heritage Park facility use at no cost - Date to be confirmed.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2022-273
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	Hon. Mobina SB Jaffer, Senator for BC – Congratulations to Mayor on re-election	
7.3	Village of Cache Creek – Congratulations to Mayor on re-election	
7.4	Teck Highland Valley Copper – Congratulations to Mayor on re-election	
7.5	TNRD Press Release – Ashcroft Library Upgrades bring Improved Experience and New-to-BC Service	
7.6	TNRD Press Release – Photo Gallery of Opening of new Eco Depot	
7.7	Information Correspondence – Flip Chart	
	Items 7.1 – 7.7 are received for information	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker Received for Information	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.1	EDTC Working Group – December 7, 2022 Meeting Notes Received for Information	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden – Report	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert – Report – amend first visit to AFR – Jan 2 not 3	
	Council reports are received for information	

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday December 12, 2022, at 7:00pm

Certified to be a true copy of the Minutes
for the Regular Meeting of Council held
Monday December 12, 2022.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor