



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jessica Clement
Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Doreen Lambert

CAO, Daniela Dyck
CFO, Yogi Bhalla
DPW, Brian Bennewith

Media – 1
Public – 1

EXCUSED: Councillor Anstett

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday January 23, 2023, to order at 5:00 pm

“Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka’pamux people.”

Mayor Roden commented on the recent tragic events in the community encouraging those looking for support services to utilize the crisis counselling available at the HUB on Tuesday and Wednesday.

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended.

M/S Clement / Lambert

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, January 23, 2023 be adopted as amended to include Continuing Education CAO Report under New Business.

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 9, 2023 M/S Lambert / Davenport <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 9, 2022 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2023-07
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3. DELEGATIONS

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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.

No questions comment or public input received.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	Bylaw No. 858, Village of Ashcroft Consolidated Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2023 M/S Davenport / Lambert <i>THAT, Bylaw No. 858, Village of Ashcroft Consolidated Fees and Charges Bylaw, 2023 be read a third time.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2023-08
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
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FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	CFO – Public Budget Presentation Problem: CFO Bhalla noted that we are moving towards an inflationary environment with rising costs noting concerns in regard to Federal program spending, Bank of Canada’s late to raise interest rates and rising unemployment rates; Concern that our community has a high senior demographic of seniors living on a fixed income; Impacts to village, our costs are increasing at 10 -15%; Dealing with supply chain delays and escalating costs; Fortis and Hydro increases; Insurance and benefit increases; Impact on reserve investments. Solution: Ashcroft is debt free but has ability to borrow if needed (not intending to do this); Moved investments to GIC style fund and out of Bond fund; All projects have contingency built in; Continue to build reserve accounts; Well defined budget process; Working on a 2.5% increase – many other municipalities are planning o 6-7% increases due to inflation; Village adjusts for average increases on property taxes which means the 2.5% increase is the overall budget; Village portion of property tax bill is only 50% we cannot influence other tax rates charged by other levels of government; Projects: Fire hall, complete Lift Station, Water pump repairs, purchase reservoir land, fire smart grant application. CFO Bhalla guided Council and the public through a line by line budget review pausing for comments and questions after each section.	

	<p>Solid waste is going up to \$150 due to increase in tipping fees and vehicle maintenance.</p> <p>Expenses: CFO Bhalla provided explanations for all line items that have a change from the previous year which are highlighted for easy reference for general, water and sewer operating funds. No water fee increases being implemented in 2023. No increases to sewer fees for 2023. Mayor Roden noted that any future questions are to be submitted directly to the CFO Bhalla.</p>	
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>Ashcroft & Area Community Resources Society – Request to use Ashcroft Community Hall December 12-16, 2023 for Christmas Hamper Drive Councillor Clement recused herself in a conflict as she is part of the committee at 6:08 returning at 6:09 M/S Davenport / Lambert <i>THAT, Council approves the Ashcroft and Area Community Resources Society request for use of the community hall from December 12-16, 2023 for the Christmas Hamper Drive.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2023-09
7.2	<p>Introduction to Social Procurement for Elected Officials and Senior Leadership M/S Roden / Davenport <i>THAT, members of Council interested in attending the Social Procurement seminar do so at their leisure.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2023-10
7.3	<p>Invitation to Mayor Roden to attend the Clinton Annual Ball M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, Ashcroft purchase tickets for Mayor Roden plus guest to attend the 156th Clinton Annual Ball.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2023-11
FOR INFORMATION		
7.4	Flip Chart Information Correspondence	
	<i>Items 7.4 is received for information</i>	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	<p>Task Manager – Motion Tracker <i>Receive for information</i></p>	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	<p>Late Item – CAO Continuing Education M/S Clement / Lambert <i>THAT, Council supports ongoing education and approves CAO Daniela Dyck to attend the MATI 308 – Successful CAO course from Feb 9-14 in West Kelowna.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2023-12
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert – Report Comment regarding the rescue truck for AFR requiring replacement	
	<i>Council reports are received for information</i>	

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 January 23, 2023 at 6:14 pm

Certified to be a true copy of the Minutes
for the Regular Meeting of Council held
Monday January 23, 2023.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor