



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2023

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

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

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EXCUSED:

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday February 27, 2023, to order at 6:00 pm

“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 Anstett / Davenport

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, February 27, 2023 be adopted as Amended.

CARRIED – Unanimous – R-2023-27

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 13, 2023 M/S Clement / Davenport <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 13, 2023 be adopted as amended moving the report from item 11.4 Councillor Davenport to 11.5 Councillor Lambert.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2023-28
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Gold Country Communities Society – Brandy Cooper-Chardon, Marketing Manager & Wendy Coomber, GCCS Interim Board Chair – provide Council with Information on GCCS 2023 Marking Initiative	
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	<p>Brandy provided an update and power point presentation of where GCCS is at and where they are going for 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Want to establish consistent ongoing communication with stakeholders. • Presented the Mission Statement. • Discussed the importance of Regionalism. • Ashcroft has been a member of GCCS for 31 years and counting. • Visitor Guide is at printers and will be distributed by volunteers later this spring. • Implementation of new accommodation booking tool on website. • Gold country app available on i-store and google play. • Pad map will be dialed down to a smaller size – easier to use. • Social media analytics presented. • Coming up March 24-26 reconnecting event in Cache Creek, Council invited to participate. • GCCS is going to the Calgary Outdoor and Travel Show – asking Ashcroft for any items they can take to the trade show. • Geo Tourism – released new Geo Tour in September 2022 called the Prequel which focuses on reconciliation. • Questions: • When will the visitor guide be on shelves – end of March. • New Geo tour book – available end of March. • First 2 Geo tour editions are very popular only German and French available looking for funding to reprint. 	
3.2	<p>Albert Drinkwater – Silicate Dust, Air Pollution Presentation to Council on dust pollution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have lived on Hollis for 14 years – ran landscaping business. • Issue – ore dump across the road, used to be 3 trucks – 2 loads per day - Now 7 trucks 24 hours per day. • Have written many letters to the village and other levels of government and filed petitions over the years regarding the silicate dust issue. • Many written complaints to HVC, Trimac and CN Rail over the year in regard to the silicate dust on the road and all over their home. • Contacted WCB to see if they could assist from a safety perspective – on site sweeper was the result. • Has proposed some solutions to the business which have been implemented. • Issue is the movement of the product creating the dust on the road and on structures and vehicles in the area. • Construction of dome on Hollis Rd. concerns raised to HVC. • Structure to be used for excess storage of equipment – CN assured cleanliness of area. • Dome made the prevailing winds worse causing more dust on their property. • Lot is now paved, requested on site sweeper. • WCB supported sweeper which was purchased. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive noise, subcontractor trucks, product stored in dome building. • CN claims the site is meeting environmental protocols and that sweeping on the lot exceeds environment standards. • Minimum of 10 years dealing with HVC and CN Rail. • Jan 11 called the VOA to complain about dust on the road, DPW went to the site resulting in PW grading the road. • Jan 2023 – more spills. • Tyler Banick from CN – has reached out to engage with the residents. <p>Request:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is asking for positive feedback and solutions. • Develop a dust bylaw and acknowledge the pollution. • Send a letter to CN regarding the negligent copper concentrate dust clean up and request regular lot maintenance. 	
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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 public input received.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
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FOR INFORMATION		
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Thompson View Manor Society – Proposed Affordable Seniors Housing – Request for Support of this project M/S Lambert / Clement <i>THAT, Council provide the TVMS with a letter of support.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2023-29
7.2	Ashcroft & District Healthcare Auxiliary – Request to waive the rental fee to use Ashcroft Community Hall November 15-19, 2023 for their Annual Christmas Sale M/S Clement / Lambert <i>THAT, Council approves the Ashcroft & District Healthcare Auxiliary request to waive the rental fee to use Ashcroft Community Hall November 15-19, 2023 for their Annual Christmas Sale.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2023-30

FOR INFORMATION		
7.3	Office of the Ombudsperson for BC – Webinar Invitation and Resource	
7.4	Jacqui Schneider, Sr. Community Affairs Officer, Teck HVC Partnership – An Exciting New Chapter for Teck	
7.5	Flip Chart Information Correspondence	
	Items 7.3 – 7.5: Receive for Information	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

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

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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden – Report Mayor Roden commented on the site feasibility study for the Film Studio in the TNRD was released.	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert – Report	

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, February 27, 2023 at 6:49 pm.

Certified to be a true and copy of the Minutes
for the Regular Meeting of Council held
Monday, February 27, 2023.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor