



**COUNCIL NEWS**

February and the beginning of March have been a busy time for Council as they have focused on the budgeting process, participating in training seminars, meeting with stakeholders and community members, and oversee the ongoing operations of the Village.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Council approached budgeting with a new perspective this year which guided Council and the public through a line by line budget review. Staff will finalize the budget and present it to the public at the Community Forum on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

The auditors were at the office near the end of February and will present the Audited Financial Statement in a closed meeting to Council prior to the document being presented to the public.

March 3-5 Council was in Kelowna attending the Newly Elected Seminar hosted regionally and organized by the Local Government Management Association (LGMA). Some of the seminar sessions topics were: Council Responsibilities, Code of Conduct, Local Government Law, Finance and Procedures 101, Emergency Response Roles and Responsibilities, Local Government Planning basics, Climate Action, First Nation Relations and Liability Risks. Days were long with most of Council on information overload, but now that everyone is home and digesting what they learned, Council is equipped with new skills and knowledge and excited to apply what they learned to their positions at the Council table.

April 25-28 Council will be attending the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) Conference where they are certain to build a broader network and bring back more skills as they guide the Village of Ashcroft over the course of the term.

**Council passed the following resolutions in the month of February:**

- ⇒ Approved all members of Council to attend the 2023 SILGA Convention in Vernon and that we provide a gift basket valued at \$100 with locally purchased items to raffle at the Convention
- ⇒ A letter of support to the Ashcroft Curling Club to supply financial administrative support for their grant.
- ⇒ Endorsed the proposed Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation Funding Application to UBCM in the amount of \$1,220,000.00 for fire protection activities and to provide overall grant management.
- ⇒ Mayor Roden proclaimed February 20-26, 2023 as “Heritage Week”
- ⇒ To take over the curation of a collection of 9 paintings belonging to Esther Darlington and display to be displayed at the Village office
- ⇒ Councillor Lambert was appointed to represent the Village for the Thompson View Manor Society
- ⇒ Invitation to Deb Tedford of the Thompson View Manor Society to attend a future council meeting
- ⇒ A letter of greetings be sent to Bifuka, Japan as well as inviting them to send a delegation to our Village
- ⇒ Mayor Roden proclaimed March 26<sup>th</sup> as “Purple Day” for Epilepsy Awareness


**Village of Ashcroft**  
 Mayor and Council:  
**Mayor:**  
 Barbara Roden  
**Councillors:**  
 Jonah Anstett  
 Jessica Clement  
 Nadine Davenport  
 Doreen Lambert

**River Water Levels**

The office is receiving public concerns regarding the water levels in the river and wondering about water restrictions. Restrictions are not necessary at this time, in the next few weeks the river levels will come up as spring arrives and the warmer weather melts the snow pack and brings the spring rains. Environment Canada monitors the water levels advising the Village of the snow pack ratio. Although the river is much lower than average, at this point there is no need for concern.

That said, it is always a best practice to conserve water!

**REMINDER: There is a 10% discount if utilities are paid and received at the Village office by March 31!**



## THOMPSON CARIBOO MINOR HOCKEY U11 ASHCROFT

### WARRIORS - OMAHA PLAYOFF CHAMPIONS

It has been 29 years since a League or Playoff Champion Banner has been raised at Dryland's Arena. The Thompson Cariboo Minor Hockey U11 Ashcroft Warriors Team secured the WIN ion March 12, 2023 in front of a home town crowd. The U11 team hosted this seasons U11 C2 Division's Playoffs March 10 - 12, 2023. The team had an incredible season with 14 wins and 2 losses for their league games. The team played undefeated all Playoff weekend and worked hard to bring home this banner. It was great to see the arena so full of friends and families cheering on these kids. Big Congratulations from everyone here at the Village of Ashcroft to the 12 Players, 2 Goalies, Team Manager, Safety Manager and the Coaches! Well done. Let's Go Warriors. With the Playoffs in the books, the Arena is now closed for the season and will re-open in the fall.



### 2023 DOG TAGS - REMINDER

This is a friendly 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 license each year. You can get the 2023 tag at the Village Office, which are valid until December 2023.

### 2023 COMMUNITY GARDEN

With the nice weather on the rise, it is time to think about gardening. The Community Garden will be open and ready for planting Monday May 1, 2023. We will have the Gardener Agreements available at the Village Office, starting March 20, 2023 for pick up. There is a required \$25.00 key deposit. The gardens will close October 31, 2023. It is a first come first serve basis and there are 24 beautiful boxes available. There were a lot of plentiful crops last year!

### 2023 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Economic Development & Tourism working group has been gearing up for 2023 with regular monthly meetings. First on the agenda was a strategic planning session where the group discussed the priorities for 2023. Our projects for this year will mainly be focusing on Business Retention & Expansion and promoting the community. The Working Group is currently planning a Business Walk for late spring and an Art/History Walking Tour Map.

### 2023 Events & Meetings

#### Council Meetings:

March 13 — 6:00 pm

March 27 — 6:00 pm

March 27—4:30 pm Community Forum 2023 Public Budget Presentation.

April 11 — 6:00 pm

April 24—6:00 pm

April 25—28 SILGA Convention

### GOVERNMENT / MCLEOD LN UPDATE

Public Works will be repairing the water leak at McLeod Ln. over the next several days. The delay was a result of weather, priorities and staff availability. Please note water interruptions may take place during the repair, notification will be provided if water has to be shut off for any extended period of time.

We would also like to ask Village residents to respect all work zones.

### 2023 BUSINESS LICENSES - REMINDER

Business license renewals are due upon receipt of the invoice sent out in January. If you haven't renewed your license please due so as soon as possible.