



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, MARCH 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

Media – 1
 Public – 6

EXCUSED:

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday March 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 / Lambert

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

CARRIED – Unanimously – R-2023-39

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 13, 2023 M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 13, 2023, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-40
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Shawn Birkenhead, Grant Thornton, LLP – Audit Conclusions Mayor Roden welcomed Shawn Birkenhead to the Council meeting. Shawn thanked Council for the opportunity noting he was the appointed auditor by Grant Thornton LLP for Ashcroft’s audit.	
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	Shawn is pleased to advise Council and the community that he is here to present the audit findings stating Grant Thornton LLP has approved a clean audit for the Village of Ashcroft.	
3.2	<p>Anne McKague – Butterflyway Beyond Hope BC – April is Earth Month (<i>information at Council's chairs</i>)</p> <p>Anne will forward images and presentation (unable to load at meeting). Anne is a Butterfly Ranger and is advocating for partnership and better stewardship of the environment.</p> <p>Climate change and biodiversity convinces Anne that the earth and mankind is in trouble.</p> <p>Celebrating earth day for 50 years.</p> <p>Ashcroft has 2 butterfly gardens it takes 12 to become a Butterflyway Earth month is April, this year's theme is "Invest in Our Planet".</p> <p>Asking Council to declare April as Earth Month.</p> <p>Asking Council to invest a small subsidy to assist with making the event free.</p> <p>Anne is coordinating the workshop and other events to celebrate and educate about Earth month including a workshop that teaches how to plant and how to care for the plants/trees.</p> <p>Anne is hosting a planning session on Wednesday – hopeful that residents and council members will participate.</p> <p>Some ideas for Earth Month include:</p> <p>Community clean-up, make seed bombs, fancy hat parade, the plan is evolving.</p> <p>Anne will forward information as soon as plans are finalized.</p> <p>Council suggested that this may be a possible partnership with CiB.</p>	

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.

Through HUB FaceBook - Maharani Dasou – requested contact information for Anne McKague
 Jim McLean - On Behalf of the Zarthan Lodge (Masonic Lodge)

- Members have spoken to Mayor and Council expressing interest in support of a project and is seeking direction from Council – Mayor Roden suggested that Heritage Park may be a good option, VOA will reach out once Strategic Planning is completed and working groups are established.
- Centennial is August 6th – commemoration
- Mayor Roden asked for some suggestions from the Lodge,
- Approved amount is \$30,000
- Daniela – to forward Heritage Park design to Mr. McLean

Jim Duncan – Commented regarding the Heritage Park revitalization project, noting he would like to be added to the Memorial Tree list.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – Board of Variance M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, Council approves an advertisement be placed in the newspaper and on village social media sites advising that Council is accepting applications for Board of Variance members.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-41</p>
6.2	<p>CAO Report – Gold Country Communities Society M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, Council is in favour of the Village of Ashcroft withdrawing as a member of the Gold Country Communities Society effective 2024.</i> Discussion: Concern over withdrawal – sad to see lack of support. Lillooet and Logan Lake have separate funding agreements and are not included in the attached financial breakdown. Would our contribution better serve Ashcroft if we redirected the funds into the Ec Dev Tourism budget? Mayor Roden suggested a meeting with the CEO of TOTA they are the largest DMO for our region – what can they do for us? Mayor Roden noted the withdrawal would not be in effect until August 2024, Ashcroft will have to submit the requisitioned funds for 2023. Geo Caching program has significance to Ashcroft and the possibility of ongoing support was discussed. Council would like to see the program be sustained.</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-42</p>
6.3	<p>CAO – Report – Mr. Drinkwater – Delegation M/S Anstett / Lambert <i>THAT, Council direct staff to write a letter to Highland Valley Copper (TECK), CN Rail and Trimac expressing the concerns raised to the Copper Concentrate dust in the area of Hollis Rd.; and further that the letter include reference to the requirement of a Fugitive Dust Management Plan for mining operations, request clarification if the plan includes the Hollis Rd. industrial site, and if included request a copy of the FDMP.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-43</p>
6.4	<p>DPW Report – Spring and Fall Clean Up M/S Lambert / Clement <i>THAT, Council is in favour of moving with a Spring Clean Up only and cancel the Fall Clean Up moving forward.</i> Opposed Mayor Roden, Councillor Clement Spring clean up is usually the first full week after Easter – this year it would be scheduled for April 17th to the 21st Discussion to clarify recycling fees at the transfer station Discussion to eliminate appliances and other items in clean up and restrict the clean up to yard waste only Concern that eliminating other waste will create a dumping problem Advertising of the change would be required Include an advertising campaign regarding free yard waste at the eco depot and other recycling – encourage residents going to the transfer station to offer to take their neighbours waste if they don't have an appropriate vehicle</p>	<p>CARRIED R-2023-44</p>

	<p>Council asked what the average volume during spring and fall clean up is: Spring 26-36 loads – Fall approx. 20 loads Concern regarding staffing availability to complete the project Cost may become a future budget discussion, this year it is included as a budget line item.</p>	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.5	CAO Report – Bylaw Officer	
6.6	Josh White, Fire Chief Report – Xeri-scaping Workshop Recap	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>Office of the Mayor, City of Williams Lake – Invitation to Mayor Roden to attend the Williams Lake Stampede Send regrets.</p>	
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	Minister of Municipal Affairs, Office of the Minister – Growing Communities Fund Grant	
7.3	TNRD – TNRL’s One Book, One Community Feature Announced for 2023 – Ashcroft Library, April 27 th	
7.4	TNRD – New Bat Packs Help TNRL Patrons Learn About Nocturnal Neighbours	
7.5	UBCM – Annual Membership	
7.6	Gold Country Communities Society March 2023 Highlights	
7.7	Information Correspondence – Flip Chart	
	Receive items 7.1 – 7.7 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	<p>Mayor Roden – Report Mayor Roden commented that Lepine will be returning to the Equine Detachment noting that Ashcroft has a full compliment in both Traffic and RCMP until Corp. Lepine leaves.</p>	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert – Report	



	Councillor Lambert asked if RCMP quarterly reports to Council are ongoing. Mayor Roden commented that COVID seemed to hinder these but the quarterly reports are re-established	
	Receive items 11.1 – 11.5 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, March 27, 2023, at 6:58 pm.

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

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor