



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

REGULAR AGENDA

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023

Please be advised that the HUB Online Network will record and broadcast or live stream today's Council meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

"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

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 be adopted as presented.

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 27, 2023 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 27, 2023 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-5

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.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – Grant In Aid Requests i) South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society – Grant In Aid Request for Annual Easter Scavenger Hunt and Donation of a Family Season Pool Pass	P. 6-13

	ii) Desert Mesa Lions – Grant In Aid Request for Annual Ashcroft & District Fall Fair M/S <i>THAT, Council approves the Elizabeth Fry Society and Fall Fair grant in aid funding requests as presented.</i>	
	FOR INFORMATION	
6.2		

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	UBCM President Jen Ford – Ministry of Housing would like to invite willing local governments to provide a list of municipally owned land that could potentially be used for housing – Deadline July 31 st , 2023 M/S	P. 14-18
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	Letter from the President, British Columbia Rural Health Network – Rural Health Matters, April 2023 Edition	P. 19-30
7.3	Information Correspondence Flip Chart	P. 31

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker	P. 32
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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	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert - Report	P. 33

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



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**

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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>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-41
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>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-42
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>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-43
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 Lambert <p>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

	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.	
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	Office of the Mayor, City of Williams Lake – Invitation to Mayor Roden to attend the Williams Lake Stampede Send regrets.	
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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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	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.	
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	

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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

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: April 11, 2023
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Grant in Aid – First Intake Allocation

Purpose

To review the first intake of Grant in Aid Funding requests and allocate funds.

Recommendation

THAT, Council approve the Elizabeth Fry Society and Fall Fair grant in aid funding requests as presented.

Alternate

Discussion

Two Grant in Aid requests were received at the Village office for the spring intake:

1. Elizabeth Fry Society – requesting \$200 and a family season pool pass to be used for the Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt.
2. Fall Fair – requesting \$500 to offset the costs of hosting the fair in September.

The 2023 budget allocation for Grant in Aids is \$2500 divided between two intakes (spring and fall). The requests received for the spring intake are below the allotted spring budget of \$1250, therefore staff is recommending that Council approve the requests in their entirety.

The second intake closed August 31, 2023 and will be presented to Council in September.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Financial planning and transparency

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer



P.O. Box 603
Ashcroft, B.C. V0K 1A0
Phone: (250) 453-9656
Fax: (250) 453-2034
scelizfry@telus.net

February 27, 2023

Re: Grant in Aid

Dear Mayor and Council,

The 4th Annual Community Wide Easter Scavenger Hunt planning is underway. The Friends and Family Committee, Interior Savings and the South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry are teaming up to provide this fun free event again this year.

We are hoping the Village of Ashcroft will support this volunteer driven event again this year. We are requesting a Family Pool Pass as the grand prize for the event and are applying for a \$200 Grant in Aid to assist with covering the cost of prizes.

Thank you for considering this request, if you require additional information please reach out to me at the above listed contact number. We look forward to your support again this year.

Sincerely,

Trish Schachtel
Executive Director



**VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT
GRANT IN AID APPLICATION – ORGANIZATIONS**

Organization Official Name: SOUTH CARIBOO ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY

Mailing Address: PO BOX 603 ASHCROFT, BC V0K 1A0

Phone: 250-453-9656 Fax: 250-453-2034 Email: trish@scefry.ca

Contact Person: TRISH SCHACHTEL Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Briefly describe your organization's purpose:

OUR MISSION IS TO BUILD STRONG COMMUNITIES AS THE SOCIAL SERVICES LEADER BY
SUPPORTING SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL, MENTAL, PHYSICAL AND CULTURAL WELLBEING TO
FAMILIES, INDIVIDUALS, CHILDREN, YOUTH, CAREGIVER & SENIORS IN THE SOUTH CARIBOO

Briefly describe how the requested grant money will be used:

THE GRANT WILL BE USED FOR PRIZES FOR THE 4th ANNUAL (EASTER)
COMMUNITY WIDE SCAVENGER HUNT.

What amount of Grant in Aid is being requested? \$ 200⁰⁰

Total organization operating budget for current year \$ _____

Total budget for project the grant is being applied for \$ 2000⁰⁰

Did you receive a Grant in Aid last year? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, what was the amount of the grant? \$ 200⁰⁰

Attachments: Please provide the following to your application (if available):

- Financial Statement, Current Year Budget, Project Budget

Forward completed applications to: Village of Ashcroft, Box 129, Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0 or via email:
to: ea@ashcroftbc.ca.

Applications will be considered by Council twice per year at the first Committee of the Whole (COW) meeting in March and September. Applications must be received by February 28/29th and August 31st to be considered.

Kris Hardy

From: Ashcroft Fall Fair <ashcroftfallfair@gmail.com>
Sent: February 11, 2023 1:21 PM
To: Kris Hardy
Subject: Grant in Aid Request
Attachments: ASHCROFT FALL FAIR GRANT IN AID REQUEST.pdf; Ashcroft Fall Fair Budget 2023.xlsx; Ashcroft Fall Fair revenue and Expense 2022.xlsx

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Good Afternoon,

Please see the attached Grant in Aid application for the Ashcroft and District Fall Fair. If approved we would like the funds to be applied to the rental cost of the Drylands Arena, reducing the amount due for the event. Closer to the event we will purchase all necessary insurance and submit copies to the Village of Ashcroft.

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Kat Chatten
President
Ashcroft & District Fall Fair



**VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT
GRANT IN AID APPLICATION – ORGANIZATIONS**

Organization Official Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Contact Person: _____ Title: _____

Briefly describe your organization's purpose:

Briefly describe how the requested grant money will be used:

What amount of Grant in Aid is being requested? \$ _____

Total organization operating budget for current year \$ _____

Total budget for project the grant is being applied for \$ _____

Did you receive a Grant in Aid last year? Yes ____ No ____

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**VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT
GRANT IN AID APPLICATION – ORGANIZATIONS**

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Date Application Received: _____

Application confirmed to be complete: Date: _____

Checklist: Completed application form: _____

Financial Statement: _____

Budget for current year: _____

Project Budget: _____

Category: Arts & Culture: _____ Sports & Recreation: _____ Museum & Heritage: _____

Social/Educational/Environmental/Other: _____

Amount of Grant in Aid Applied for: \$ _____ Approved: \$ _____

Denied: _____

Comments:

Letter sent to applicant regarding decision Date: _____

Cheque sent to applicant if applicable Date: _____

Ashcroft Fall Fair

Budget

2022

Donations at door	\$	975.00
Sponsorship	\$	700.00
Vendors	\$	250.00
BC Lotteries	\$	6,600.00
Village Grant in Aid	\$	500.00
Food Vendor	\$	100.00
Reopening Grant	\$	-
Grant- NDIT	\$	2,500.00
Total Net Revenue	\$	11,625.00

Cost of Event	\$	11,625.00
Gross Profit	\$	-

Expenses

Printing	\$	250.00
Rental of Arena	\$	860.00
Insurance	\$	400.00
Set Up-Tear Down	\$	700.00
Registration Supplies	\$	100.00
Entertainment	\$	6,675.00
old time fiddlers	600	
kiki eco elf	700	
medival events	600	
big little science centre	675	
live bands	2200	
live demonstrations/classes	1200	
dj service and sound	700	
Volunteer meals	\$	200.00
Prize awarded	\$	800.00
Advertising	\$	200.00
Membership and Conference	\$	1,200.00
Postage	\$	180.00
Promotional Printing	\$	60.00
Total Expenses	\$	11,625.00

Ashcroft Fall Fair

Income Statement

2022

	Opening Balance	\$ 1,440.00
Donations at door		\$ 924.25
Sponsorship		\$ 2,200.00
Vendors		\$ 280.00
Grant in Aid		\$ 500.00
Food Vendor		\$ 50.00
Grant- NDIT		\$ 2,500.00
Total Net Revenue		\$ 7,894.25
Cost of Event		\$ 7,753.90
Gross Profit		\$ 140.35
Expenses		
Printing		\$ 455.84
Rental of Arena		\$ 890.00
Insurance		\$ 135.00
Set Up- Grad class donation		\$ 400.00
Décor- Cadet Donation		\$ 400.00
Entertainment		\$ 3,850.00
	old time fiddlers	450
	kiki eco elf	650
	Bubble Show	500
	CanCan Dancer	500
	Axe Throwing	1150
	rolling thunder dj service and sound	600
Volunteer & Performer meals		\$ 240.00
Prize awarded		\$ 845.50
Advertising		\$ 256.00
Postage		\$ 185.00
Stationanry Supplies		\$ 96.56
Total Expenses		\$ 7,753.90

March 24, 2023

Dear Mayor and Chief Administrative Officer,

In a spirit of continued partnership with the provincial government to address the issue of housing, which is pressing in so many of our member communities both rural and urban, we are writing to convey a voluntary request on behalf of the Ministry of Housing. The Ministry is seeking your assistance with respect to documenting potential municipal land for housing as the Province rolls out and implements its refreshed housing strategy in the coming months and years.

The provincial government is currently undertaking an inventory of provincial lands that could potentially be used for the creation of affordable housing of all sorts: co-ops, non-profits, affordable home ownership and other opportunities to get more people into housing they can afford.

At the same time, the Ministry of Housing would like to invite willing local governments to provide a list of municipally owned land that could potentially be used for housing. This can include bare land. And they are also encouraging local governments to think ahead for the next five to ten years: in addition to potential bare land, is there a community centre, library, firehall or other municipal infrastructure that you plan to build or rebuild where, through partnership, housing could be part of the development or redevelopment?

Providing a list to the Ministry creates no obligation on behalf of the Province or the local government to take any further action. The purpose at this point is to get a sense of public land available for housing and understand which municipalities might be interested down the road in partnerships to create more housing in their communities. All information shared with the Province will be kept confidential.

To make it simple, the Ministry is providing an example (see Appendix A) of the kind of information they are seeking. All that is being requested at this point, as per the Appendix, is a simple description of the lot or lots and any maps or information easily available to share.

Please submit any information you wish to share in confidence with the Ministry by July 31st 2023 by email to housing.policy@gov.bc.ca

In Minister Kahlon's words, "The Province and local governments have been working together to address the housing crisis and together we've had success. In 2017, our government committed \$7 billion to get housing built for people and today we see new affordable housing opening in communities across the province. Yet still with a strong economy and high quality of life, our province, and your communities, continue to grow. That's why in budget 2023 our government is

committing another \$4.2 billion to continue to work with you to build housing that working people, families and seniors can afford, so they can make a good life and have a good home in your cities and towns.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "JCFord". The letters are cursive and fluid, with the "J" and "C" being particularly prominent.

Jen Ford
UBCM President

APPENDIX A

770 Vernon Avenue (C-4 Office and Apartment Zoned) 366,775 sq ft. This property houses the District of Saanich Municipal Hall, Fire Station and Police Station, which would all need to be incorporated into a redeveloped building on the site (unless suitable alternate location(s) are found).



District of Saanich Property Information Report

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Property location within District of Saanich



Property Map

770 VERNON AVE

Property Information

Folio: 65-2046-999

PID: 004-317-211

Status: ACTIVE

Property Number: 114568

LTO Number: EM6832

Legal: LOT A SECTION 33 VICTORIA DISTRICT PLAN 14934 EXCEPT PLAN 33545 AND PT IN 803RW.

Land Attributes

Exemption/ Taxation Code:

SAANICH OWNED PROPERTY

School District:

SCHOOL DISTRICT 61

BCAA Lot Size:

366775 SQUARE FEET

BCAA Manual Class:

WAREHOUSE - STORAGE

BCAA Neighbourhood Code:

SWAN LAKE/CREASE-CADILLAC

Development Cost Charge Area:

Municipal Parks DCC Area:

Year Built:

1962

Zoning:

C-4 OFFICE AND APARTMENT

Local Area:

SAANICH CORE

Development Permit Area:

SAANICH CORE

Property Tax Levies and Assessments Summary

Notice Date	Total Levy	Class	Gross Land	Gross Improvement	Gross Assessment	Net Assessment
May 11, 2022	0.00	6-Bus/Other	41,627,000	175,000	41,802,000	0
May 11, 2021	0.00	6-Bus/Other	36,423,000	179,000	36,602,000	0

Property Activity

Building Permits: (any)	YES
Engineering Permits: (any)	YES
Active Tree Permits:	NO
Active Development Applications:	NO
Active Business License:	NO
Active Bylaw Calls:	NO
Covenants on File With Saanich:	NO

It is the responsibility of the client to confirm through a title search at the Land Title Office whether there are covenants or other charges on title. A YES or NO in this field only indicates that the District of Saanich does or does not have a copy of a covenant on file.

If you require additional information, call 250-475-5457 (Inspection Enquiries).

Local Service / Business Improvement Areas

There is no additional information.

Additional Comments

Category	Date	Details
PLANNING	Dec 19, 2011	STREAMSIDE DP AREA
PLANNING	Jul 29, 2003	DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NUMBER DPR2003-00001 proposed construction of a single storey addition for vehicle maintenance bays, with basement, at the north end of the existing municipal fire hall.
PLANNING	Jul 29, 2003	VARIANCE PERMIT DVP97-00007; DVP93-00008 DVP99-00007
PLANNING	Mar 29, 2007	CONTROLLED ACCESS CLASSIFICATION CONTACT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING ACCESS TO OR FROM MINISTRY CONTROLLED ROADS
PLANNING	Sep 02, 2008	CONTROLLED ACCESS CLASSIFICATION CONTACT MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING ACCESS TO OR FROM MINISTRY CONTROLLED ROADS
PLANNING	Sep 02, 2008	DEVELOPMENT PERMIT NUMBER DPR2003-00001 - PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY ADDITION FOR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE BAYS, WITH BASEMENT, AT THE NORTH END OF THE EXISTING MUNICIPAL FIRE HALL
PLANNING	Sep 02, 2008	VARIANCE PERMIT DVP97-00007 DVP93-00008 DVP99-00007

**BCRHN****British Columbia
Rural Health Network**

Rural Health Matters

April 2023 Edition

Letter from the President

Dear Readers,

Welcome to Spring! I have just returned from a lovely two-week family vacation. We still have a bit of snow here, and night temperatures are still below zero, but the promise of warmer weather and new growth is certainly here.

Speaking of growth, the BCRHN continues to add membership from across the province, with numerous individuals and community agencies recognizing the importance of having a united voice in advocating for rural health equity. To do this effectively we listen to our members and bring forth pertinent information both to and from our members to government and other services and agencies.

We have recently met with the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants to discuss the positive impact their members could have on enhancing health care in rural and remote BC. They currently are not able to practice in BC, although they successfully practise in other provinces and federally in the Canadian Armed Forces. The Doctors of BC have publicly stated their support for this profession. The ability to practice as a PA, as with any professional body, licensure must be recognized and approved by the Ministry of Health. In order to clarify the BC Governments position on the licencing of PA's an open letter to the Parliamentary Secretary of Rural Health was jointly put forth by the BCRHN and the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants, to ask the government to outline their position on PA's. We await her response.

Exciting news! The BCRHN partnered with UBC's Centre for Rural Health Research in applying for a grant to further identify gaps in services in rural and remote areas. We have been notified that we have been successful! Further information will be forthcoming.

With that I will sign off for this month. Please enjoy the newsletter ...I wish you health and happiness!

Peggy Skelton, President
email: info@bcruralhealth.org

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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Hello BC Rural Health Network members and supporters!

Welcome to our April 2023 newsletter. We've been working hard to advocate for rural health care in British Columbia, and we're excited to share our recent progress and upcoming initiatives with you.

Grant Applications and Research Projects

Our Implementation Committee has been focusing on grant applications led by Dr. Jude Kornelsen. Two grants are in progress for research projects that will strengthen our advocacy on community engagement, backed by evidence and research. As mentioned by Peggy one of these grants has been approved and we are meeting with the Implementation team next week to discuss this opportunity. The second grant is still in the LOI stage but hopefully we will be approved to proceed to the full application. We will update as we learn more. We are so grateful to have Jude working with the BC Rural Health Network and owe her and her team at the UBC Centre for Rural Research great appreciation for providing the information we desperately need to support rural residents and their communities in advocating for their health and wellness.

BCAHC Collaboration and New CHC/UPCC Model

We recently learned about the new hybrid Community Health Centre (CHC) and Urgent and Primary Care Centre (UPCC) model and the first one will be in Sooke, and was recently announced by Minister Dix. Valerie St John (Executive Director of [BC Association of Community Health Centres](#) and Liaison to the BCRHN Board) was in attendance at the announcement and has been instrumental in this development and we thank her for being a true leader on team based care in BC. We're keen to hear more about this development and the progress made by Val and her team as this project turns into reality over the course of the next year(s). In the meantime, we'll be following up on our meeting with BCAHC to discuss promoting CHCs and community engagement further. Val has also engage with Jude to provide a study on the CHC model which will be very helpful to anyone advocating for CHC's moving forward.

Political Engagement and Advocacy

We've been busy engaging with politicians from various parties to raise awareness of rural health issues. Jude and I met with Dr. Sanjiv Gandhi, the second deputy leader of the BC Green Party, to discuss our work and the need for system change in BC health care. Dr. Gandhi is supportive of change and will spearhead the BC Green Party's health agenda in the next provincial election.

In our ongoing efforts to collaborate with the Ministry of Health, we've been working closely with Jennifer Rice, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health. Our recent discussions with the [Canadian Association of Physician Assistants](#) (CAPA) have led us to cooperate with them on an active engagement campaign, requesting a formal position on Physician Assistants from the Ministry. We'll continue to advocate alongside CAPA and ensure a response is received.

Our advocacy work has been recognized by Dr. Josh Greggain, President of the Docs of BC, who tweeted his support. We are also very grateful for the work of Dr. Greggain and the [Docs of BC](#).

Island protests and ER closures in Merritt.

Membership and Regional Expansion

We're delighted with the progress of our membership drives and renewal requests. Municipalities, a Regional District, individuals and organizations have joined or renewed their memberships, and we'll continue to reach out to municipalities and regional districts to expand our community government membership. [Join us here.](#)

Budget Review and Funding

We're keeping a close eye on budget allocations for rural health, and we'll continue to push for adequate support and funding from Government. We have made a request to present in person to the Standing Committee on Finance and we hope do so in Penticton (closest location to my residence.) It will be interesting to see what happens in the next few weeks in the Legislature as the final details are worked through on estimates and allocations.

New Technology and Grant Work

We've invested in new computers and software to improve communication and collaboration among our leadership team. This was made possible by a \$10k grant received through the The Federation of Community Social Services of BC. We thank them as well.

RCCbc Funding

Peggy has been in contact with the [Rural Coordination Centre of BC \(RCCbc\)](#) to discuss the potential re-funding of the Rural Citizens Perspective Group (RCPG) and the BCRHN through the Michael Smith Foundation. We'll update you as soon as we have more information. We met yesterday morning with the RCPG group and some new faces have joined and a good conversation had. The Weave and Breathe event that was attended in Vancouver and virtually by RCPG members released their first report on the Summit and you can view that paper [here](#). A further paper on the rural aspect of this conference will be shared out when received. RCCbc were the co-creators of this workshop/conference and we continue with our gratitude to their work in rural healthcare and with rural physicians. Dr. Stuart Johnston is the RCCbc Liaison to the BCRHN Board and one of the original founders. We learnt yesterday that RCCbc was created while friends shared a bottle of red, cheers Stu!

April is Parkinson's Awareness Month

Every year, [Parkinson Society British Columbia \(PSBC\)](#) dedicates the month of April to raising awareness of the unique experiences of people with Parkinson's, and the needs of their community. Parkinson's Awareness Month is an opportunity to engage the public in expanding their understanding of Parkinson's, and the profound effects it has on the lives of over 15,000 British Columbians living with the disease. [Please visit them](#) and donate to the cause if you can.

Last but not Least

Thank you for your continued support of the BC Rural Health Network. We're committed to advocating for better rural health care in British Columbia, and we couldn't do it without you. Stay tuned for more updates in the coming months!

Gratefully yours in health and wellness,
Paul

The BCRHN is the healthcare voice of the rural residents of British Columbia and seeks better health outcomes for all people, through solutions-based approaches with governments, and information provision to residents.

The BCRHN is grateful to live, work, and be in relation with people from across many traditional and unceded territories, covering all regions of British Columbia. We are honoured to live on this land and are committed to reconciliation, decolonization, and building relationships in our communities.

Visit Our Site



**BC ASSOCIATION OF
Community Response Networks**

Stopping Adult Abuse and Neglect ...Together.

Member of the Month

**The BC Rural Health Network Member of the Month for April 2023
is the**

BC Association of Community Response Networks (BCCRN)

Website: www.bccrns.ca

Submitted by Sharon Johnson, CPA

Director of Administration

BC Community Response Networks

BC Community Response Networks (BC CRN) is a provincial organization dedicated to creating awareness of and preventing the abuse, neglect and self-neglect of vulnerable adults in British Columbia. Started as a pilot project in 1994, BC CRN now serves [86 grassroots community organizations, known as community response networks](#) (CRNs) serving 260 communities. An action-oriented not-for-profit, BC CRN works with CRNs to provide a coordinated community response to vulnerable adults through referrals, education, public awareness campaigns, resources, promotional materials, small project funding and advocacy.

CRNs do not provide direct service to individuals. Each convenes a table of service providers and has the know-how to provide coordinated responses within the community. CRNs respond to the requests of community members when they or a person they know is concerned about possible neglect or abuse. Depending on the issue involved, referrals may include medical care, meal programs, activities or a number of other resources. When the CRN cannot provide a local community referral, they may direct the person to Seniors First BC or to a designated agency (the local Health Authority or Community Living BC) who may investigate.

CRNs also assist with identifying common themes, barriers, and issues that require work at the regional,

Signature Programs

BC CRN has two established signature programs that are designed to educate community members and to provide outreach information about adult abuse, neglect, and self-neglect awareness, and prevention. Several new programs are under development. These complimentary programs are offered in-person and virtually to best accommodate attendees' needs. Groups and individuals can follow the links to learn more and to register for these programs.



The [It's Not Right! Neighbours, Friends & Families for Older Adults](#) program is geared towards everyday individuals, residents, neighbours, family members, and friends of adults and older adults. The program is conveniently offered in three different presentation formats and multiple languages.



See Something, Say Something! Reducing Risk for Older Adults

The [See Something, Say Something! Reducing Risk for Older Adults](#) is an engagement program geared towards any individual, agency, business, or community service provider who has regular, ongoing contact with adults as part of their daily routine.

The program is designed to help people identify high-risk, vulnerable adults, particularly those who are isolated, living alone and would benefit from some type of assistance to maintain their independence. Several new programs are under development including ageism, hoarding, intergenerational and the updated decision tree (where to go for help).

In March, the Decision Tree workshop was beta tested. It is designed to help those working with vulnerable adults to decide if a person can be cared for by the community and is able to make their own decisions. If this is not the case, then they may need to be referred for help from a provincial provider or a designated agency. The Decision Tree helps service providers make effective referrals when they witness abuse or neglect. It guides practitioners through a series of questions to help make decisions and outlines various agencies to guide appropriate referrals. This practical workshop was also useful for members of the public. A

Learning Opportunities

BC CRN holds a monthly provincial learning event of relevance to community members and practitioners. April's learning event, Social Prescribing, is a community referral framework that enables healthcare professionals to refer clients to a range of local, non-clinical services. This framework is based on the determinants of health, namely social, economic and environmental factors. Social prescribing engages the person in influencing their own healthy outcomes. Examples include group activities, exercise, volunteering, creative pursuits, gardening and more. It may also provide meal delivery, mental and emotional support and financial assistance. Readers are welcome to [register for the Social Prescribing workshop](#) to be held April 18th or watch our news page for a summary.

[Learning events](#) take place on the third Tuesday of each month except June, July, August and December. Past events are archived on our website.

Key Events



[World Elder Abuse Awareness Day \(WEAAD\)](#), designated as 15 June, was initiated by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) in 2006, and was recognized as a United Nations Day by the General Assembly in 2011. The UN resolution asks all member states and citizens to recognize this day “in an appropriate manner.”

WEAAD is BC CRN's hallmark awareness and advocacy event, when all British Columbians are asked to stand up for the rights of older people. Campaign activities include lighting public buildings across the province in purple, wearing purple shirts, public information kiosks, webinars and other community activities. A national webinar will be co-hosted this year by BC CRN, Elder Abuse Prevention Ontario, the Canadian Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and CanAge. Watch our [events page](#) for webinar registration.

Local CRNs hold their own events to provide awareness, such as WEAAD events, workshops and information tables, and connect with vulnerable adults through food delivery, photo contests, mobility device checks and much more.



Events aren't limited to WEAAD. CRN volunteers around the province hold fun social events for seniors and other vulnerable adults. For example, on Valentine's Day, CRN volunteers around the province visited seniors' centres, affordable housing complexes and remote and rural locations to deliver cupcakes, cookies and messages of love. We hear about St. Patrick's Day celebrations, bingo, carpet bowling, and myriad other activities to engage local citizens. These events are opportunities to keep seniors and vulnerable adults active, feed them healthy meals (and treats!), play games, or to just sit and socialize.

Resources

BC CRN's website offers resources on many topics relative to the work of building safe communities free of abuse and neglect. Advanced care planning, ageism, financial abuse and fraud, LGBTQ2S+ issues (where seniors who identify are disproportionately affected due to lifelong discrimination and stigma), mental health and people with disabilities are just a few of the topics we cover. Visit our [BC CRN resource page](#) to access articles, referrals and downloads.



Order printed materials to share in your community, including the Elder Abuse information booklet, topical rack cards and a wallet card to locate resources, by contacting info@bccrn.ca.

Stay up to date with our events and updates by visiting the [events](#) page and signing up for the monthly newsletter (bottom of the website page). You can also follow us on social media:

[Facebook](#)

[Blog](#)

[Website](#)

[Visit all our recent Members of the Month here...](#)



Canadian Cannabis Company Retracts Claim Of License To Sell Cocaine

A Canadian cannabis company initially stated that it had been granted permission to sell cocaine but has since withdrawn its statement.

Adastra Labs, a cannabis company based in British Columbia, announced on February 22 that it had received a license to legally possess, produce, and sell coca leaf, cocaine, and psilocybin after Health Canada, the department responsible for national health policy, granted the company's approval for an amendment under its controlled substance dealer's license on February 17.

[Read more....](#)



Thousands Sign Up For B.C.'s New Doctor Pay Model, But Many Others Still On The Fence

The organization that represents B.C. doctors says it's pleased at the uptake to B.C.'s new family doctor payment model, but many physicians appear to still be taking a wait-and-see approach.

Doctors of BC says more than 2,000 physicians have signed up for the Longitudinal Family Practice pay scheme in the five weeks since it took effect, representing about 45 per cent of longitudinal family doctors.

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What Is The Ministry Of Health's Position On Physician Assistants?

Open Letter to the Parliamentary Secretary of Rural Health

Attn: Jennifer Rice



North Island Residents Rally For Better Health Care – BC Rural Health Network In The News

[Click here to Watch Global News at 6](#)

Ministry of Health

Via: email

Re: Physician Assistants

Dear Ms. Rice,

We are writing on behalf of the BC Rural Health Network and the Canadian Association of Physician Assistants to request clarity from the government on the licensing of Physician Assistants (PAs) to practice in British Columbia.

[Read more...](#)

demanding that the province needs to answer staffing issues at their local hospitals and facilities.

“The people are needing to be heard,” said Fran Jenkins.

“The event is about the people of the North Island and surrounding areas, standing up for our doctors so Island Health knows that we want some changes. It’s time we support our doctors.”

[Read more....](#)

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Premier Eby Outlines Plans For Mental-Health And Addiction Services Amid Complaints Of ‘Three-Tiered System’

As the provincial government rolls out new details of its plans to expand mental-health and addiction services, it’s facing accusations of creating a “three-tier system.”

Premier David Eby said at a news conference Thursday that the B.C. government will create four new community recovery sites with aftercare support, as part of the \$1 billion set aside in Budget 2023 to expand mental-health and addiction



North Island Health-Care Crisis Gets Shot In The Arm As 4 Nurses Hired, But Port Hardy ER Closures Remain

Island Health has announced the hiring of 18 new health-care and support workers, including four nurses, to bolster care on northern Vancouver Island — a small step toward tackling the region’s ongoing staffing crisis.

The new nurses are the result of a national hiring blitz launched by Island Health to attract health-care workers to the region, which has been plagued with staffing shortages and frequent overnight closures at facilities like Port Hardy Hospital’s ER.

[Read more...](#)



Sicamous Community Health Centre Continues To Put Patients First

Centre receiving Rural Health award for working with community's needs

The Sicamous Community Health Centre remains ready to serve residents in need of medical care.

In February, Dr. Carol Connick announced her retirement, which is effective June 1. Health care centre manager Karen Eastland confirmed at the March 22 committee of the whole meeting that Dr. Connick will continue to practice medicine upon her move to Edmonton and will keep her licence active until 2024 to assist her former patients with accessing lab tests and other continuing results.

[Read more...](#)



Bluebirds In March

Bluebirds present and counted!

It really is finally Spring!

Real Mountain Bluebirds have been spotted in the Pavilion garden taking a migration break on their way to grassier places. They don't linger sadly here; just touch our hearts and move along.

But we, the tiny human Bluebird band don't migrate. We are dedicated every week to lifting the spirits of our Pavilion seniors in a similar manner.

They love Story Hour on Thursday morning. Who doesn't enjoy being read to?

[Photos](#)

The above articles are just a small sample of what is available on our site each month. Most months we have dozens of timely and in depth articles we have sourced from all over the Internet to house them in one place for your ease of reading. We are so glad to have you as a member of our mailing list and please don't hesitate to reach out with any suggestions you may have. [Talk to us anytime, click here](#)

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INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE – FLIP CHART

April 11, 2023

TNRD

- TNRL and BCGEU Ratify New Agreement

TOTA (Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association)

- Tourism News Summary

Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker					
	March				
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
	2023 MOTIONS				
R-2023-06	THAT, Council direct administration to contact the artists Daniel Collett and Marina Papais and request their participation through the Public Art Policy #A-01-2021 to develop a maintenance plan for art on public property.	CAO	CAO met with Daniel on Feb 23, 2023. Daniel took a copy of the Public Art Policy with him to review and detail. Daniel will schedule a future meeting (spring) to discuss policy participation.		in-progress - follow up email sent April 3, 2023
R-2023-18	THAT, Council provide a gift basket valued at \$100 with locally purchased items to raffle at the SILGA Convention.	EDTC	Local items to be purchased to fill a gift basket for SILGA		In-progress
R-2023-34	THAT, Council adopts the Village of Ashcroft Proclamation Policy #C-02-2023 as amended to include the discussion items below: 4. Council will not consider requests that are defamatory, hateful, racist, discriminatory, homophobic, sexist disrespectful, commercial or contrary to Village policies or bylaws." Include statement: 5. For transparency purposes all approved or refused proclamations will be included on the following agenda under Information Correspondence.	CAO	Update Policy accordingly		Completed
R-2023-35	THAT, Council establishes a committee of which half of its members are persons with disabilities or are individuals that support, or are from organizations that support, persons with disabilities; at least one of the members is an Indigenous person and the remainder of the committee is comprised of two Council members and two staff members.	CAO	An Accessibility Committee be established		In-progress
R-2023-36	THAT, a terms of reference be developed as a guideline prior to establishing the Accessibility Committee.	CAO	A Terms of Reference Guideline be established prior to AC		In-progress
R-2023-38	THAT Council agrees to postpone the sidewalk construction on 3rd Street as per Mr. Cables request until such time as Council and Mr. Cable can meet and discuss the sidewalk after the year has passed.	CAO	Mr. Cable be advised of Council's position		Completed
R-2023-41	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.	CAO	Ad developed and to be placed in Journal		In-Progress - ad ready to be published April 20, 2023
R-2023-42	THAT, Council is in favour of the Village of Ashcroft withdrawing as a member of the Gold Country Communities Society effective 2024.	CAO	TNRD and GCCS have been given notice of the withdrawal effective 2024		Completed
R-2023-43	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.	CAO	Letter be sent the Teck, CN Rail & Trimac		In-Progress



COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

DATE: April 11, 2023
TO: Council
FROM: Councillor Lambert

Deputy Mayor – November 1, 2025 – October 31, 2026

Assigned Committees/WG:

Ashcroft Fire Rescue
Communities in Bloom
Finance Committee
Seniors
Water to AIB

Alternate:

Cache Creek Environmental Assessment
HUB Society

March 28: Ashcroft Fire Rescue

I attended the “Live Fire” practice and was able to see the crew in action. It was a very interesting and educational.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Lambert,
Councillor