



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, APRIL 24, 2023

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

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

Media – 1
Public – 2

EXCUSED: Councillor, Nadine Davenport

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday April 24, 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, April 24, 2023, be adopted as amended to include the Committee of the Whole Items under New Business.

CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-50

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, April 11, 2023 M/S Clement / Lambert <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, April 11, 2023 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-51
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Deb Tedford, President – Thompson View Manor Society (TVMS) – Invitation to present to Council and Update on the expansion of TVMS Mayor Roden welcomed Deb Tedford to the meeting. Deb provided a brief update in regard to the Thompson View Manor Society’s plans to build an affordable housing complex at the site which has been tentatively named Thompson View Residences.	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deb hoped to be confirming the approval to move forward today; however, the plans remain a project in motion. • The Society has put together an amazing team, Kane Bentsen is the project manager with assistance from architects and designers Kevin Ryan, Char Monk, Naomi Hari and Graham Richardson. The team comes with a wide range of skills, recommendations, and proven track record. • The province is expected to announce a rolling call for proposals on July 1st and it will likely take 3 months to evaluate submission. • The TVMS continues to work on finalizing the requirements for the proposal submission. • Deb noted the project value is upwards of 14 million dollars and will provide the needs of local seniors as well as provide construction income to local contractors and businesses. • The proposed site is between the TVM and RCMP station, and a long-term lease established for the property with IHA. • The plan includes 29 units (15 – two bedroom and 14 – one-bedroom suites). • Plans include Solar panels for ERV recovery, Heat pumps, 5 EV Charging stations and many other amenities. • To serve the financial needs of residents the following BC Housing rate requirements will be applied: Deep Subsidy (low income) – 20%, Rent Geared to Income (GIR) – 50% and Market Value – 30% <p><u>Request:</u> Write or call the Premier and Minister of Housing to build their awareness for the project and lobby for project support. Also send emails to John McEown, BC Housing VP of Development and Strategies and Tyler Baker, BC Housing Director of Regional Development for the Interior and lobby for their support.</p> <p><u>Questions</u> Mayor Roden thanked Deb for her presentation commenting on the 2-bedroom units and that they follow Ashcroft’s Housing Needs Assessments identified needs. Council members reiterated the Mayors sentiments of appreciation for the endless hours that the Society has put into this proposal</p>	
3.2	<p>Kat Chatten, Desert Mesa Club Member – Regional Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Mayor Roden welcomed Kat to the meeting and invited the presentation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desert Mesa Club (DMC) operates the Cache Creek visitor Info Centre • DMC has secured funding to establish a regional Chamber of Commerce • The 4 core functions are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Advertising ○ Learning ○ Promotions and Events ○ Networking 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two years funding secured – meaning no cost to participating business owners or communities for two years. • Hoping to continue this funding model. • To stay active members must engage at least once every six months, to remain an active member. • The Chamber will provide web presence, in person training, business promotion and many other services. • Web presence will be managed through the Cache Creek VIC • Invited members for the Chamber will include Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Clinton and TNRD and businesses in the identified region. • Timeline for implementation is April – Presentations and build awareness; May – Establish Policies, Procedures and Products (start membership process and roll out website) Develop Strategic Plan; June – Launch public websites go live and project launches. <p>Questions How is the program being received by the business community? Local Ec Dev groups have responded very positively, business roll out is to commence.</p>	
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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**

5.1	<p>Bylaw No. 860 – Village of Ashcroft Financial Plan, 2023 M/S Anstett / Lambert <i>THAT, Village of Ashcroft Financial Plan Bylaw No. 860, 2023, be read a first, second and third time.</i> CFO Bhalla provided a brief overview of the Financial Plan Bylaw.</p>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-52
5.2	<p>Bylaw No. 861 – Village of Ashcroft Tax Rates, 2023 M/S Anstett / Clement <i>THAT, Village of Ashcroft Tax Rates Bylaw No. 861, 2023, be read a first, second and third time.</i> CFO Bhalla reiterated that Ashcroft is maintaining a 2.5% tax increase 50% of which will come to the VOA.</p>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-53
5.3	<p>CFO Report – Bylaw No. 862 – Growing Communities Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw, 2023 M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, Growing Communities Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw, 2023, be read a first, second and third time.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-54
5.4	<p>CAO Report – Bylaw No.863 – Village of Ashcroft Outdoor Burning Amendment Bylaw, 2023 M/S Anstett / Clement <i>THAT, Village of Ashcroft Outdoor Burning Amendment Bylaw No. 863, 2023 be read a first, second and third time.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-55



6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CFO Report – Approval of 2022 Audited Financial Statements M/S Roden / Anstett <i>THAT, Council approve the 2022 Audited Financial Statements as presented. CFO Bhalla commented that this is the final step in the audit procedure.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-56
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	None	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Jessica Clement, on behalf of the Ashcroft & Area Community Resources Society – Request to Declare Emergency Preparedness Week in the Village of Ashcroft May 1-5, 2023 M/S Anstett / Lambert <i>THAT, Council declares May 1-5, 2023 as Emergency Preparedness Week in the Village of Ashcroft.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-57
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	School District 74 – News Release: Principal Merke	
7.3	Tree Workshop – April 25 th at the Ashcroft HUB	
7.4	Information Correspondence Flip Chart	
	Receive Items 7.2 - 7.4 for Information	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

9.1	Accessibility Advisory Committee – Approve Terms of Referenced M/S Clement/ Anstett <i>THAT, Council approves the Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference and amend the membership from 9 members to a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 7 members.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-58
9.2	Council Code of Conduct – Policy C-01-2023 M/S Anstett / Lambert <i>THAT, Council adoption of Policy #C-01-2023 Council Code of Conduct as amended.</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-59

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

10.1	EDTC Report – Visitor Information Booth M/S Anstett / Clement <i>THAT, Council approves changing the location of the VIC from the booth at Heritage Park to the lobby of the Ashcroft Museum. Discussion:</i>	CARRIED Unanimously R-2023-60
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	<i>Consider inviting volunteers into the Museum strictly to meet and greet tourists and make themselves available to answer questions t tourists specifically seeking visitor info center information.</i>	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden – Reports being received the UPCC has not been staffed for the last few weekends, Mayor to meet with IHA and discuss community concerns Consistency is necessary	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement – Report	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert	

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 April 24, 2023, at 6:50 pm.

Certified to be a true and copy of the Minutes
for the Regular Meeting of Council held
Monday April 24, 2023.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor