



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, MAY 8, 2023

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett (Zoom)
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 May 8, 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 Clement / Lambert

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, May 8, 2023 be adopted as presented. CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-61

2. MINUTES

Table with 3 columns: Item Number, Description, and Action/Status. Row 1: 2.1 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 24, 2023. Row 2: 2.2 Minutes of the COTW Meeting of Council held Monday, April 24, 2023.

3. DELEGATIONS

Table with 3 columns: Item Number, Description, and Action/Status. Row 1: 3.1

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.

Juanita Little – Pine Ave

Commented that the HUB Board of Directors would very much like to meet with Council to discuss the future of the HUB.

Able to meet anytime after 5:00 pm

New information from the SD#74 Board of Education - Final Recommendations for Ashcroft Elementary School site aka – The HUB:

- The Board will engage the Ministry of Citizens' Services.
- This department manages a program that matches government demands for property with available public surplus properties.
- If the Ministry of Citizens' Services is successful in finding a buyer for the property, the Board will terminate the lease with the HUB, in accordance with the notice period in the lease.
- If the Ministry of Citizens' Services is not successful in finding a buyer: the Board will provide the same offer for sale to the HUB by May 1, 2025 that was offered in May 2022. Deadline for acceptance of the sale offer will be May 30, 2025.
- If the offer is accepted by the HUB, the property will be sold to the HUB.
- If the offer for sale is declined by the HUB, the lease will continue until it expires, in August, 2025.
- At that point, the property will be offered for public sale.

**5. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

5.1	Bylaw No. 860 – Village of Ashcroft Financial Plan, 2023 <b>M/S Anstett / Lambert</b> <i>THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Financial Plan Bylaw No. 860, 2023, be adopted.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-64
5.2	Bylaw No. 861 – Village of Ashcroft Tax Rates, 2023 <b>M/S Clement / Anstett</b> <i>THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Tax Rates Bylaw No. 861, 2023, be adopted.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-65
5.3	Bylaw No. 862 – Growing Communities Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw, 2023 <b>M/S Davenport / Lambert</b> <i>THAT, the Growing Communities Reserve Fund Establishment Bylaw, 2023, be adopted.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-66
5.4	Bylaw No.863 – Village of Ashcroft Outdoor Burning Amendment Bylaw, 2023 <b>M/S Anstett / Clement</b> <i>THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Outdoor Burning Amendment Bylaw No. 863, 2023 be adopted.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-67
5.5	CAO Report – Bylaw No. 859, 2023 – Building Regulation Amendment Bylaw <b>M/S Davenport / Lambert</b> <i>THAT, Building Regulations Amendment Bylaw 859, 2023 be introduced and read a first and second time.</i> And; <b>M/S Davenport / Lambert</b> <i>THAT, Building Regulations Amendment Bylaw 859, 2023 be read a third time.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-68  CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-69

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

<b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b>		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – Transit AOA <b>M/S Anstett / Clement</b> <i>THAT, Council approves Staff to sign the BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement and continue to provide the Para Transit Service between Ashcroft, Cache Creek and Clinton.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-70</p>
6.2	<p>CAO Report – Thompson View Manor Society <b>M/S Lambert / Anstett</b> <i>THAT, Council supports the Thompson View Manor Society's proposal for submission to the Province for funding to construct an affordable housing complex for seniors at 710 Hill St. (Thompson View Residences) and further that letters be sent to Premier - David Eby, Minister of Housing - Ravi Kahlon, BC Housing Associate VP Development Strategies - John McEown and BC Housing Director of Regional Development Interior region - Tyler Baker to build project awareness and lobby for their support.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-71</p>
6.3	<p>CAO Report – Cannabis <b>M/S Lambert / Clement</b> <i>THAT, Council direct staff to review current Cannabis legislation and bring a draft bylaw permitting the retail sale of legalized cannabis products in Ashcroft; and further that Zoning Bylaw No. 823, 2018 be amended permitting Retail Cannabis operations.</i> Discussion: Ashcroft does not have land mass for cultivation. Public consultation will form part of the process. Why now? Legislation is established and there are many good examples that Ashcroft could model the cannabis bylaw after. Ashcroft should project a message that we are open for business. Should cannabis cultivation be considered – no, move forward in baby steps and with public consultation.</p>	<p>CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-72</p>
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
6.4	<p>CAO Report – Regional Chamber of Commerce Received for information. Comment Council would very much like to see a Chamber be re-established in the area. Chamber can assist in coordinating operating hours during event weekends ensuring businesses are open to serve customers.</p>	

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>FOR ACTION</b>		
7.1	<p>Ashcroft &amp; District Lions Club – Eleventh Skip's Memorial Charity Run – Seeking Council's Approval of Route <b>M/S Roden / Lambert</b> <i>THAT, Council approves the route and road closure request from the Ashcroft &amp; District Lions Club to host the Eleventh Skip's Memorial Charity Run on June 4, 2023, and that all affected parties be notified.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-73</p>

7.2	<p>Ashcroft/Cache Creek Rotary Club – Citizen of the Year Awards 2022 – Invitation to Mayor Roden to Speak on Ashcroft’s Citizen of the Year</p> <p><b>M/S Lambert / Clement</b></p> <p><i>THAT, the Village purchase tickets for Mayor Roden to attend the Ashcroft/Cache Creek Rotary Club 2022 Citizen of the Year Awards Banquet.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-74</p>
7.3	<p>The Ashcroft HUB – Request to meet with Mayor and Council to discuss Disposal of former Ashcroft Elementary School</p> <p>Councillor Clement recused herself in a conflict of interest at 6:38 pm returning at 6:41 pm</p> <p><b>M/S Roden / Lambert</b></p> <p><i>THAT, Council direct staff to schedule a meeting with the HUB Board of Directors at their earliest convenience.</i></p> <p>Discussion: Council acknowledged the HUB Board’s dedication and commitment to establish the HUB and keeping it operational commenting how beneficial the programs and facility are to the community. Schedule meeting around the 6:00 o’clock hour Preferably not a Thursday</p>	<p>CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-75</p>
7.4	<p>The Ashcroft Film Club, Joris Ekering – Request to waive fees for the Community Hall for a free public viewing of the 2021 movie “Bulletproof”</p> <p><b>M/S Anstett / Lambert</b></p> <p><i>THAT, Council approves the Ashcroft Film Club request for free Community Hall use to host a screening of the movie “Bullet Proof” partially filmed in Ashcroft at a date to be determined.</i></p> <p>Comment: Clarification if insurance is required by event organizers</p>	<p>CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-76</p>
7.5	<p>Desert Mesa Club – Graffiti Day Weekend Poker Run – Request to host a poker run stop in Ashcroft and donation of swag for event</p> <p><b>M/S Roden / Clement</b></p> <p><i>THAT, Council approves the EDTC to host a Poker Run Stop in Ashcroft for the Cache Creek Graffiti Days from 10:00 am -12:30pm and further that \$60 in Ashcroft bucks be donated for the prize packages.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-77</p>
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
7.6	<p>Hon. Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness – Emergency Preparedness and Resources that may assist local governments</p> <p>Comment: Hearts go out to our neighbours during this challenging time, Ashcroft will provide support in any way needed</p>	
7.7	Hon. Selina Robinson, Minister of Post Secondary Education and Future Skills – StrongerBC: Future Ready Action Plan	
7.8	Ashcroft Legion – Thank you card	
7.9	NDIT – Grant Writing Funding Approval	
7.10	Information Correspondence Flip Chart	
	Receive items 7.6 – 7.10 for information	

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker	
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	Received 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	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
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 May 8, 2023, at 6:49 pm.

Certified to be a true and copy of the Minutes  
for the Regular Meeting of Council held  
Monday May 8, 2023.

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden,  
Mayor