



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, MAY 23 , 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, May 23, 2023 be adopted as presented.

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, May 8, 2023 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, May 8, 2023 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-5
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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

5.1	Bylaw No. 859, 2023 – Building Regulation Amendment Bylaw M/S <i>THAT, Building Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 859, 2023 be adopted.</i>	P. 10-13
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION

6.1	EDTC Report – Aboriginal Skills Employment & Training Strategy (ASETS) Summer Student Program M/S <i>THAT, the Village of Ashcroft supports the application to ASETS Summer Student Program for 15 weeks beginning on May 21, 2023 for two Indigenous students; and further that CFO Bhalla be the signing authority.</i>	P. 14
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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



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

Media –
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EXCUSED:

CALL TO ORDER

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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

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 24, 2023 M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 24, 2023 be adopted as amended.</i> <i>3.2 Remove reference to "Lions" club</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-62
2.2	Minutes of the COTW Meeting of Council held Monday, April 24, 2023 M/S Lambert / Davenport <i>THAT, the Minutes of the COTW Meeting of Council held Monday, April 24, 2023 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-63

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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 M/S Anstett / Lambert <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 M/S Clement / Anstett <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 M/S Davenport / Lambert <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 M/S Anstett / Clement <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 M/S Davenport / Lambert <i>THAT, Building Regulations Amendment Bylaw 859, 2023 be introduced and read a first and second time.</i> And; M/S Davenport / Lambert <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

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – Transit AOA M/S Anstett / Clement <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>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-70
6.2	<p>CAO Report – Thompson View Manor Society M/S Lambert / Anstett <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>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-71
6.3	<p>CAO Report – Cannabis M/S Lambert / Clement <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>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-72
FOR INFORMATION		
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

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>Ashcroft & District Lions Club – Eleventh Skip's Memorial Charity Run – Seeking Council's Approval of Route M/S Roden / Lambert <i>THAT, Council approves the route and road closure request from the Ashcroft & 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>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-73

7.2	Ashcroft/Cache Creek Rotary Club – Citizen of the Year Awards 2022 – Invitation to Mayor Roden to Speak on Ashcroft's Citizen of the Year M/S Lambert / Clement <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>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-74
7.3	The Ashcroft HUB – Request to meet with Mayor and Council to discuss Disposal of former Ashcroft Elementary School Councillor Clement recused herself in a conflict of interest at 6:38 pm returning at 6:41 pm M/S Roden / Lambert <i>THAT, Council direct staff to schedule a meeting with the HUB Board of Directors at their earliest convenience.</i> 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	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-75
7.4	The Ashcroft Film Club, Joris Ekering – Request to waive fees for the Community Hall for a free public viewing of the 2021 movie "Bulletproof" M/S Anstett / Lambert <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> Comment: Clarification if insurance is required by event organizers	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-76
7.5	Desert Mesa Club – Graffiti Day Weekend Poker Run – Request to host a poker run stop in Ashcroft and donation of swag for event M/S Roden / Clement <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>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-77
FOR INFORMATION		
7.6	Hon. Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness – Emergency Preparedness and Resources that may assist local governments Comment: Hearts go out to our neighbours during this challenging time, Ashcroft will provide support in any way needed	
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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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.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

TOWN HALL

MINUTES

**HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE
AT 4:30 PM ON MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023**

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett (Zoom)
Councillor, Jessica Clement
Councillor, Nadine Davenport
Councillor, Doreen Lambert

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EXCUSED:

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Town Hall Meeting for Monday May 8, 2023, to order at 4:30 pm.

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2. WELCOME TO THE TOWN HALL MEETING

Mayor Roden welcomed all those in the gallery and those attending via Facebook noting this meeting is a statutory requirement to present Ashcroft's financials to the public.

Power went out partially into the meeting, as such recording and live streaming was not possible.

3. 2022 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND 2023-2027 FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL PLAN

CFO, Yogi Bhalla guided Council and members from the public through a power point presentation discussing the following:

Local Governments are required to have a balanced budget as per the Community Charter and that the budget be presented annually to the public.

Separate accounts must be established for:

General Operating Fund – Public works, roads, administration, recreation, protective services and solid waste.

Water Operating Fund – Delivery, pipes, treatment, pump houses, infrastructure, treatment plant and reserves.



Sewer Operating Fund – Collection, pipes, treatment, lift stations, infrastructure, treatment plant, reserves

Restricted Assets & Reserves:

- Capital Works Reserve Fund
- Sewer Fund
- Water Fund
- Machinery & Equipment Reserve Fund
- Perpetual Care Reserve Fund
- Fire Department Reserve
- Transit Reserve
- Growing Communities Fund

Restricted Assets approximate value is 3.4 million.

Unrestricted Assets approximate value is 1.4 million.

CFO Bhalla provided a breakdown of the restricted asset reserve values.

CFO Bhalla move to presenting the Audited Financial Statements commenting on assets and liabilities. Noting:

- Ashcroft increased assets and decreased liabilities in 2022.
- Tangible capital assets increased in values in 2022 by \$547,000.

2022 Revenue and Expenses

Revenues - \$5,149,783 (includes some grant funding received for projects started or completed in 2021) Revenues are collected through – taxation, sales of services, government grants, licenses, permits and penalties. CFO Bhalla presented a breakdown of revenues by category.

Expenses - \$3,900,278 Revenues are collected through – Government, protective services, transportation, environmental and public health, recreation, culture, water and sewer. CFO Bhalla presented a breakdown of expenses by category.

Prior to moving on to CFO Bhalla open the floor for questions.

- Clarification requested regarding environmental and public health noted under expenses in the presentation.

Presentation of the Five-Year Financial Plan 2023 – 2027

CFO Bhalla noted:

- Assessed Value for Property Taxation is determined by BC Assessment
- Ashcroft has applied a 2.5% increase to property taxes for 2023.
- Average single-family assessment is \$399,671 – an increase of \$58,549.
- Average single-family property tax increase is \$27.76.
- CFO Bhalla clarified how property taxes are determined (assessment/1000 x tax rate = taxes)
- CFO Bhalla noted we can only control Ashcroft's portion of the taxes which approximately 54% of the total taxes collected. We are required to collect and remit taxes for other levels of government. We can not control what we are required to collect for other levels of government.
- CFO Bhalla provided a brief explanation of the tax notice and noted all tax classifications.

4. COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Grants clarification requested regarding the recent provincial grant for \$1,076,000.

- Mayor Roden clarified that this grant funding has not been allocated or discussed by council and will be discussed at strategic planning.
- Provincial guidelines for the grant are received – request to be shared with the public. Mayor Roden noted that these were on the agenda of a previous council meeting in the form of a letter from the province and could be posted to the website.
- Grant structure comment regarding what the village anticipates each year in the form of grant funding. CFO Bhalla commented that he forecasts conservatively.
- CFO Bhalla clarified the village process for grant funding application noting that we do not chase grants, we apply for funding for projects that are pre-planned.

Strategic Plan Session – suggestions for consideration:

- Increased street lighting for a safer community.
 - Comment to provide costs regarding installation more street lighting.
 - Mayor Roden noted providing a list for where additional lighting may be required for safety purposes.
 - Solar LED lighting comment – consider purchasing and installing solar streetlights on existing poles. Lights would be owned by the Village and not have any electrical costs associated.
- More trees in the downtown core
- Encourage council to consider pathway in strategic planning – include the requirement of a walking pathway at any new road construction.
- Mayor Roden noted active pathways in the downtown core would be a good beginning.

Rising river levels – are we proactively mitigating risk?

- It was noted Ashcroft's first concern is asset protection primarily the WTP.
- Fire risk is another threat – have applied for funding but we did not meet grant criteria.
- Working on North Ashcroft to reduce flood risk from rain run off.

Erosion query at the HUB site, whose responsibility is the bank erosion the property owner or village.

Housing land availability discussion regarding the recent request from UBCM request for Local Government owned property for development

- Mayor Roden noted the MESA land but cautioned the geo technical.
- Wanted to keep focus on TVMS project not focus on our own lands and a new project.

CP Crossing – connectivity in the village – has there been further discussion to move the development of an over or underpass forward. Is Council willing to entertain this idea in the future?

- Village is interested but there have been no conversations currently.
- Trains are longer and more frequent – grade separation - no progress at this point.
- Cost is in excess of 50 million dollars.

Revenue streams:

- Cannabis retail – does TNRD allow cannabis retail throughout the region – No
- Does the proposed cannabis bylaw include cannabis cultivation like a neighbouring community? Mayor Roden – commented that if Council moves forward with the development of a Cannabis Bylaw there would be public consultation.

Government Street Subdivision – is this moving forward or is this on a stand still? Report forwarded to property owners regarding runoff and culvert requirements.

Tax Revenues regarding growth at Ashcroft Terminal – Does the village receive revenues from the fuel farm or transloading?



- CFO Bhalla clarified that we can only collect revenue as permitted through taxation – we can't charge for transloading only tax the value of the building.
- Mayor Roden noted that Council has had conversations at UBCM relating to the Terminal growth and assessments being up to date.

Question regarding recent Tanker trucks labelled bulk water in Ashcroft. Ashcroft's bylaw does not permit the sale of bulk water.

- Ashcroft supplied water to AIB – this was an emergency to help our neighbour.

Boundary extension – wondering if Council is considering extending boundary to take in IG Fiber, Coppers and other areas?

- Council has not had any discussion regarding a boundary expansion.

Mayor Roden thanked everyone for coming and participating at the Town Hall Meeting.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Roden adjourned the Town Hall Meeting for Monday May 8, 2023, at 5:48 pm.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

BYLAW NO. 859

A bylaw for the Village of Ashcroft to amend the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Building Regulations Bylaw No. 793, 2014

The Council of the Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft, in open meeting assembled, enacts as follows:

1. This bylaw may be cited for all purposes as “The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft Building Regulations Amendment Bylaw No. 859, 2023”.

2. **Bylaw No. 793, 2014 is amended as follows:**

2.1 By replacing clause 1.5(k) with the following:

“the design, *construction*, or installation of fireplaces and chimneys.”

2.2 By adding the following as section 1.7 and renumbering the subsequent two sections:

“In relation to the conservation of energy, *construction* on or after May 1, 2023 may meet the prescriptive requirements of s. 9.36.2 to 9.36.4 of Division B of the *Building Code*.”

2.3 By replacing section 4.5 with the following:

“Upon expiration of a building *permit*, the *Building Official* may grant *permit* renewal for a period of one year each, up to two times, provided *construction* is progressing and inspections are being called and passing; notwithstanding the forgoing, if construction is impacted by a declaration of a provincial *State of Emergency* or a *State of Local Emergency*, then additional renewals may be approved.”

2.4 By replacing section 6.3 with the following:

“The *Building Official* shall prescribe, and may from time to time modify, the form of application for matters within the scope of this Bylaw; and in so doing, may prescribe different forms for different categories of applications. Such forms may require, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) name and contact information of owner and any agents delegated on their behalf;

- b) disclosures such as a condition upon lands, history of buildings, and the intended use of the lands and buildings;
- c) copy of certificate of title, including applicable encumbrances thereupon; and
- d) site or property plans, surveys, surveyor site certificates, geotechnical reports, building plans and specifications, utility information, engineering, site servicing information, photos, and related information.”

2.5 By replacing section 12.1 with the following:

“The word “temporary” shall mean a period not exceeding two (2) years.

2.6 By deleting Appendix “B” to the Bylaw and replacing clauses 8.1(b); 9.1(b); 10.1(b); 11.1(b); and 12.1(b) with the following:

“be accompanied by the *owner’s* acknowledgment of responsibility and undertakings made in a form provided by the *Building Official* and signed by the *owner*, or a signing officer if the *owner* is a company;”

2.7 By deleting Appendix “C” to the Bylaw and replacing section 13.3 with the following:

“When a registered professional provides letters of assurance in accordance with this bylaw, he or she shall also provide proof of professional liability insurance in a form provided by the *Building Official*.”

2.8 By replacing clause 15.4(d) vii. with the following:

“When insulation and vapour barrier are complete but prior to placement of any finish thereon; and, in the case where performance based criteria supported by a blower-door test result is required, an intermediate test must be undertaken at this inspection stage;”

2.9 By replacing section 16.3 with the following:

“A *Building Official* may issue a provisional *occupancy certificate* valid for ninety (90) days from the date of issuance, where *construction* of a building or *structure* has been substantially completed and the health and safety requirements of this Bylaw and the *Building Code* have been met. Such provisional *occupancy certificate* may be renewed a maximum of three times, conditionally, based upon any terms or conditions specified by the *Building Official*; thereafter, occupancy may be revoked, and an order may be posted if the outstanding conditions have not been met.

The *owner* shall pay the provisional occupancy certificate fee as specified in Appendix “A” to this Bylaw prior to issuance of the certificate or any extensions.”

2.10 By adding the following as section 19.9:

“Where there is a violation of this Bylaw, whether a notice has been registered on the property title or not, the *Building Official* may refuse to issue a building *permit* for an *addition to* or *alternation of* any offending, unsafe, or unpermitted building or *structure* until it has been brought into substantial Bylaw and *Building Code* compliance; qualifying, building *permits* may be issued for any other detached building or *structure* on the property.”

3. Appendix A to Bylaw No. 793, 2014 is amended as follows:

3.1 Item E. PERMIT FEE SURCHARGE is replaced with the following:

“In addition to other fees payable in accordance with this Appendix at the time of *permit* issuance, a surcharge will apply to all building *permits* as follows:

- (a) \$500 where the *construction* value is less than \$50,000; or
- (b) \$1500 where the *construction* value exceeds \$50,000; and
if work associated with a building *permit* is completed and the *permit* closed within two years of the date of issue and there is no damage to Village infrastructure or property, the *Building Official* shall rebate the surcharge fee to the original payee.”

3.2 Item F. SPECIAL INSPECTION FEE shall be replaced with the following:

“Additional inspections such as those for Insulated Concrete Forms (ICF) construction and voluntary inspections such as those to establish compliance, status, or notice on title release \$150”

3.3 Item I. PROVISIONAL OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE FEE shall be revised to \$100.

3.4 Item J. TEMPORARY BUILDING is replaced with the following:

“Fee for a *permit* to construct, place or occupy a temporary building for up to two years or part thereof \$400”

3.5 Item K. CHIMNEY is renamed and replaced with the following:

“Fee for the installation of a chimney or masonry fireplace \$100”

3.6 Item O. DOUBLE PERMIT FEE is replaced with the following:

“Where work for which a *permit* is required by this Bylaw has been commenced prior to issuance of a *permit*, whether a stop work order is posted or not, the applicant shall pay to the *Building Official* double the fee prescribed in this Schedule, up to an additional \$2,000.”

READ A FIRST TIME THIS 8th DAY OF May , 2023

READ A SECOND TIME THIS 8th DAY OF May , 2023

READ A THIRD TIME THIS 8th DAY OF May , 2023

ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF May , 2023

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

Certified to be a true and correct copy
of Bylaw No. as adopted by Council.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: May 23, 2023
TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Margaret Moreira, Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator
SUBJECT: Aboriginal Skills Employment & Training Strategy (ASETS) Summer Student Program

Purpose:

Request Council approval to apply to the ASETS Summer Student Program for two Indigenous summer students to assist in filling the positions of Lifeguard and Swim Instructor for the Ashcroft Pool.

Recommendations:

THAT, the Village of Ashcroft supports the application to ASETS Summer Student Program for 15 weeks beginning on May 21, 2023 for two Indigenous students; and further that CFO Bhalla be the signing authority.

Alternatives:

N/A

Discussion:

While representing the Village at the WorkBC Job Fair on April 25th at the Ashcroft HUB, I was approached by Latoya Antoine, Outreach Worker West, from ASETS. Ms. Antoine recommended that the Village apply to the ASETS Summer Student Program which offers community organizations wage subsidies for Indigenous students. The program is a great opportunity to potentially staff the two vacant positions at the Ashcroft Pool. During our conversation, I advised Ms. Antoine of the free Bronze Cross and Bronze Medallion lessons being coordinated at the pool and invited ASETS to share the opportunity with any interest and qualifying clients.

This opportunity lends itself well to our succession planning initiative to staff lifeguards and swim instructors at the pool with the added bonus of financial assistance through the wage subsidy program.

Strategic Municipal Objectives:

Economic Development and Tourism Strategy

Financial Implications:

Budgeted Pool expense

Attachment Listing:

N/A

Prepared by:

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Margaret Moreira,
Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator

Approved for submission to Council:

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Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Office

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

MEETING DATE: May 23, 2023
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Mosaic Maintenance Plan – Marina Papais and Daniel Collet

Purpose

For Information

Recommendation

N/A

Alternatives

NA

Discussion

As Council is aware, Marina Papais and Daniel Collett approached the Village asking Council to consider adding an annual mosaic maintenance line item to the budget. As the Village has recently established a Public Art Policy which includes a maintenance plan the artists were advised that the proposal must fall within the policy provision. It was also noted by Council that the Village will only assume responsibility for art on public property.

Attached is the artist's latest proposal. Administration has contacted the artists to clarify some items of concern in the proposal, specifically, the highlighted paragraph which references "all mosaics". Administration will continue to work with the artists to bring the proposal within the parameters of the Public Art Policy. It is our intent to provide a maintenance plan that protects the art, the artists rights and the liability for the Village.

This report is to keep Council informed as to the ongoing discussions between administration and the artists.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Public Art Policy

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Annual Budget Expense

Attachment Listing

May 15, 2023 Proposal from Marina Papais

Respectfully Submitted By:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Marina

May 15, 2023 1:42 PM

Subject	Mosaics
From	Marina and Daniel
To	Daniela Dyck
Sent	May 15, 2023 12:06 PM

Daniella Dyck:

I will give ownership of the mosaic pieces at Heritage park to the Village of Ashcroft which includes:

1. Ashcroft first Train circa 1895, taken from a photo from the museum, and created by myself and Daniel Collett
2. Ashcroft Desert Rose and the Ashcroft Daylily pieces on the Communities in Bloom Kiosk, both of which I designed and created with the help of some Communities in Bloom members whom I taught mosaics to
3. The A.Y. Jackson September 6, 1945 Mosaic in the middle of the park
4. The Harmony Bell kiosk containing four pieces representing our four major cultural contributors for the development of the town of Ashcroft of which I designed, drew, painted and mosaiced with the help of Daniel Collett and community members.
5. The Fire Hall Mosaic designed in collaboration with our Emergency Response volunteers and workers.

Daniel designed all the structures which hold the mosaics and built them and installed them with the help of our community members.

A budget of up to two thousand dollars a year shall be set aside for repairs to mosaics that have been created for the town and shall be given to whomever will provide maintenance for these mosaics. Daniel Collett and Marina are willing to provide maintenance at cost for as long as they physically can.

It is our intention to leave all the mosaics to the town of Ashcroft upon our death, although my children Mikal James Brogan and Christina Marie Zicer have the rights to any and all of the pieces on the Rolgear building if they so choose to have them. Indeed they may choose to give them to the village but it is their choice.

We would like to be mentioned in any maps, advertisements, promotions and otherwise as creators and donators of these pieces of art. Any sales of tee shirts, postcards etc. can be used towards the maintenance program.

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STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

MEETING DATE: May 23, 2023
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Hot Tub Project

Purpose

For Information

Recommendation

N/A

Alternatives

NA

Discussion

Hot tub shell is completed including all tile work and grout. Contractors are working on mechanical installation which should be completed within the week.

Tests will be completed to meet engineering specification prior to pool opening on June 3, 2023.

In addition, a new sunshade, a commercial grade cantilevered 10'x13' umbrella is to be installed prior to opening to provide s much needed shade area for swimmers and spectators.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Recreation

Legislative Authority

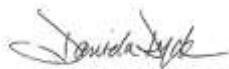
Financial Implications

Budget Item

Attachment Listing

Images

Respectfully Submitted By:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer



Brian Bennewith,
Director of Public Works



STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

MEETING DATE: May 23, 2023
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Fire Hall Renovation Update

Purpose

For Information

Recommendation

N/A

Alternatives

NA

Discussion

Tri City Canada Inc. is on site and moving the fire hall renovation forward with a tentative completion date for later this summer.

Completed to date:

- Footings and foundation work
- Exterior masonry and framing
- Cabinetry ordered
- Flooring ordered
-

Current tasks:

- Insulation install
- Selection of finishes (siding, paint, counters etc.)
- Roofing
- Rough in interior walls
- Rough in electrical
- Rough in Plumbing
 - All rough in's are to be completed within 2 weeks,
- Begin drywall installation

Current discussions include installation of window and siding. Regrettably the old doors hidden in the wall are not feasible to have removed as they are part of the existing framing and building structure and removal although nostalgic is cost prohibitive.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Protective Services

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

As per budget

Attachment Listing

images

Respectfully Submitted By:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer



Brian Bennewith,
Director of Public Works









May 17, 2023

Ref: 118763

Ashcroft
601 Bancroft Street
Ashcroft, BC
V0K 1A0

Dear Daniela Dyck:

On behalf of the Ministry of Energy, Mines, and Low Carbon Innovation (Ministry), I am writing to invite you to participate in a province-wide engagement with municipalities and regional districts to inform the development of a policy governing the connection of cryptocurrency mining projects to electricity systems in B.C. The Ministry is also engaging with First Nations, industry, and utilities on this issue.

Cryptocurrency mining in B.C.

Cryptocurrency mining is the process where specialized computers that are connected to the internet solve complex mathematical problems for a specific cryptocurrency (e.g., Bitcoin) and receive payment in the form of that cryptocurrency. Cryptocurrency mining projects typically consume electricity to power these specialized computers and can range in size from a few megawatts connected to the electricity distribution system to much larger facilities connected to the electricity transmission system.

B.C.'s clean, affordable electricity has attracted unprecedented interest from cryptocurrency miners. While BC Hydro welcomes new load and has available energy to use strategically for electric vehicles, heat pumps, clean technology, and industry, the unchecked growth of cryptocurrency mining operations in B.C. could make it more difficult to meet electrification goals in support of CleanBC and keep rates low for customers. To preserve B.C.'s electricity supply, while giving government and BC Hydro sufficient time to engage with stakeholders and First Nations to develop a permanent framework for any future cryptocurrency mining operations, a temporary suspension of new cryptocurrency mining connections to BC Hydro's grid was implemented.

In December 2022, a temporary (18-month) suspension on BC Hydro connecting new cryptocurrency mining operations to the electricity grid was put in place to provide time for the development of a permanent policy that balances First Nations' and the public's interests with the commercial interests of BC Hydro and cryptocurrency mining operations. The temporary suspension does not affect cryptocurrency mining projects that are already connected, or projects that are very close to connecting (signed Facilities Study Agreement). No new cryptocurrency projects may enter the queue or initiate the process of connection with BC Hydro during the suspension period.

Development of a policy framework for cryptocurrency mining connections in B.C.

The development of a policy governing the connection of cryptocurrency mining projects to electricity systems in B.C. is likely to influence the conditions under which future cryptocurrency mining projects could be permitted to connect to electricity systems in B.C.

Although the temporary suspension on BC Hydro connecting new cryptocurrency mining operations did not apply to utilities other than BC Hydro, a permanent policy may extend to all utilities within B.C.

The Ministry is committed to engaging with municipalities and regional districts to seek feedback on the development of a permanent policy regarding cryptocurrency mining connections to the electricity system. The Ministry is interested in information on potential opportunities or impacts a permanent policy governing the connection of cryptocurrency mining operations could pose to your municipality. The feedback gathered will be used to inform Provincial decisionmakers' future deliberations on this policy.

The engagement process

The engagement will be conducted through virtual or in-person workshops and held in two stages:

1. An initial discussion in which we share information about cryptocurrency mining in B.C. and our preliminary thinking about policy options, and ask for your early comments on potential opportunities and impacts of these; and
2. A second discussion in which we share refined policy options, informed by the first discussion, and ask for your feedback on these options.

The Ministry will be seeking feedback from municipalities and regional districts at both stages of the engagement through open discussion in the workshops and written submissions.

All information provided by stakeholders through this engagement process will be treated in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Based on your interest in further engagement, the follow-up e-mails will provide more information about the process and how you can participate.

We invite you to participate in an engagement process for municipalities and regional districts on a permanent policy framework for cryptocurrency mining. If you would like to participate, please indicate this interest by sending an email to electricity.policy@gov.bc.ca by June 7, 2023.

Thank you, and we look forward to our dialogue.

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Les MacLaren
Assistant Deputy Minister



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May 19, 2023

Village of Ashcroft
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Dear Mayor and Council,

Winding Rivers Arts & Performance Society (WRAPS) would like to ask for your support in our upcoming Canada Day Celebration on Monday, July 1, 2023. As you know, WRAPS is a registered non-profit charitable organization of volunteers dedicated to the promotion of the Arts and Culture in our local communities. Our work is not possible without the sponsorship and support of many organizations and individuals.

At this time, we are requesting the village provide support in the way of the Canada Day Grant, the use of Heritage Park for the event, and free swimming at the pool in the afternoon.

In addition to support from the village we are hoping to partner with Heritage Canada and local service clubs to provide live music, a welcome speaker, and bannock, hot dogs and cake. Additional activities will be dependent upon the volunteers available.

We appreciate your support in previous years, it has enabled us to welcome the community to this annual event.

Sincerely,

Maryann Simpson

Maryann Simpson (for)
Canada Day Committee



COUNCIL POLICY

TITLE: Annual Unconditional Grants Policy		POLICY #: C-06-2021
Authority: Council	Effective Date: April 27, 2015 Review Date: Annually	
Issued By: Kris Hardy, Executive Assistant Issued Date: February 15, 2022	Approved By: Council Approved Date: April 27, 2015 Updated: February 14, 2022 Resolution #: R-2022-24	

PURPOSE: To establish procedures for awarding Unconditional Grants to community organizations

POLICY:

This Policy addresses that the Village of Ashcroft Council wishes to provide clear understanding regarding the process of awarding annual grants to community organizations.

The Village of Ashcroft provides *Annual Unconditional Grant* funding in order to assist non-profit societies/organizations that provide a community benefit. Funding may be used for whatever purpose the receiving organization wishes to use it for. Funding is guaranteed from year to year to provide organizations with consistency for budgeting purposes. If an organization receives an *Annual Unconditional Grant* they will not be eligible for a grant in aid under another grant policy.

Appendix "A" lists those organizations that will receive Annual Unconditional Grants and the amount they will receive. These organizations are not required to apply for grants on an annual basis. However each organization that receives an *Annual Unconditional Grant* under this policy will be required to provide a financial statement for the year just completed before the next year's funding is released.

If approved for funding, applicants will be required to sign a funding agreement with the Village of Ashcroft; renewable every five (5) years.

Any organization that wishes to apply to receive an *Annual Unconditional Grant* must do so before September 30th of the year preceding the first year of the grant. Council will consider *Annual Unconditional Grant* applications during the normal budget process.

Any local group or organization who wishes to manage the organization of Canada Day events may apply for an unconditional grant of \$550. Applications must be submitted to the Village of Ashcroft by February 29th of each calendar year and must include a program of events and a proposed budget. Groups or organizations who receive the Canada Day funding are still eligible to apply for a grant in aid under other grant policies. Only one Canada Day grant is available each year.

Annual grants will automatically become part of the financial plan as long as a valid agreement is in place.



Appendix 'A'

Organizations that receive an Annual Unconditional Grant

Organization	Unconditional Grant Amount Detail
Ash-Creek TV Society	Grant is based on agreement. Varies year to year.
Ashcroft Communities in Bloom Committee	Up to \$5,500.00 based on the budget submitted.

May 15, 2023

Mayor Barbara Roden and Council
Village of Ashcroft
PO Box 129
601 Bancroft Street
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Reference: AP7194

RE: 2022 CEPF: Emergency Support Services – (Establishing ESS services in Ashcroft)

Dear Mayor Roden and Council,

Thank you for providing a final report and financial summary for the above noted project. We have reviewed your submission and all reporting requirements have been met.

The final report notes a total eligible expenditure of \$8,837.34. Based on this, a payment in the amount of \$8,834.34 will follow shortly by electronic funds transfer. This amount represents full payment of the grant and is based on 100% of the total reported expenditure to a maximum of the approved grant of \$11,128.51.

I would like to congratulate the Village of Ashcroft for undertaking this project and responding to the opportunity to increase the resiliency of BC communities.

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund at 250-952-9177 or cepf@ubcm.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sasha Pryn", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Sasha Pryn
Program Officer

cc: Daniela Dyck, CAO, Village of Ashcroft

The Community Emergency Preparedness Fund is funded by the Province of BC

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Our diverse panel features: Alan Louis Okanagan Band Councillor and IHA Board member, Jennifer Rice, the Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health and MLA for Skeena/North Coast, Mayor Michael Gertz from Merritt and the Executive Director of the BC Rural Health Network, Paul Adams. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Jude Kornelsen, a leading researcher on rural health.

Together, they will engage in a thought-provoking dialogue, discussing the challenges and opportunities in rural healthcare while sharing their unique perspectives and experiences. Don't miss this opportunity to gain valuable insights and be part of the conversation shaping the future of healthcare in rural communities.

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File: 0410-01

May 9, 2023

Honourable Ravi Kahlon
Minister of Housing
Room 248 Parliament Buildings
Victoria BC V8V 1X4

VIA EMAIL: ravi.kahlon.MLA@leg.bc.ca

Dear Honourable Kahlon:

Re: Homes for People Action Plan

At their Regular meeting held on May 8, 2023, the District of Coldstream passed the following resolution:

"THAT the Mayor be authorized to send a letter to the Minister of Housing, with copies to the MLA for Vernon-Monashee and all members of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, regarding the recently announced action plan "Homes for People" and request that the Minister take into consideration the following:

- 1. the diversity and size of communities throughout the province and their unique housing needs;*
- 2. the differences between rural and urban communities and their availability of infrastructure; and*
- 3. the significant impact on existing local infrastructure capacity to service increased development and density;*

AND THAT the Minister be further advised that the District of Coldstream is concerned that broad legislative changes may curtail the local planning authority vested in local governments and expressed in their Official Community Plans and Zoning bylaws, for which significant public input has been received and accounted for in these important planning instruments.

In addition to the points enumerated above, we would also bring to your attention that a large portion of Coldstream is served by septic systems, which are not equipped to manage the type of densification the Homes for People Action Plan contemplates. To provide the appropriate infrastructure would have a considerable financial impact to our residents without guaranteed and predictable funding/grants from the Province.

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A good portion of Coldstream is in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR); as such, we have concerns regarding the potential conflict between residential and agricultural land use. We have struggled with this very issue in recent years as have other communities surrounded with rural areas and have experienced development pressure.

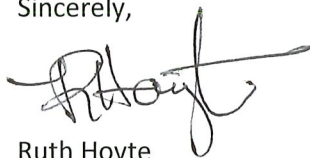
The portion of Coldstream that would be characterized as urban is very much residential and we lack access to local services such as shopping, health care, employment, and transit. These types of services and amenities are located in Vernon, a neighbouring community which acts as a the commercial 'hub' for many of our residents.

The District of Coldstream values and is known for our carefully managed growth which has always respected the wishes of the members of this community. Our Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaws have been developed with considerable input from the residents. Coldstream is a desirable place to live, farm and enjoy the abundance of natural amenities we are fortunate to have. We have worked diligently to balance the need for a variety of housing types and density with moderate growth while preserving the much sought after rural lifestyle that Coldstream is known for.

Respectfully, we request you consider that there are other communities, just as unique as ours, for which a province-wide, "one-size-fits-all", approach to increasing housing supply may not be in their best interest and may result in communities that no longer resemble the ones that people chose to live in. If the Province targeted support to communities either better suited or desirous of increased density, British Columbians would have the ability to choose the housing type and the community that is the best fit for them.

We thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our concerns on this very important initiative.

Sincerely,



Ruth Hoyte
Mayor

cc: Council, District of Coldstream (via email)
MLA Harwinder Sandhu (Harwinder.sandhu.MLA@leg.bc.ca)
Members of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities

News Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FortisBC receives approval from the BCUC for Advanced Gas Meters

Surrey, B.C.- May 17 — FortisBC Energy Inc. (FortisBC) received approval from the British Columbia Utilities Commission (BCUC) for its proposed Advanced Gas Meters project. Through this project, FortisBC will enhance its customers' experience by upgrading more than one million gas meters across B.C.

With the installation of the new meters and wireless network, FortisBC gas customers will receive several benefits:

- Customers will be able to access daily data on their gas use, empowering them with the tools they need to make cost-effective energy choices for their families and businesses.
- Safety enhancements such as notifications if unusual gas flows are detected, which could indicate a faulty appliance.
- Reduced inconvenience to customers by no longer needing to shut-off gas service during meter exchanges or regularly entering customers' properties to read meters.

Customers will be advised when these benefits are available in their area.

"We are constantly looking for ways that technology can improve our customer experience," said Dawn Mehrer, vice president of corporate services and technology at FortisBC. "The approval of the Advanced Gas Meters project allows us to make transformational upgrades that will provide customers with long overdue tools to better support their daily energy decisions."

The project will address the need to modernize the current gas meter technology, which has not changed in over 100 years. In addition to the direct customer benefits, the advanced meters will allow FortisBC to better monitor and manage its system and offer additional safety features such as the ability to remotely detect and respond to gas leaks, including in the event of emergencies like earthquakes and fires. The meters have undergone rigorous testing to ensure accuracy, safety and integrity and are approved for use by Measurement Canada.

"The Fire Chiefs' Association of BC fully supports the deployment of FortisBC's advanced gas meters. As a non-profit organization focused on fire safety across the province, we recognize these new meters will provide enhanced safety features and improved reliability to B.C. homes and businesses. We appreciate FortisBC's ongoing commitment to safety and innovation and look forward to continuing to engage on the project," said Dan Derby, president at Fire Chiefs' Association of BC.

The installation of advanced gas meters is planned to start in 2024, while installation of the meters' wireless network will take place in 2023. FortisBC will share project updates and the meter installation schedule when available.

To learn more about the Advanced Gas Meter project, and to stay up-to-date on when we'll be in your neighbourhood, visit the project webpage at fortisbc.com/advancedgasmeters.

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About FortisBC

FortisBC Energy Inc. is a regulated utility focused on providing safe and reliable energy, including natural gas, Renewable Natural Gas and propane. FortisBC Energy Inc. employs around 2,078 British Columbians and serves approximately 1,075,600 customers across British Columbia. FortisBC Energy Inc. owns and operates approximately 50,500 kilometres of gas transmission and distribution pipelines. FortisBC Energy Inc. is a subsidiary of Fortis Inc., a leader in the North American regulated electric and gas utility industry. FortisBC Energy Inc. uses the FortisBC name and logo under license from Fortis Inc. For further information on FortisBC, visit www.fortisbc.com. For further information on Fortis Inc., visit www.fortisinc.com.

Backgrounder

FortisBC is working to build a more advanced gas delivery system for its more than one million customers across British Columbia. In early May 2021, FortisBC filed an application with the British Columbia Utilities Commission to upgrade natural gas meters as part of the Advanced Gas Meter Project.

FortisBC engaged with customers and stakeholders since 2019, in the 135 communities it serves across the province where meter upgrades will take place. Engagement included: letters to stakeholders, government and Indigenous communities; province-wide media campaigns; province-wide in-person and virtual information sessions; and direct customer communications. The feedback received through engagement efforts helped FortisBC develop the Advanced Gas Meter Project application.

Old meter versus new advanced meter

Left to right: current gas meter; new advanced gas meter.

INFORMATION CORRESPONDENCE – FLIP CHART

May 23, 2023

School District No. 74 – Gold Trail

- Board Bulletin – Summary of May Meeting

TNRD

- The Current – TNRD Board Highlights from May 4, 2023

Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker					
	May				
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 18, 2023 re: Copyright concerns Meeting scheduled to discuss copyright concerns
R-2023-70	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.	CAO/CFO	Staff to sign AOA		completed
R-2023-71	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.	CAO	Letters of support 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		completed
R-2023-72	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.	CAO	Draft a Cannabis Bylaw permitting retail sale of legalized Cannabis products in Ashcroft and Amend Zoning Bylaw permitting retail sales	CAO phone meeting with regional Cannabis inspector. Researching similar communities with Cannabis bylaws prior to drafting new bylaw.	in-progress
R-2023-73	THAT, Council approves the route and road closure request from the Ashcroft & District Lions Club to host the Eleventh Skip's Memorial Charity Run on June 4, 2023, and that all affected parties be notified.	EA	A letter be sent to AADLC approving road closure and a notice to all affected parties. Prepare a notice.		completed
R-2023-74	THAT, the Village purchase tickets for Mayor Roden to attend the Ashcroft/Cache Creek Rotary Club 2022 Citizen of the Year Awards Banquet.	CFO	Purchase Tickets		completed
R-2023-75	THAT, Council direct staff to schedule a meeting with the HUB Board of Directors at their earliest convenience.	CAO	Schedule Meeting after 6:00 pm and not Thursday	Meetign scheduled for May 29, 2023	completed
R-2023-76	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.	EA	Advise Mr. Ekering via email of Council's approval. Clarify insurance is required.		completed
R-2023-77	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.	EDTC/EA	EDTC to host Poker Run Stop and the donation of \$60 in Ashcroft bucks to be donated for the prize packages		completed