



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

MINUTES

FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE
AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JUNE 12, 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

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EXCUSED:

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday June 12, 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 / Anstett

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, June 12, 2023 be adopted as amended to include UBCM Minister Meeting Request under New Business. CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-84

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday May 23, 2023 M/S Lambert / Davenport <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, May 23, 2023 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-85
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Hilda Jones, President, Ashcroft & District Curling Club – Year End Report Hilda provided a brief review of the 2022/23 Curling Season: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 35 members this past curling season, down from last year’s 39 (5 from Clinton and 3 from Pavilion) 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosted a “Learn to Curl” night on Nov. 6 with only six attendees. • The Ashcroft Curling Club is a member of Curl BC • Curl BC benefits include lower liability insurance, opportunity to bid on hosting regional and provincial tournaments. • Curl BC provided \$2000 to host the kids learn to curl program. The kids thoroughly enjoyed the program, and the program is already scheduled for the next season. • Hosted a turkey spiel closer to the holidays, prized were hams and turkeys. • Day of curling for grade 4-7 – all day event for students from DSCS – very successful, kids were filtered through for the entire day. • Went to Cache Creek Elementary to teach curling in the gym. • Participated in the Santa Parade • 7 volunteers went to Kamloops for the Scotties Tournament • Dwight was able to assist with ice making for the tournament. • Received a \$200 donation from Curl BC from 50/50 draw at Scotties. • Grades 11 and 12 class came to curl – PE teacher is enthusiastic about bringing the students to curl. • This was a year of promoting curling with students. • Volunteers are the backbone of the club, without them curling would not be possible in Ashcroft. • Sold 970 raffle tickets = profit of \$3100 • Ron Jones donates \$1000 from his bottle collection each year to the curling club – very much appreciated. • Net income of approximately \$2000 this year • Looking at fundraising opportunities for next season. • Over \$13,000 in the donation account... This is the buffer to cover any shortfalls the club may experience. • Insulation needs to be upgraded in the building especially in the upstairs. Unable to rent the space in the summer due to heat in the building the air conditioning does not maintain comfortable temperature. • Applying for grant funding for upgrades and repairs • Most significant costs are hydro, fortis, insurance and taxes. • The club is doing its best to be self sufficient but could need help with building upgrades. • Curling season is October to mid March. • The club applied to host provincial play downs but have not heard if they are successful yet. • Financial summary provided. <p>Questions / Comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Roden commended the club for volunteering at the Scotties Tournament • Councillor Davenport – great job connecting with the youth. • Mayor Roden wondered if the CC had talked to the Skeetchesen school about curling. • Mayor Roden thanked Hilda for the presentation. 	
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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 questions or comments were received.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CFO Report - 2022 Statement of Financial Information Report (SOFI) M/S Davenport / Clement <i>THAT, Council approves the 2022 Statement of Financial Information Report (SOFI) report as presented.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-86
6.2	EDTC Report – Bethlehem Copper Display at the Museum – Seeking direction from Council for placement. M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, the Bethlehem Copper mine display be placed in storage and the Twilight Zone prop be displayed at the Museum.</i> Comment to place the Bethlehem Mine display somewhere dry and safe. DPW Bennewith assured Council suitable storage is available. Suggestion to safeguard the Twilight Zone prop with plexiglass. Comments plexiglass may not be needed, work with Curator on this issue.	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-85
FOR INFORMATION		
6.3	CFO Report – Financial Update June 2023 CFO Bhalla guided Council through a BI and power point presentation highlighting the legislated requirement for public access and transparency regarding municipal finances. CFO Bhalla commented on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting burden associated with asset management, asset retirement burden, new legislation on tax sale and environmental social and governance reporting mandates, In particular the LGCAP Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) – highlighted energy consumption of public properties Arena, Pool and WTP are three highest consumers of energy • Complete Communities Funding -Trying to fit sewer and water modelling into this funding stream. This will include GIS work. • CFO Bhalla demonstrated the carbon reporting which is now linked to the Village mapping system. • CFO Bhalla cautioned Council on the current national and global financial environment and its possible impacts to the Village. • Leading indicators that we are heading into a severe recession. • Local Government Data Entry reporting requirements may be linked to receiving future gas tax funds. 	

	<p>BI Financials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operating on budget • Recreation is showing the largest negatives. • CFO Bhalla commented on other categories highlighting any accounts showing a deficit and providing clarification for Council. • Overall, the Village expenses and budget are on target for the 2.5% property tax increase <p>Question regarding asset management and future impacts How are other communities dealing with asset management? CFO Bhalla commented that smaller communities appear to be struggling with the requirements.</p>	
6.4	BEO Report – Conference Report For Information	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>BC Hydro – 2023 UBCM Meeting Request M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council direct staff to arrange a meeting with BC Hydro at UBCM.</i></p>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-85
7.2	<p>South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society – Moonlight Movie Fundraiser at the Ashcroft Pool Park – Request for free swim at the Pool and use of the bathrooms M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, Council approves the South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society's request for free use of the park, free swim and bathroom use on Wednesday August 23, 2023, from 5:00 – 10:00 pm at the Ashcroft Pool Park to host a community Moonlight Movie event.</i></p>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-86
7.3	<p>Andy & Marilyn Anderson – Traffic concerns on Railway Avenue and Heritage Park patrons parking in front of businesses M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council directs staff to write to the transportation companies to deter truck traffic on Railway Ave., be aware of speed limits and advise if the increased pedestrian traffic for the Sunday Farmers Market.</i> M/S Roden / Anstett <i>THAT, Staff prepare a report about changing speed limit for transport truck traffic on Railway Ave., appropriate signage and bring cost analysis back to Council for consideration.</i> M/S Clement / Davenport <i>THAT, Council includes painting parking stall lines on Railway Ave. at budget discussion for the 2024 budget.</i> Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • line painting for parking spaces, • centre line on Brink to 4th Ave. • Slower speed limit for transport trucks on Railway Ave. • more speed signage on Railway Ave. • Send letter to Commercial company reminding trucks are to be taking Hwy 97 C and to slow down when driving through </p>	<p>CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-87</p> <p>CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-88</p> <p>CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-89</p>

	town on Railway Ave. especially during events at Heritage Park.	
7.4	Coalition of Child Care Advocates – UBCM Child Care Resolution M/S Roden / Clement <i>File for Information</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-90
7.5	UBCM – Nominations & Elections – Nominations for Convention 2023 M/S Roden / Anstett <i>File for Information</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-91
7.6	Save Public Post Offices – Say No to Privatization – Support for Public Postal Services M/S Roden / Davenport <i>File for Information</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-92
FOR INFORMATION		
7.7	Sister City, Bifuka, Japan – Greetings from former Mayor Nobuo Yamaguchi and new Mayor Takaharu Kusano	
7.8	Sister City, Bifuka, Japan – Greetings from former Deputy Mayor Kazushi Imaizumi and new Deputy Mayor Shuuji Kawabata	
7.9	Sister City, Bifuka, Japan – Greetings from Bifuka School Board Superintendent Tsutomu Sugimoto	
7.10	Interior Health – 2023 Heat and Smoke letter	
7.11	Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure – BC E-Bike Rebate Program	
7.12	BC Interior Community Foundations – Annual Fund Performance Report for 2022	
7.13	LGMA – Memoriam of Gary Paget and Moray Steward	
7.14	School District No. 74 (Gold Trail) – Accessibility Committee Expression of Interest	
7.15	Office of the Fire Commissioner – 2022 Annual Report Announcement	
7.16	TNRD – Grand Re-opening of Latremouille Park, Little Fort, BC M/S Roden / Lambert <i>THAT, Council direct staff to send notes to Mayor Yamaguchi, Deputy Mayor Imaizumi on their term in office and congratulatory notes to Mayor Kusano, Deputy Mayor Kawabata, and Superintendent Sugimoto.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-93

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker Receive and file	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	UBCM Minister Meeting Requests M/S Roden / Clement <i>That Council direct staff to request meeting with the Minister of Environment and Climate Change to discuss:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wildfire mitigation funding to safeguard the community; and 2. LGCAP requirements and inadequate funding for municipalities to achieve the requirements due to provincial downloading. <i>The Minister of Health to discuss:</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-94
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	<p>1. <i>The Urgent Primary Care Centre and its service provision to the region in collaboration with representatives from neighbouring communities and the TNRD.</i></p> <p><i>And the Minister of Housing to discuss:</i></p> <p>1. <i>The Thompson View Manor Society's plans to construct a 29-unit Seniors housing complex and advocate for the Minister's project support.</i></p>	
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	<p>Mayor Roden – Report Commented on Meeting with Minister Farnworth Highway 5 safety being a topic of discussion and commented on upcoming meetings.</p>	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert - Report	

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 June 12, 2023, at 7:34 pm.

Certified to be a true and copy of the Minutes
for the Regular Meeting of Council held
Monday June 12, 2023.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor