



## 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 MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023

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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 Monday, July 24, 2023 be adopted as presented.*

#### **2. MINUTES**

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 26, 2023 <b>M/S</b> <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 26, 2023 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-5

#### **3. DELEGATIONS**

3.1	Chris Rottluff, Operations Manager and Elcy Lepage, Division Manager, Dawson Road Maintenance – Summer Program Update	P. 6
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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 – Ashcroft & District Curling Club Agreement to Occupy Renewal <b>M/S</b>	P. 7-9

	<i>THAT, Council endorses the renewal of the Agreement to Occupy between the Village of Ashcroft and the Ashcroft &amp; District Curling Club for a two-year term ending August 1, 2025.</i>	
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
6.3	BEO Report - Bylaw Enforcement Officer Introduction and Update (Verbal and Written Report)	P.10-13
6.4	CAO Report – ALC Exclusion Update	P. 14-27
6.5	CAO Report – Fire Hazard Awareness	P. 28-29

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

<b>FOR ACTION</b>		
7.1	2023 Light Up Blue this September for Prostate Cancer Awareness <b>M/S</b>	P. 30
7.2	Ashcroft Farmers and Artisans Co-op Farmers' Market - Request for Road Closure for Ashcroft Farmers and Artisans Co-op Farmers' on Railway Avenue between 6 <sup>th</sup> St. and 8 <sup>th</sup> St. on Sundays from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm Market Sundays until October 22, 2023 <b>M/S</b>	P. 31-32
7.3	Martina Dopf, Group Publisher, Black Press Media, BC Central Interior – Request for support to stop advertising on the Meta Platforms Facebook and Instagram <b>M/S</b>	P. 33-34
7.4	CN Rail – Rail Safety Week 2023 Resolution Request <b>M/S</b>	P. 35-37
7.5	Mark Kiddell, Director, EarthRock Ventures Inc. – Executive Summary – Request for Letter of Support <b>M/S</b>	P. 38-39
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
7.	Gabrielle Lachapelle – DSCS 2023 Bursary Recipient – Thank you	P. 40-41
7.	Jacob Aie – DSCS 2023 Bursary Recipient – Thank you	P. 42-43
7.	City of Prince George Resolution submitted to the 2023 UBCM Convention – Reimbursing Local Governments for Medical Services provided by Local Government Fire and Rescue Service	P. 44-45
7.	Mayor Locke, City of Surrey – Surrey RCMP and Surrey Municipal Police Force	P. 46-48
7.	School District No. 74 – Work to Address Racism	P. 49
7.	School District No. 74 – A message from the Board of Education	P. 50
7.	Minister of Housing Ravi Kahlon – Response to TVMS Seniors Housing Project	P. 51-52
7.	TNRD Meeting Highlights – July 13, 2023	P. 53-54
7.	TNRD – TNRD FireSmart, Public Libraries Team Up for Regional Roadshow – Ashcroft Library August 1, 2023: 10am to 3pm	P. 55-56
7.	School District No. 74 – Accessibility Committee – Expression of Interest	P. 57-58

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker	P. 59-60
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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 – Report	P. 61
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement – Report	P. 62
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 COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT  
6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023

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

CFO, Yogi Bhalla  
DPW, Brian Bennewith  
EA, Kris Hardy

Media – 1  
Public – 6

**EXCUSED:** CAO, Daniela Dyck

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday June 26, 2023, to order at 6:02 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/Clement**

*THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, June 26, 2023 be adopted as amended to include the CFO Report – UBCM Complete Communities Funding Application under Staff Reports and request from WRAPS to Close Railway Avenue at Heritage Park for Canada Day Celebrations under Correspondence for Action. CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-95*

#### **2. MINUTES**

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 12, 2023 <b>M/S Davenport/Lambert</b> <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 12, 2023 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-96

#### **3. DELEGATIONS**

3.1	Teck Highland Valley Copper Operations Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Carly Bielecki, Manager Community and Indigenous Affairs</li><li>• Jaimie Dickson, Lead Regulatory Approvals HVC 2040 – 2040 Project Overview</li></ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jacqui Schneider, Sr. Community Affairs Officer and Teck/Highland Valley Copper Operations – Teck Highland Valley Copper Update</li> </ul> <p>Mayor Rodent welcomed the delegates to the meeting.</p> <p>Carly Bielecki – HVC Operations, Production Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provided the Highland Valley Copper Operations Productions Update</li> <li>Work force update by City of Residence (currently Ashcroft has a total of 48 employees including hourly and staff). Total number of employees at HVC 1458</li> <li>Sustainability Update – awarded the Copper Mark in 2022 and the Molybdenum Mark award in 2023 for responsibly produced copper and molybdenum. First Canadian mine to be awarded the Copper Mark.</li> <li>Sustainability Eight Strategic Priorities – Health and Safety, Biodiversity and Closure, Climate Change, Community and Indigenous Peoples, Our People, Responsible Production, Tailings Management, and Water</li> <li>Global Industry Standard on Tailings Management (GISTM). Teck is committed to implementation of the GISTM across their operating and legacy (closed) facilities in all jurisdictions</li> <li>Climate Change – identify and evaluate climate-related risks and establish management actions to minimize risks and maximize opportunities.</li> <li>Our People/Communities &amp; Indigenous Peoples – undertake specific multidisciplinary human risk assessments</li> <li>Improving operations with the Renew Business Systems (RBS) initiative; investment in new, integrated technology platforms</li> <li>Increased resourcing to advance the HVC 2040 Project (HVC 2040)</li> </ul> <p>Jaimie Dickson – 2040 Project Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extension of existing Highmont and Valley open pits</li> <li>Extensions of existing rock stockpiles</li> <li>Increased tailings storage capacity</li> <li>Upgrades to existing pit infrastructure, processing facilities and water and tailing infrastructure</li> <li>Potential relocation of a section of Hwy. 97C in the 2030's</li> <li>The Project would increase the average mine production rate and water usage, and require relocations of some site infrastructure</li> <li>Additional power will be required through upgrades to the existing powerline from Nicola Substation to the HVC Mine – to be completed by BC Hydro.</li> </ul> <p>Jacqui Schneider – HVC Community Investment Contributions 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HVC contributes annually to initiatives that strengthen their communities</li> </ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investment contributions are made to local Ashcroft non-profit associations and societies</li> <li>Teck HVC is the largest corporate supporter of the BC United Way. Through decisions made by the United Way Community Impact Council funding is directed to the community of Ashcroft.</li> </ul> <p>Questions / Comments</p> <p>Mayor Roden thanked the delegates for the comprehensive update and thanked Teck for all they do supporting the local communities.</p>	
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#### 4. **PUBLIC INPUT**

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*No questions or comments were received.*

#### 5. **BYLAWS/POLICIES**

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#### 6. **STAFF REPORTS**

<b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b>		
6.1	<b>CAO Report – Board of Variance Appointment</b> <b>M/S Clement/Anstett</b> <i>THAT, Council appoint Linsie Lachapelle, Brian Reid and Kyle Schell as the Board of Variance for a three (3) year term effective immediately and terminating with an option to renew for a second term on June 26, 2026.</i>	<b>CARRIED.</b> Unanimously. R-2023-97
6.2	<b>CAO Report – Accessibility Advisory Committee Appointment – Council to determine AAC membership</b> <b>M/S Roden/Lambert</b> <i>THAT, Council appoint Councillor Anstett, CAO Daniela Dyck, Julie Ells, Marvene Layte, Kiana Jones, Gloria Mertens and Lorraine Shwaluk to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.</i>	<b>CARRIED.</b> Unanimously. R-2023-98
6.3	<b>DPW Report – Signage for Speed Limit on Railway Avenue</b> <b>M/S Roden/Anstett</b> <i>THAT, Council direct staff to proceed with purchasing 30 km/h signage for installation on Railway Avenue at a cost of \$712.</i>  <i>Discussion regarding solar powered speed monitoring sign that could be moved throughout the Village. CFO Bhalla will seek funding options and include as a budget item next year.</i>	<b>CARRIED.</b> Unanimously. R-2023-99
6.4	<b>DPW Report – Purchase of New Ice Surfacers</b> <b>M/S Roden/Davenport</b> <i>THAT, Council approves the purchase of a new electrified Zamboni at a total cost of \$175,000.</i>	<b>CARRIED.</b> Unanimously. R-2023-100

6.5	CFO Report – UBCM Complete Communities Funding Application <b>M/S Anstett/Davenport</b> <i>THAT, Council supports application to the UBCM Complete Communities Fund in the amount of \$79,500; and provide management of the grant to accomplish proposed activities including develop metrics, conducting analysis and providing mapping as detailed in the application.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-101
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
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## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

<b>FOR ACTION</b>		
7.1	Heidi Scribner, Administrator & Board Secretary, MIA – MIABC Voting Delegate <b>M/S Roden/Lambert</b> <i>THAT, Council approve Mayor Barbara Roden as Voting Delegate, Councillor Jonah Anstett as Alternate Delegate #1 and Councillor Jessica Clement as Alternate Delegate #2 for MIABC.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-102
7.2	Jim Duncan, WRAPS – Request permission to close Railway Avenue between 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> Streets July 1 <sup>st</sup> from 9 am until 2 pm for Canada Day Celebrations <b>M/S Lambert/Davenport</b> <i>THAT, Council approves the request by WRAPS to close Railway Avenue between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets from 9 am until 2 pm for Canada Day Celebrations.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-103
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
7.3	Teck/Highland Valley Copper Operations – HVC 2040 Project Update	
7.4	Teck/Highland Valley Copper Operations – Response to CNR Transload Facility – Letter has been sent directly to CNR.	
7.5	School District No. 74 – Board Bulletin – Highlights from June 2023 Congrats to all the grads of 2023. Mayor Roden congratulated the 2023 Graduates of School District No.74	
	Items 7.3-7.5 Received for information	

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

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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 26, 2023, at 7:08 pm.

Certified to be a true and copy of the Minutes  
for the Regular Meeting of Council held  
Monday June 26, 2023.

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Kris Hardy,  
Executive Assistant

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Barbara Roden,  
Mayor



## INFORMATION FOR DELEGATIONS

In order to appear before Council as a delegation, please take the time to complete this form. It will help you in providing Council and staff with an overview of your presentation and the key points you wish to bring to their attention. We ask that you keep your presentation to a MAXIMUM of ten (10) minutes so that there will be a reasonable amount of time for Council to address any questions that may arise. Delegations are generally scheduled for Committee of the Whole meetings that are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month, however exceptions are reviewed on a case by case basis.

1. Name of Organization or Group (if applicable): DAWSON ROAD MAINTENANCE
2. Name(s) and title(s) of Person(s) making presentation: ELCY LEPAGE (DIV. MANAGER)  
CHRIS ROTTLOFF (OPERATIONS MANAGER)
3. The topic of your presentation: INFORMATION ONLY  
ON SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATE - ROAD MAINTENANCE.
4. What are you seeking from Council as a result of your delegation's presentation? (i.e. funding, a letter of support, a change in a bylaw or policy, to provide information only):  
  
INFORMATION ONLY
5. If you or your group are seeking some form of financial assistance, please explain why you feel that the Village should be funding your request:
6. If seeking financial assistance please attach a budget for your project and expected sources of revenue.
7. If you require a power-point projector or other presentation tool, please advise staff in advance. Paper copies of your presentation should be brought as back up in case of system failure.
8. If you have additional printed materials that you would like Council to read as support for your presentation, please have 7 copies delivered to the office NO LATER THAN the Thursday morning prior to your date of presentation. This will ensure that all Council members receive your materials prior to the meeting and can be better informed as to the background of your presentation.
9. Date requested to make presentation: JULY 24 / 2023  
Alternate date (if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_
10. You should not expect a decision from Council the same night as your presentation unless it is a time sensitive item.

Thank you for taking the time to prepare yourself and Council members for your presentation. This form and attachments can be dropped off at the Village Office or emailed to [admin@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:admin@ashcroftbc.ca)

## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

**MEETING DATE:** July 24, 2023  
**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Curling Club - Agreement to Occupy Renewal

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### **Purpose**

Request Council approval to renew the Ashcroft & District Curling Clubs Agreement to Occupy for the Village owned Curling Club facility.

### **Recommendation**

*THAT, Council endorses the renewal of the Agreement to Occupy between the Village of Ashcroft and the Ashcroft & District Curling Club for a two-year term ending August 1, 2025.*

### **Alternatives**

NA

### **Discussion**

In 2020 Council directed staff to negotiate a new lease agreement with the Ashcroft & District Curling Club. At that time, it was mutually agreed to sign a simplified lease established as an Agreement to Occupy. The agreement states the terms in a succinct manor eliminating any ambiguity. Both the Curling Club and Village staff prefer the Agreement to Occupy format for the lease.

The Curling Club is actively applying for grant funding to upgrade portions of the facility in hopes of reducing operational costs. It is common for grant funding organizations to require a copy of the lease to be included in the grant application package for consideration.

The current agreement is expired and requires renewal, to that end, the Agreement to Occupy renewal is before Council for consideration.

### **Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

Management of Village Recreational Property

### **Legislative Authority**

### **Financial Implications**

### **Attachment Listing**

Agreement to Occupy

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### **Respectfully Submitted By:**



Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer



## AGREEMENT TO OCCUPY

BETWEEN:

The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft  
PO Box 129  
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0 (the "Landlord")

AND:

The Ashcroft & District Curling Club (#50012537)  
PO Box 586  
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0 (the "Tenant")

This Agreement to Occupy relates to the lands and premises commonly known as the Ashcroft & District Curling Club and is legally described as:

**PID #007-645-821**

**Lot B, District Lot 423, Kamloops Division of Yale District, Plan 21058**

Both parties agree to the following terms and conditions:

The Tenant:

1. Has the rights to continue to occupy and use the facilities for the period July 24, 2023 up to and including August 1, 2025;
2. Will continue to maintain a policy of general public liability insurance in the amount of not less than Three Million (\$3,000,000) dollars;
3. Will continue to maintain a policy of all risk property insurance in respect of their personal property and equipment located in or on the premises;
4. Will pay all operating costs including but not limited to property taxes (frontage taxes only), water, sewer, solid waste, gas, oil, telephone, hydro and other utilities once equipment is operational and curling has begun;
5. Will carry out the regular maintenance on the equipment and building to allow the safe operation and participation in the facility;
6. Will advise the Village of any deficiencies or significant repairs that are required;
7. Will ensure that all safety regulations are followed;
8. Will ensure that the society remains in good standing with the BC Registrar of Companies;
9. Will ensure that financial statements are provided to the Village on an annual basis;
10. Will conduct a walk through with the village Director of Public Works to identify issues and collaboratively formulate a list of items to work on for the period of occupancy.

The Landlord:

1. Will work with the tenant to identify maintenance issues, formulate a list and follow up on repairs at the end of the term.
2. Will contact WorkSafe and Technical Safety BC to obtain clarity on operational matters after installation of the new equipment.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.

For the Village of Ashcroft:

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Barbara Roden,  
Mayor

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

For the Ashcroft & District Curling Club:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Hilda Jones,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Janet Quesnel,



## INTER-COMMUNITY BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

### QUARTERLY SUMMARY FOR ASHCROFT COUNCIL

**March 27 to June 30, 2023**

Dear Ashcroft Council members,

I am presenting a synopsis today of my first three months as the Bylaw Enforcement Officer. I have included monthly graph of the types of complaints and files that I have dealt with as well as how many are open and those that have been close. As you can see by the graph, I have completed many fire pit inspections. One thing that I noticed was that for those that had fire pit approvals from previous years, had to fill out the same form all over again. With your approval I was able create, with the help of Daniella, a renewal form so that it would streamline the process in future years. I have to say that you have great staff here in the Ashcroft Village Office, for without their knowledge and patience, I would have not been able to progress in this role. They have also connected me with some great resources since most of them know this community so well and the people in it.

Speaking of resources, thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend the LIBOA conference in May/June, I was able to meet other partners that were willing to assist me. I am slowly learning on how to focus my limited time of two days a week here in Ashcroft in a productive way. One of the partners that I work closely with is our Ashcroft RCMP members as we sometimes have similar files, as they get complaints that are bylaw related. They are there to assist me if the individual(s) that I need to deal with are known to be difficult. I hope that what you have seen and/or heard about me in the last few months have been mostly positive as I am doing my best to fulfill the requirements of this role. I am more than willing to answer any questions you might have about what I have accomplished as well as what is going to be expected of me in the coming months.

**REGGIE AMYOTTE**  
**Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer**

Village of Ashcroft  
PO Box 129  
601 Bancroft Street  
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

Village of Cache Creek  
PO Box 7  
389 Quartz Road  
Cache Creek, BC V0K 1H0

Village of Clinton  
PO Box 309  
1423 Highway 97  
Clinton, BC V0K 1K0

Contact: Email: [Bylaw@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:Bylaw@ashcroftbc.ca) Cell: 236-597-1607



## MONTHLY BYLAW REPORT

Task	Week 1 23-03-27 to 31			Week 2 23-04-03 to 07			Week 3 23-04-10 to 14			Week 4 23-04-17 to 21			Week 5 23-04-24 to 28		
	Open	Closed		Open	Closed		Open	Closed		Open	Closed		Open	Closed	
Dog Complaints	0	0		0	0		1	0		0	1		0	0	
Unsanitary Complaints	0	0		1	0		2	0		3	0		4	0	
Watering	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
Business License	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
Noise Complaints	1	0		0	0		0	1		1	0		1	0	
Derelict Vehicles	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
Fire Pit Inspections	0	0		2	0		2	0		2	0		0	0	
Fire Hazards	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
Outdoor burning	0	0		0	0		0	0		1	1		0	0	
OTHER	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	

## MONTHLY BYLAW REPORT

Task	Week 1 May 01- 07		Week 2 May 08 - 14		Week 3 May 15 - 21		Week 4 May 22 - 28		Week 5 May 29 - June 04	
	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed	Open	Closed
Dog Complaints	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Unsanitary Complaints	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0
Watering	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	0
Business License	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noise Complaints	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Derelict Vehicles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Pit Inspections	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fire Hazards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Outdoor burning	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OTHER	2	2	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

Monthly Synopsis:

## MONTHLY BYLAW REPORT

Task	Week 1			Week 2			Week 3			Week 4		
	June 05 - June 11			June 12 - June 18			June 19 - June 25			June 26 - July 01		
	Open	Closed		Open	Closed		Open	Closed		Open	Closed	
Dog Complaints	1	1		0	0		0	0		0	0	
Unsanitary Complaints	4	2		3	0		4	0		3	2	
Watering	1	1		0	0		0	0		0	0	
Business License	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
Noise Complaints	1	1		0	0		0	0		0	0	
Derelict Vehicles	0	0		1	0		1	0		1	1	
Fire Pit Inspections	2	2		0	0		0	0		0	0	
Fire Hazards	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
Outdoor burning	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
Parking Violations	1	1		2	2		0	0		1	1	
Living in trailer	1	0		1	0		1	0		2	1	
	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0	
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	

Monthly Synopsis:



## STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

**MEETING DATE:** July 24, 2023  
**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Agricultural Land Commission – Exclusion

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### **Purpose**

For Information

### **Recommendation**

N/A

### **Alternatives**

NA

### **Discussion**

After over three years of paper work and a lot of waiting, the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) has unanimously approved the exclusion of .622 hectares of land from the ALR .622 ha which contains the underground treated water reservoir for the Village on property owned by Desert Hills Ranch. There is one condition, the Village must submit another surveyed plan of the lot to the Commission upon which the Commission will advise the Registrar of Land Titles that the property has been excluded from the ALR.

Of note, under Section 33.1 of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (ALCA), the Chair of the ALC has 60 days to review this decision and determine if it should be reconsidered by the Executive Committee in accordance with the ALCA. If this is the case, the Village will be notified of the decision. Therefore, the ALC advises applicants to consider the 60 day review period prior to acting upon the decision.

Next steps for the Village are to have our surveyors complete a final survey of the subject parcel and for the property owners to move forward with subdivision process through the TNRD. Once the parcel is subdivided, and the 60-day review period is over, we can move forward with the purchase.

In addition, the ALC is recommending the existing portion of the lot (pan handle on Schedule A) owned by the village be considered for exclusion application. It was noted during the hearing that this portion of land was not previously excluded from the ALC.

### **Strategic/Municipal Objectives**

Water Delivery and Supply

### **Legislative Authority**

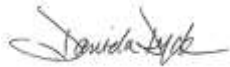
### **Financial Implications**

### **Attachment Listing**

ALC Decision

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**Respectfully Submitted By:**



Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer



July 19, 2023

ALC File: 63777

**Daniela Dyck  
Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft  
DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY**

Dear Daniela Dyck:

**Re: Reasons for Decision - ALC Application 63777**

Please find attached the Reasons for Decision of the Interior Panel for the above noted application (Resolution #352/2023). As agent, it is your responsibility to notify the applicant accordingly.

Please note that the submission of a \$150 administrative fee may be required for the administration, processing, preparation, review, execution, filing or registration of documents required as a condition of the attached Decision in accordance with s. 11(2)(b) of the ALR General Regulation.

Under section 33.1 of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* ("ALCA"), the Chair of the Agricultural Land Commission (the "Commission") has 60 days to review this decision and determine if it should be reconsidered by the Executive Committee in accordance with the ALCA. You will be notified in writing if the Chair directs the reconsideration of this decision. The Commission therefore advises that you consider this 60 day review period prior to acting upon this decision.

Under section 33 of the ALCA, a person affected by a decision (e.g. the applicant) may submit a request for reconsideration. A request to reconsider must now meet the following criteria:

- No previous request by an affected person has been made, and
- The request provides either:
  - Evidence that was not available at the time of the original decision that has become available, and that could not have been available at the time of the original decision had the applicant exercised due diligence, or
  - Evidence that all or part of the original decision was based on evidence that was in error or was false.

The time limit for requesting reconsideration of a decision is one year from the date of the decision's release, as per [ALC Policy P-08: Request for Reconsideration](#).

Please refer to the ALC's [Information Bulletin 08 – Request for Reconsideration](#) for more information.

Please direct further correspondence with respect to this application to [ALC.Interior@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ALC.Interior@gov.bc.ca)

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Walton', written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Walton, Land Use Planner

Enclosures:           Reasons for Decision (Resolution #352/2023)  
                              Schedule A: Decision Map

cc: Thompson Nicola Regional District (File: ALR 203). Attention: Urszula Walus

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**AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION FILE 63777**  
**REASONS FOR DECISION OF THE INTERIOR PANEL**

Exclusion Application Submitted Under s.29(1) of the Agricultural Land  
Commission Act

<b>Landowners:</b>	Randall Porter Deanna Porter
<b>Applicant:</b>	Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft
<b>Agent:</b>	Daniela Dyck, Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft
<b>Property:</b>	Parcel Identifier: 012-995-011 Legal Description: That portion of the East ½ of the East ½ of Section 32 which is not contained within the limits of District Lot 378 Kamloops division Yale District; Township 20 Range 24 West of the 6th Meridian Kamloops Division Yale District Except Plans B12604, 28996 and H659 Civic: Ashcroft, BC



Area: 61.99 ha (entirely within the ALR)

**Panel:**

Richard Mumford, Interior Panel Chair

Robert Haywood-Farmer

## **OVERVIEW**

- [1] The Property is located within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) as defined in s. 1 of the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* (ALCA).
- [2] The Applicant is applying to the Agricultural Land Commission (the "Commission" or "ALC") under s. 29(1) of the ALCA to exclude ~0.622 ha of land from the ALR that contains an underground treated water reservoir (the "Existing Reservoir") for the Village of Ashcroft on the Property owned by Desert Hills Ranch (the "Proposal").
- [3] The Proposal was considered in the context of the purposes and priorities of the Commission set out in s. 6 of the ALCA:

6 (1) The following are the purposes of the commission:

- (a) to preserve the agricultural land reserve;
  - (b) to encourage farming of land within the agricultural land reserve in collaboration with other communities of interest; and,
  - (c) to encourage local governments, first nations, the government and its agents to enable and accommodate farm use of land within the agricultural land reserve and uses compatible with agriculture in their plans, bylaws and policies.
- (2) The commission, to fulfill its purposes under subsection (1), must give priority to protecting and enhancing all of the following in exercising its powers and performing its duties under this Act:

- (a) the size, integrity and continuity of the land base of the agricultural land reserve;
- (b) the use of the agricultural land reserve for farm use.

### **EVIDENTIARY RECORD**

- [4] The Proposal, along with related documentation from the Applicant, Agent, local government, and Commission is collectively referred to as the "Application". All documentation in the Application was disclosed to the Agent in advance of this decision.
- [5] On March 31, 2023, the Commission provided a Notice of Exclusion Meeting to the Agent and the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (the "TNRD"). On April 13, 2023, the Panel conducted a virtual meeting with the Agent (the "Exclusion Meeting"). An exclusion meeting report was prepared by the Commission and was certified as accurately reflecting the observations and discussions of the Exclusion Meeting by the Agent on May 1, 2023 (the "Exclusion Meeting Report").

**BACKGROUND**

- [6] In 2019, the Village of Ashcroft discovered that the Existing Reservoir servicing Ashcroft residents extends onto the Property owned by Desert Hills Ranch.
- [7] The Application material indicates that the Village of Ashcroft has made the Application to both resolve the encroachment of the Existing Reservoir and to use the proposed exclusion area for future water utilities.
- [8] If the Proposal is approved, the Applicant submits that Desert Hills Ranch will subdivide and sell the proposed exclusion area to the Village of Ashcroft. The Application material indicates that the Village of Ashcroft intends to construct a second underground reservoir adjacent to the Existing Reservoir within the proposed exclusion area to meet the growing needs of the community.
- [9] The TNRD Board Report dated May 19, 2022 states that the Proposal is consistent with the current zoning bylaw of RL-1: Rural in the TNRD Zoning Bylaw 2400 and the designation as Agriculture in the Ashcroft-Cache Creek OCP. While the proposed exclusion area does not meet the minimum parcel area of 4 ha for the RL-1 zone, s 3.18 of the TNRD Zoning Bylaw prescribes that utility delivery infrastructure such as a water reservoir is exempt from meeting minimum parcel area requirements. As such, a rezoning application



would not be required to facilitate the subdivision of the proposed exclusion area.

- [10] At its meeting of May 19, 2022, the TNRD Board resolved to forward the Application to the Commission with a recommendation for approval.

### **ANALYSIS AND FINDINGS**

- [11] The Application material states that north Ashcroft requires a second underground reservoir to secure water supply for the current residents, future community growth, and fire suppression. The Application material submits that the Village of Ashcroft dealt with two major wildfires in 2017 and 2021 and that a second underground reservoir would be important for future fire protection. In addition, the Application material indicates that the Ashcroft Indian Band, located south of the proposed exclusion area, does not have a sufficient supply of potable water and that the Village of Ashcroft would be looking to provide the Ashcroft Indian Band with potable water.

- [12] The Application material indicates that there are two cultivated fields at the northern end of the Property that are typically used by Desert Hills Ranch for growing corn and onions. The Applicant submits that less than 1/8 of the Property is used for agricultural purposes due to the topography, climate, and the lack of water supply from precipitation. The Application material states that Desert Hills Ranch does not intend to

improve the proposed exclusion area as the land is not conducive to agriculture and increasing agricultural use would be cost-prohibitive.

- [13] To assess agricultural capability on the Property, the Panel referred to agricultural capability ratings. The ratings are identified using the Canada Land Inventory (CLI), 'Soil Capability Classification for Agriculture' system. The proposed exclusion area has an unimproved rating of predominantly 80% Class 6TE and 20% Class 7E (no improved rating given), and a small area of Class 5M (improvable to Class 1).

Class 1 - land is capable of producing the very widest range of crops. Soil and climate conditions are optimum, resulting in easy management.

Class 5 - land is capable of production of cultivated perennial forage crops and specially adapted crops. Soil and/or climate conditions severely limit capability.

Class 6 - land is important in its natural state as grazing land. These lands cannot be cultivated due to soil and/or climate limitations.

Class 7 - land has no capability for soil bound agriculture.

The limiting subclasses associated with this parcel of land are E (erosion), M (soil moisture), P (stoniness), and T (topographic limitations).

[14] The Panel notes that the proposed exclusion area possesses significant topographic limitations for agriculture. The Panel further considered the impact of the Proposal on the agricultural operations of Desert Hills Ranch and finds that given the small area requested, and the topographic limitations, that the proposed exclusion area would not negatively impact the agricultural use of the remainder of the Property by Desert Hills Ranch. Furthermore, the Panel recognizes the importance of the Proposal for providing both fire protection and potable water to the surrounding agricultural area and the Ashcroft Indian Band.

[15] In reviewing the Application, it came to the Panel's attention that the proposed exclusion area does not encompass the existing decommissioned reservoir that is located on an adjacent 0.12 ha parcel (PID: 004-448-782), owned by the Village of Ashcroft and within the ALR. The Panel brought this discrepancy to the Applicant's attention at the April 13, 2023 Exclusion Meeting. The Panel only considered the proposed exclusion area in this Application and advises that a new exclusion application would need to be submitted to exclude the decommissioned reservoir or any other area used for water utilities so that the entire area and infrastructure are not partially subject to the restrictions of the ALCA.

### **DECISION**

[16] For the reasons given above, the Panel approves the Proposal to exclude ~0.622 ha of land from the ALR subject to the following conditions:

- (a) the submission of a surveyed plan to the Commission, within three years of the date of the release of this decision, that is in compliance with Schedule A of this decision.

- [17] The Commission will advise the Registrar of Land Titles that the property has been excluded from the ALR when it has received confirmation that the conditions of approval have been met.
- [18] Should the above conditions of approval not be completed to the satisfaction of the ALC within the timeframe(s) specified, the approval will expire and a new application may be required.
- [19] This decision does not relieve the owner or occupier of the responsibility to comply with applicable Acts, regulations, bylaws of the local government, and decisions and orders of any person or body having jurisdiction over the land under an enactment.
- [20] These are the unanimous reasons of the Panel.
- [21] A decision of the Panel is a decision of the Commission pursuant to s. 11.1(3) of the ALCA.
- [22] Resolution #352/2023  
Released on July 19, 2023

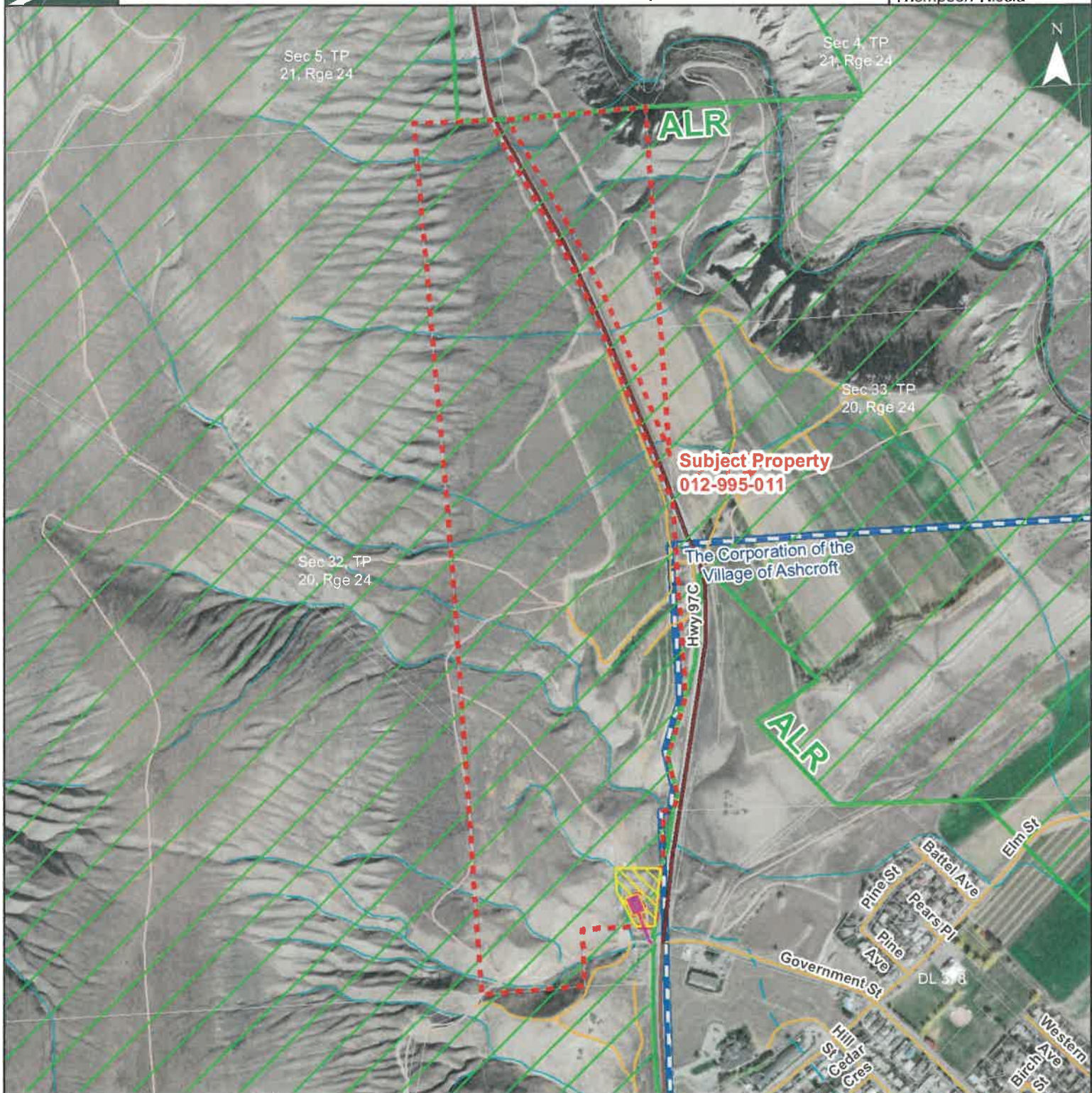


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**Richard Mumford, Panel Chair**

On behalf of the Interior Panel





ALC FILE NO: 63777	RESOLUTION NO: XXX/2023
MAP PRODUCED: July 5, 2023	
MAP SCALE: 1:10,000	
DATA SOURCES & NOTES: ALC, BCGW & ESRI / Maxar. Contains information licensed under Open Government License - British Columbia.	
Map for reference only. Accuracy not guaranteed.	

-  Conditionally Approved Exclusion Area (~0.622 ha)
-  PID 004-448-782
-  Agricultural Land Reserve
-  PMBC Parcel Cadastre





## MEMO TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

**MEETING DATE:** July 24, 2023  
**FROM:** Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer  
**SUBJECT:** Fire Hazard Awareness

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### **Purpose**

For Information

### **Discussion**

With the recent house fires on Western Ave. many concerns have been raised by Council members, staff and residents regarding community safety. Last weeks tragic loss of two homes has devastated two families and if it were not for the efforts of the Ashcroft and Cache Creek Fire Rescue Services the losses could have been much greater, to that end, we have to look at ways to proactively prevent fire spread in the village.

Fire mitigation efforts have been a priority for the Village, and we have developed a community fire protection strategy to protect the community from wildland urban interface fires (WUI), however, a shift towards fire guarding private property needs to be implemented particularly with climate change amplifying the risk. Some initiatives implemented to date include making FireSmart materials available to residents and recently the Village partnered with Desert Sands Community School to teach students the strategies and implementation of the FireSmart program as a first step.

Becoming a FireSmart community has been on the agenda for some time, application intake for the FireSmart program opens October 1, 2023, for the 2024 season and staff will be looking for Council approval to submit application. The challenge will be coordinating the program as it is more “boots on the ground” and will require property owner participation. Needless to say, public education will once again be the driving force with this project as residents learn about identifying and eliminating the risk on their property.

Effective ways the village can contribute to safeguarding property is to consider bringing in a chipping company to remediate vegetation adding to the fire risk for those participating in the FireSmart program, develop a policy indicating acceptable shrubs, trees, and other vegetation that will thrive in a desert, apply for FireSmart funding to implement the program including a FireSmart coordinator and lastly continue to apply for funding for the implementation our WUI protection strategies identified in the Villages Wildfire Protection Study.

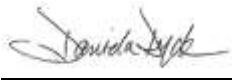
Other mitigating options include developing a Bylaw that encompasses a clear strategy for community safety and protects neighbourhoods from fire spread. The Bylaw should address items such as fuels and flammable liquids stored on private property, cedar hedges, dry grasses, leaves and other vegetation, firewood, and excessive unlicensed and/or derelict vehicles. However, although Bylaws provide excellent guidelines, private property rights often trump bylaw enforceability, therefore establishing property owner participation will be the key to successfully

reducing fire risk. Currently the only approach we have is through the Unsightly Premiss Bylaw which makes enforcement difficult.

As Council and staff move towards Strategic Planning and developing a plan for the next three years, community safety is surely to be at the forefront of much of the discussions and decisions made. This memo is for information only to inform Council and the community of actions taken to date and actions being considered for future fire risk mitigation efforts. Community safety is always a priority, sadly it is events such as those experienced last week that remind us of the importance of safeguarding the community not only from a municipal level but also from a private property perspective.

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**Respectfully Submitted By:**



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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer





Please join us this September for Prostate Cancer Awareness Month

Prostate Cancer Foundation BC and our support initiative, Prostate Cancer Support Canada, would like to request that you “Light up in Blue” for all or part of September to show support for the #1 cancer in men.

Our goal is to raise awareness about prostate cancer by having as many landmarks, buildings and bridges across Canada light up in blue.

We will be promoting our Light up in Blue on our social media platforms and through our newsletters that go out across Canada:

[#lightupinblue](#) [#prostatecancerawareness](#) [#showyourblue](#) [#prostatecancer](#)



To participate, please contact Shelley at Prostate Cancer Foundation BC  
[shelley@prostatecancerbc.ca](mailto:shelley@prostatecancerbc.ca)

Subject: Request for Road Closure for Ashcroft Farmers and Artisans Co-op Farmers' Market

Dear Ashcroft Village Council,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to you today on behalf of the Ashcroft Farmers and Artisans Co-op Farmer's Market to request the closure of Railway Ave between the inner corners of 6th St and 8th St (while maintaining access to the parking lots on either end) on Sundays from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm. This closure would occur until our closing market on October 22 2023.

This request comes from the observations and concerns raised by our co-op members who have encountered several issues while setting up our market stalls on the road facing the boardwalk. Allow me to outline these concerns and explain why road closure would greatly benefit our vendors and the community as a whole.

First and foremost, we have noticed that patrons and customers with mobility issues find the wood boardwalk difficult to navigate. The boardwalk has gaps and bumps, which pose a tripping hazard and increase the risk of falls. By closing Railway Ave and allowing vendors to set up directly on the road, we can provide a safer and more accessible environment for all attendees, regardless of their mobility.

Secondly, despite the village's diligent reminders to truckers not to use Railway Ave as an alternate route on Sundays, we continue to experience issues with semi-trucks driving directly behind our vendor stalls. This poses a significant safety concern, especially considering the increased foot and pedestrian traffic during market hours, including young children who accompany shoppers and vendor parents. The short stopping distance of these trucks is alarming, and vendors are unaware of the traffic behind them if they erect a rear sun shade, creating an unsafe situation. Closing the road would mitigate these risks and create a secure space for our market.

Furthermore, closing Railway Ave would enhance the ease of loading and unloading for our vendor stalls. Currently, the road closure would enable vendors to transport their goods more efficiently, minimizing disruptions and ensuring a smooth flow of operations. This streamlined process would contribute to a better overall experience for both vendors and customers.

Another significant advantage of closing the road is its potential to integrate the musical performances happening in front of Unitea Cafe with the market activities. By bringing

the musicians into the market area, we can create a more cohesive and vibrant atmosphere, enhancing the overall ambiance and drawing more people to both the market and the performances.

Lastly, the Ashcroft Farmers and Artisans Co-op Farmer's Market has been experiencing remarkable growth. On July 16, during our Kids Day event, we had 23 vendors. However, the boardwalk can only accommodate 12 spots, limiting our capacity to support our growing community of vendors. By closing Railway Ave, we would at least double the number of prime vendor spots available, allowing us to accommodate the increasing demand and continue fostering economic growth in our town.

In light of these concerns and opportunities, we kindly request that the council seriously consider our proposal to close Railway Ave between the inner corners of 6th St and 8th St on Sundays from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm for the market season. We believe that this decision will address the issues faced by our co-op members, ensure the safety of all participants, improve accessibility, and provide a conducive environment for growth.

We appreciate your time and attention to this matter. The Ashcroft Farmers and Artisans Co-op Farmers' Market, along with the entire community, would be grateful for your support in making our market a safer, more inclusive, and thriving hub for local produce, artisans, and cultural experiences. We are available to discuss this proposal further or provide any additional information required.

Thank you for your consideration, and we eagerly await your response.

Sincerely,

Alexandra Humes, Treasurer and Director of Business Operations

Taylor Hanson, Secretary and Director of Community Connections

Jheanelle Roebbelen, Vice president and Director of Media and Marketing

Chantal O'Hara President and Director of Vendor Relations

Ashcroft Farmers and Artisans Co-op  
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July 14, 2023

Mayor and Council

Village of Ashcroft

601 Bancroft Street, PO Box 129

Ashcroft, BC

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Dear Mayor and Council of the Village of Ashcroft:

We are writing to ask the Village of Ashcroft to show its support for local news media by following the example of the Province of British Columbia and the Federal and Quebec governments and stop all advertising with Meta platforms Facebook and Instagram. We are also asking that you direct staff to divert the portion of your advertising budget spent on Meta to invest in local news media.

The Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal needs your assistance to safeguard the ongoing ability of our journalists to continue to report freely on matters of public interest. Canadian media is facing unprecedented challenges that are affecting our ability to continue to publish journalism that readers can trust. Our huge audience growth over the past ten years isn't reflected in the advertising investment by governments and private corporations. As audience numbers continued to grow at an unprecedented pace, media investment supporting Canadian news organizations has dropped from 23.1 per cent in 2014 to a mere 5.7 per cent in a five-year span.



With the passage of Bill C-18, the Online News Act, Meta has announced it will remove all accredited news content from its pages rather than negotiate a fair deal with Canadian news media. Google has also indicated that unless its demands are met, it will deindex news organizations, making it impossible for Canadians to find local news sources using Google search.

More than ever, democratic principles are under attack from bad actors that spread information at a rate only made possible by algorithm-driven mega-companies like Meta that control almost every facet of our information networks.

Trusted news sources like the Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal are an important indicator of a thriving democracy. We've gained huge audiences by adding balance in an increasingly unbalanced world and by helping to communicate the work being done by many non-profit organizations, service clubs, business associations and individuals to build a better community for all. Black Press Media averages more than 4.1 million unique views a month on our news sites including the Ashcroft-Cache Creek Journal and we employ more BC-based journalists than any other BC news organization.

We ask that the Village of Ashcroft use its economic clout and join its provincial and Canadian counterparts and governments around the world that are taking a stand at this crucial time in history to proclaim that the power to decide how and what information is shared isn't the purview of an elite group of foreign-based players but should be in the hands of democratic governments and the people who elect them.

We thank you for your time and we trust the Village of Ashcroft will side with Canadian news media and the democratic principles that have shaped our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Dopf" or "Martina Dopf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a stylized "Dopf".

Martina Dopf

Group Publisher

Black Press Media, BC Central Interior

**From:** Stephen Covey <[stephen.covey@cn.ca](mailto:stephen.covey@cn.ca)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2023 10:45 AM  
**To:** Daniela Dyck <[cao@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:cao@ashcroftbc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Rail Safety Week 2023 | Proclamation request



[cn.ca](http://cn.ca)

Dear Ms. Dyck:

Every year, more than 2,100 North Americans are killed or seriously injured because of unsafe behaviour around tracks and trains. By adopting the attached draft proclamation, you can help raise awareness for rail safety in your community.

Working safely is, by far, the most important thing we do each day at CN. Every employee deserves to go home safely. Every community needs to know they will not be put in harm's way. At CN, we aspire to zero – zero fatalities, zero serious injuries, zero harm. We need your help. We firmly believe that all crossing and trespassing related incidents are preventable. By working together, we can help save lives.

Rail Safety Week will be held in Canada and the United States from September 18-24, 2023. This is an opportunity for us all to educate the public on rail safety. As a leader in your community, your council plays a key role in improving public awareness about the dangers around tracks and trains.

**Rail safety is a shared responsibility. We are asking you to engage with your communities about rail safety and to sign the enclosed proclamation highlighting your community's commitment to rail safety. We would like to publicly recognize your commitment. For us to do that, we ask that you please return the signed proclamation by e-mail to [Marie-Pier.Triganne@cn.ca](mailto:Marie-Pier.Triganne@cn.ca).**

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tyler Banick, your local CN Public Affairs representative, at [Tyler.Banick@cn.ca](mailto:Tyler.Banick@cn.ca)

For more information:

- Questions or concerns about rail safety in your community, contact our Public Inquiry Line at [1-888-888-5909](tel:1-888-888-5909)
- For additional information about Rail Safety Week 2023 visit [cn.ca/railsafety](http://cn.ca/railsafety) or [operationlifesaver.ca](http://operationlifesaver.ca)
- Let us know how you promote rail safety in your community by visiting [www.cn.ca/RSW2023](http://www.cn.ca/RSW2023)

Janet Drysdale

Stephen Covey

Senior Vice-President and Chief of Police and Chief Security Officer  
Chief, Stakeholder  
Relations Officer

Stakeholder Relations  
Officer



**RESOLUTION**  
**IN SUPPORT OF RAIL SAFETY WEEK**

**WHEREAS** *Rail Safety Week* is to be held across Canada from September 18 to 24, 2023;

**WHEREAS**, 232 railway crossing and trespassing incidents occurred in Canada in 2022; resulting in 66 avoidable fatalities and 43 avoidable serious injuries;

**WHEREAS**, educating and informing the public about rail safety (reminding the public that railway rights-of-way are private property, enhancing public awareness of the dangers associated with highway rail grade crossings, ensuring pedestrians and motorists are looking and listening while near railways, and obeying established traffic laws) will reduce the number of avoidable fatalities and injuries cause by incidents involving trains and citizens; and

**Whereas** Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work with the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

**Whereas** CN has requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality;

It is proposed by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_

seconded by Councillor \_\_\_\_\_

It is hereby **RESOLVED** to support national ***Rail Safety Week*** to be held from September 18 to 24, 2023.



[www.operationlifesaver.ca](http://www.operationlifesaver.ca)



**To:** Daniela Dyck <[cao@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:cao@ashcroftbc.ca)>  
**Cc:** EDT Village of Ashcroft <[edt@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:edt@ashcroftbc.ca)>  
**Subject:** RE: Letter of Support - Village of Ashcroft

Hi Daniela,

We have attached a high level executive summary for the village of Ashcroft, and we have provided the information we can share without an NDA, and would be happy to get on a call after the next Council meeting is on July 24<sup>th</sup>

We are not seeking grant funding, but EBC tax credits for BC residents, and EBC dept has stated that we need (2) letter of support saying we are a **unique business** in the Community to become registered as an EBC.

Best,

Mark Kiddell  
Director  
EarthRock Ventures Inc.  
Victoria, BC  
604 729 9463

## Executive Summary

**EarthRock Ventures Inc.** (ERV) is a BC incorporated company, focused on developing and implementing GHG emission reduction and carbon dioxide removal projects using engineered fertilizer solutions and soil amendments for agricultural lands.

ERV seeks to address the urgent need to reduce the release of greenhouse gas emissions and other carbon dioxide equivalent gases to the atmosphere by leveraging the best available technologies and agricultural practices to help fight climate change. The core mission is to facilitate profitable agriculture with sustainable practices that harness the full benefits of next-generation fertilizers and soil amendments, utilizing the soil's natural ability to compound the benefits (1+1=3).


The company will achieve its goals through large-scale applications of innovative carbon-neutral technologies, including nano-based fertilizer products and organic materials such as mineral fines, biochar and soil probiotics. The combined application of these and other beneficiating components (established with the farmers through soil characterization and target crops) provides compounding benefits to the farmlands at a reduced cost to the farmer and a reduced impact to the environment.

With the motto "Healthy Soil, Healthy Planet", the company is dedicated to fighting climate change through the utilization of cutting-edge technologies and sustainable soil management practices that make a positive impact on the environment and provide commercial benefits to participating farmers. ERV's founding partners, **Mark Kiddell** and **Ken Palko** believe that collaboration, partnership, and collective efforts can make a difference in addressing climate change.

The coordinated deployment of these organic fertilizers and soil amendments to farmlands will improve overall soil health and crop yields year after year, with less nitrogen released and reduced greenhouse gas emissions, showing a path for others to help fight climate change and provide for a more resilient and sustainable planet for the next generation.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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**Mark Kiddell**  
Co-Founder, EarthRock Ventures Inc.



**Ken Palko, P.Eng**  
Co-Founder, EarthRock Ventures Inc.



*Thank you*

Dear: Village of Ashcroft

Thank you for your generous donation.

I am honored to have been selected for the Village of Ashcroft bursary.

After graduation I plan on using the money for my school expenses, this will allow me to put my other money elsewhere. Being able to put my other money elsewhere, like my new apartment and house hold essentials lifts a massive weight off my shoulders. so thank you again

Sincerely, Gabrielle L.

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THE CORPORATION VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT



*Thank you*

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To: The Village of Ashcroft

Thank you for awarding the Village of Ashcroft Bursary to me. I plan to use the bursary to pay for my studies as I take a Bachelor of Business Administration. After I hope to go into Government and bring more money to small communities especially to Volunteer fire departments.

Thank you so much for awarding me this Bursary

Sincerely,

Jacob.W Aie

**From:** Kellett, Leslie <[Leslie.Kellett@princegeorge.ca](mailto:Leslie.Kellett@princegeorge.ca)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, June 28, 2023 2:47 PM

**Subject:** City of Prince George Resolution Submission to 2023 UBCM Convention

Good afternoon, Mayor and Council,

At the June 26, 2023 regular council meeting, City of Prince George Council approved submitting a resolution to the 2023 UBCM Convention regarding “Reimbursing Local Governments for Medical Services Provided by Local Government Fire and Rescue Services” and further resolved to share this resolution with UBCM member municipalities.

We appreciate your consideration to support this resolution at the 2023 UBCM Convention.

Sincerely,



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**Reimbursing Local Governments for Medical Services Provided by Local Government Fire and Rescue Service**

*WHEREAS communities across British Columbia are facing a significant increase in calls to respond to emergency medical incidents;*

*AND WHEREAS local governments provide for their fire departments to support prehospital patient care in their community by providing emergency medical services that assist the Provincial Government's BC Ambulance Service;*

*AND WHEREAS the costs associated with supporting prehospital care by local government fire departments has increased significantly in relation to response hours and increased use of first aid and other medical supplies and that such costs are funded solely through local government property taxation;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government develop a funding model to compensate local governments who provide emergency medical services through their fire and rescue services fulfilling the responsibility of the provincial government with consideration given to community population and the fire department's authorized level of emergency medical response.*

# CITY OF SURREY

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

July 4, 2023

Mayor and Council  
City of Ashcroft (Village)  
Box 129,  
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

By email: [admin@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:admin@ashcroftbc.ca)

Dear Mayor and Council,

It is important for local governments to know the impact of the Surrey Police Transition on your city, town or regional district, should it go ahead.



**BRENDA LOCKE**  
MAYOR

MAYOR@SURREY.CA

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As you may know, Surrey Council voted to keep the RCMP as the police of jurisdiction (POJ). We communicated our decision to the Solicitor General (SG) who, continued to “recommend” that the city stay with the transition to the Surrey Police Service (SPS), but asked that the City choose between two options,

- 1) To continue the transition to the SPS with no evaluation of the SPS model.
- 2) To stay with the RCMP as the POJ with conditions.

The Premier, the SG and the Ministry’s report recognize that it is the role of municipalities to choose their policing model. The SGs’ authority under the Act is a safety net if the “adequate and effective” policing standard is not met. It does not grant the SG the authority to impose hundreds of millions of dollars’ worth of costs into the municipal budget on a political whim.

I am writing to you today for two reasons.

**Firstly**, is to express my deep concern for the statements made by the provincial government and the Solicitor General suggesting that should Surrey remain with the RCMP would create a public safety crisis; this is not truthful.

In fact, the ministry’s own report states *“It is not based on a failure by police to deliver adequate and effective policing nor a failure in public safety. Quite the opposite is true, front-line officers in the SPS and the RCMP are working hard to serve those who reside in and visit Surrey”*. It went on to say *“This Director’s Report is not a comparative assessment of the two police models. It is also not intended to provide a comprehensive assessment of the impacts of continuing with the current police transition to the SPS.”*

This interference should have significant concern to local government if the SG establishes a precedent of indiscriminately imposing massive costs onto municipal government with no rationale other than vaguely referencing public safety concerns.



Adequate and effective policing is in place in our city and our province, and for the Premier and the Solicitor General to infer there is a public safety crisis is not supported by data.

The central fear articulated by the premier and SG is the sudden dissolution of the SPS may lead to a walk out. The SPS Board has provided assurances that the SPS officers will remain on duty. Because the SPS Board reports to the province (not the city), they will take its instructions from the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Public Safety. One simple mandate letter from the province would remove the only concern for this public safety threat.

On the other hand, approving the SPS would create massive pressure on policing in the province, which would not exist if we remained with the RCMP. The only police training facility in the province, the JIBC, was past its capacity to meet the needs of municipal policing in BC even before the SPS was established. It is also important to recognize that police officer training at the JIBC has been under scrutiny. In order to properly address the police training needs in British Columbia would require expanding the JIBC. To date, the provincial budget has not addressed this expensive and time-consuming need. Waiting years for the JIBC training to fill the SPS cadet requirement will not only cost Surrey millions in time delays, but it will also impact other municipal police forces who cannot get seats at the JIBC.

Therefore, the only other route to full capacity for the SPS is hiring experienced police officers from your communities as they have done to date.

If the SG were to impose the SPS on Surrey, I would strongly recommend you communicate directly to the SG that you expect him to impose the same "public safety" restrictions on the SPS hiring from LMD communities as he has placed on the RCMP.

**Secondly**, and perhaps more important to local governments, is the financial and human resource impact that continuing with the Surrey Police Transition will have on every city, town, transit police and regional district in the province.

The SG's plan to move forward with the SPS will cost you financially if you are currently an RCMP jurisdiction. As RCMP divisional administrative costs are shared costs among all RCMP jurisdictions, so far it is estimated that because of the size of the Surrey detachment, your policing costs will increase by up to 7%.

If you are served by a municipal police force, it is important to know that the provincially appointed Surrey Police Board signed the richest collective agreement in Canada. This agreement will likely impact all future municipal police board negotiations.

The Surrey RCMP requires approx. 170 officers to return to full complement. Over 80 SPS officers have expressed interest in making this move according to the Officer in Charge. Further, the RCMP has stated that they can and will accommodate the human resource needs, not only to Surrey, but throughout the region, with the new recruiting and experienced officer programs.

In contrast, the Surrey Police Service (SPS) requires over 400 additional officers beyond those hired to date, to get to full strength. Although the province recognized the scope of the Surrey police transition from the beginning, they did not increase the funding to the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) in order to accommodate the officer training needed. The reality is that, just as the SPS has done to date, the vast majority of the SPS hires will come by recruiting from the RCMP, TransLink and other municipal forces throughout the province.



**In closing,**

My concern is the duplicity of the provincial government on this matter. The Ministry report and SG explicitly stated that we had two choices - to remain with the RCMP or the SPS - and conditions to meet with either option.

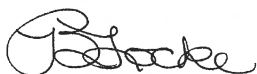
Based on the facts we examined, we chose the RCMP - with a more significant majority of council than we had originally - and we have committed to meeting the binding conditions.

The SGs' response is to move the goalposts and claim the need to review the plan and potentially overturn the council decision. I have offered to work with the province to ensure the requirements are met, and the province refuses to acknowledge the offer.

As local government leaders, we need to stand up for our authority under the Police Act. Like with your municipality, Surrey Council knows our community best. We cannot allow a "manufactured crisis" to drive a significant and costly public safety decision that will impact generations to come.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Brenda Locke  
Mayor





# WORKING TO ADDRESS RACISM

For over a decade Gold Trail School District has been seeking to learn, understand and address the layers of racism that impact the achievement and success of Indigenous learners in this district. This year we committed to sharing with you what we are doing to improve the learning experiences for Indigenous learners in Gold Trail.

## EMPLOYMENT

The district is working to increase the number of employees who are of Indigenous ancestry. 26% of employees are of Indigenous ancestry while 64% of students are. We know it is important for students to see themselves in their environment. In an effort to understand and address bias in hiring practices the district has:

- A Human Rights Exemption from the BC Human Rights Tribunal. This exemption allows the district to adapt our hiring practices in an effort to hiring highly qualified Indigenous employees in all positions.
- First Peoples Education Council reviews and recommends changes for postings, interview questions and hiring practices that reflect colonization and bias.
- A First Peoples Education Council representative participates in interviews.



## HIGH STANDARDS

In the past, Indigenous learners were placed into courses that limited their options after graduation. To maintain high standards for ourselves and the students we serve, Gold Trail is working to eliminate areas where expectations can be lowered:

- Caregiver and district approval required for a student to graduate with an Evergreen diploma.
- Only students 19 years of age, with caregiver consent can graduate with an Adult Degree.
- Workplace and Apprenticeship Math 10 has been removed from the course options in Gold Trail. For the 2023/24 school year, Workplace and Apprenticeship Grade 11 and 12 will also be removed. This is a course that often requires students to engage in upgrading in post-secondary school.
- Schools in Gold Trail are proud to offer only English First Peoples 10, 11 and 12 courses. The district believes it is important for each student to graduate from Gold Trail with an understanding of the history and present reality of Canada towards First Nations and Indigenous peoples in Canada, the local language and culture and the richness of these cultures, languages and peoples.



## BUILDING CAPACITY

As Gold Trail seeks to understand and address the systemic and personal racism that negatively affects the students we serve, education is critical for everyone in Gold Trail. We are appreciative of the individuals and organizations that support us in this learning: members of the First Peoples Education Council, local First Nation communities who host Culture Camps, Nlaka'pamux, Secwépemc, and St'at'imc Elders and Knowledge Keepers, Ilsa Govan and Caprice Hollins of Cultures Connecting, Jo Chrona, and Dr. Dustin Louie. We also thank staff and students who have shared their voices and experiences.



## NEXT STEPS

This is ongoing work, our next steps for the 2023-2024 school year are:

- Schools will review library resources/materials to ensure materials reflect diversity and that the content within those resources are appropriate
- Schools will review play materials in primary learning environments to ensure the materials in classrooms reflect diversity
- Cultures Connecting will be working with secondary students and school staffs on anti-racism

*This has been and continues to be difficult work but we are committed to it. We would appreciate your feedback if you have recommendations on next steps as we seek to address systemic racism in Gold Trail.*





# School District No. 74 (Gold Trail)

Our Goals: Success ♦ Reconciliation ♦ Team ♦ Communication ♦ Sustainability

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## A Message from the Board of Education

June 28, 2023

This week, the 2022-2023 school year will come to an end. It is a bittersweet end as it has been a year of highs, lows, successes and sorrows. We want to express our appreciation to the students, staff, families and communities we serve for allowing us to be a part of your year.

One of the goals of our strategic plan is *Team: We have a great team, they feel valued and supported in their work*. At this time of the year, when we reflect on the last year, we are thinking about the wonderful Gold Trail team.

Thank you to the members of the Gold Trail team who worked extremely hard this year to create a positive and productive learning and working environment despite staffing uncertainty and shortages, crisis and local emergencies. We value all that you do, each day.

Often when we talk about team in Gold Trail, we are referring to the great people employed by Gold Trail. However, this year has reminded us of the larger Gold Trail team, those individuals, families, organizations, businesses and communities who support students, staff and schools. We also want to thank you for the services and assistance that you provide.

A few examples from a long list of generosity are:

- Local First Nation communities who hosted Gold Trail staff and supported our collective learning through Culture Camps
- Sun Country Community Futures providing the *Welcome to the Community Award* to support the recruitment of teachers
- Local counsellors and service providers who assisted students and staff during times of crisis
- Community coaches who support sports teams
- The families, businesses and organizations that provide scholarships and bursaries to graduates.

While each of the communities across the district are unique, one of the commonalities shared across this district is the deep care and commitment shown to students and schools. We are honoured to play such an important role in the growth and development of children and this work is enriched by your contributions, thank you.

Sincerely,

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

LARRY CASPER  
Co-Chair

CARMEN RANTA  
Co-Chair

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VIA EMAIL

Ref. 59591

July 11, 2023

Her Worship Barbara Roden  
Mayor of the Village of Ashcroft  
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Email: [cao@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:cao@ashcroftbc.ca); [broden@ashcroftbc.ca](mailto:broden@ashcroftbc.ca)

Dear Mayor Roden:

Your correspondence of June 8, 2023, addressed to Premier David Eby, regarding support for the Thompson's View Manor Society's proposal for an affordable seniors housing complex in Ashcroft, has been referred to me. As Minister of Housing, I am pleased to respond.

The housing crisis has put extreme pressure on renters in every community across British Columbia, particularly for seniors on fixed incomes. A project such as this one will ensure seniors have the option to remain in their community where they have access to their established support network.

I commend you for lending your valuable support to this seniors housing project and for your commitment to addressing the need for more affordable housing in your community.

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Her Worship Barbara Roden  
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I wish you and the Thompson's View Society success for this proposal.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ravi Kahlon', with a stylized, cursive script.

Ravi Kahlon  
Minister of Housing

pc: The Honourable David Eby, KC



## THE CURRENT | TNRD BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District [Board of Directors Meeting of July 13, 2023](#)

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The TNRD held its Board of Directors Meeting in the Twin Rivers Boardroom of the TNRD Civic Building in Kamloops, B.C. The meeting was held in-person and via Zoom, and a recording of the meeting was uploaded to the TNRD's YouTube channel. You can view the recording [here](#).

### **Delegation: BC Wildfire Service**

The Board received a verbal presentation from Kurtis Isfeld, Kamloops Fire Centre Director of Operations, and Jerrad Schroeder, Wildfire Training Specialist of the BC Wildfire Service (BCWS). These BCWS staff members answered various questions from the Board and provided an outlook for the remainder of the fire season in the Thompson-Nicola region, stating that a number of wildfires have been dealt with in recent days and that ample resources are available despite wildfire challenges in the North.

### **Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2815**

The Board adopted Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2815, following a public hearing that took place on July 12, 2023 at the TNRD Civic Building, with amendments to remove sections 3.12, 3.13 and 3.14, relating to secondary suites in resort homes and cottages. This bylaw amendment makes a number of provisions and minor clarifications to Zoning Bylaw 2400, and this process is undertaken by the TNRD approximately every two to three years. Read the report [here](#).

### **Floodplain Management Bylaw**

The Board adopted Floodplain Management Bylaw 2828. The new standalone Floodplain Management Bylaw stipulates minimum setbacks and elevations from watercourses, and these regulations were formerly incorporated into Zoning Bylaw 2400. Having a standalone floodplain bylaw will allow any future amendments to be brought for adoption by the Board more efficiently. Read the report [here](#).

### **Green Lake and Area OCP Bylaw Amendment**

The Board adopted Green Lake and Area OCP Amendment Bylaw 2792, following a public hearing that took place on July 12, 2023 at the TNRD Civic Building. The bylaw amendment will make processes simpler in many situations for both landowners and TNRD staff, and less costly for applicants. Read the report [here](#). To read a TNRD news release that was issued prior to a public meeting held on May 6, 2023, click [here](#).

### **Dangerous Dog Control Bylaw Amendment**

The Board adopted Dangerous Dog Control Amendment Bylaw 2819. This bylaw amendment will improve processes for follow-up actions to dangerous dog situations, and provides a mechanism for TNRD bylaw officers to issue fines to owners when a dog kills or injures a person or domestic animal. Read the report [here](#).

### **ALC Application 218 (Semlin Valley)**

The Board supported Agricultural Land Commission Application 222, which would enable an expanded commercial organics compost facility at 2990 Trans-Canada Highway in Semlin Valley, within Electoral Area "I" (Blue Sky Country). Board support is necessary for a development application within the ALR in a TNRD Electoral Area to be considered by the Agricultural Land Commission. Read the Board Report addendum [here](#), and read the original report from the June 15, 2023 Board meeting [here](#).

### **CAO 360 Performance Review**

The Board approved the creation of a sub-committee to carry out the CAO Performance Review, to be completed before October 3, 2023. Read the report [here](#).

### **Canada Community Building Fund**

The Board approved allocating up to **\$60,000** from the Canada Community Building Fund allocated from Electoral Area "L" (Grasslands) to fund drilling of a new well at the Pritchard Fire Hall. Read the report [here](#).

## Pritchard Water and Wastewater Treatment Plants

The Board approved allocating up to **\$1,050,000** from the Growing Communities Fund for the construction of a new Pritchard Water Treatment Plant. The Board also approved allocating up to **\$705,000** from the Canada Community Building Fund and up to **\$1,050,000** from the Growing Communities Fund for the construction of a new Pritchard Wastewater (sewer) Treatment Plant. Both of these utility systems are located in Electoral Area "P" (Rivers and the Peaks), and are owned and operated by the TNRD. Read the report [here](#).

## Evergreen Estates and Loon Lake Community Water System Studies

The Board approved two separate grant funding applications to conduct feasibility studies of existing TNRD Community Water Systems at Evergreen Estates in Electoral Area "P" (Rivers and the Peaks), and at Loon Lake in Electoral Area "E" (Bonaparte Plateau). The respective studies would investigate the feasibility of upgrades to these Community Water Systems. Read the report [here](#).

## Board of Directors Code of Conduct Policy

The Board approved the amended Board of Directors Code of Conduct Policy, to incorporate provisions of enforcement of the Code of Conduct and mandatory signings into the policy. The *Community Charter* requires local governments to implement or review Code of Conduct policies within six months following local elections. Read the June 15, 2023 Committee report [here](#).

## Library Facilities Master Plan

The Board adopted the revised Thompson-Nicola Regional Library Facilities Master Plan, and directed staff to continue pursuing site and development options, to pursue major capital funding opportunities and to develop a public consultation and engagement strategy for a library in southwest Kamloops. Read the June 16, 2023 Committee of the Whole report [here](#).

**The next TNRD Board Meeting is on August 17, 2023, at 9 am at the Blue River Community Hall. Please note the special time and location for the annual TNRD "Out of Town" Board Meeting.**

Click [here](#) to view archives of The Current.

Please note that The Current is not a substitute for the TNRD's Board meeting minutes, found on our website: [www.tnrd.ca](http://www.tnrd.ca)



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## PRESS RELEASE

### TNRD FireSmart, Public Libraries Team Up For Regional Roadshow

**Kamloops, BC – July 18, 2023** – Over the next three weeks, the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) FireSmart program is hitting the road for Thompson-Nicola Regional Library community branches to offer FireSmart educational opportunities.

The objective of each community library visit will be to educate and interact with residents of the TNRD, and raise awareness and understanding of how to mitigate the risk of damage from wildfire on their property. Brochures and other educational materials will also be provided.

“We have been active across rural areas of the Thompson-Nicola region this spring and summer, attending as many community events as possible and connecting directly with residents,” said Dan Funk, FireSmart Coordinator. “We are looking forward to our regional roadshow at our community libraries, which will be another tool in the toolbox to inform residents about why they should protect their homes from wildfires, and how easy it is to do in many cases.”

“We know all too well the risk of wildfires in our region, and aligning the TNRD FireSmart program with our community libraries is one way we can bring this important messaging directly to our residents,” said Melissa Lowenberg, Manager of Community Libraries & Engagement.

The schedule for the upcoming FireSmart community library visits are as follows:

- July 18, 2023: Chase Library: 11 am to 4 pm
- July 19, 2023: Blue River Library: 10 am to 2 pm
- July 20, 2023: Clearwater Library: 10 am to 4 pm
- July 25, 2023: Cache Creek Library: 10 am to 2 pm
- July 27, 2023: Clinton Library: 1:30 pm to 5 pm
- July 28, 2023: Logan Lake Library: 11 am to 3 pm
- August 1, 2023: Ashcroft Library: 10 am to 3 pm
- August 3, 2023: Mobile Library:
  - Avola: 10 am to 11 am
  - Vavenby: 12:30 pm to 2 pm
  - Birch Island: 3:15 pm to 4 pm
- August 4, 2023: Savona Library: 11 am to 3 pm

Please note that a local FireSmart Coordinator is established in TNRD Member Municipalities of Barriere, Merritt and Kamloops, where the TNRD also owns and operates library branches. Residents in those communities can contact their local government or local fire department directly for more information.



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To learn more about how to FireSmart your home and property, and to find resources including the FireSmart BC Homeowner's Manual and the Farm/ Ranch Wildfire Plan Guide, visit:  
[tnrd.ca/firesmart](http://tnrd.ca/firesmart).

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**From:** District 74 <[District@sd74.bc.ca](mailto:District@sd74.bc.ca)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2023 9:17 AM  
**To:** District 74 <[District@sd74.bc.ca](mailto:District@sd74.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** Accessibility Committee - Expression of Interest

**This email was sent to: Bands, Community, CUPE, Education Coordinators, GTTA, FPEC, Municipalities, Newspapers, PAC/DPAC, Principals, Secretaries, Technology, Trustees and Administration.**

Dear Rights Holders and Partners:

The Gold Trail School District is seeking individuals who are passionate about making our community more accessible and inclusive. Please see the attached Accessibility Committee – Expression of Interest.

Thank you.



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## ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE Expression of Interest

The Gold Trail School District is seeking individuals who are passionate about making our community more accessible and inclusive. The newly established Accessibility Committee, guided by the requirements of the Accessible British Columbia Act, invites expressions of interest from community members to join us in this essential work.

We particularly encourage applications from people with disabilities, those who have lived experience with disability, or individuals representing organizations that support people with disabilities. A majority of our committee members will have a disability, as defined by the [Accessible British Columbia Act](#). This includes, but is not limited to, individuals with any degree of physical disability, mental impairment or developmental disability, learning disability, mental health disorder, or an injury or disability for which benefits were claimed or received under the Workplace Safety and Insurance Act.

Our aim is to reflect the diversity of our community and uplift the voices of those with lived experiences of disability. By doing so, we believe we can identify, remove, and prevent barriers more effectively and create a more inclusive and accessible Gold Trail School District.

As a committee member, your responsibilities will include:

- Assisting the District to identify barriers to individuals interacting with our community and advising on how to remove and prevent these barriers.
- Providing feedback and advice on the District's current and future Accessibility Strategies and Action Plans.
- Contributing insights on the District's programs, policies, and partnerships pertaining to accessibility and inclusivity.
- Our commitment to equity and inclusion extends to our committee processes. We will ensure transparency regarding decision-making and prioritize long-term relationship building.

Please note that applicants should be community members that reside within the boundaries of Gold Trail. Interested individuals do not need to have a direct connection to the school district.

The term for appointed roles is up to three years, with the possibility of serving two consecutive terms.

Committee members, who are not employees, will receive an honorarium for their work on the committee. All committee members will be reimbursed for expenses (in accordance with [Operational Procedure No. 6.500 Reimbursement of Expenses](#)) that are a result of committee membership.

To express your interest and learn more about the role, contact us at [district@sd74.bc.ca](mailto:district@sd74.bc.ca)

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Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker					
June					
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
	<b>2023 MOTIONS</b>				
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		Administration is preparing a Maintenance Plan agreement for mosaics on public property.
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	Bylaw permitting retail sale of legalized Cannabis products in Ashcroft and Amend Zoning Bylaw permitting retail sales	with regional Cannabis inspector. Researching similar communities with Cannabis bylaws prior to drafting new bylaw.	ongoing research and bylaw drafting is in progress
R-2023-97	THAT, Council appoint Linsie Lachapelle, Brian Reid and Kyle Schell as the Board of Variance for a three (3) year term effective immediately and terminating with an option to renew for a second term on June 26, 2026.	EA	Letters be sent to each member advising of their appointment to the BOV		completed
R-2023-98	THAT, Council appoint Councillor Anstett, CAO Daniela Dyck, Julie Ells, Marvene Layte, Kiana Jones, Gloria Mertens and Lorraine Shwaluk to the Accessibility Advisory Committee.	CAO	Letters be sent to each member advising of their appointment to the AAC		completed
R-2023-99	THAT, Council direct staff to proceed with purchasing 30 km/h signage for installation on Railway Avenue at a cost of \$712.	DPW	That signage be ordered and installed		completed
R-2023-100	THAT, Council approves the purchase of a new electrified Zamboni at a total cost of \$175,000.	DPW	Place order for new electrified Zamboni		completed
R-2023-101	THAT, Council supports application to the UBCM Complete Communities Fund in the amount of \$79,500; and provide management of the grant to accomplish proposed activities including develop metrics, conducting analysis and providing mapping as detailed in the application.	CFO	CFO proceed with submitting the application to the UBCM Complete Communities Fund		completed

R-2023-102	THAT, Council approve Mayor Barbara Roden as Voting Delegate, Councillor Anstett as Alternate Delegate #1 and Councillor Clement as Alternate Delegate #2 for MIABC.	EA	Email MIABC Council Resolution appointment of the Voting Delegates for Ashcroft		completed
R-2023-103	THAT, Council approves the request by WRAPS to close Railway Avenue between 6th and 7th Streets from 9 am until 2 pm for Canada Day Celebrations.	EA	Email Jim Duncan of WRAPS advising approval of road closure		completed

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

**DATE:** July 24, 2023  
**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Mayor Roden

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**Assigned Committees:**

Finance Committee  
Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS)  
Historic Hat Creek Ranch  
TNRD  
Municipal Insurance Authority (MIA)

**Alternate Committees:**

Para Transit  
School District No. 74

**Working Groups:**

Bylaw Enforcement

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**June 28: Historic Hat Creek Ranch board meeting**

**July 7: Historic Hat Creek Ranch board meeting**

**July 10: Meeting with MLA Jackie Tegart**

**July 12: Chair two TNRD public hearings**

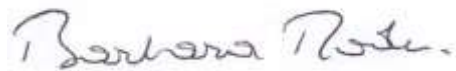
**July 13: TNRD regular board meeting**

**July 18: Gold Country Communities Society board meeting**

**July 19: Spoke to residents at Jackson House about Village activities**

**July 20: Regional Mayor/Chair meeting with Emergency Preparedness Minister**

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara Roden,  
Mayor

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**DATE:** July 24, 2023  
**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Councillor Clement

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**Deputy Mayor** – November 1, 2023 – October 31, 2024

**Assigned Committees/WG:**

Finance Committee  
NDIT  
Health Care (HAWC)  
School District No. 74

**Alternate:**

Gold Country Communities Society  
CiB Committee

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**June 19: HAWC meeting**

**June 21: Indigenous Day Celebration at Ashcroft Indian Band**

**June 27: NDIT Regional Meeting**

NDIT is working on making changes to the act that governs it, providing more inclusion and the opportunity for Indigenous Bands and Nations to be members, providing their voice to the decision making.

The RAC Terms of Reference have been amended to reflect that funding will be allocated up to 50% for the first intake period and 25% for the second and third intake. The fourth intake period has been removed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Clement  
Councillor