



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

REGULAR MINUTES

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE
AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JULY 24, 2023**

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

Cao, Daniela Dyck
 CFO, Yogi Bhalla
 BEO, Reggie Amyotte

Media – 1
 Public – 3

EXCUSED: DPW, Brian Bennewith

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday July 24, 2023, to order at 6:00 pm.

“Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka’pamux people.”

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended

M/S Clement / Anstett

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, July 24, 2023 be adopted as amended to include Small Talk Forum topic request from UBCM to be discussed under 9.1 New Business.

CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-104

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 26, 2023 M/S Anstett / Lambert <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 26, 2023 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-105

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Chris Rottluff, Operations Manager and Elcy Lepage, Division Manager, Dawson Road Maintenance – Summer Program Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Roden Welcomed the delegation and invited them to the floor. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris Rottluff introduced himself as the new Manager of Operation replacing David Rhodes • Chris wanted to introduce himself to Council and provide a brief operational update for the area • Dawson is full swing into grading program • Moving to dust control after grading is completed • Mowing complete but will likely need another cut • Cache Creek was the main focus in the region since the flooding but is winding down with the recent paving where sections of highway were lost <p>Questions and comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who maintains the road to the Eco Depot? Unknown, MOTI will get back to Council with the answer • Issue with concrete near gate on Eco Depot Rd. large rut between concrete and gravel road that could damage tires and rims • When is the second cut for mowing scheduled? – mid August • Comment – fire danger like to see the grass cut • Chris is the Village’s contact if anyone has any issues or concerns • Chris advised he will be back prior to winter season • New manager hired for Clinton Ashcroft, Chris will bring her to the next meeting and make the introduction to Council 	
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4. PUBLIC INPUT

All questions and comments will be addressed through the Chair and answered likewise. Please state your name and address prior to asking a question or commenting, no more than 2 minutes per question.

No questions received from the floor or through social media

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – Ashcroft & District Curling Club Agreement to Occupy Renewal M/S Anstett / Clement <i>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.</i></p> <p>Clarity requested regarding who is responsible for repair costs, it was noted that as the Village owns the building the club does minor repairs and renovations and applies for grant funding with the Village covering the remainder of capital costs and major repairs.</p>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-106

FOR INFORMATION		
6.3	<p>BEO Report - Bylaw Enforcement Officer Introduction and Update (Verbal and Written Report)</p> <p>Council questions regarding the BEO report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question in regard to dogs being off leash in a park. The BEO commented that unless the dog owner is a resident there is little that can be done other than the BEO coming to the park to speak to the dog owner if he is working in Ashcroft that day. If it's a local resident, he can write a letter and if the issue persists a ticket can be issued. • Unsightly premises enforcement question related to timeline. The BEO clarified that timelines are difficult as residents must be given adequate time to do the work and the Village requires consistent communication and documentation of the issue prior to taking action. <p>BEO Amyotte provided a brief bio to Council noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal is to achieve compliance in the least invasive and cost-effective way possible. • Prefers to use an approachable stance engaging with residents and working with them to achieve compliance. • The BEO noted some bylaws need updating to be more current and enforceable. • Suggested synchronization of bylaws between the three communities when possible to streamline his approach. • Education is the preferred method of gaining compliance • BEO can be reached at anytime by phone or email and will respond to concerns in a timely manner. • BEO Amyotte thanked Council for the opportunity stating he is on a steep learning curve but with the support of the staff at all three offices he feels confident he will be an effective BEO and team member as he continues to build his skill set. 	
6.4	<p>CAO Report – ALC Exclusion Update</p> <p>CAO Dyck noted next steps for the property owner is to subdivide and then move forward with the sale of the property after the 60-day review period is complete.</p>	
6.5	<p>CAO Report – Fire Hazard Awareness</p>	
	<p>Received for information.</p>	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>2023 Light Up Blue this September for Prostate Cancer Awareness M/S Roden / Lambert</p> <p><i>THAT, Council is in support of the 2023 Light Up Blue for Prostate Cancer Awareness this September and directs staff to light up Heritage Park and the Fire Hall 1 with blue lights.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-107</p>

7.2	<p>Ashcroft Farmers and Artisans Co-op Farmers' Market - Request for Road Closure for Ashcroft Farmers and Artisans Co-op Farmers' on Railway Avenue between 6th St. and 8th St. on Sundays from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm Market Sundays until October 22, 2023</p> <p>M/S Anstett / Lambert</p> <p><i>THAT, Council approves the Ashcroft Farmers and Artisans Co-op Farmers' Market request for the road closure of Railway Avenue between 6th St. and 8th St. on Sundays from 7:30 am to 1:00 pm Market Sundays until October 22, 2023, and that letters be forwarded to Arrow and Trimac advising the road closure.</i></p>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-108
7.3	<p>Martina Dopf, Group Publisher, Black Press Media, BC Central Interior – Request for support to stop advertising on the Meta Platforms Facebook and Instagram</p> <p>Mayor Roden recused herself due to a conflict as she is a Black Press employee at 6:32pm. Deputy Mayor Jonah Anstett assumed the chair to conduct the business.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Davenport</p> <p><i>THAT, Council sends a response letter to Martina Dopf at the Black Press indicating the Village of Ashcroft supports the request noting the Village does not advertise on social media and will continue to advertise in the local Ashcroft Journal newspaper.</i></p> <p>Mayor Roden returned to the chair at 6:36 pm.</p>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-109
7.4	<p>CN Rail – Rail Safety Week 2023 Resolution Request</p> <p>M/S Clement / Anstett</p> <p><i>THAT, Council resolves to support National Rail Safety Week to be held from September 18 to 24, 2023, and that the proclamation be included in the September newsletter.</i></p> <p>Comment – CN and CP Rail should be more of a presence in the community and provide rail safety education to residents in the community.</p> <p>Mayor Roden noted being a director for Operation Life Saver</p>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-110
7.5	<p>Mark Kiddell, Director, EarthRock Ventures Inc. – Executive Summary – Request for Letter of Support</p> <p>M/S Roden / Anstett</p> <p><i>THAT, Council writes a letter in support indicating the EarthRock Venture Inc. proposal is a “unique business” in the Village of Ashcroft.</i></p> <p>Cnlr. Lambert opposed</p>	CARRIED. R-2023-111
FOR INFORMATION		
7.6	Gabrielle Lachapelle – DSCS 2023 Bursary Recipient – Thank you	
7.7	Jacob Aie – DSCS 2023 Bursary Recipient – Thank you	
7.8	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	
7.9	Mayor Locke, City of Surrey – Surrey RCMP and Surrey Municipal Police Force	
7.10	School District No. 74 – Work to Address Racism	
7.11	School District No. 74 – A message from the Board of Education	
7.12	Minister of Housing Ravi Kahlon – Response to TVMS Seniors Housing Project	



7.13	TNRD Meeting Highlights – July 13, 2023	
7.14	TNRD – TNRD FireSmart, Public Libraries Team Up for Regional Roadshow – Ashcroft Library August 1, 2023: 10am to 3pm <i>Council noted the following: Drop in is anytime between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm The 24 hours additional self serve hours are now available at the library.</i>	
7.15	School District No. 74 – Accessibility Committee – Expression of Interest	
	Items 7.6 – 7.15 received for information.	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

9.1	Small Talk Forum – Request for idea and discussion contributions M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, the Council submit two ideas for discussion at UBCM’s Small Talk Forum:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Shared Services success story of the Inter Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer; and</i> 2. <i>Provincial downloading and expectations of tasks without subsequent funding to implement the required strategies.</i> 	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-112
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden – Report	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement – Report	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert	

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday July 24, 2023 at 7:03 pm.

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

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor