



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 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023**

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

CAO, Daniela Dyck
 CFO, Yogi Bhalla

EXCUSED: DPW, Brian Bennewith

Media – 1
 Public – 2

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, October 10, 2023, to order at 6:00 pm.
“Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka’pamux people.”

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended

M/S Clement / Lambert

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED – Unanimously R-2023-134

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, September 11, 2023 M/S Davenport / Lambert <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, September 11, 2023 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-135
2.2	Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, September 11, 2023 M/S Clement / Lambert <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, September 11, 2023 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-136

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Joris Ekering: Representing the Rotary Club <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After many comments and requests received from community members, Rotary has decided to coordinate a parade in Ashcroft to replace the Rodeo Parade 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific ask from Council at this time, just wanting to raise Council's awareness of the intended plans. Considering a parade to welcome spring, earth day, etc. In the past the Village has supported the Rodeo parade and Rotary may ask a similar request in the future. <p>Council wondered if Mr. Ekering was aware of previous Village contributions to the parade</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road closure, \$1000 and clean up services was provided to the Rodeo parade in the past. <p>Sue Big Oil :</p> <p>Mr. Ekering wanted to bring Council's attention to a potential class action lawsuit being proposed by West Coast Environment Law, encouraging Council's participation in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The class action proposed a lawsuit against the five largest oil companies for the damage they have caused to the environment. Oil companies should pay their share of the cost of climate change impacts and remediation efforts If enough communities support this initiative, it will be cost effective. Class action lawsuits do not pay for legal fees unless the case is won. Not asking for anything, here to bring the information forward. Mr. Ekering wrapped up his presentation by providing Council and staff with an information bulletin form Andrew Gage, staff lawyer at West Coast Environmental Law. <p>Questions/Comments</p> <p>Parade – excellent idea, would be nice to have another parade in the community.</p> <p>Mayor Roden thanked Mr. Ekering for is presentation.</p>	
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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 comments or questions were received from the public.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – Tedford Development Variance Application – 601 Railway Avenue M/S Clement / Davenport	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-137

	<p><i>THAT, Council approves the Variance application as presented at 601 Railway Ave. A notice will be placed on title advising future purchasers of the approved variance.</i></p> <p>Mr. Tedford was in the gallery and clarified at Council's request the reason for the Variance is to save the Maple Tree, confirming that the container will be clad in a western theme and painted the same color as the BX Building.</p>	
6.2	<p>CAO Report – Delegation – Abigail Symes - Women's Shelter Proposal M/S Roden / Lambert</p> <p><i>THAT, Council supports the Women's Shelter initiative in the region, provided that adequate services and wrap around supports are established in the shelter's vicinity.</i></p> <p>Clarification – the letter of support isn't specifically for a shelter in Ashcroft, rather more shelters are supported and needed in the Region.</p>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-138
6.3	<p>CAO Report – BC Hydro Fast Charging Stations in Ashcroft M/S Roden / Lambert</p> <p><i>THAT, Council supports the proposed location for the Fast-Charging Station on Railway Ave. with the caveat that the site be paved from the road to enable effective site maintenance by public works staff.</i></p> <p>Discussion: 24/7 access to public washrooms not available Too close to Community Garden 10-year lease concern re: potential future development of the lot Location not Council's first choice Is private property an option? Will the sewer main be an issue? Agreement negotiation – what will this look like?</p>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-139
6.4	<p>EDTC Report – NDIT Business Façade Improvement Program M/S Lambert / Davenport</p> <p><i>THAT the Village of Ashcroft submit a grant application in the amount of \$20,000 to the Northern Development Initiative Trust's Business Façade Improvement Program for the 2024 intake; and that Council support the initiative through the duration of the program.</i></p>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-140
FOR INFORMATION		

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>Hon. Mitzi Dean, Minister of Children and Family Development – Celebrating October as Foster Family Month M/S Roden / Lambert</p> <p><i>THAT, the Village of Ashcroft celebrate October as Foster Family month.</i></p>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-141
7.2	<p>Ashcroft Fire Rescue – Request donation of Ice Time for their Fourth Annual Charity Hockey Game at Drylands Arena in January 2024 M/S Lambert / Clement</p> <p><i>THAT, Council donates the requested ice time on January 27, 2024 for the Fire Department and RCMP to host the 4th Annual Charity</i></p>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-142

	<i>Hockey Game at Drylands Arena and that an additional 2 hours of ice time be donated for practice.</i>	
7.3	Darrin Curran, Lieutenant (Navy), Retired – Request to allow RCAF for a fly below 500 feet over the Village of Ashcroft on November 11, 2023 M/S Clement / Lambert <i>THAT, Council sends a letter approving the RCAF request to fly below 500 feet over the Village of Ashcroft on November 11, 2023.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-143
7.4	TCMHA – Donation of a Family Skating Season Pass Request M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council donates one Season Family Pass at Drylands Arena to TCMHA for their Kick off BBQ raffle basket.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-144
FOR INFORMATION		
7.5	KALS Visit to Ashcroft including comments from participants in the Ashcroft Museum & Heritage Park Walking Tour September 21, 2023	
7.6	LGMA – Results and next steps: 2022 Consultation with First Responder agencies and local governments	
7.7	BC Government – Physician Assistants are one step closer to joining BC’s healthcare workforce	
7.8	TNRD Board Meeting Highlights September 7, 2023	
7.9	TNRD Receives UBCM Award – Community Excellence Award for Innovative Library Program	
7.10	TNRD – TNRL Announces Writer in Residence Programs & Events	
7.11	BC Youth Parliament, 95 th Parliament – <i>(Information forwarded to Desert Sands Community School)</i>	
7.12	School District No. 74 – September 2023 Board Bulletin	
7.13	The HUB – Fall Activities Available	
7.14	Jacqui Schneider, Sr. Community Affairs Officer – HVC 2040 Environmental Assessment Update	
7.15	School District No. 74 – News Release: Kandi-Lee Crooks-Smith Principal of Desert Sands Community School effective January 8, 2024 M/S Roden / Lambert <i>THAT, Council sends a letter of congratulations on Principal Schalles on her retirement thanking her for her years of service to the children in Ashcroft.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-145
	Receive Items 7.5 – 7.15 for information.	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker – Receive for Information	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

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

12. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING

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

12.1	<p>M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council moves to Closed Meeting to discuss and item under the Community Charter Section 90.1(L) discussions with municipal officers and employees respecting municipal objectives, measures and progress reports for the purposes of preparing an annual report under section 98 [annual municipal report].</i></p>	<p>CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-146</p>
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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 Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 9:07 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

 Daniela Dyck,
 Chief Administrative Officer

 Barbara Roden,
 Mayor