



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, OCTOBER 23, 2023

Please be advised that the HUB Online Network will record and broadcast or live stream today's Council meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

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

1. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the Agenda as presented or as amended

M/S

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, October 23, 2023 be adopted as presented.

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 10, 2023 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 10, 2023 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-5

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Anne McKague – Butterflyway Beyond Hope BC – Information on programs promoting pollinator and environmental health	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		
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FOR INFORMATION		
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6.3	CAO Report – Legacy Park Year End Report	P. 9-10
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6.5	BEO Report – Bylaw Quarterly Report	P. 12-13

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Courageous K9 Sponsorship Request – Previous Year Business Card Ad attached M/S <i>THAT,</i>	P. 14-17
7.2	Al Midgley, President, Bonaparte Watershed Stewardship Society – Watershed Sustainability – Request to meet with stakeholders M/S <i>THAT,</i>	P. 18
7.3	Daphne Nelson, Cooperative Developer – Union Cooperative Initiative – Request for Letter of Support (sample letter attached) M/S <i>THAT,</i>	P. 19-22
7.4	SILGA – Local Government Accounting 101 Seminar for Accounting and Non-Accountants M/S <i>THAT,</i>	P. 23
FOR INFORMATION		
7.5	School District No.74 Board Bulletin – October 2023	P. 24-25
7.6	TNRD Board Highlights – October 12, 2023	P. 26-27

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker	P. 28-29
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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

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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	<i>THAT, Council moves to Closed Meeting to discuss and item under the Community Charter Section 90.1(e) land acquisition and (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</i>	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT



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 <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 <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 – NDI Business Façade Improvement Program M/S Lambert / Davenport <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 <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 <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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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

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.

1. Name of Organization or Group (if applicable): _____
2. Name(s) and title(s) of Person(s) making presentation: _____

3. The topic of your presentation: _____

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):

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: _____
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

STAFF MEMO TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: October 23, 2023
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: TOLGMA and UBCM Conferences

Purpose

To report on key takeaways from both the Thompson Okanagan Local Government Management Association (TOLGMA) and Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Conferences

Recommendation

For Information

Discussion

TOLGMA 2023 - September 6-8 – Sun Peaks

The TOLGMA two-day conference provided a great learning and networking opportunity for managers in local government with various sessions relating to inclusion, building relationships inside the organization, creative problem solving, innovation, strategic leadership solutions, health and safety, legal updates and much more.

This all-encompassing conference with its focus on empowering team members to be innovative, creative and contribute to the organization while we “think outside the box” to provide the services our communities need.

LEGAL:

Young Anderson provided Caselaw/Legislation Updates and Fulton presented on recent legal decisions which may impact local governments regarding risk management, social challenges, and community safety.

UBCM 2023 – September 18-22 – Vancouver Convention Centre

The theme of this year's UBCM was “Balancing Act” where local leaders will be empowered to foster balance that supports vibrant and resilient communities.

Monday:

Participated in study sessions on Building Economic Resilience, Shared Path of Reconciliation – Implementing UNDRIP, and Tools, Funding and Resources for local governments.

Tuesday:

Forum Day (Small Talk Forum) – In the morning I had the privilege of participating as a panelist with Mayor Roden and Heather Deagan from Interior Health to share our learned experience relating to Heat and Ashcroft's HARS project.

Plenary sessions: Exploring Health Impacts of Wildfire and Preparing for Future Wildfires

Wednesday:

Council meeting with Ministry of Housing to advocate support for Thompson View Manor Society's proposed Seniors Housing Project.

Keynote address – John Herdman (previous head coach of both the Canadian Women's and Men's National soccer teams leading both to record breaking victories and developed his own philosophy around how to organize the game and inspire player commitment. Today John is the coach of Toronto FC)

Address by Minister of Municipal Affairs

Cabinet Town Hall – Stronger Public Services including health, affordable childcare, connectivity, seniors and more.

Thursday:

Resolution session

Creating Climate Resilient Communities through Collaboration – focusing on climate change adaptations, community planning, building climate resiliency into public infrastructure, and working together with non profit organizations and other communities.

Council Meeting with Ministry of Forests to discuss implementation of wildfire mitigation plan and the hurdles to overcome with grant funding sources.

Council Meeting with Ministry of Environment – Discuss concerns in regard to provincial downloading and mandates of meeting carbon neutrality as defined by the province. IE: heavy fleet electrification by 2030

Friday:

Resolution sessions continued

Federal Address by Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Jonathan Wilkinson

Address by the Premier:

Wildfire – Established task force for review of fire season with a 6-month turnaround. Support volunteer work allocated 4.75 million towards rural fire fighting teams and their training (includes ranchers, locals)

Housing – Single portal developed for provincial permitting, density legislation coming this fall, 61 million announced to support planning staff capacity for large projects.

Health – 20 million to Canadian Cancer Society so all cancer patients in BC can access treatment. Hope Air to fly rural and remote patients to treatment.

Other items discussed included: education, transit, Housing, Sustainability etc.

Of note, Premier Eby allowed 30 minutes or so for a Q&A which enabled elected official to ask him questions from the floor. This was unprecedented and very well received by the audience.

The conference was a busy week of meetings, sessions, and networking. It was good to reconnect with other CAO's and elected officials in the province and share our stories, experiences and provide suggestions for success. The dinners, luncheons, and receptions were a time of gathering and building network connections of peers.

Thank you for the opportunity to attend.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: October 23, 2023
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Legacy Park Year End Report

Purpose

To provide Council with a summary of Legacy Park operations for 2023.

Recommendation

For Information.

Discussion

The 2023 Season for Legacy Park started off with the “one and only” Barry Tripp welcoming new and returning guests both long term and visiting guests. With regret Barry took an early leave from the season on May 9th and Jamee and Ross took over the camp host duties.

The park welcomed many visitors from Europe, primarily Holland and Germany and one very enthusiastic couple from Ireland as well as many returning Canadian and US travelers. Long term stays for contractors were at capacity for much of the season and tenting sites were in high demand.

June was a sad month for the Village and Legacy Park as Barry Tripp lost his lengthy health battle and passed away on June 11, 2023. Barry truly was Legacy Park’s and Ashcroft’s best ambassador; he will be missed.

Ross and Jamee continue to do an excellent job of park maintenance and management and are enjoying their time at the park. Feedback from visitors has been excellent and with new camp hosts come new ideas, some of which include Policy development, online booking, something for the kids and a communal area to visit.

The park was brought into the 21st century and has debit and credit capabilities. Throughout the off season, we will explore the possibility of developing an online booking system and Deposit Policy at time of reservation. Revenues are slightly down this year likely due to wildfires restricting travel in the province and vacationers travelling elsewhere to avoid the fires, highway closures and smoke.

2023 Legacy Park Summary

May	\$11,793.25	
June	\$11,765.00	
July	\$10,405.00	
August	\$9,389.50	
September	\$7,067.00	(Incl Oct 1-5)
Total	\$50,419.75	
Totals for 2022	\$59,991.45	

Ross and Jamee are keen to return next season and will be monitoring the email and winter booking during the off season.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: October 23, 2023
FROM: Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer
SUBJECT: Pool Year End Report

Purpose

To provide Council with a summary of Pool operations for 2023.

Recommendation

For Information.

Discussion

The pool opened on schedule for the 2023 season; however, with minimal staff. The Head lifeguard's arrival at the pool was slightly delayed and staffing capacity was an issue for the season. Pool staffing levels were a concern across the province with many rec. centres operating at minimum capacity. The Village attempted to provide free Bronze Cross and Bronze Medallion courses at the pool to "train our own" lifeguards but regrettably there were not enough participants to receive the National Life Saving Society's approval to commence the courses. The Village will reach out to the school this fall as the courses will be offered in Kamloops this winter. The Village is prepared to pay for the certification, provided there is a commitment to come and work at the Ashcroft pool in the summer season.

AquaFit was well attended and continues to be a popular class, schools were invited to participate before they closed for the summer, swimming lessons although reduced were booked as were individual lessons. All other swims including lane, adult and public continued to be popular with residents and visitors alike, regrettably, due to staffing levels the pool was not able to offer Saturday theme nights. In addition, 2023 marked the grand opening of the long-awaited hot tub which was appreciated and well used by the patrons at the pool.

The pool provides a fun environment to cool off during those hot summer days and the staff does an excellent job of operating the facility and keeping swimmers safe. The village has received a list of suggestions and tasks to be completed prior to next season from the pool manager which will be included in budget discussions and strategic planning.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

REPORT TO COUNCIL – OPEN MEETING

DATE: October 23, 2023
TO: Council
FROM: Reggie Amyotte Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer
SUBJECT: Bylaw Quarterly Report

Purpose

To provide Council with and detailed update and status of the bylaw files for the past quarter.

Recommendation

For Information

Discussion

The quarterly reporting format has been updated to an excel spreadsheet, although this is a better format it does require a few more changes. Please bear with me as we continue to modify the process.

To summarize the spreadsheeted over the course of the last three months:

- Closed and resolved ten unsightly premiss files,
- Continuing to work on five unsightly premiss files,
- All outdoor watering complaints are resolved,
- Received one noise complaints which resolved itself prior to my involvement,
- Of the three derelict vehicle complaints received two are resolved and the remaining property owner is working with Bylaw to achieve compliance
- Under the “other” category as of July 1st, there were four open files which increased to nine by September; I am please to say that seven are resolved, the remaining two files are ongoing.

Thanks to the new Enforcement Bylaw I can ticket for ongoing infractions. The first ticket was issued on September 21, 2023, and I am please to report the ticket has been paid. Of course, ticketing will always be a last resort as our goal is to resolve the issues with voluntary compliance.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Bylaw Compliance

Legislative Authority

Notice of Enforcement Bylaw No. 845

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

Prepared by:



Reggie Amyotte
Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Approved for submission to Council:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Bylaw Quarterly Report

Task	July 2023			August 2023			September 2023		
	Carried Over	New	Resolved	Carried Over	New	Resolved	Carried Over	New	Resolved
Dog Complaints								1	
Unsightly Complaints	3	3	2	4	4	4	4	5	4
Watering	2	1	2	1	1	1	1		1
Business Licence									
Noise Complaints		1		1		1			
Derelict Vehicles		1		1	2	2	1		
Fire Pit Inspections									
Fire Hazard									
Outdoor Burning									
Other	4		2	2	3	3	2	2	2
TOTAL	9	6	6	9	10	11	8	8	7

Dear Mayor Roden & Council, c/o Kris

Thank you for your many years of kind support and I hope that everyone is doing well! Please accept this email as our official sponsorship renewal request for the 2023 campaign. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please feel free to email or call the office at 1-866-767-1731. Our free publication will be released in December hope to have the Village of Ashcroft join us once again in support of Courageous Companions. We look forward to hearing from you. Have a great day! www.courageousk9.ca

Thank you to the Village of Ashcroft for placing your business card sized supportive ad (\$295.00 for the year) in our last edition of the annual Courageous K9 publication in support of Courageous Companions. For your consideration for our upcoming edition, please find attached a copy of your previous ad, and please see our rates and the stories from our last edition at www.courageousk9.ca . By placing your advertisement, you have helped provide certified service dogs at no cost to our military veterans and first responders who suffer with physical and/or psychological injuries as a result of their service. Eligible recipients include Police Officers: RCMP, Municipal Police and Correction Officers. Military Personal: Regular Forces, Reserve Forces and Veterans. First Responders: Paramedics, Firefighters, Doctors, Nurses, Medics and Corpsmen. Without the backing of the business community, this important publication would not be possible. We hope to once again count on your participation in our upcoming edition.

Yours truly,
Stacey Biekx
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Dear Prospective Advertiser:

Thank you so much for showing interest in the "Courageous K9" magazine for Courageous Companions. Courageous Companions is a non-profit charitable organization which provides to military service men and women, veterans, and first responders diagnosed with an operational stress injury to be paired and trained with a service dog. These dogs minimize the individual's functional limitations resulting from their injury. Courageous Companions is volunteer run and governed by a board of directors, most of whom have ties to the Canadian Armed Forces or First Responder field.

Each Service Dog undertakes specialized training to provide for the needs of the individual for whom they are being trained. The two are then trained together to become a service dog team. Service dogs are an additional treatment option to psychiatric and social support. The dogs have been shown to have a calming effect on PTSD sufferers. Among other effects, a service dog can provide the following:

- psychiatric support and interruptive behavior;
- deliberate disobedience to redirect the clients' behavior, then tactile stimulation to disrupt emotional overload;
- wakening the client from nightmares;
- deep pressure grounding for a calming effect;
- crowd control and panic prevention in public;
- arousal from fear paralysis or a disassociation spell;
- assisting a client to leave an area by finding an exit;
- allowing the client to feel calm enabling personal space expansion.

Courageous Companions provides all the funding related to acquisition, training, certification, equipment and transportation of the dog and person team. We depend on sponsorship and donations as the average cost of training, certifying, and maintaining the certification of a service dog is between \$15,000 and \$20,000. The initial training takes approximately two years to complete. By placing an advertisement, you will be helping to improve an individual's quality of life by providing them with a specially trained companion, specifically chosen to help reduce the effects of their post-traumatic stress injury.

Sincerely,

John Dugas (K9 Mia)

Chairman

Board of Directors

jdugas@courageouscompanions.ca



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Watershed Stewardship for fish, fauna, wildlife, and all stakeholders

With this climate warming in our watersheds water conservation and storage should be prominent in all our minds. I believe and have been vocal in this idea for 15 years plus and believe we need to move forward with the implementation of water storage ideas and put action to the words. I purpose one or more trial areas as a test. The results should be seen in year one and two and following years should accumulate benefits. The background for these proposals follows as do how do we get it done.

What do we purpose?

We are getting faster melts and longer lasting summer heat thus longer drought periods and more fire risk. Our proposal is to slow the runoff from the upper watersheds by depositing gravel beds in the discharges of the upper meadows to slow this part of the watershed by several weeks. This dispersing of the water over a wider area would encourage plant growth, keep the ground cooler, increase plant diversity and increase carrying capacity of higher areas and ultimately reducing fire risk for several reasons, more deciduous growth, more feed on higher meadow and more water for grass and browse eaters.

The downstream benefits should be lessened streambank stress, less stakeholder anguish and cost from lessened flooding and less stress on municipal infrastructure in impacted flood plains thus less strain financially for all stakeholders.

And how do we get there?

Brenda our secretary and Bonaparte Natural Resources person is meeting with the bands of South interior to talk about these thoughts and to ask their support of this idea. I am a member of the BCWWA and EOCP and am forwarding this proposal to them. I am also forwarding this to the BC Cattlemen Association for their support. I will forward this to one of my contacts in the BC ministries for distribution to the ministry of forest, environment parks, Highways, Mines and Agriculture. I will also deliver this to the local Government's, MLA's, and MP's. I will send it also to the local logging companies for their support.

Our next move is meet as many of you as possible as soon as possible and move forward with a source of funds to get a test in place before spring 2024. Cache Creek is in dire need of relief from high stream flow effect, and I would like to offer the Bonaparte Watershed as a trial location at least in this area. The Okanagan and Shuswap are the other two areas that need this action as tests as well.

The First Nation people, the loggers and the range holders and administrators are probably the knowledgeable people to guide the distribution of meadow drainage control points so we need them in the discussion, and this can happen as soon as we have funding in place and permission to do the work.

I believe the mitigation funds are out there, the talent to do the job is there, and time is of the essence to move forward in Watershed sustainability.

Please Email me, write me, text me or mail me your thoughts so we can meet via zoom or in Person at a convenient time and or location.

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From: Daphane Nelson <daphane@coactive.ca>
Sent: October 13, 2023 2:47 PM
To: EDT Village of Ashcroft <edt@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: Request for support?

Good afternoon Margaret,

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving weekend and look, we're already back and ready for another!

It was great to reconnect with you recently about cooperative development in the Ashcroft area. I wanted to share a bit about what I've been up to, discuss a recent re-frame and a request for a letter of support to apply for some funding related to cooperative development work in the Ashcroft area.

Through my work with the Union Cooperative Initiative, I've been working to lobby the government about a Rural Cooperative Business Navigator program (I've attached a graphic to explain more about what that means) and have received significant interest from the Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation. Staff have recently asked us to apply for REDIP funding and I'm not certain they understand the deadline is October 31, but I'm working hard on pulling together some letters of support to reflect the interest and potential opportunities for cooperative development outside the lower mainland.

I was hoping that if I provided a draft/template letter of support, you might consider adding the Village's letterhead and a staff signature indicating support of the program in your community. Unfortunately, as mentioned, the deadline for the application is October 31 and if you could provide this letter by the end of next week, I would certainly be in your debt.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know.



Daphane Nelson, Cooperative Developer

[CoActive Developments Worker Co-op](https://coactive.ca)

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I honour and appreciate the unceded traditional territory of the Secwépemc people whose land provides me with nourishment, livelihood and recreation.



The Union Cooperative Initiative (UCI)
Project Proposal Draft
Rural Cooperative Business Navigator
Cooperative solutions for Rural, community-led economic development

The **Union Cooperative Initiative** is a non-profit, solidarity cooperative uniting community economic development initiatives, labour unions, cooperatives, community groups, and other value-aligned organizations as a part of the social and solidarity economy in BC.

The **Rural Cooperative and Business Navigator** brings together small business owners, cooperative and business developers, developmental and conventional lenders, community leaders and members to build community-driven cooperative solutions to gaps in business service offerings.

The UCI operates a cooperative development and incubation program. New cooperatives are supported by an expert advisory team through their transition period with work led by the employees and prospective worker-owners. The UCI network of incubated cooperatives provide contributions based on sales revenue and annual profit into a cooperative development fund.

The UCI does not seek to reinvent the wheel. This group aims to bridge the gap between the knowledge held within the respective cooperative and business development sectors by leveraging the outreach being completed by front line employees of Community Futures, and other community-facing business development organizations.

We would like an opportunity to augment the good work of business developers by allowing entrepreneurs to additionally contemplate their business succession plans through the use of the cooperative model by acting as a convener in this space.

Phase 1: Pilot Program Development and Community Engagement - Fall 2023

To effectively reach out to Rural communities in BC, it will be necessary to educate small business owners not only about their options with respect to business succession planning, but also about the benefits of employee ownership and the cooperative model and how it might be leveraged to create and retain sustainable, local jobs.

Our plan includes no less than 2 in-person education sessions outreach to Indigenous and non-Indigenous community leaders, business development agencies, economic development agencies and other identified stakeholders.

We will also create a client and stakeholder database to outline these activities to facilitate the creation of an action plan to inform Phase 2.



RURAL COOPERATIVE BUSINESS NAVIGATOR

Cooperative Solutions for Rural, Community-led Economic Development

CHALLENGE



- 72% business owners retiring
- 81% plan to sell
- 38% have no plan
- **Shuttering businesses will affect jobs and services in Rural BC**

RESEARCH



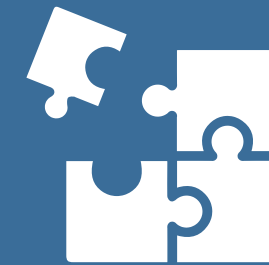
- Employee-Owned Businesses
- **Business Conversion to Cooperatives**
- Co-op Convert Project
- BC examples

IDEA



- Co-op developers aligned with existing service providers
- Education and Outreach
- **Augment BC Business Development Ecosystem**

SOLUTION



- **Rural Cooperative Business Navigator**
- ***Pilot Project***

DELIVERY



- PacifiCan and JEDI Funding
- NP Co-op Agency Administers
- CF Operationalizes
- **Cooperative development expertise in Rural BC**

Village of Ashcroft
601 Bancroft Street
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0

October 13, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

RE: Letter of Support for the Union Cooperative Initiative Proposal

I am pleased to write a letter in support of the Union Cooperative Initiative (UCI) proposal requesting funding to create opportunities for a team of rural cooperative developers working throughout rural BC on developing community-focused business and economic development opportunities.

The UCI is a new non-profit solidarity cooperative in British Columbia with a mission to build an economy that works for people & the planet and is working alongside business development experts at CoActive Cooperative Development and the BC Cooperative Association and their goals align with our community's purpose.

We support this grant application and its focus on cooperative business structures for use in First Nations and rural communities around the Village of Ashcroft. Of particular interest is the potential for business succession planning through cooperative transition to businesses in rural BC.

We look forward to this opportunity to collaborate with the UCI and the BC Cooperative Association to ensure our community has access to cooperative development opportunities as they need it.

Thank you for your kind consideration of our letter supporting this initiative. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Best regards,

Margaret Moreira, Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator
Village of Ashcroft

Local Government Budgeting 101 Seminar

Accounting for the Non-Accountants



When: November 15th, 2023 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Where: The Cove, 4205 Gellatly Road, West Kelowna, BC
AND

When: November 17th, 2023 10:00 am to 3:30 pm
Where: Coast Kamloops Conference Centre,
1250 Rogers Way, Kamloops, BC

Cost: \$50 (Coffee and Lunch is included)

Who: Mario Piroddi, CPA with BDO Canada and Joe Sass, CFO with the City of Kelowna

What: This seminar will cover the following:

Budget and financial cycle

- Understanding the process of finance and legislative requirements
- The budgeting process and cycle
- How are revenues raised?
- Investing and borrowing, both short term and long term
- Role of the Municipal Finance Authority

Financial Literacy

- How to read financial statements, including the comparisons between budget and actual figures. What should a politician be aware of?
- Reconciling between internal and external reporting
- Understanding PSAB financial statements
- Notes to the Financial Statements – what do they tell you?

Role of the Auditor and Audit Committee

- Determination of key risks in your organization
- What does good governance mean?
- What is the expectation of a financial statement audit?

Please RSVP to SILGA at info@silga.ca to confirm your seat. Space is limited – book early! Deadline to register is November 7th.

For more information contact Alison at 250-851-6653.



GOLD TRAIL BOARD BULLETIN



NEWS FROM OCTOBER'S BOARD MEETING

APPROVED POLICIES

Policy 1.120 *Superintendent of Schools Roles and Responsibilities* (including Appendix A and B).

The Board of Education approved the 2024-2025 Budget Development Process, which will begin in January 2024. The process will occur over six months and will include development and approval of the 2024-2025 district budget, as well as the development and approval of the 2023-2024 amended budget.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

The district will be undergoing a public consultation process regarding the proposed changes to two of the electoral boundaries in the district. Information regarding the changes will be available to the public on the district website, through newspaper ads and flyers. Public feedback is welcome until November 10, 2023.



STRATEGIC GOAL: STUDENT SUCCESS

We increase the number of students who graduate.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- We increase student achievement in literacy and numeracy.
- We provide professional learning that supports the growth of effective pedagogy.
- We have learning environments that teaches and supports social and emotional regulation.



The Board of Education is supporting this goal and objectives in the 2023-2024 year through the:

- Budget allocation for professional learning in literacy and numeracy
- Budget allocation for online platforms such as Newsela, Belouga and myBlueprint
- School budgets to support learning outdoors and on the land
- Budget allocation for mental health training and resources



In September, the Board of Education receives an Operational Plan that identifies the actions that will be taken towards the fulfillment of the goals and objectives. In January of each year, the board receives a report that measures the progress towards achieving the goals and objectives of the strategic plan.





THE CURRENT | TNRD BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District [Board of Directors Meeting of October 12, 2023](#)

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: Enbridge

The Board received a delegation from Rikki Beaudet and Aaron Letendre, who are Senior Community and Indigenous Engagement Advisors for Enbridge. Beaudet and Letendre provided an overview of Enbridge operations, and an update on the proposed Sunrise Expansion project through B.C.

Delegation: Kruger Kamloops Pulp

The Board received a delegation from Thomas Hoffman, Fibre Manager of Kruger Kamloops Pulp. Hoffman provided an overview of Kruger and updates on the fibre situation in B.C., and spoke about proposed solutions for renewable energy, wildfire mitigation, and use of burnt timber.

Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2817 (Birch Island)

Following a public hearing, the Board approved third reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2817, affecting 1780 Cliff Road and 1409 Birch Island-Lost Creek Road, located in Birch Island in Electoral Area "A" (Wells Gray Country). Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2817 proposes to rezone these two properties in Birch Island to residential zoning to resolve a historic zoning anomaly. Read the report [here](#).

Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2823 (Highland Valley)

Following a public hearing, the Board approved third reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2823, which affects property at 7781 Highway 97D located east of Logan Lake in Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country). This zoning amendment would enable the redevelopment of an outdoor sport shooting range that was lost in the Tremont Creek wildfire in 2021. Read the report [here](#).

Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2814 (Tobiano)

The Board approved first and second reading of Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2817, which affects property at 240 Holloway Drive located in Tobiano in Electoral Area "J" (Copper Desert Country). This zoning amendment would enable the development of a secondary suite within a new dwelling to be built on the property. The proposed bylaw amendment will be brought to a Public Hearing in conjunction with a regular Board meeting. Read the report [here](#).

Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2821 (Blue River)

The Board adopted Zoning Amendment Bylaw 2821, affecting property at 5914 Angus Horne Street and 857 Spruce Street in Blue River in Electoral Area "B" (Thompson Headwaters). This zoning amendment will rezone 5914 Angus Horne Street from *C-1: Retail Commercial* to *R-1: Residential Single and Duplex*, and will add a site-specific amendment to 857 Spruce Street to the existing zoning of *R-1: Residential Single and Duplex*. Read the report [here](#).

Vavenby Industrial Park Tax Revenue

The Board approved accumulating tax revenue until 2029 that is received from the District of Clearwater for the Vavenby Industrial Park properties. It is anticipated that the fund balance will be approximately \$50,000 by 2029, and the TNRD Board must approve any utilization of this fund. Read the report [here](#).

TNRD Community Water Systems Grant Application

The Board approved an application being made to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Disaster Risk Reduction – Climate Adaptation program, to undertake a risk and resilience assessment to identify vulnerabilities on TNRD community water system infrastructure due to climate change. Read the report [here](#).

The Board approved an application being made to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund – Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment & Training program, for purchasing new or replacement equipment and to facilitate training opportunities for all TNRD fire halls. Read the report [here](#).

Canada Community Building Fund

The Board approved the following allocation of the Canada Community Building Fund:

- **\$22,000** to increase energy efficiency at the Knutsford Community Hall in Electoral Area “L” (Grasslands) by upgrading the original windows and doors of the building. Read the report [here](#).

Regional Grants and Sponsorship Policy Amendments

The Board approved amendments to the Regional Grants and Sponsorship Policy No. 5.1.1, and approved increasing the allocation for the Regional Grants and Sponsorship program from \$20,000 to \$50,000 in the 2024 annual budget. Read the report [here](#).

Thompson-Nicola Film Commission Grant Application

The Board approved an application being made to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program for \$336,000 to fund initiatives that will attract and grow motion picture industries in rural communities within the TNRD. Read the report [here](#).

The next TNRD Board Meeting is on October 26, 2023, at 1:30 pm.

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



MUNICIPALITIES: Ashcroft | Barriere | Cache Creek | Chase | Clearwater | Clinton
Kamloops | Logan Lake | Lytton | Merritt | Sun Peaks

ELECTORAL AREAS: "A" "B" "E" "I" "J" "L" "M" "N" "O" "P"

Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker					
October					
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
	2023 MOTIONS				
R-2023-06	THAT, Council direct administration to contact the artists Daniel Collett and Marina Papais and request their participation through the Public Art Policy #A-01-2021 to develop a maintenance plan for art on public property.	CAO	CAO met with Daniel on Feb 23, 2023. Daniel took a copy of the Public Art Policy with him to review and detail. Daniel will schedule a future meeting (spring) to discuss policy participation		On hold - Agreement forwarded to Artists, waiting for response.
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	To be considered as a Zoning amendment or Bylaw update. Wait for Dstrategic Planning to be completed.	CAO phone meeting with regional Cannabis inspector. Bylaw research complete. Waiting for direction after strat planning.	On hold - till Strat Planning is complete
R-2023-126	THAT, Council approves the Development Variance application as presented at #28 – 807 Railway Ave. A notice will be placed on title advising future purchasers that this structure was approved.	AC/CAO	Owner contacted by phone to let them know it has been approved.	Notice filed with LTSA - copy to roll file and home owner	completed
R-2023-127	THAT, Council approves the Development Variance application as presented at #27 – 807 Railway Ave. A notice will be placed on title advising future purchasers that this structure was approved.	AC/CAO	Owner contacted by phone to let them know it has been approved.	Notice filed with LTSA - copy to roll file and home owner	completed
R-2023-137	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.	CAO	Owner to be contacted to advise it has been approved.	Notice filed with LTSA - copy to roll file and home owner	completed
R-2023-138	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.	CAO	Send letter to Ms. Symes in support as per motion.		completed
R-2023-139	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.	CAO	BC Hydro be advised that Council supports the location.		completed

R-2023-140	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.	EDT	Façade Grant be applied for.		completed
R-2023-141	THAT, the Village of Ashcroft celebrate October as Foster Family month.	CAO	Included in Newsletter		completed
R-2023-142	THAT, Council donates the requested ice time on January 27, 2024 for the Fire Department and RCMP to host the 4th Annual Charity Hockey Game at Drylands Arena and that an additional 2 hours of ice time be donated for practice.	EA	A letter be sent to AFR advising Council's approval of requested ice time.		completed
R-2023-143	THAT, Council sends a letter approving the RCAF request to fly below 500 feet over the Village of Ashcroft on November 11, 2023	EA	Letter be sent out approving the flyover		completed
R-2023-144	THAT, Council donates one Season Family Pass at Drylands Arena to TCMHA for their Kick off BBQ raffle basket.	AA	Advised Council's approval and do up a Family Skating Season Pass		completed
R-2023-145	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.	CAO	A congratulatory letter be sent to Principal Schalles		completed

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

DATE: October 23, 2023
TO: Council
FROM: Councillor Clement

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

It was a pleasure to attend UBCM at the end of September. It was a bus week full of interesting and informative sessions, speakers and lots of networking opportunities.

Some highlights for me were:

Building Economic Resiliency - heard from a variety of Mayors and Staff about what they've been doing to boost their economy after COVID, fires and floods.

Exploring the Health Impacts of Wildfires - The Minister of Health, a Meteorologist and an environmental health services doctor provided different perspectives on the impacts of smoke and wildfires to community and people. The Meteorologist said that the weather and events we are having aren't going away anytime soon.

Modernizing Emergency Management - This session included a lot of participant feedback to help facilitate changes to the Emergency Management systems in place.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Clement
Councillor