



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT**

**REGULAR MINUTES**

**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**

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

CAO, Daniela Dyck  
 CFO, Yogi Bhalla

**EXCUSED:** DPW, Brian Bennewith

Media – 1  
 Public – 4

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting for Monday, October 23, 2023, to order at 6:00 pm.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

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**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, October 23, 2023, be adopted as presented.*

CARRIED – Unanimously R-2023-147

**2. MINUTES**

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 10, 2023 <b>M/S Lambert / Davenport</b> <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 10, 2023, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-148

### 3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	<p>Anne McKague – Butterflyway Beyond Hope BC – Information on programs promoting pollinator and environmental health. Ms. McKague introduced Evelyn White, a member of the Butterflyway Rangers and shared a video made by Evelyn with Council. Ms. McKague thanked Council for the opportunity to present and noted she was here to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-acquaint Council with Butterflyway gardens.</li> <li>• Request Council to review the use of herbicide (Round-Up) in Ashcroft.</li> <li>• Encouraged Council to establish a committee that will review Ashcroft climate action goals.</li> <li>• Anne noted that she has achieved Butterflyway project status – 12 gardens.</li> <li>• Pollinator gardens is a planting of native plants which provides food, sustenance and habitat for pollinators.</li> <li>• 30% of bees overwinter in the ground or stems.</li> <li>• Pollinators are declining because of mankind.</li> <li>• Taking courses to achieve Pollinator Steward Certification.</li> <li>• Herbicide must be addressed – shocked and dismayed that pesticide was used in the community garden, Ms. McKague urged Council to please review the use of pesticides.</li> <li>• Develop unused spaces to create shelter for pollinators.</li> <li>• Best thing to do to address the Climate crisis is to talk about it.</li> <li>• Encourages Council to develop a climate committee to establish better policies and practices such as an anti-idling bylaw, pesticide control, provide an urban tree program.</li> <li>• Mesa Park could be green and beautiful, encouraged Council to revitalize the park.</li> <li>• Keystone plants – there are many lists available identifying the plants/trees we should be planting such as saskatoons.</li> <li>• Ms. McKague showed Council images of the pollinator garden at the Cache Creek School where children learned about plants, pollinators and were journaling their experience.</li> <li>• Finally, Ms. McKague asked Council to consider what Ashcroft might look like 50 years from now, versus what they would like Ashcroft to look like.</li> </ul> <p>Mayor Roden thanked Ms. McKague for her presentation and provided a brief update of proposed plans for green space, noting some of the items Ms. McKague implored council to consider are being discussed and actioned.</p> <p>Mayor Roden noted setting up committee's is often the go too action, suggested a Climate Action overarching umbrella that views all Village projects through the lens of climate action.</p> <p>CFO Bhalla – commented on the Complete Communities project which focuses on liveable communities – has a tremendous environmental impact, this could fit within that scope.</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.

Linda LaGroix - Ashcroft

Noted she is a strong promoter of Ms. McKague's projects in particular the pollinator gardens and environment.

Rev. LaGroix noted she has a master's degree in Environment and is willing to help if there is ever the opportunity to participate.

**5. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

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**6. STAFF REPORTS**

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
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FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	CAO Report – TOLGMA and UBCM Conferences	
6.3	CAO Report – Legacy Park Year End Report	
6.4	CAO Report – Pool Year End Report	
6.5	BEO Report – Bylaw Quarterly Report	
	Reports received for information	

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Courageous K9 Sponsorship Request – Previous Year Business Card Ad attached. <b>M/S Roden / Clement</b> <i>THAT, the Village approves an ad for \$295.00 plus applicable taxes to purchase a business card size ad in the Courageous K9 publication.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-149
7.2	Al Midgley, President, Bonaparte Watershed Stewardship Society – Watershed Sustainability – Request to meet with stakeholders <b>M/S Roden / Lambert</b> <i>THAT, Council directs staff to schedule a meeting with Mr. Midgely to discuss watershed sustainability.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-150
7.3	Daphne Nelson, Cooperative Developer – Union Cooperative Initiative – Request for Letter of Support (sample letter attached) <b>M/S Clement / Lambert</b> <i>THAT, Council send a letter in support of the Union Cooperative Initiative to Ms. Nelson.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-151
7.4	SILGA – Local Government Accounting 101 Seminar for Accounting and Non-Accountants <b>M/S Roden / Lambert</b> <i>THAT, Council approves the registration fee if any council members wish to attend the Local Government Accounting 101 Seminar.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-152



	Mayor Roden noted she participated in the session some time ago and encouraged Council to attend.	
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
7.5	School District No.74 Board Bulletin – October 2023	
7.6	TNRD Board Highlights – October 12, 2023	
	Items 7.5-7.6 Received 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 - Report	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert	
	Reports received for information	

**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  
M/S Roden / Clement*

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>	<b>CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-153</b>
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**13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING**

13.1	<p><b>Release motion # C-2023-09 to the Open Meeting</b>  <b>M/S Roden / Clement</b>  <i>THAT, Council moves to release Motion #C-2023-09 to the open meeting.</i>  <i>CARRIED – Unanimous – C-2023-12</i>            Motion from October 10, 2023 Closed Meeting:  <b>“M/S Roden / Lambert</b>            THAT, Council direct staff to purchase 406 Brink Street for a purchase price not to exceed \$60,000.  <i>CARRIED C-2023-09”</i></p>	
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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, October 23, 2023, at 8:45 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council  
held Monday, October 23, 2023.

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden,  
Mayor