



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT
REGULAR MINUTES**

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT
6:00 PM ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
 Councillor, Jonah Anstett – via Zoom
 Councillor, Jessica Clement
 Councillor, Doreen Lambert

CAO, Daniela Dyck
 CFO, Yogi Bhalla
 DPW, Brian Bennewith

EXCUSED: Councillor, Nadine Davenport

Media – 1
 Public – 8

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, November 14, 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. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

N/A

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, October 23, 2023 M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, October 23, 2023 be adopted.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-154
2.2	Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Monday, October 30, 2023 M/S Lambert / Clement <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Monday, October 30, 2023 be adopted.</i>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-155

3. DELEGATIONS

<p>3.1</p>	<p>Cpl. Denise Bendfeld – Introductions and Policing Update Council received an update on policing services from Corporal Bendfeld. Cpl. Bendfeld noted, the Ashcroft detachment has an average of 1850 files this has been consistent for the last 5 years. Corp. Bendfeld provided a break down of the calls for service noting a decrease in mental health files – COVID caused an increase, but numbers are coming down to pre-pandemic levels The Ashcroft detachment has a full complement of constables; however, the Sargent position is vacant, and the traffic division has 2 vacant constable positions. Cpl. Bendfeld also noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle thefts are down – people are locking car doors and not leaving valuable in their vehicles. • Fraud files are on the decline with 29 files last year and is reduced to 12 files so far this year. • Cpl. Bendfeld warned of a Bitcoin investment fraud going around, and for residents to be aware. <p>Q&A Cpl. Bendfeld noted in response to Mayor Roden’s question should people be calling the local detachment if scam calls are being received? The Detachment would like to know and although they do not handle scam files at the detachment, they will forward the complaint to the appropriate office. Council welcomed Cpl. Bendfeld to the community.</p>	
<p>3.2</p>	<p>Al Midgley, President, Bonaparte Watershed Stewardship Society – Seeking grants available and other funding options to move forward Mr. Midgley thanked Council for the opportunity to present his concerns regarding the Bonaparte Watershed and ongoing flooding situation. Mr. Midgley noted several members of the society were present in the gallery to support the initiative. The Society is looking for solutions and has been in the back country assessing the Battle Creek, Scotty Creek and Cache Creek basins and are alarmed at the lack of vegetation in the area since the recent fires, noting there is nothing there to hold the water back in extreme weather events or freshet. Mr. Midgley suggested it would be helpful if the flow of the water could be slowed down by 2 – 3 weeks, noting this could be accomplished by installing gravel berms to hold the water back. Gary Winslow, a society member presented images of the Scotty Creek basin coming over the Arrowstone Hills. Cache Creek basin is massive and with the lack of ground cover to hold back the water, it will continue to flood. Mr. Midgley noted his presentation is for information only; however, the Society will be asking for letters of support once grant funding sources are identified.</p> <p>Q&A Mayor Roden thanked Mr. Midgley for his presentation. Councillor Lambert thanked Mr. Midgley commending him for being such a strong water steward.</p>	

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		
6.2	CAO Report – Deputy Mayor Appointment Mayor Roden thanked Councillor Anstett for his service as Deputy Mayor noting she was confident Councillor Clement will be equally capable.	
6.3	CAO Report – Short Term Rental Legislation	
6.4	CAO Report – Anne McKague Delegation	
	Reports received for information.	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	BC Dragit Challenge 2024 – BC’s only Drag n Drive event – Request to Close Railway Avenue June 23, 2024 from 4-8 pm for meet and greet. M/S Clement / Lambert <i>THAT, Council approves the request from the BC Dragit Challenge to close Railway Ave. on June 23, 2024 from 4-8 pm to host the Drag and Drive event.</i> Comments Councillor Clement wondered if staff is concerned that Railway Ave. would be closed for a large portion of that day due to the Farmers Market closure in the morning. Staff noted the evening road closure is less disruptive for commercial traffic as they can access the Arrow Yard from Hwy 97C.	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-156
7.2	Fire Underwriters Survey – Petition in Support of Bill C-310 - Volunteer Firefighters and Search and Rescue Personnel – Sign Petition Mayor Roden noted that Council members could go online and sign the petition individually if they feel compelled to do so.	
7.3	Northern Woods & Water Highway Association – Request to have Village join the Membership Direction to staff - forward request to EDTC to determine if this fits within Ashcroft’s advertising mandate and budget.	

7.4	<p>Legion BC/Yukon – Request Support for 2024 Military Recognition Book</p> <p>We have participated in this publication for many years – cost \$385.</p> <p>M/S Clement /Lambert <i>THAT, Council supports the purchase of a business card for \$385.00 in the 2024 Military Recognition Book.</i></p>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-157
7.5	<p>Ashcroft & Area Community Resources Society – Christmas Hamper Fund seeking monetary donations</p> <p>Mayor Roden noted last years donation was \$500 and that staff has confirmed a similar donation was affordable within the budget.</p> <p>M/S Lambert / Clement <i>THAT, Council approves the Ashcroft & Area Community Resources Society – Christmas Hamper Fund request for financial support with a donation of \$1000 for 2023.</i></p> <p>Mayor Roden noted the Society is unable to accept nonperishable food donations this year due to a lack of storage space and is only accepting monetary donations for the drive. Councillor Lambert noted as the Society is unable to accept food donations, she would like to increase the donation for 2023. CFO Bhalla cautioned that the Village should not be regarded as a grant funding organization, the Village’s mandate is to provide municipal services.</p>	CARRIED. R-2023-158 OPPOSED. Councillor Anstett.
7.6	<p>SILGA Community Excellence Awards – Nomination Information</p> <p>For information</p>	
7.7	<p>Historic Hat Creek Ranch – Request for a Letter of Support for RFP to the Province</p> <p>M/S Lambert / Anstett <i>THAT, Council forwards a letter of support to the Historic Hat Creek Ranch in support of the RFP to continue as operators of the site.</i></p> <p>Mayor Roden noted the Macabee Fossil beds are included in the RFP and will be operated with Hat Creek Ranch by the successful applicant.</p>	CARRIED. Unanimously. R-2023-159
7.8	<p>School District No. 74 – Upcoming Community Consultation regarding School Trustee Electoral Boundaries</p> <p>Mayor Roden encouraged Council members could go online and complete the survey individually if they feel compelled to do so.</p> <p>Mayor Roden commented that the electoral area changes do affect the Ashcroft electoral boundary, noting if the changes are implemented all students in the electoral boundary change will be represented by the Ashcroft Trustee, currently some are represented by the Lytton Trustee.</p>	

FOR INFORMATION		
7.9	Ashcroft Hospice Society Ducks Committee – Thank you	
7.10	TNRD Board Highlights – October 26, 2023	
7.11	Ownership Matters: Building Community Wealth in Canada – Invitation to Speaker Series	
7.12	Minister of Housing – Support for Local Government Housing Initiatives	
7.13	TNRD – Board Chair and Vice Chair Acclaimed for Upcoming Year Mayor Barbara Roden acclaimed as Chair; Mayor Robyn Smith acclaimed as Vice-Chair	
7.14	Association of Interior Realtors – Media Release – Kamloops Residential Real Estate Market Activity Lower than Usual	
7.15	School District No. 74 – Invitation to discuss issues of mutual interest. Mayor Roden noted, at this time Council does not have any mutual interest issues to discuss but a meeting can be requested in the future.	
7.16	MP Brad Vis – Cannabis Act Review	
Items 7.9-7.16 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

10.1	EDTC Meeting Notes of October 11, 2023 Councillor Lambert requested clarity in regard to way finding signage Councillor Clement was able to address the questions and concerns	
10.2	EDTC Meeting Notes of November 8, 2023 Mayor Roden noted she is looking forward to the Art and History Map	

11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden Mayor Roden noted she was speaking with Al DeGenova regarding the Honour Ranch's recent win of a customized Land Rover which will have 8 seats, winch, pump hose to pump water from creeks and additional lights. Chief White helped Honour Ranch to make the video for the contest entry and Honour Ranch has kindly made their resources available to Fire Chief White if needed in an emergency.	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	



11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert - Report	
	Reports Receive 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

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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, November 14, 2023, at 6:40 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor