



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 MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024**

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday January 8, 2024 to order at 6:08
“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

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, December 11, 2023 M/S Clement / Lambert <i>That the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, December 11, 2023 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-01

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Joris Ekering, Rotary Club – Spring Parade in Ashcroft April 20, 2024 – Railway Avenue South End to 3rd Street <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ekering asked Council to consider closing Railway Ave between 2nd Street and 8th Street beginning at 2nd and ending on 8th for the Spring Parade on April 20th, 2024 • Would like to have some conversations during the parade about recycling along the way • Permission to use Heritage Park and gazebo • Asking Village to sweep streets prior to parade 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No budget parade vehicles with low emissions only no semi trucks, trucks etc. organizer want minimal carbon impact to the environment during the event. no entry fees charged, no participants paid, “Green Parade” to welcome spring and celebrate Earth Day Old fashioned parade everyone is welcome, floats to be pulled by lawn tractors or horses. <p>Mayor Roden advised Council would render a decision at the Jan 22 meeting.</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.

Rob Benedict - 251 Cliff Crescent - Would like to discuss the arena

- Promote expanded use of arena – more programs with extended season
- Expand operations into the off seasons
- Dressing room upgrades
- Recommends seeking grant funding for projects to improve the arena, expansions,
- Realizes these suggestions are expensive but encourages Council to explore options

Mayor Roden commented in regard to the arena being a priority for many during strategic planning. It was also noted that a new electric Zamboni was recently purchased for the arena.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report – FireSmart Application to UBCM M/S Lambert / Clement <i>THAT, Council supports the submission of a grant application to UBCM under the Community Resiliency Investment Program – 2024 FireSmart Community Funding stream in the amount of \$200,000 and further that Council supports the program throughout its duration.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-02
6.2	<p>CAO Report – Strategic Priorities M/S Roden / Lambert <i>THAT, Council directs staff to schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss Strategic Planning priorities.</i> Mayor Roden noted it would be best to have all of Council in the room, therefore a COTW meeting is preferred to determine strategic priorities. Staff to schedule meeting for 5:00 pm January 22, 2024</p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-03

6.3	<p>CAO Report – Ashcroft-Cache Creek Seniors’ Request review of the electrical bill for Seniors’ Centre M/S Lambert / Clement <i>THAT, Council supports the Seniors’ request to reduce the BC Hydro charges for their portion of the building and reduce the amount charged from 43.1% to 25%.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-04
FOR INFORMATION		
6.4	<p>Fire Chief Report – Calls for Service 2023 Council noted their gratitude to the fire department members for their commitment to protecting the community throughout the year. It was noted that members of the FD were able to support Chase during the 2023 wildfire season – Mayor from Chase was also very appreciative for the Ashcroft FD support. Appreciation for the great job done in the fall at the Western Ave. house fires as the situation could have been much worse if not for the Ashcroft support from the Cache Creek FD. Council commented their appreciation to Cache Creek FD for their support during the Western Ave. emergency.</p>	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>SILGA – 2024 Call for Nominations For Information</p>	
7.2	<p>SILGA – 2024 Call for Resolutions M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council directs staff to draft a resolution for submission to the SILGA convention regarding the unequal distribution of cost increases between the municipality and province for the provisions of public transit in rural communities.</i> <u>For Information</u> <i>The Para Transit Committee made a recommendation in the Minutes from their Nov. 22, 2023 meeting asking Council to advocate for a fairer distribution of cost increases between communities and BC Transit. The most recent increase to the budget is 14% for municipalities and 3.3% for the province, which could make future service delivery unaffordable.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-05
7.3	<p>SILGA – 2024 Constitution Amendments For Information</p>	
7.4	<p>157th Clinton Annual Ball – Invitation to Mayor Roden M/S Clement / Lambert <i>THAT, Council send Mayor Roden and guest to the 157th Annual Clinton Ball if she wished to attend.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-06
FOR INFORMATION		
7.5	<p>BC Rural Health Network – Resignation of Vice President, Colin Moss</p>	
7.6	<p>TNRD and TRHD Board Meeting Highlights for December 14 & 15, 2023</p>	
7.7	<p>Ministry of Housing – Funding Allocation of the Capacity Funding for the Village of Ashcroft</p>	



	The Village of Ashcroft will receive \$157,476 by the end of January. Funding may be used to update OCP, Zoning and Building Bylaws among other development streamlining initiatives.	
7.8	<p>Province Honours People providing Extraordinary Community Service</p> <p>Ashcroft's Vivian Edwards is one of this years' recipients! Mayor Roden noted Ms. Edwards, is the fourth person from our area to receive this honour.</p> <p>M/S Roden /Lambert</p> <p><i>THAT, the Village send a letter congratulating Ms. Edwards on receiving the medal of good citizenship.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-07
7.9	TNRD Press Release – TNRD Board Approves 2024 Capital Plan	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	<p>EDT Report – Business Walk Report</p> <p>Noted that it might be interesting to ask at future walks: Do you have a succession plan in place?</p>	
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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	<p>Councillor Lambert – Report</p> <p>Councillor Lambert noted the luncheon was very well attended; the new executive did an excellent job.</p>	

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 / Lambert</p> <p><i>That Council move to a Closed Meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1(g) litigation or potential litigation affecting the municipality.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-08
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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 January 8, 2024 at 7:10 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
Council held Monday, January 8, 2024.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor