



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT**

**MINUTES**

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE  
AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024**

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

CAO, Daniela Dyck  
 DPW, Brian Bennewith

**EXCUSED:** CFO, Yogi Bhalla

Media – 1  
 Public – 2 (gallery) 2 (zoom/phone)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday January 22, 2024, to order at 6:13 pm.

*“Mayor and Council wish to acknowledge that the meeting today is held within the traditional territory of the Nlaka’pamux people.”*

**2. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

Mayor Roden noted that the Motion to Rise and Report from the Committee of the Whole Meeting is to be discussed under Unfinished Business item 10.2

**M/S Clement / Anstett**

*THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday January 22, 2024 be adopted as amended to include item 10.2 Strategic Priorities to be discussed under Unfinished Business.*

CARRIED. Unanimous R-2024-09

**3. MINUTES**

3.1	<b>Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 8, 2024</b> M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 8, 2024 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-10

**4. DELEGATIONS**

4.1	N/A	
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**5. 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.

Cam Tedford – 601 Railway Ave.

- Branding - suggestion that Council consider combining the “wellness Awaits You” and “Oasis in the Desert” brands.
  - Wellness brand was not promoted well:
  - What is wellness?
    - Clean air
    - Breathe better
    - Better quality of life than in the city
  - Comment: We are Canada’s only true desert – combine desert life with wellness.
- Committee of the Whole (COTW) meeting clarification requested in regard to Ashcroft Indian Band (AIB) and FireSmart
- Arena – Comment as 13+ years experience working in the arena;
  - Possibility of an upstairs dressing room is possible with the provision of a skate up area on the main floor.
  - Office not ideal dressing room location

Kevin Beenham – 1402 Battel Ave.

- Comment regarding FireSmart and AIB:
  - Collaborate with AIB, may be able to partner and access additional funds through First Nations Emergency Social Services (FNESS)

Staff noted that First Nation collaboration and participation is a requirement under the FireSmart funding and AIB is keen to participate.

**6. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

6.1	<p><b>CAO Report – Bylaw No. 866 – Village of Ashcroft Consolidated Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw - Rescind Third Reading</b></p> <p>Council received a report from the CAO dated Jan 22, 2024, asking Council to rescind third reading and re-read third reading of Bylaw 866 as amended.</p> <p>M/S Roden / Clement</p> <p>1. <i>THAT, Council rescinds third reading of the Village of Ashcroft’s Consolidated Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 866, 2023, and amend the bylaw to include the following in Schedule “M”:</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a. <i>Kubota (Snow Removal) \$50.00 / incident</i></p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b. <i>Video or Snake Sewer Line on Private Property \$125.00 / hr.</i></p> <p>M/S Clement / Davenport</p> <p>2. <i>THAT, the Village of Ashcroft’s Consolidated Fees, and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 866, 2023 be read a third time as amended.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-11</p> <p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-12</p>
6.2	<p><b>Bylaw No. 864 – Village of Ashcroft Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 822 Amendment Bylaw No. 864, 2023</b></p> <p>M/S Davenport / Lambert</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-13</p>

	<i>THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw No. 864, 2023 be read a third time.</i>	
6.3	<p><b>Bylaw No. 865 – Village of Ashcroft Zoning Bylaw No. 823 Amendment Bylaw No. 865, 2023</b> M/S Anstett / Lambert</p> <p><i>THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Zoning Amendment Bylaw No. 865, 2023 be read a third time.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-14

## 7. STAFF REPORTS

<b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b>		
7.1	<p><b>CAO Report – NDIT – Economic Development Capacity Building Grant Applications</b></p> <p>Council received a report from the CAO requesting approval to submit the Economic Development Capacity Building Grant application to NDIT.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Anstett</p> <p><i>THAT, Council supports the submission of a grant application to Northern Development Initiative Trust for a \$50,000 grant under the Economic Development Capacity Building stream to support ongoing economic development and tourism initiatives in the Village of Ashcroft.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-15
7.2	<p><b>CAO Report – Draft Resolution to SILGA / UBCM</b></p> <p>Council received a report from the CAO asking Council to review and suggest edits to the Draft Resolution to be forwarded to SILGA in regards to an equal transit funding formula increases between the province and the municipality.</p> <p>M/S Lambert / Clement</p> <p><i>THAT, Council endorses the Resolution provided in the attachment, to be submitted to the Southern Interior Local Government Association in its presented form or with any amendments deemed necessary. This resolution advocates for the province to instruct BC Transit to modify the funding formula, ensuring that any increases are shared equally between the province and the municipality for small rural transit services.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-16
7.3	<p><b>CAO Report – Participation in TNRD GIS Shared Services Proposal</b></p> <p>Council received a report from the CAO requesting Council approve participation in the Regional GIS shared services.</p> <p>M/S Anstett / Lambert</p> <p><i>THAT, Council supports the Village of Ashcroft’s participation in the TNRD GIS Shared Service proposal.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-17
7.4	<b>EA Report – Spring “Green Parade” – Delegation Summary</b>	

	<p>Council received a report from the EA requesting Council approval to close Railway Ave between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street, sweep Railway Ave and provide barriers to host a “Spring Parade” on April 20, 2024.</p> <p>M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, Council approves the request to close Railway Avenue from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Streets On April 20, 2024, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm; provide barriers to restrict access from the side roads; sweep Railway Avenue; and use of Heritage Park.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-18</p>
7.5	<p><b>EDT Report – NDI – Marketing Initiatives Grant Application</b></p> <p>Council received a report from the EDTC requesting Council endorse a grant application in the amount of \$24,965 to NDI under the Marketing Initiative funding stream to offset the cost of marketing initiatives as identified by the EDT Working Group for 2024</p> <p>M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, Council for the Village of Ashcroft extends its full support for the submission of an application to the Northern Development Initiative Trust’s (NDI) Marketing Initiatives funding stream seeking financial assistance of up to \$24,965.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-19</p>
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
7.6	<p><b>CAO REPORT – Gold Country Communities Society – GCCS Acting as Ashcroft’s Destination Marketing Organization (DMO)</b></p> <p>Council received a report from the CAO to provide context on Ashcroft’s resolution to terminate its membership effective January 2024 and to offer clarification concerning the attached Gold Country Communities Society’s role as Ashcroft’s Destination Marketing Organization (DMO).</p>	

**8. CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>FOR ACTION</b>		
8.1	<p><b>Heritage BC – Heritage Week February 19-25, 2024, Proclamation</b> M/S Roden / Clement <i>THAT, Council declares the week of February 19-25, 2024, as Heritage Week in Ashcroft.</i> Advertise Heritage Week in the Village Newsletter and encourage residents to pick up a walking tour map and explore Ashcroft’s history.</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-20</p>
8.2	<p><b>Ashcroft &amp; Area Community Resources Society – Request free use of the Ashcroft Community Hall for Christmas Hampers December 17-21, 2024.</b> M/S Roden / Lambert <i>THAT, Council approves the Ashcroft and Area Community Resource Society’s request for free use of the Ashcroft Community Hall for the Christmas Hampers December 17-21, 2024.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-21</p>
8.3	<p><b>Ashcroft &amp; District Healthcare Auxiliary - Request free use of the Ashcroft Community Hall for Annual Christmas Sale November 13-17, 2024</b> M/S Anstett / Lambert</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-22</p>

	<i>THAT, Council approves the Ashcroft and District Healthcare Auxiliary's request for free use of the Ashcroft Community Hall for the Annual Christmas Sale on November 13-17, 2024.</i>	
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
8.4	<b>Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship – Snow Survey and Water Supply Bulletin – January 1, 2024</b>	
8.5	<b>UBCM Housing Summit – Vancouver, Feb. 13-14, 2024.</b>	

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

9.1	<b>Task Manager – Motion Tracker</b>	
9.2	<p><b>Strategic Priorities brought forward from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held at 5:00 pm on Monday January 22, 2024</b></p> <p>M/S Roden / Anstett</p> <p><i>THAT, Council adopts the strategic priority items as identified by Council at the Committee of the Whole Meeting for the 2024 – 2026 Village of Ashcroft Strategic Plan as follows :</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parks (Mesa, Heritage, Legacy, Pool, Skills)</li> <li>2. Recreation (Arena, Pool, Curling Rink, Skills)</li> <li>3. Water to Ashcroft Indian Band</li> <li>4. Policy Review Committee</li> <li>5. Street Safety Committee (includes sidewalks)</li> <li>6. FireSmart</li> <li>7. Environment (water conservation/herbicides etc.)</li> <li>8. Official Community Plan (OCP) / Zoning Bylaw Updates</li> <li>9. Branding</li> <li>10. North Ashcroft Reservoir</li> <li>11. Museum / Old Fire Hall</li> <li>12. Trail Plan / Downtown Walking Trail</li> </ol>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-23

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

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**11. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS**

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**12. COUNCIL REPORTS**

12.1	Mayor Roden	
12.2	Councillor Anstett	
12.3	Councillor Clement	
12.4	Councillor Davenport	
12.5	Councillor Lambert	

**13. RESOLUTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED MEETING**

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

13.1	M/S Roden / Clement	CARRIED Unanimous
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	<p><i>THAT, Council moves 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>	<p>R-2024-24</p>
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**14. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING**

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**15. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday January 22, 2024, at 7:05 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, January 22, 2024.

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 Daniela Dyck,  
 Chief Administrative Officer

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 Barbara Roden,  
 Mayor