



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council met January 8th and 22nd. Here are some highlights from those meetings:

- ⇒ Council fully supported and approved staff submitting the following Grant Applications:
 - a) UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program—2024 FireSmart Community Funding Stream for \$200,000
 - b) NDIT’s Economic Development Capacity Building Stream for \$50,000
- ⇒ Council directed 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
- ⇒ Council declared the week of February 19-25, 2024 as Heritage Week in Ashcroft
- ⇒ Village of Ashcroft Official Community Plan Amendment Bylaw and Zoning Amendment Bylaw were both given third readings
- ⇒ Council rescinded 3rd Reading of the Village of Ashcroft Consolidated Fees and Charges Amendment Bylaw No. 866, 2023 and re-read it a third time as amended

Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

Mayor:

Barbara Roden

Councillors:

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

Doreen Lambert

2024-2026 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Council identified the following strategic priority items for the 2024-2026 Village of Ashcroft Strategic Plan Draft plan to be developed in February.

- 1) Parks (Mesa Vista, Heritage, Legacy, Pool, Skills)
- 2) Recreation (Arena, Pool, Curling Rink, Skills)
- 3) Water to Ashcroft Indian Band
- 4) Policy Review Committee
- 5) Street Safety Committee (includes sidewalks)
- 6) FireSmart
- 7) Environment (water, conservation/herbicides, etc.)
- 8) Official Community Plan (OCP) / Zoning
- 9) Branding
- 10) North Ashcroft Reservoir
- 11) Museum / Old Fire Hall
- 12) Trail Plan / Downtown Walking Trail



SHOUT OUT TO OUR PUBLIC WORKS CREW!

Huge shout out to the crew for so diligently sanding, plowing, removing snow and maintaining our village roads during the snowfalls and cold snap this month.



THANK YOU ASSOCIATED ELECTRICAL SERVICES

For donating their time and bucket truck to put up and take down our Christmas Lights on the tree at the old fire hall site!

HELP KEEP OUR VILLAGE CLEAN!

It has been brought to our attention the significant amount of cigarette butts discarded on the trails in the sand dunes on the Mesa. As well, this is a friendly reminder to please pick up after your dogs on any and all village trails and lands. Kindly consider other residents and the environment and take out what you bring in.

The Drylands Arena and the Ashcroft Curling Rink have also had a noticeable increase in discarded cigarette butts and garbage outside their buildings. Please utilize the dedicated outdoor ashtray and garbage bin on the arena wall to discard your cigarette butts and garbage.



PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO HELP MAINTAIN A HEALTHY AND CLEAN VILLAGE THAT WE CAN ALL BE PROUD TO BE A PART OF!



HERITAGE WEEK
FEBRUARY 19-25, 2024

Mayor and Council have declared February 19-25, 2024 as “Heritage Week” in the Village of Ashcroft. We are encouraging residents to celebrate by of the **2024 Ashcroft Art & History Walking Tour Map** picking up a copy at our office or downloading a copy at <https://ashcroftbc.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/24-Ashcroft-Art-Walking-Tour-Brochure-12.pdf>. Let’s get out there and explore Ashcroft’s rich history during Heritage Week 2024!

2024
Upcoming Council Meetings

Feb. 12 Regular @ 6 pm
Feb. 26 Regular @ 6 pm

Mar. 11 COTW 5:00 pm
Mar. 11 Regular 6:00 pm

The HUB Online Network records and broadcasts or live streams each meeting.

DOES YOUR ORGANIZATION NEED HELP APPLYING FOR GRANTS?

Grant writing assistance is available for priority community projects and to provide assistance to non-profit organizations and First Nations located in or near our community.



If your organization is seeking help in applying for grant opportunities, please reach out to our Grant Writer, at the Ashcroft HUB at 711 Hill Street or 250-453-9177.

VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT GRANT-IN-AID APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications will be considered by Council twice per year at the first Committee of the Whole (COTW) meeting in March and September.

First Intake: February 29, 2024 for projects that will be completed by September 15, 2024 to be considered.

Second Intake: August 31, 2024 for projects that will be completed by March 15, 2025 to be considered.

Forms are available at www.ashcroftbc.ca/forms

HIRING STUDENTS FOR THE 2024 SUMMER SEASON!

- * Head Lifeguard
- * Swim Instructor
- * Lifeguard
- * Museum
- * Parks Maintenance



Contact the Village Office for more details
250-453-9161

2024 BUSINESS FACADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Your project may be eligible for a 50% rebate up to a maximum of \$5,000. Applications will be accepted until May 31, 2024 or when funding runs out.

- Exterior Lighting (new but not replacement)
- Exterior architectural features
- Exterior surfaces and details (decorative details, moldings, trims, etc.)
- Windows (Please see guidelines for details)
- New Siding
- Façade Painting (including murals and mosaics)
- Entrances and doorways (please see guidelines for details)
- Awnings
- Signage (affixed to the building)
- Wayfinding signage (please see guidelines for details)
- Accessibility improvements (please see guidelines for details)
- Patios- case by case approval



Program guidelines and application form can be found online at www.ashcroftbc.ca/forms



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