



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

REGULAR MINUTES

FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2024

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Barbara Roden  
Councillor, Jonah Anstett – Via Zoom  
Councillor, Nadine Davenport  
Councillor, Doreen Lambert

CAO, Daniela Dyck  
DPW, Brian Bennewith

**EXCUSED:** Councillor, Jessica Clement  
CFO, Yogi Bhalla

Media – 1  
Public – 1

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for the Village of Ashcroft on Monday, February 26, 2024, to order at 6:08 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**

No additions or deletions.

**2. MINUTES**

2.1	<b>Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 12, 2024</b>  M/S Lambert / Davenport <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 12, 2024 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-42
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**3. DELEGATIONS**

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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.*

There were no questions or comments received from the public.



**5. BYLAWS/POLICIES**

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**6. STAFF REPORTS**

<b>REQUEST FOR DECISION</b>		
6.1	<p><b>CAO Report - Draft Strategic Plan 2024 – 2026</b>            Purpose:            To provide Council with a draft of the Strategic Plan 2024 – 2026 and that Council review, make recommendations for edits and adopt the plan as the guiding document in achieving Council’s objectives.</p> <p>CAO Dyck provided a brief power point presentation highlighting the core values and established priorities of the draft strategic plan.</p> <p>M/S Davenport / Lambert  <i>THAT, Council approves the Strategic Plan as presented. This decision reflects the endorsement of the outlined strategies and goals, indicating a commitment to their implementation achieving Council’s objectives.</i></p> <p>It was discussed that the Core Values without designated priorities would be discussed at a future date when all of Council is present in Council Chambers,</p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-43
6.2	<p><b>CAO Report – Equality Project Delegation Report</b>            Purpose:            Provide Council with a summary of the Equality Projects delegation presentation and subsequent request of Council.</p> <p>M/S Lambert / Anstett  <i>THAT, Council for the Village of Ashcroft provide a letter of support to the Equality Project recognizing the significance of addressing homelessness and providing essential services during extreme weather events to be put forward in future funding applications; and that Council direct staff to review Ashcroft’s Heat Alert Response Plan and consider the addition of severe cold weather events in the plan.</i></p> <p>Clarification was requested regarding the addition of warming centres and cold weather response to the HARS Plan. Staff noted that once winter thresholds are established the HARS plan can be amended.</p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-44
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
6.4	<p><b>CFO Report – Audit Update</b>            Purpose:            Provide a brief Audit update – for information</p>	



**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

<b>FOR ACTION</b>		
7.1	<p><b>TCMHA – Request Donation of the Community Hall for Season End Banquet.</b>            Purpose:            Free Hall use request for March 15, 2024</p> <p><b>M/S Anstett / Lambert</b>  <i>THAT, Council approves the TCMHA donation request for free Community Hall use to host their end of Season Banquet on March 15, 2024.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED            Unanimous            R-2024-45</p>
<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>		
7.2	<p><b>TNRD News Release – TNRD Mandatory Recyclable Material Bylaw to be Fully Implemented in Spring 2024</b>            Of Note:            To educate the public and reduce the risk of noncompliance a public education campaign will be implemented by the Village with information provided by the TNRD.</p> <p>Clarification regarding the 10% volume of corrugated card board in the regular garbage and the difference between old versus regular cardboard was requested.</p>	
7.3	<b>TNRD Board Highlights – February 15, 2024</b>	
7.4	<b>Ashcroft &amp; District Hospice Society – Thank you</b>	
7.5	<b>SD 74 – Board Bulletin – February 2024 Issue</b>	
7.6	<b>Interior Health – Statement on the passing of Dr. Cochrane</b>	
7.7	<b>Teck HVC Partnership – Name Change HVC 20240 Project to HVC Mine Life Extension Project</b>	
7.8	<b>TNFC News Release – Tracker Premier</b>	

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

8.1	<p><b>Task Manager – Motion Tracker</b>            Query why the Cannabis item was marked as complete. Staff noted as the Zoning Bylaw is a strategic priority cannabis will be considered at that time which completes the process under the task manager.</p>	
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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	<p>Mayor Roden – Verbal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attended grand opening of the Tiny Library at Aberdeen Mall</li> <li>• Hold Lockers coming to TNRL’s.</li> <li>• TNRL App coming later this year.</li> <li>• Invited to judge the Ashcroft &amp; District 4H public speaking event this weekend.</li> </ul>	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	<p>Councillor Lambert – Report – Notice of Motion</p> <p>Council Reports – Councillor Lambert wondered if it would it be less onerous for Council members to report at meetings if the reports were in a verbal format? <i>It was noted the written reports become a public record which is the preferred method at this time.</i> <b>No changes at this time</b></p> <p>Closed Agendas – Councillor Lambert is concerned about the risk of confidential information possibly finding its way into the public via hacking or lost devices and suggested hard copy Closed Agendas to be picked up and returned to the office. <i>It was noted that the TNRD is providing the opportunity for IT Security shared service which may safeguard the concern.</i> <i>CAO to research what other communities are doing to distribute confidential material to Council.</i> <b>No changes at this time.</b></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*

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**13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING**

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**14. ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of the Village of Ashcroft Council for Monday February 26, 2024, at 6:42 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 26, 2024.

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Daniela Dyck,  
Chief Administrative Officer

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Barbara Roden,  
Mayor