



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

REGULAR AGENDA

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE
OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

Please be advised that the HUB Online Network will record and broadcast or live stream today's Council meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

"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, February 26, 2024 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 26, 2024 be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-4
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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.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1		
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2		

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	BC Association of Farmers Markets – Request a letter of Gratitude & Support to the BC Minister of Health to secure ongoing funding and expanded funding for the BC Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program	P. 5
	M/S	
7.2	The Ashcroft HUB – Request for monetary or items for donation for door prizes for upcoming fundraisers for 2024	P. 6
	M/S	
7.3	UBCM – Annual Membership Renewal	P. 7
	M/S	
FOR INFORMATION		
7.3	Interior Health – New Chair and Members appointed to IH Board	P. 8-9
7.4	Ashcroft Indian Band – Prescribed Burn Notice – March 2024 Prescribed burn to start as early as March 16, 2024 if conditions are right.	P. 10

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker	P. 11
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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	Mayor Roden	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert	

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



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	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 12, 2024 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

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report - Draft Strategic Plan 2024 – 2026</p> <p>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>CAO Report – Equality Project Delegation Report</p> <p>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
FOR INFORMATION		
6.4	<p>CFO Report – Audit Update</p> <p>Purpose: Provide a brief Audit update – for information</p>	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	TCMHA – Request Donation of the Community Hall for Season End Banquet. Purpose: Free Hall use request for March 15, 2024 M/S Anstett / Lambert <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>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-45
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	TNRD News Release – TNRD Mandatory Recyclable Material Bylaw to be Fully Implemented in Spring 2024 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. Clarification regarding the 10% volume of corrugated card board in the regular garbage and the difference between old versus regular cardboard was requested.	
7.3	TNRD Board Highlights – February 15, 2024	
7.4	Ashcroft & District Hospice Society – Thank you	
7.5	SD 74 – Board Bulletin – February 2024 Issue	
7.6	Interior Health – Statement on the passing of Dr. Cochrane	
7.7	Teck HVC Partnership – Name Change HVC 20240 Project to HVC Mine Life Extension Project	
7.8	TNFC News Release – Tracker Premier	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker 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.	
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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"> • Attended grand opening of the Tiny Library at Aberdeen Mall • Hold Lockers coming to TNRL's. • TNRL App coming later this year. • Invited to judge the Ashcroft & District 4H public speaking event this weekend. 	
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 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> No changes at this time</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> No changes at this time.</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.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor



February 22, 2024

Dear Mayor Barbara Roden and Council,

We have a wonderful update to share about the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program in Ashcroft. This beloved program is truly making a difference in your community, along with over 100 others across BC. As you may know, this program exists through funding from the Province of British Columbia. For over a decade, BC Association of Farmers' Markets is proud to deliver the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program across the province.

In Ashcroft

During the 2023 season **Heskw'en'scutxe Health Services Society** provided lower-income pregnant persons, families, and seniors with coupons to purchase fresh fruits, vegetables, cheese, eggs, nuts, fish, meat, herbs, and honey directly from farmers at your local farmers' market.

These local residents redeemed **\$2,505** with local farmers at the **Ashcroft Farmers and Artisans Coop**.

In fact, in **Ashcroft** over **20** lower-income residents benefited from better access to local, fresh foods while connecting to their community.

At the same time, farmers in your community benefited from this additional income to sustain their farms. Our local food system is stronger.

Our Request To You

We encourage you to send a letter of gratitude and support to the BC Minister of Health, The Honourable Adrian Dix. Your support and feedback bolsters our goal of securing ongoing and expanded funding for the BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program.

We look forward to working with your community again in 2024!

With gratitude,

Heather O'Hara
BCAFM Executive Director

Wylie Bystedt
Chair, BCAFME Board of Directors

BC Association of Farmers' Markets

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The Ashcroft HUB is a registered charity operating a vibrant community centre serving the community of Ashcroft and the surrounding area through wellness, recreation and the arts. Programs include after-school programming, summer camps, seniors connection opportunities, educational workshops, recreational and fitness programs, and many community events. It's said that if "it's happening,... it's happening at the HUB!"

Operating costs are a large portion of our expenses, and are not always covered through grants. We also have plans to replace a leaking roof and add accessibility (wheelchair ramp and accessible washrooms).

We are looking for items that can be used as door prizes for our upcoming fundraising events. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Local items will be purchased with any cash donation.

March - Easter Ham Bingo
May - Spring Ladies Night
June - Men's Casino Night
September - Amazing Race Event
October - Fall Ladies Night
December - Turkey Bingo

Can we count on your support in serving our community? Thank you for considering this request.

In health and wellness

Jessica Clement
Executive Director
Ashcroft HUB

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THE CORPORATION VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

March 1, 2024

Council Members
Village of Ashcroft
Box 129
Ashcroft, BC V0K 1A0



Dear Council Members:

I am writing to invite the Village of Ashcroft to renew its annual membership in the Union of BC Municipalities.

BC's communities are facing a complex set of challenges: climate change, housing attainability, the opioid crisis and more. While local governments are stepping up to respond to each of these crises, the complexity and scale of these issues require coordination with other orders of government to find effective solutions.

UBCM never stops working on behalf of local governments with other orders of government.

In the last 12 months, UBCM's Executive has called two unprecedented housing summits to discuss the pressures on the local government housing development frameworks. I was pleased to have both the federal and provincial ministers of housing, Sean Fraser and Ravi Kahlon, join me for discussions with UBCM delegates at this year's summit. The summits provided a valuable space for our members to share solutions and concerns directly, and served to strengthen relationships between UBCM, the Province of BC and the Government of Canada.

Last fall, in response to the challenges communities were facing with the provincial rollout of the decriminalization trial, UBCM's Executive called on the Province for a legislated approach to limit public consumption. The Province heard local governments and introduced legislation last fall to set clearer limits for the public consumption of illicit drugs.

UBCM continues to advocate for reform to the local government finance system. In a working group with the UBCM, the Province has agreed in a problem statement that local governments are struggling to raise enough revenue for "infrastructure capital costs and select service delivery costs driven by senior government regulations and environmental factors." Local government finance is a critical consideration as local governments tackle the multiple challenges facing communities. The need for a renewed framework for local government finance cannot be overstated.

Throughout the past year, UBCM has also worked with provincial and federal partners to develop a new administrative agreement for the Canada Community-Building Fund. This program has delivered close to \$5 billion in funding for local infrastructure since its inception. UBCM is working to ensure that critical aspects of the current program design are maintained.

Our effectiveness as an organization is rooted in the support and participation of our membership. I thank you for the renewal by the Village of Ashcroft last year and look forward to working on your behalf this year with the rest of UBCM's Executive.

As always, if you have questions or feedback about our work, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Councillor Trish Mandewo
UBCM President



New chair, members appointed to Interior Health board

February 28, 2024

Dr. Robert Halpenny has been appointed chair of Interior Health's board of directors, succeeding Dr. Doug Cochrane after his passing earlier this month.

"Dr. Halpenny brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge in his career, which includes an extensive history of working with B.C.'s health authorities," said Adrian Dix, Minister of Health. "He was instrumental in delivering the tertiary cardiac program to Interior Health, as well as the provision of helicopter services to meet the needs of patients in the region. Dr. Halpenny brings strong leadership qualities to the Interior Health board."

Halpenny will serve as Interior Health board chair until the end of 2026. Since 2015, he has been the chair of the Medical Services Commission, which oversees adherence to the Canada Health Act and Medicare Protection Act. He also was government representative with the commission from 2005-16.

For eight years, Halpenny worked as a family physician in Vancouver. His career as a health administrator spans more than 30 years, which included health-care societies in Vancouver, a hospital in Colorado, time at Fraser Health and the Provincial Health Services Authority, and eight years at Interior Health, where he served as senior medical director and for five years as president and CEO.

Additionally, William Michael Gerrand and Bonnie Charlene Anne Pearson have been appointed to the board for a one-year term, ending Feb. 28, 2025. Gerrand is a principal with the accounting firm Grant Thornton LLP. Pearson is a labour leader with experience in the health-care sector.

"The addition of the new board members will bring a depth of knowledge and community experience, from both public and private sectors, and I look forward to our continued work together," Dix said.

A health authority board of directors helps ensure British Columbians receive the best care in an efficient, well-managed public health-care system. Boards are responsible for the governance and management of health services in the province. They work with health



authority leadership to establish the organization's overall vision and ensure there is appropriate community consultation. Boards also regularly review the organization's long-term plans, look at significant issues affecting the organization and evaluate results.

Learn more:

Learn more about [Interior Health's board of directors](#).

To read the statement on the passing of Dr. Doug Cochrane, visit:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2024HLTH0022-000234>



ASHCROFT INDIAN BAND

INFORMATION BULLETIN

For Immediate Release

March 05, 2024

Prescribed Burn via hand ignition, at the Ashcroft Indian Band Reserve.

The Ashcroft Indian Band plans to conduct a 5.5 ha prescribed burn, scheduled for the lower field along the creek, south of the Band office.

The burn could begin as early as March 16, 2024, with the exact timing dependent on weather, site and venting conditions. Ignition will proceed only if conditions are suitable and will allow for quick smoke dissipation.

Crews will carefully control and monitor the fires at all times. Smoke and flames may be visible from Ashcroft, Cache Creek and possibly Spatsum, the Trans Canada Hwy, Highway 97C and Cornwall Road. For information about road conditions near these projects, please visit www.drivebc.ca.

The main purpose of this burn is to protect the community, help with ecosystem restoration, and the reduction of hazardous fuel.

Our primary goal on this prescribed fire, is to reduce the hazardous fuels for community protection. The reduction of dead/cured grass and the regeneration of sagebrush also meets the goal for added benefits to asparagus and bitterroot maintenance. The burn will create space for native grasses and herbs to establish.

This burn will include the Ashcroft Indian Band members, Contractors, FNESS, BCWS, and members of the Ashcroft Volunteer Fire Department, all under the supervision of Burn Boss, Colleen Ross, Wildland Fire Ecologist.

This burn will be used as a training opportunity for community members and the volunteer fire department to practice their Wildland Firefighter training, that they recently received through FNESS. This burn is part of a larger unit that will be completed in 2025.

For more information on the importance of cultural burning and prescribed fire, please visit www.prescribedfire.ca

For public information inquiries, please contact Diana Hoggard, AIB's Fire Mitigation/ Emergency Management Coordinator at diana@ashcroftband.ca or 250-453-9154.

The Ashcroft Indian Band Fire Mitigation/ Emergency Management Department

Actionable Motion and Task List Tracker					
FEBRUARY					
Motion No.	Motion	Staff Responsible	Comments	Time line	Status
	2024 MOTIONS				
R-2024-02	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.	CAO	A grant application be submitted to UBCM Community Resiliency Investment Program 2024 FireSmart Community Funding stream		in-progress
R-2024-43	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.	CAO	Finalize Strategic Plan and post on village website		completed
R-2024-44	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.	EA	Prepare letter of support and email to The Equality Project		completed
R-2024-45	THAT, Council approves the TCMHA donation request for free Community Hall use to host their end of Season Banquet on March 15, 2024.	EA	Prepare letter approving free use of the Community Hall and email to TCMHA		completed