



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 25, 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 Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday, March 11, 2024. <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday, March 11, 2024, be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 1-2
2.2	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 11, 2024 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 11, 2024, be adopted as presented.</i>	P. 3-6

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	CAO Report – TNRD Proposed Housing Needs Report Collaboration Purpose: Request Council's approval for Ashcroft to join a collaborative effort with the TNRD and fellow member municipalities to lower the	P. 7-8

	<p>expenses associated with producing an updated Housing Needs Report required by the province due by the end of 2024.</p> <p>M/S <i>THAT Council authorizes the Village of Ashcroft to engage in a collaborative initiative with the TNRD and participating member municipalities to secure a consultant for the updating of Ashcroft's Housing Needs Report, in accordance with the province's mandated requirement by the end of 2024.</i></p>	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	<p>CAO Report – TNRD GIS Position Update Purpose: To provide Council with a progress report in regard to the status of the TNRD GIS shared position previously agreed upon by Council. <i>For Information</i></p>	P. 9-10
6.3	<p>CAO Report – Heritage Park Status of Grant Funding Application Purpose: To provide Council with an update regarding the grant application that was submitted to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure program (REDIP) for the purpose of revitalizing the front end of Heritage Park. <i>For Information</i></p>	P. 11-12

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
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FOR INFORMATION		
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8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	<p>Task Manager – Motion Tracker <i>For Information</i></p>	P. 34
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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	
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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

12.1	M/S <i>That Council move to a Closed Meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1(c) employee relation, (e) Acquisition of land and (l) municipal objectives.</i>	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 5:00 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor, Jessica Clement
 Councillor, Jonah Anstett via Zoom
 Councillor, Nadine Davenport
 Councillor, Doreen Lambert

CFO, Yogi Bhalla
 DPW, Brian Bennewith

EXCUSED: Mayor, Barbara Roden
 CAO, Daniela Dyck

Public – 0
 Media – 1

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Clement called the Committee of the Whole meeting for Monday, March 11, 2024, to order at 5:05 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

3. MINUTES

All COTW Minutes are adopted at a Regular Meeting of Council.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1	N/A	
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5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1	<p>2024 Grant in Aid – First Intake Applications: <u>Purpose:</u> Provide Council with an opportunity to review and discuss Grant in Aid applications received for the initial intake of 2024, in line with the Village’s Grants in Aid Policy C-01-2022. This session provides Council with an opportunity for thorough examination and deliberation of the applications.</p> <p>Motion to Rise and Report</p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous</p>
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	<p>M/S Anstett / Lambert</p> <p><i>THAT, Council rise and report the first intake Grant in Aid allocation to the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, March 11, 2024 as follows:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Ashcroft 4H Club - \$500</i> 2. <i>South Cariboo Sportsmen Association - \$500</i> 3. <i>Winding Rivers Arts & Performance Society - \$500</i> 4. <i>South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society - \$200 plus a Season Family Pool pass valued at \$175</i> 	<p>COTW-2024-02</p>
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6. TERMINATION

Deputy Mayor Clement adjourned the Committee of the Whole Meeting for Monday, March 11, 2024 at 5:20 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes for the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, March 11, 2024.

 Yogi Bhalla,
 Chief Financial Officer

 Jessica Clement,
 Deputy Mayor



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

REGULAR MINUTES

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CFO, Yogi Bhalla
 DPW, Brian Bennewith

EXCUSED: CAO, Daniela Dyck
 Media – 1
 Public – 0

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for the Village of Ashcroft on Monday, March 11, 2024, to order at 6:00 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

Mayor Roden noted that the Motion to Rise and Report from the Committee of the Whole Meeting is to be discussed under New Business Item 9.1.

M/S Lambert / Clement

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council held on Monday, March 11, 2024 be adopted as amended to include the item 9.1 Grant in Aid Applications – 2024 First Intake to be discussed under New Business.

CARRIED. Unanimous R-2024-46

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 26, 2024 M/S Davenport / Lambert <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, February 26, 2024 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-47
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3. DELEGATIONS

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4. PUBLIC INPUT

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5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
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FOR INFORMATION		
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>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 M/S Anstett / Lambert <i>THAT, Council send a letter of gratitude and support to the BC Minister of Health to secure ongoing funding and expanding funding for the BC Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-48</p>
Councillor Clement recused herself from the meeting citing a conflict of interest at 6:05 pm.		
7.2	<p>The Ashcroft HUB – Request for monetary or items for donation for door prizes for upcoming fundraisers for 2024 M/S Roden / Davenport <i>THAT, Council supports the Ashcroft HUB’s request for items of donation only for door prizes for their 6 upcoming fundraisers for 2024 and further that each donation not to exceed \$75 in value.</i></p> <p>M/S Roden / Lambert <i>THAT, Council send a letter of congratulations to the Ashcroft HUB for being recipient of Canada’s Volunteer Award for “Social Innovator” for British Columbia North through the Government of Canada – Employment and Social Development Canada.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-49</p> <p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-50</p>
Councillor Clement returned to the meeting at 6:07 pm.		
7.3	<p>UBCM – Annual Membership Renewal M/S Lambert / Anstett <i>THAT, Council approve renewal of the UBCM Annual Membership Dues.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-51</p>



FOR INFORMATION		
7.4	Interior Health – New Chair and Members appointed to IH Board M/S Roden / Anstett <i>THAT, a letter be sent to Interior Health congratulating New Chair, Dr. Robert Halpenny, and two new board members William Gerrand and Bonnie Pearson on their appointments to the IH Board.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-52
7.5	Ashcroft Indian Band – Prescribed Burn Notice – March 2024 Prescribed burn to start as early as March 16, 2024 if conditions are right.	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	First Intake of Applications for 2024 Grant In Aids brought forward from the Committee of the Whole Meeting held at 5:00 pm on Monday, March 11, 2024 M/S Clement / Davenport <i>THAT, as per the Village’s Grants in Aid Policy C-01-2022, Council approves the following 2024 Grants In Aid - First Intake Applications allocations:</i> 1. Ashcroft 4-H Club - \$500 2. South Cariboo Sportsmen Association - \$500 3. Winding Rivers Arts & Performance Society - \$500 4. South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society - \$200 plus a Season Family Pool Pass valued at \$175.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-53
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

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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, March 11, 2024 at 6:12 pm.

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Yogi Bhalla,
Chief Financial Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor

TO: Mayor and Council

MEETING DATE: March 25, 2024

FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO

SUBJECT: TNRD – Collaborative Housing Needs Report Update

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT, Council authorizes the Village of Ashcroft to engage in a collaborative initiative with the TNRD and participating member municipalities to secure a consultant for the updating of Ashcroft's Housing Needs Report, in accordance with the province's mandated requirement by the end of 2024.

PURPOSE:

Request Council's approval for Ashcroft to join a collaborative effort with the TNRD and fellow member municipalities to lower the expenses associated with producing an updated Housing Needs Report required by the province due by the end of 2024.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

The TNRD and multiple communities have shown interest in collaborating on a joint Request for Proposal (RFP) to engage a single consultant for all our Housing Needs Reports (HNR). The objective is for the consultant to produce comprehensive data reports for each community, including 20-year projections as mandated by recent legislative changes. The rationale behind this approach is that a consultant would likely be more inclined to offer competitive pricing for a larger contract covering multiple communities, rather than multiple smaller contracts. This approach aims to achieve a more cost-effective solution for each community involved.

DISCUSSION:

When the province announced the Capacity Funding Allocation and outlined its eligible expenses, it included updates for Housing Needs Reports along with Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan (OCP) updates. (Ashcroft received a funding allocation of \$157,331.30 from this initiative) Recently, the TNRD Planning department reached out to member municipalities with a proposal to jointly issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for these services.

Below are several proposed cost breakdown options, based on the assumption that consultants can complete the task for a total of \$150,000 (\$75,000 for TNRD and \$75,000 split among 9 member municipalities). It should be noted that this breakdown is provided strictly as an example of possible options and has not yet been agreed upon. Collaborating with the TNRD and other member municipalities

on this project makes practical sense once again, as it can significantly reduce costs while ensuring the delivery of a high-quality document. This collaborative approach aligns with the goal of leveraging resources efficiently and maximizing the benefits of the funding allocation.

	2021 Census	% pop	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Merritt	7051	34%	\$12,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$10,000.00
Chase	2399	12%	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Clearwater	2388	12%	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Logan Lake	2255	11%	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00
Barriere	1765	9%	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Ashcroft	1670	8%	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Sun Peaks	1404	7%	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
Cache Creek	969	5%	\$6,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$7,000.00
Clinton	568	3%	\$6,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$7,000.00
TNRD	20469		\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00

SUMMARY:

By pooling resources and expertise through collaboration, we can achieve cost savings and produce a comprehensive Housing Needs Report update that meets the province's requirements and serves the best interests of our community. Administration is not proposing that Council allocate a specific amount of funds but is seeking approval to engage in the collaborative Request for Proposal (RFP) process with the TNRD and member municipalities.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Not to exceed \$12,000

Attachment Listing

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO
SUBJECT: TNRD - GIS Shared Services Update

MEETING DATE: March 25, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with a progress report in regard to the status of the TNRD GIS shared position previously agreed upon by Council.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

On January 22, 2024, the Council approved Ashcroft's participation in the proposed TRND shared GIS position initiative. Initially, Ashcroft was expected to develop mapping independently, but the CFO's interest in open-source mapping shifted the focus. The TNRD GIS Shared Services proposal emerged as a new opportunity, leading to the recommendation for Ashcroft's participation.

DISCUSSION:

The TNRD is progressing with recruiting a new GIS staff member, with an employment offer effective April 1, 2024. They have also sent out the GIS Services Contract for participating municipalities to sign. The next steps involve arranging a meeting to discuss workflows for request prioritization, workload discussions (including NG911 concerns), and ensuring timely and accurate data communication commitments from all parties involved.

SUMMARY:

Enclosed is a copy of the Shared Services Agreement for Council's review, in accordance with the resolution passed on January 22, 2024. Once reviewed, the agreement will be signed and sent to the Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) as per Council's decision. This agreement outlines the terms and conditions of our participation in the shared services program, ensuring clarity and alignment with Council's directives.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

TO: Mayor and Council
FROM: Daniela Dyck, CAO
SUBJECT: Heritage Park Grant Funding Application Update

MEETING DATE: March 25, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

For Information

PURPOSE:

To provide Council with an update regarding the grant application that was submitted to the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure program (REDIP) for the purpose of revitalizing the front end of Heritage Park.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

BACKGROUND:

The Village of Ashcroft recently sought funding from the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure program to enhance the front area of Heritage Park. The goal was to transform the space into a more accessible and versatile venue for community gatherings and events that could boost the local economy. Collaborating with Sirocco Designs and Landscaping, we crafted detailed plans that were included in our grant application.

Unfortunately, our project was not chosen for funding in this round. However, REDIP has encouraged us to reach out to them for feedback on the decision and guidance on how we can improve our application for future rounds.

Moving forward, we plan to engage with REDIP to gain insights into their decision-making process and identify areas where we can enhance our proposal. By learning from this experience and making necessary adjustments, we are optimistic about our chances for success in future funding opportunities.

Strategic/Municipal Objectives

Legislative Authority

Financial Implications

Attachment Listing

Regret Letter from REDIP



March 14, 2024

Application #: 2023100178
The Corporation of the Village of Ashcroft

Dear Daniela Dyck,

**Re: Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program
Application #: 2023100178 - Heritage Park Redevelopment**

Thank you for your application for funding under the Rural Economic Diversification and Infrastructure Program (REDIP). We would like to advise that, after careful consideration, the above-noted project was not selected for funding.

REDIP received a large number of applications during the intake period and unfortunately the total funding requested significantly exceeded the Program's available funds. As a result, the Program was not able to provide funding to your project at this time.

This decision does not reflect on the importance of this project for your community, but rather the degree to which the program has been oversubscribed. We know that a lot of effort goes into developing a proposed project and we appreciate the time you took to prepare your application.

Program staff are available to review your application and provide further details regarding the funding decision. If you would like to book a virtual follow up meeting, please contact the Program Office by phone at 250-356-7950 or by email at ruraldevelopment@gov.bc.ca.

Upcoming intake periods for REDIP will be announced via the Program website at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/REDIP>, and we encourage you to consider submitting an application in the future. You can subscribe for email updates of the program on the REDIP website.

Please note that JEDI Regional Economic Operations staff are also available to offer support for economic development in your community. The Regional Manager for your area is Myles Bruns and their contact information is: 250-312-7322, Myles.Bruns@gov.bc.ca.

Thank you for your interest in REDIP.

Best regards,

Matthew Scott-Moncrieff, Director
Rural Programs Branch
Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation

From: [Strategy and Public Affairs Communications](#)
To: [Strategy and Public Affairs Communications](#)
Subject: BC Transit Update | March 6 | An Update on our Electrification Program
Date: March 6, 2024 3:49:02 PM
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Communication Update

BC Transit



March 6, 2024

An Update on our Electrification Program

BC Transit is proud to continue on its path forward to reduce carbon emissions and transition to electric buses, which remain key priorities for the organization. In 2022, after a thorough procurement process, BC Transit awarded a contract to Proterra for the purchase of our first 10 electric buses that were planned to serve the Victoria Regional Transit System.

In 2023, Proterra filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy and its transit business was subsequently purchased by Phoenix Motors. Since then, BC Transit and Phoenix Motors have held several discussions in an effort to create favourable conditions that would allow continued progress on BC Transit's electrification program through Phoenix possibly assuming BC Transit's previously awarded contracts with Proterra.

However, due to several factors, the decision has been made for Phoenix Motors not to assume the BC Transit contracts. This was approved and confirmed by the courts on March 5, meaning there is no contractual obligation between BC Transit and Phoenix. As a result, BC Transit will not receive its first 10 electric buses from Phoenix Motors. It is important to note that BC Transit's work towards its 2040 electrification goals continues, and the organization has a strategic vision for the future.

For the past several months, BC Transit has been working behind the scenes to ensure our electrification program moves forward. The organization released procurements in 2023 to prequalify more vendors to support our heavy-duty electric bus deployments, charging equipment, and major electrical equipment for the first phase of the Electrification Program. A prequalified list of vendors means a shorter procurement process. This is part of the long-term plan to achieve a fully electric fleet by 2040. In the meantime, we continue to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by using renewable fuels while we transition to electric buses.

We expect to have good news to share about our next steps forward in the coming

months and continue working through our plans for electrification across the province. We would like to highlight that the work we have all done to date has been critical in creating the foundational building blocks of our long-term transformation. We are in a much better position because of our employees, partners, and the learnings we have gathered through this past year. Next steps include further engagement with local governments and operating companies, based on specific individual needs, to review designs and confirm that scope, schedule, and cost are in alignment with expectations.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your Government Relations Manager.



We acknowledge with respect that BC Transit delivers our mission on the ancestral territories of Indigenous Peoples across British Columbia, and their historical relationships with the land continue to this day. Our mission on the ancestral territories of Indigenous Peoples across British Columbia, and their historical relationships with the land continue to this day.



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SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 74 (GOLD TRAIL) BOARD BULLETIN

March 2024

Financial Statement Audit Planning Report

The auditors from the Office of the Auditor General presented their report for the fiscal year-end audit at the March Open Board meeting.

Year-to-Date Financial Report

The Board of Education receives an update on the budget four times a year. This allows the Board the opportunity to monitor the expenditures in relation to the budget approved in June and amended in February.

2024/25 Preliminary Budget

Each year district management sets priorities to be considered for the upcoming school year. At the March 5th meeting, the Board of Education approved the proposed budget priorities for the 2024/25 school year which includes professional learning for staff and funding for recruitment and retention.

By-Election for Rural Area E

The district held a by-election on March 9, 2024 for Trustee of Electoral Area E. Connor Thomas was the successful candidate.



Board of Education

Valerie Adrian, Trustee
Rural Area B

Larry Casper, Co-Chair
Rural Area A

Jordan Lawrence, Trustee
Rural Area C

Carmen Ranta, Co-Chair
Rural Area D

John Roberge, Trustee
Village of Ashcroft

Orra Storkan, Trustee
District of Lillooet



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District Enrolment

School Districts report their student headcount and FTE (full time equivalent) to the Ministry of Education and Child Care, for funding purposes, at the end of September and again in February. The district's headcount remained the same at 1048 students, with a slight decrease in FTE. 66% of students in Gold Trail identify as having Indigenous ancestry.

Lighting in Gold Trail

At this time of year, planning is underway for summer projects and for priority projects for the 2024/25 school year. Lighting studies will be conducted this spring at David Stoddard School, George M. Murray Elementary School and Cayoosh Elementary School. The studies will determine if LED lighting upgrades will be made at the schools. Design work on the installation of solar panels at Kumsheen ShchEma-meet School have been completed, with plans for installation this summer.

Powwow at Lillooet Secondary

On February 14th, Lillooet Secondary hosted a Valentines Powwow. Community members, students, and staff from across the district attended and actively participated in drumming, singing, and dancing. It really was amazing to see students participating with pride. Students who normally are quite reserved in the classroom, were highly engaged in this cultural event.

Board Policies

All policies can be found on the district website at www.sd74.bc.ca

2024/25 Kindergarten Registration

FAMILIES ARE NOW
WELCOME TO REGISTER
THEIR CHILDREN FOR
KINDERGARTEN IN THE
2024/25 SCHOOL YEAR.

CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR
KINDERGARTEN MUST BE
5 YEARS OLD ON OR BEFORE
DECEMBER 31, 2024



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district@sd74.bc.ca

From: NICA Coordinator <coordinator@northernica.org>
Sent: Friday, March 15, 2024 11:15 AM
Subject: Northern Interior Community Association (NICA)

Some of you may have had an email from me last week. My name is Denise and I have recently started working at Northern Interior Community Association (NICA).

We provide current information regarding Community Gaming Grants and liaison with the British Columbia Gaming Branch.

The Northern Interior Communities Associations' support role is:

- To provide consultations – in person or via phone, email or electronic systems,
- To assist, guide and direct application process relating to the Community Gaming Grant Applications
- To host workshops to provide information on updates and changes to Community Gaming Grant, regulations and guidelines through out our region,
- Periodic updates and reminders of grant application deadlines and news.
- To review and assist with Community Gaming Grant reconsiderations upon denial of funding
- To provide resources as requested from non-profits, charities and community groups
- To act as a point of contact for non-profits, charities, and community groups that have questions or need assistance.

If there is anything I can assist you with, please let me know.

Denise Boulanger
Northern Interior Community Association
250 562-2553
coordinator@northernica.org

From: Theresa Takacs <theresatakacs@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 19, 2024 2:45 PM
To: Courtney Dash <admin@ashcroftbc.ca>
Subject: Save the Date May 9 at 7:00 P.M. for Citizen of the Year

Dear Mayor Barbara Roden and Ashcroft Village Council,

It is the Rotary Club of Ashcroft/Cache Creek's hope that you can be present for the Citizen of the Year 2023 Social, to congratulate Deborah Tedford, Ashcroft recipient, and say a few words.

A formal invitation will come closer to the event.

Theresa Takacs

Save the Date

May 9, 2024

Citizen of the Year 2023 Social

Ashcroft Bakery Catering Appy's, Dessert beverages

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Cache Creek Community Hall (tentatively)

(call Theresa Takacs * Rotary Club of Ashcroft/Cache Creek
at 250 682 3232

for any questions, or

reply to this email)

From: [Community Futures Reception](#)
Subject: The Leading Edge - Taking Care of Business | March 2024
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March 2024





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Embracing diversity and recognizing the
untapped potential within various segments
of...

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If you're feeling stuck, here are a few suggestions to help you get unstuck:...

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Let's Talk About Workplace Conflict

85% of employees report experiencing some type of workplace conflict

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Ignoring conflict leads to...

Sickness or absence from work

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– Bo Bennett



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Date: March 6, 2024
To: CAO's
From: Union of BC Municipalities
RE: Update on the Canada Community-Building Fund Renewal

Dear Daniela Dyck,

The current 10-year Canada Community-Building Fund program is set to expire on March 31, 2024. Over the past year, UBCM, the Province and the Government of Canada have been actively engaged in discussions on a long-term renewal of the CCBF. UBCM's goal has been to ensure that local governments in BC continue to receive the funds in a dedicated, flexible and predictable manner and that there be no disruption to the timing of future payments.

Status of negotiation:

In 2023, UBCM conducted a member survey on elements of the current agreement as the basis of our advocacy position for the renewed agreement. The results of that survey indicated broad support for the current model which included the direct allocation Community Works Fund program with a funding floor, the application-based Strategic Priorities Fund, and a pooled public transit fund for Metro Vancouver.

In September 2023, UBCM and the Province formalized a joint advocacy approach to renewal discussions with the Government of Canada noting several key areas of alignment. This advocacy position included:

- A long-term predictable source of funding for local governments
- A flexible and effective funding and programming
- A doubling of the fund
- Removal of the current stacking provision
- A review and increase of the indexing model
- Continue to enhance and improve local government capacity to implement asset management best practices

In the winter, the Government of Canada distributed a CCBF position paper identifying three key areas of focus for a renewed agreement. These include: new reporting conditions for both signatories and recipients; new housing requirements for communities over 30,000; and reporting on housing outputs on a project level.

UBCM and the Province have identified concerns with these proposed reporting and housing conditions. We have communicated these concerns to the Government of Canada both formally and informally throughout the renegotiation process. The continuing discussions remain positive and we anticipate reaching effective and workable solutions.

Next Community Works Fund payment:

Although we do not expect the federal government will commit to doubling the CCBF at this time, we do anticipate that the program will continue at current funding levels with indexing. The expected Community Works Fund payment for the Village of Ashcroft in the 2024/25 reporting year is: \$136,225.92

Please note that any change to this payment amount from last year is the result of incorporating the most current Canada census populations for British Columbia (2021) in the program's allocation formula.

2023 Annual Expenditure Reporting

On April 15, UBCM will be opening the CCBF reporting for the 2023 calendar year. This will be the final report under the 2014-2024 agreement and will include additional reporting to identify and provide timelines for the use of remaining unspent Community Works Funds. The report will also highlight local communications activities and use of signage for active projects. This report will be due June 1, 2024 and will be a pre-condition of future CCBF funding.

Instructions on how to submit your 2023 AER will be provided in advance of April 15.

Next steps:

UBCM, the Province and the Government of Canada continue to have positive discussions on the terms of a renewed long-term agreement. We will continue to raise the above-mentioned concerns and aim to be in a position to have a 10-year Agreement signed in advance of the first expected Community Works Fund payment in July. Until that Agreement is signed, the program will continue to operate under the terms and conditions of the existing CCBF Agreement.

We will continue to provide updates on the progress of CCBF discussions through our online Compass.

Sincerely,



Brant Felker
Manager, Gas Tax Program Services, UBCM

CC: Yoginder Bhalla

Circular No. 24:05
February 29, 2024

To: Chief Administrative Officers

Re: Potential for Drought Conditions in 2024

Please be advised that streamflow and groundwater monitoring data along with the [snow conditions](#) being reported regularly by the [BC River Forecast Centre](#) (RFC) suggest it is possible that the drought conditions experienced across the province in recent years will persist again into this year. Based on these early indicators, we recommend local governments prepare for an elevated risk of experiencing drought in 2024.

The Province has several online resources to support local governments through drought conditions. The [BC Drought and Water Scarcity Response Plan](#) provides an overview of drought response in the province, including management responsibilities, pre-drought preparedness, descriptions of the provincial drought levels and the potential regulatory actions that may be taken. This plan is updated annually, so please look for the updated 2024 plan on the [BC drought information web site](#) mid-April.

The Province produces datasets to better understand water availability regionally including:

- [Map of 7-Day Average Streamflow](#) displays all Water Survey of Canada streamflow gauges in BC.
- The [Drought Information Portal](#) displays regional Drought Levels based on indicators.

To translate these regional-scale drought levels to a more local scale, the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS), in partnership with the Regional Health Authorities and the Ministry of Health, will be reaching out directly to drinking water suppliers across the province to collect water supply status information. These surveys will be conducted at regular intervals and will help to understand the state of drinking water supplies throughout the impending 2024 drought season and streamline communication from drinking water suppliers to the provincial government to determine communities at risk of water supply issues and where provincial support is needed.

To improve drought resilience, all local governments should be monitoring water supplies to gauge their current conditions and anticipate future water scarcity, as well as prepare a water conservation plan. This [Water Conservation Guide](#) provides guidance on creating these plans, which should be kept current and reviewed and updated at least every five years. An up-to-date water conservation plan endorsed by a local government's Council or Board is required for water and wastewater application-based capital funding through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

To understand trends in water availability, it is important to have procedures in place to regularly monitor available information about water conditions, including information provided through the [BC Drought Information Portal](#) and Water Survey of Canada streamflow gauges relevant to your area. If your water sources (raw water storage and inflows, or groundwater levels) are not gauged, consider establishing a water supply monitoring program, which will enable you to quantify the water available to your community and adjust water use accordingly. Professional consultants can help design an appropriate monitoring program for your systems.

A Water Conservation Plan can help you develop, or update, a Water Conservation Bylaw, which may limit water use seasonally or in stages based on projections of water availability. As well as bylaws that implement water use restrictions, bylaws can be tied to permit approval processes, such as building or plumbing bylaws that offset additional water demands through conservation improvements or require water efficient or drought tolerant landscaping. Public outreach and communication can be an effective tool to explain the importance of water conservation, its impacts and what individuals need to do to participate. Universal water metering is also a very useful tool for demand management. If you have water metering, consider pricing structures that encourage water conservation. Other examples of opportunities for conservation can include rebates towards low flow appliances and rain barrels, or the elimination of once-through cooling systems in commercial buildings.

It is helpful to consider options for the future, even if these cannot be ready for 2024. Capital projects that improve drought resilience include leakage reduction, universal water metering, water reuse or reclamation, increased raw water storage and development of secondary or back-up water sources.

Caretaking the natural cycle that results in recharge of local water sources can also ensure that fresh water is retained or returned to local waterbodies and aquifers to maintain availability of drinking water and environmental flows. Consider how to protect watersheds and retain and absorb stormwater runoff. Low impact development, permeable infrastructure, and natural assets can retain valuable water.

The following sites have associated resources:

- B.C. Climate Action Toolkit's Green Bylaws Toolkit provides practical tools for protecting green infrastructure: <https://toolkit.bc.ca/tool/8018-2/>.
- Integrated stormwater management: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/local-governments/infrastructure/water-systems/stormwater-infrastructure>.
- Asset Management B.C.'s Primer on Integrating Natural Assets: <https://www.assetmanagementbc.ca/framework/>.
- The Partnership for Water Sustainability in B.C. also has some additional resources: <https://waterbucket.ca/guidance-resources/>.

The Infrastructure Planning Grant Program (IPGP) is available to local governments to plan, design and manage infrastructure. The IPGP provides an opportunity to obtain grant funding up to \$10,000 to develop or update a Water Conservation Plan, or to plan capital projects that improve drought resilience. Program information is available on the Ministry's [website](#).

Thank you for your cooperation and attention to the drought preparation.

Brian Bedford



Executive Director
Local Government Infrastructure and Finance Branch
Ministry of Municipal Affairs



NEWS RELEASE

TNRD Board Approves 2024 Budget

Kamloops, BC – March 21, 2024 – The Thompson-Nicola Regional District (TNRD) Board of Directors adopted the 2024-2028 Financial Plan during today's Regular Board Meeting.

This approval sets the tax rates for the 2024 Budget, which includes 124 services provided by the TNRD and a total tax requisition of \$27.2 million, split between 10 Electoral Areas and 11 Member Municipalities based on services that specific areas receive. The tax requisition has increased from \$25.1 million in 2023.

"Our staff departments have made a concerted effort to reduce expenses and other costs where possible while maintaining consistent service levels. This work has been important given the state of the economy and continued inflationary pressures, which have increased costs of service delivery," said Scott Hildebrand, TNRD Chief Administrative Officer.

Several specific changes have contributed to the 2024 tax requisition increase, including a new five-year Solid Waste and Recycling contract, an increase in the annual Grant-in-Aid program budget, temporary resources in 2024 for the Finance and Facilities departments, a new staff position to support Cybersecurity needs, a remuneration increase for firefighters at the nine TNRD fire departments, and wage increases for BCGEU employees and the Board of Directors.

Due to new growth in the TNRD, there is a larger property base that the tax requisition is spread across compared to 2023. This means that while the tax requisition increase is 8.3% in 2024, many property owners will see a lower-percentage increase or a decrease in taxes owing this year, depending on assessed value of their property.

In total, TNRD Capital and Operating Budgets are \$85.9 million. The 2024 General Operating Budget is \$62.74 million, and revenue sources include taxation, municipal debt funding, and smaller amounts from grant funding, surpluses, and reserve funds. The Utility Service Operating Budget is \$2.43 million, and utility revenues apply to TNRD Water and Sewer Systems.

The 2024 Capital Budget and Utilities Capital Budget are combined at \$20.78 million. The 2024 Capital Plan was approved by the Board on December 14, 2023, to enable the TNRD to tender capital projects as soon as possible, and Capital Plan budgets have been updated to include funds not spent in 2023. For a list of large capital projects in the 2024 Capital Budgets, [click here](#).

As required in the *Local Government Act*, all regional districts in B.C. must adopt a five-year financial plan annually before March 31 of each year. It's important to note that in regional districts, properties only pay for specific services that they receive, which vary from region-wide, sub-regional, or local services, and funds cannot be moved between services.

For more information on this year's budget, visit: tnrd.ca/budget2024.



Attachments:

- [Tax Rates by Service: Infographics](#) (by Electoral Area and Member Municipality)
- [2024-2028 Five-Year Financial Plan](#)
- [2024 Capital Plan](#)
- News Release: [January 4, 2024: "TNRD Board Approves 2024 Capital Plan"](#)
- News Release: [March 7, 2024: "User Fee Increases Support Long-Term Viability of TNRD Utility Systems"](#)

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NEWS RELEASE

Thompson Regional Hospital District Board Approves 2024 Budget

Kamloops, BC – March 21, 2024 – The Thompson Regional Hospital District (TRHD) Board of Directors has approved the 2024-2028 Financial Plan and capital project contributions for 2024.

In 2024, a residential home assessed at \$680,000 will pay approximately \$210.39 in property taxes to the Hospital District, which is an increase of approximately \$6.12 from 2023.

The total tax requisition in 2024 is just over \$17.2 million, which is a 5% increase compared to 2023. The Five-Year Financial Plan budgets for a 5% increase each year between 2024 and 2028. These planned increases are intended to build reserve funds, prepare for capital requests, such as future requests for Phase 3 of upgrades to Royal Inland Hospital (RIH), and also to budget for construction of a new Kamloops Cancer Care Centre at RIH.

“We have worked to balance the needs of planning for future investments in healthcare for our residents, while planning to keep the taxation increase at a level that is as reasonable as possible,” said Mike O’Reilly, TRHD Board Chair.

As part of the RIH Cancer Care Centre funding model, the TRHD is currently preparing to contribute just over \$45 million of the total project cost. That amount is 35% of costs that the TRHD is required to fund, which include construction of a new parkade, purchase of MRI equipment, and additional upgrades to RIH.

In 2024, the TRHD will contribute \$1.36 million for minor capital projects (under \$100,000), and \$9.23 million for major capital projects (over \$100,000) at healthcare facilities in the region. This represents a 37% contribution to capital costs, which is a reduction in taxation from the typical contribution of 40% in past years and is a result of TRHD Board direction in 2023.

Each year, Hospital Districts in B.C. must adopt an annual budget on or before March 31, in accordance with the *Hospital District Act*.

Attachments:

- [TRHD 2024-2028 Financial Plan \(DRAFT\), including list of Major/ Minor Capital Projects](#)
- News Release: September 13, 2023: [“Hospital District to Decrease Tax Requisition”](#)

About the Thompson Regional Hospital District:

The Thompson Regional Hospital District (TRHD) generally exists to borrow funds and finance construction projects or equipment purchases at facilities within its boundaries. Capital projects are cost-shared between the Province of BC and the TRHD.

The TRHD Board of Directors is comprised of 31 members, including all 27 Board members of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, two Board members from the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (Electoral Areas “A” and “B”), one Board member from the Columbia-Shuswap Regional District (Electoral Area “F”) and one council member from the District of Lillooet.

To learn more about the Thompson Regional Hospital District, visit: tnrd.ca/trhd.

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February 29, 2024

Village of Ashcroft Office

Attention: Mayor Roden and Council
Box 129, Ashcroft, B.C. V0K 1A0

Dear Mayor Roden and Village Councillors,

I am writing on behalf of the BC Interior Community Foundation (BCICF). This summer, we engaged a marketing student to breathe new life into our online presence and develop strategies aimed at simplifying the donation process for donors throughout our region. After speaking with some of our regional leaders, we learned of the need for having a simplified process for facilitating donations to our outlying communities, including the Village of Ashcroft.

In line with these efforts, I am thrilled to share that we have launched a dedicated page on our website specifically tailored to your community. **You can find it here: www.bcicf.ca/ashcroft**

This page is designed to highlight your community fund, as well as any other funds established to benefit Ashcroft. We have streamlined the donation experience by incorporating an efficient online donation form. The form will allow your supporters to make contributions of any size.

Our hope is that this initiative will foster increased local engagement and support for your fund, allowing us to enhance our Community Granting program which will positively impact the residents in your area. We ask if you could please share this link to the Ashcroft community page widely on your social media feeds or through your communication channels.

We welcome any feedback or suggestions you may have and would be happy to include your logo on your webpage if you wish. Please reach out if you have suggestions or would like to discuss any aspect of your community page on our website.

Thank you once again for your ongoing commitment to building a stronger and more vibrant community - with your assistance and enhanced visibility on our website, we are optimistic that this community fund will experience growth, making a lasting impact in your community for years to come.

About Your Fund

The **Ashcroft-Cache Creek Community Smart and Caring Fund** was established by BC Interior Community Foundation to support charitable activities or charitable organizations whose activities are within the objectives of the Foundation and more specifically to assist charitable organizations in the Ashcroft-Cache Creek Area.





Fund Details (at December 31, 2022)

Fund Establishment: December 18, 2000

Net Annual Income (2022): \$200.82

Donations to Fund (2022): \$0.00

Total Endowed Balance: \$2,568.08

Last Fall, the BCICF Board of Directors decided to contribute to this fund, resulting in the endowed value of the **Ashcroft-Cache Creek Community Smart and Caring Fund** reaching a total of \$5,000. Recognizing the difficulties faced by small communities, our intention was to make a modest contribution towards addressing these challenges.

We are delighted to manage this endowed fund at our Foundation. Through our collective efforts in fostering its growth, this endowed fund is sure to become a reliable financial asset, continuously supporting local initiatives and projects. The 2024 Fundholder Statement (for interest earned in 2023) will be mailed to you in May, once our annual audit has been completed and approved.

Please feel free to reach out if you require additional information or have any inquiries.

Warm regards,

Wenda Noonan
Executive Director, BC Interior Community Foundation



MARCH					
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	Working with Kamloops Forest Service and funding agency to determine costs and finalize the application.	in-progress
R-2024-48	THAT, Council send a letter of gratitude and support to the BC Minister of Health to secure ongoing funding and expanding funding for the BC Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program.	EA	Send letter of gratitude and support		completed
R-2024-49	THAT, Council supports the Ashcroft HUB's request for items of donation only for door prizes for their 6 upcoming fundraisers for 2024 and further that each donation not to exceed \$75 in value.	EA	Send letter advising approval of donation of items.		completed
R-2024-50	THAT, Council send a letter of congratulations to the Ashcroft HUB for being recipient of Canada's Volunteer Award for "Social Innovator" for British Columbia North through the Government of Canada – Employment and Social Development Canada.	EA	Send congratulatory letter		completed
R-2024-51	THAT, Council approve renewal of the UBCM Annual Membership Dues.	CFO	Submit invoice for payment and mail		completed
R-2024-52	THAT, a letter be sent to Interior Health congratulating New Chair, Dr. Robert Halpenny, and two new board members William Gerrand and Bonnie Pearson on their appointments to the IH Board.	EA/CAO	Send congratulatory letter		completed
R-2024-53	THAT, as per the Village's Grants in Aid Policy C-01-2022, Council approves the following 2024 Grants In Aid - First Intake Applications allocations: 1. Ashcroft 4-H Club - \$500 2. South Cariboo Sportsmen Association - \$500 3. Winding Rivers Arts & Performance Society - \$500 4. South Cariboo Elizabeth Fry Society - \$200 plus a Season Family Pool Pass valued at \$175.	CFO/EA	Submit grants in aid for payment. Send letter to each organization advising approval and that cheque will follow under separate cover. Pool Pass included with SCEF letter		completed



**Joint Para- Transit Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2024 - 1:00 pm
Clinton Village Office – ZOOM**

In Attendance: Elis Wren, BCT
 Nikki Vincent, YCS
 Michelle Wall, YCS
 Damian Couture, VoCC
 Brian Doddridge, VoC
 Daniela Dyck, VoA

Regrets: Cnclr. Park, VoC
 Cnclr. Peters, VoCC
 Cnclr. Davenport, VoA

1. Welcome

Daniela welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduces Elise Wren as the committees interim Regional Manager to the region for BC Transit while Daynika White is on maternity leave.

2. Review of Notes from November 22, 2023, Meeting

Distributed previously and attached.

3. Unfinished Business

- a. Transit Promotion Blitz -
 - Increase Public Awareness of Services Offered / Youth Programs / Posters
 - VOA to develop posters and send for approval to BCT and YCS prior to posting to Social Media sites, etc.
 - Updated Rider Guide is coming, Elise will confirm printing and report back.
- b. UBCM - Encourage Council to advocate at UBCM for fair funding increase breakdown between BCT and the Local Governments
 - It was agreed that the communities would collaborate and attend the Minister meeting as a collective with the CAO's and Council Representatives that service on the committee as the delegation.

- Daniela will forward a copy of the Council report to Clinton and Cache Creek so that the messaging is consistent throughout the communities.

4. **Business**

- a. BC Transit Government Relations Manager – Elise Wren – Elise provided an overview of her responsibilities to the Para Transit System
 - Thompson Kootenay Region which includes Merrit, Kamloops Clearwater and us
 - Elise is our main point of contact.
 - Monitors and communicates system performance.
 - Para Transit is a shared service model.
 - Funding is determined by the province – BC Transit – LG’s
 - For our Transit system 46.69% is covered by Province 53.31% LG share offset by revenues
 - Cost sharing is mandated by Legislation under the BC Transit Act
 - Project update
 - Next ride coming to the Para Transit System
 - Access through smart mobile devices and computers to track bus arrival times and delays.
 - On bus automated announcements – increased accessibility
 - Realtime data – track and monitor bus through the transit app.
 - Best way to track Google maps, BCT website and app.
 - Next ride is funded by: Feds - 50%, Prov – 40%, and LG’s – 10%
 - All Next ride hardware is installed.
 - BCT will provide training for YCS staff and launch in Dark mode this spring – not public interface but BCT will be able to trouble shoot and monitor and train.
 - The public interface of Next Ride will go live this summer – media release will be sent out.
 - Marketing
 - Objectives
 - Increase ridership.
 - Increase sustainability.
 - Increase awareness of door-to-door service
 - Methods to meet objectives:
 - Media advisories
 - Social media ads
 - Partnering have presence or provide service at events.
 - Piggyback off BCT social media
 - Most cost effective is social media (marketing budget is focused on rider guide at \$1000/yr.).
 - Service Review
 - Guides messaging
 - Strategic Planning exercise reviews system, public engagement determines needs and wants of community and includes public surveys.

- b. YCS – Transit Manager – Michelle Wall – update
 - Health Connections Bus:
 - Jan 18: Conditions were very slippery in Kamloops; roads were not cleared appropriately. Lillooet Health Connections bus 2751 was involved in a minor accident. No injuries to people, no damage to bus, however there was an ICBC claim for minor damage to the other vehicle involved. Incident report completed, filed with BC Transit. Hard drive for CCTV footage forwarded to Transit.
 - Service Delays – Road Construction
 - Construction season is starting. Multiple delays around 5-10 minutes between Lillooet and Cache Creek. Single Lane alternating traffic near Spences Bridge until November 2024. Delays there up to 15 minutes.
 - Rider Guide
 - BC Transit is currently working on updating our Riders Guide. Will forward copies to the Village of Ashcroft when they are ready. Will also be posted on the website and in the bus.
 - Staffing – Lillooet Bus
 - Unfortunately, we've still had no qualified applicants for the Lillooet Health Connections bus. Kevin continues to fill the position thankfully. Wage lifts were applied and advertised. I'm going to post the position in the Lillooet Paper again. As before, I will also send it out to organizations in the area.
- c. Community Updates:
 - Clinton
 - Health Auxiliary – Concern regarding seniors that have been transported by ambulance to Kamloops, returning to Clinton can be challenging after a health incident. There are times residents are stranded in the city overnight, are there services available to assist?
 - IHA has bus passes to give to residents to provide a return trip to our service area if they are discharged on a day the bus is in the city.
 - Cache Creek
 - Bus shelter installation underway
 - Hoping to install solar lighting in the shelter to reduce cost and build green.
 - Ashcroft
 - Question – Is the HUB bus stop being utilized?
 - Will provide answer at next meeting.

5. Summary of Ridership/Financial – for information

- a. Report of Revenue 2023 Year End
- b. Ridership to December 31, 2023
- c. Report of Revenue and Ridership to February 29, 2024

6. New Business

a. Special Transit Request Invoice from BC Transit

- BC Transit and VOA staff are sorting out the invoices and will provide clarification at the next meeting. The invoices were included for transparency purposes only.
- Fee Increase – BCT charges \$58.73 for all Special Transit Requests the Para Transit fee is \$41.00. The Para Transit System fee will be increased to match the BCT rate.

7. Date for Next Meeting – May 15, 2024, at 11:00 am - Village of Ashcroft – Zoom

8. Termination

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm

The foregoing is the writer's interpretation of the discussions held.



Daniela Dyck, CAO – Village of Ashcroft

COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORT

DATE: March 25, 2024
TO: Council
FROM: Councillor Clement

Deputy Mayor – November 1, 2023 – October 31, 2024

Assigned Committees/WG:

Finance Committee
NDIT
Health Care (HAWC)
School District No. 74

Alternate:

Gold Country Communities Society
CiB Committee

Attended HAWC meeting:

UPCC has a new doctor starting mid April. There will also be an extra in person doctor two days a week during the month of April.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessica Clement
Councillor