



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

MINUTES

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT
6:00 PM ON MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024**

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

 CAO, Daniela Dyck
 CFO, Yogi Bhalla
 DPW, Brian Bennewith

EXCUSED: Mayor, Barbara Roden

 Media – 1
 Public – 1

CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor, Jessica Clement called the Regular Meeting of Council for the Village of Ashcroft for Monday March 25, 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

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday, March 11, 2024. M/S Anstett / Davenport <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday, March 11, 2024, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-54
2.2	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 11, 2024 M/S Davenport / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 11, 2024, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-55

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 comments or questions received from the public.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	N/A	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>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 expenses associated with producing an updated Housing Needs Report required by the province due by the end of 2024.</p> <p>M/S Davenport / Lambert <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>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-56
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	<p>CAO Report – TNRD Geographic Information System (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.</p> <p>CAO Dyck elaborated briefly on the GIS position update noting the Agreement was emailed to Council for information and transparency. CFO Bhalla who has assumed GIS responsibilities advocated for Ashcroft’s participation in the shared service as during emergency situations his focus will be finance in the EOC operations and he won’t be able to focus on GIS and mapping.</p> <p><i>For Information</i></p>	
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.</p>	

	<p>CAO Dyck noted everyone’s disappointment in not being approved for funding but reiterated that staff will be meeting with REDIP to assess the application and learn how it can be improved for better success at the next intake. The landscaper has been advised so that he is able to fill Ashcroft’s allocated time with other contracts this season. He is confident the application will be successful at a future date and has already reserved a space for the project for next year in his schedule.</p> <p><i>For Information</i></p>	
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	N/A	
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	BC Transit Update – Electrification Program	
7.3	SD#74 Board Bulletin	
7.4	Northern Interior Community Association (NICA)	
7.5	Rotary Club – Citizen of the Year Save the Date	
7.6	CFSUN- The Leading Edge – March 2024	
7.7	Ashcroft Canada Community Building Fund Spring Letter-2024	
7.8	Min. of Municipal Affairs – Preparing for Potential Drought Conditions	
7.9	TNRD – Board Approves 2024 Budget – News Release	
7.10	TNRD – Hospital Board Approves Budget – News Release	
7.11	BC Interior Community Foundation – Annual Communication	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	<p>Task Manager – Motion Tracker</p> <p><i>For Information</i></p>	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.1	<p>Para Transit System – Minutes for March 20, 2024 M/S Anstett / Lambert <i>THAT, the Minutes for the Para Transit System meeting for Wednesday March 20, 2024, be received and filed.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-57</p>
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	



11.3	Councillor Clement – Report HAWC Meeting – noting the good news of a physician arriving in Ashcroft.	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert Noted – The Thompson View Monor Society (TVMS) is moving forward with their 29-unit expansion now that they have confirmation of the grant funding approval. Regrettably, Councillor Lambert is unable to attend the next TVMS meeting; however, Councillor Anstett (her alternate) will be attending the meeting in her absence.	

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 Clement / Lambert <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>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-58
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

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14. ADJOURNMENT

Deputy Mayor, Clement adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for the Village of Ashcroft on Monday March 25, 2024, at 7:05 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, March 25, 2024.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Jessica Clement,
Deputy Mayor