

THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

REGULAR MINUTES

FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, APRIL 22, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden

Councillor, Jonah Anstett - via Zoom

Councillor, Jessica Clement Councillor, Nadine Davenport Councillor, Doreen Lambert

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

EXCUSED:

Media - 1

Public - 1

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the April 22, 2024, Regular Meeting of Council for the Village of Ashcroft 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

M/S Clement / Davenport

THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Council Meeting Agenda for Monday April 22, 2024, be amended to include the Bonaparte Watershed Society invitation to attend a Beaver Dam Analogue (BDA) workshop under New Business.

CARRIED. Unanimous R-2024-67

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 8, 2024 M/S Davenport / Lambert THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 8, 2024 be adopted as presented.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-68
2.2	Minutes of the Community Forum held Monday, April 8, 2024 M/S Clement / Anstett THAT, the Minutes of the Community Forum held Monday, April 8, 2024 be adopted as presented.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-69

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.

No question or comments received.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 867, 2024 M/S Clement / Davenport THAT, the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 867, 2024 be introduced and read a first time by title only.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-70
	M/S Roden / Clement THAT, the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 867, 2024 be read a second time.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-71
	M/S Davenport / Lambert THAT, the Five Year Financial Plan Bylaw No. 867, 2024 be read a third time.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-72
5.2	Tax Rates Bylaw No. 868, 2024 M/S Clement / Davenport THAT, the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 868 be introduced and read a first time by title only.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-73
	The Bylaw is based on a 3.5% increase for the Village portion of the property taxes.	
	M/S Lambert / Clement THAT, the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 868, 2024 be read a second time.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-74
	M/S Davenport / Lambert THAT, the Tax Rates Bylaw No. 868, 2024 be read a third time.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-75
5.3	CAO Report – Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 869, 2024 Purpose: Request approval of Bylaw No. 869, 2024 to align fees and charges for cemetery services and development services closer to the actual costs.	
	Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 869, 2024 M/S Davenport / Lambert THAT, Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 869, 2024 be introduced and read a first time by title only.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-76
	M/S Clement / Lambert THAT, Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 869, 2024 be read a second time.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-77



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	M/S Lambert / Davenport	CARRIED
	THAT, Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 869, 2024 be	Unanimous
	read a third time.	R-2024-78

6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	CAO Report – Communities in Bloom - Update 2024 Season Purpose: Provide Council with an update in regard to the Ashcroft Communities in Bloom Society and the upcoming planting season.	
	M/S Clement / Lambert THAT, the Village of Ashcroft make a request to the Ashcroft Communities in Bloom Society to return the balance of funds remaining in the CiB account to the Village at the end of the 2024 season;	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-79
	Alternate:	
	M/S Clement / Davenport THAT, the Village of Ashcroft supports the Communities in Bloom ongoing efforts for 2025 and onward to plant the flower beds at the Old Fire Hall until the remaining funds are spent with a caveat that an annual expense report be submitted to the Village. Discussion: Council asked what the remaining balance is in the CiB account – approx. \$7000 Discussion:	DEFEATED
	 Remain as status quo allow remaining cash to be used for the flower beds at the Old Fire Hall until diminished. Request annual funding report for transparency purposes. It was noted that this may be easier than the village receiving the money and then re-allocating it for future plantings. CFO Bhalla noted best accounting principles procedure is to receive the funds and allocate them as reserve for future planting. 	
	 Publicize the need for a service group to take in on the planting project with a provided budget. Council expressed their gratitude to the CiB committee acknowledging the many years of service that was provided by their volunteers to beautify the community. Thank you for a job well done! 	

6.2	EDTC Report – Rebranding Initiative Purpose: To seek Council's approval for the Economic Development & Tourism Working Group to commence the Branding exercise identified by Council as a strategic priority.	
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	M/S Lambert / Clement THAT, Council tasks the Economic Development & Tourism Working Group to execute the Branding exercise outlined in the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan for the Village of Ashcroft. Discussion: Concern raised that the Branding exercise should include community involvement, this shouldn't be a stand-alone Council decision.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-80
	 Publicize meetings and process by all available means including website, posters, LED, Voyent Alert, Mail drop, social media, ads. Host several sessions – morning, afternoon, evening, spanning three weeks. Public education to help residents the importance of branding and what is. 	
	 Cost – process questions – dependant on the level of engagement. Timeline – concern raised that meetings need to be completed by the end of June prior to summer vacations for other economic development projects to complete on time. Council was assured that a timeline would be developed by the working group and presented to Council. 	
	FOR INFORMATION	
6.	N/A	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

	FOR ACTION	
7.1	Hiroko Kanamaru, Bobby Nishiguchi & Alice Durksen – Repair of Japanese Mural in Heritage Park	
	M/S Roden / Lambert That Council direct staff to approach local artists and solicit advice on the required repairs for the Japanese mural.	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-81
	Discussion: Once the scope of the project is identified, an invitation could be extended to the artists of Bifuka to participate in the repairs. Consider repairs to other Bifuka/Ashcroft art installations.	
7.2	Bonaparte Watershed Stewardship Society – Request for Letter	
	of Support	
	M/S Anstett / Clement	CARRIED
	THAT, Council approves the Bonaparte Watershed Stewardship Society's request for a letter in support of their grant application to install Beaver Dam Analogues in the Bonaparte Watershed.	Unanimous R-2024-82
	FOR INFORMATION	
7.3	Hon. Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Housing – New Legislation Bill 16	
7.4	Interior Health – Launch of spring COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters marks the end of respiratory illness season	
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7.5	School District 74 – April 2024 Board Bulletin	



ſ	7.6	NDIT – Approval Letter for 2024 Economic Development Capacity	
		Building program to support Economic Development & Tourism	
		Coordinator position wage	
Ī	7.7	District of North Vancouver - Support for Resolution re Black	
		Bear Cub Conflict Response	

8. <u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>

8.1	Task Manager - Motion Tracker	
	For Information	

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	Bonaparte Watershed Stewardship invitation to attend Beaver	
	Dam Analogue (BDA) workshop.	
	Anyone wishing to attend the Bonaparte Watershed Society - Beaver	
	Dam Analogue (BDA) workshop on May 4th to contact the office for	
	registration.	

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

13.1	M/S Roden / Clement	CARRIED
	THAT, the Audited Financial Statement for 2023 as presented by Grant	
	Thornton LLP be released to the regular meeting and approved by	R-2024-83
	Council.	

14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday April 22, 2024, at 6:46 pm.



Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, April 22, 2024.		
Daniela Dyck, Chief Administrative Officer	Barbara Roden, Mayor	