



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Council met May 13th and May 27th. Here are some highlights from those meetings:

- ⇒ The following bylaws were given three readings and consequently adopted:
 - Bylaw No. 867, Five Year Financial Plan, 2024
 - Bylaw No. 868, Tax Rates Bylaw, 2024
 - Bylaw No. 869, 2024, Village of Ashcroft Fees and Charges
- ⇒ In light of the significant damage to the Japanese Mural at Heritage Park, it is proposed that Council send a report to the Mayor and Council of Bifuka, expressing our concern, and extend an invitation to artists from Bifuka to consult with us on developing a plan to move forward
- ⇒ June 17th, 2024 has been proclaimed “Hope Air Day” in the Village of Ashcroft. This is in recognition of the invaluable contributions made by Hope Air to the health and well-being of individuals in British Columbia’s remote and underserved communities
- ⇒ Council approved the donation of a gift basket valued up to \$75 for the Plein Air event
- ⇒ The Village of Ashcroft sent a letter to the Interior Health Authority asking them to update the Ashcroft Urgent Primary Care website to reflect actual services provided and post positions that are available
- ⇒ Hours of Work Policy No. A-05-2021 was repealed as per the Policy Review Committee and a new Office Closure Policy No. A-05-2024 was adopted
- ⇒ The Indigenous Collection and Repatriation Policy No. A-06-2024 was adopted as per the Policy Review Committee
- ⇒ Council approved the revised Council Committee, Board Appointment Policy which incorporates Working Groups in the policy and aligns them with the Strategic Plan; and further that Council dissolves the Inter-Community Bylaw Enforcement Working Group, as it has fulfilled its purpose
- ⇒ Policy No. C-01-2024 approved the revised Schedule “A”
- ⇒ Council approved the Terms of Reference for the Policy Review Committee
- ⇒ Council directed staff to schedule UBCM Convention Meetings with Minister Flemming, MTI; Ministry, Agency, Commission and Corporation (MACC) staff from BC Transit
- ⇒ Council approved Staff signing the BC Transit Annual Operating Agreement
- ⇒ Council is sending a letter of support of the Regional District of Nanaimo endorsing that UBCM establish a working group to steer a comprehensive review and reform of the Local Government Act

Village of Ashcroft

Mayor and Council:

Mayor:

Barbara Roden

Councillors:

Jonah Anstett

Jessica Clement

Nadine Davenport

Doreen Lambert

2024

PROPERTY TAXES

DEADLINE IS

JULY 15, 2024

Our office will be open during the noon hour (Noon to 1pm) on:

July 10, 11, 12 & 15 to allow residents to make payments in person if they so wish. We also have a drop box on our front door. HOG instructions are on your Property Tax Notice.

WATER CONSERVATION REMINDER

As we enter the driest part of the year, Ashcroft residents are reminded to follow the Stage 2 water restrictions currently in effect.



Understanding the optimal watering practices can help maintain a healthy lawn while still conserving water. Numerous studies have shown that the timing of lawn watering significantly impacts its effectiveness. Watering during the heat of the day is inefficient, as much of the water evaporates before it can be absorbed by the soil. Instead, experts recommend watering your lawn during the cooler parts of the day, such as overnight or early in the morning. This approach not only minimizes evaporation but also allows the water to penetrate deeper into the soil, encouraging the roots to grow deeper. Deep-rooted lawns are more resilient and can better withstand dry conditions.

For the best results, a 20-minute watering session during these cooler periods is generally sufficient to keep your lawn refreshed and healthy. This practice helps to strike a balance between maintaining a vibrant lawn and reducing water consumption.

Reports of non-compliance with the designated watering times may result in fines. Thank you for your cooperation in our efforts to conserve water.

We do appreciate those residents doing their part by adhering to the Stage 2 water restrictions!



REBRANDING UPDATE

Thank you to everyone that took the time to fill in our survey and/or attend our community consultations at the Ashcroft HUB. Your input was greatly appreciated and a valuable step in the rebranding process.

The Economic Development Working Group assigned to this project has been working diligently with the designer and all we can say is we are very excited to see the path to our new brand.

Once we have design concepts and the “why” (the rationale behind the concept), it will be shared publicly on our website and social media inviting public participation by voting for their favorite design. The final voting day will be at the Community BBQ on July 20th. Once all the votes and information are received, the designer will make final necessary edits and present the designs to Council who will consider all the feedback and select a design.

***Remember to Like and Follow our fb page or check in on our website for all current events and postings.**

2024

Upcoming Council Meetings

June 18 COTW 5:00 pm
 June 18 Regular 6:00 pm
 June 24 Regular 6:00 pm

Summer Time Meetings
 July 22 Regular 6:00 pm
 August 26 Regular 6:00 pm

The HUB Online Network records and broadcasts or live streams each meeting.

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual Report for 2023

The Annual Report by legislation must be completed and made available to the public no later than June 30 each year. This years report is available for review on the Village website at the following link: https://ashcroftbc.ca/reports_2/

Additionally, a hard copy is available for pursuing at the Village office during regular office hours.

Public input and questions will be received by Council at 5:30 pm on Monday June 24, 2024 in Council Chambers.

The Annual Report includes items such as:

- Audited Financial Statements
- Permissive Tax Exemptions
- Services and operations
- Progress report
- Statement of objectives

