



THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT

MINUTES

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

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
 Councillor, Jonah Anstett
 Councillor, Nadine Davenport
 Councillor, Doreen Lambert

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

EXCUSED: Councillor, Jessica Clement

Media – 1
 Public – 3

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, July 22, 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 of Council held Monday, June 24, 2024 M/S Davenport / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council held Monday, June 24, 2024 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-116
2.2	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 24, 2024 M//S Davenport / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, June 24, 2024 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-117
2.3	Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Wednesday July 3, 2024 M//S Lambert / Davenport <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council held Wednesday, July 3, 2024 be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-118

3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Ashcroft & District Fall Fair - Deb Tuohey	
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	<p>Deb thanked Council for the opportunity to present her request as a delegation and proceeded to discuss the Fall Fair noting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After attending the AGM for the Ashcroft & District Fall Fair, organizing the Fall Fair was handed over to Deb and her family • The family has taken it on as a group with the younger generation taking the lead and leaning on the experience of the elders • When assuming the responsibility to coordinate the Fair, unbeknownst to them, there was limited funding in the Fall Fair account. • Deb recognizes there are many things happening in the community that require funding and community support, but feels the fair is an important function that boosts the economics of the community for a weekend. • The Fall Fair is on September 8, which is not far off, and the committee is actively seeking donations and looking for ways to offset the cost which will certainly benefit next years fair. • The committee is asking Council to waive arena rental and associated staff call out costs from September 5 - 8 for set up take down and running the fair. • This year due to budget constraints the committee is planning low-cost fun events for people of all ages • The committee is seeking volunteers and financial supporters • The committee is advertising as much as they can and will continue to do so to promote the event. • Deb notes the Fall Fair should be in a much better financial position next year as they will have had an entire year to plan and fundraise. • Deb invites the village to set up a booth or perhaps sponsor a prize <p>Questions/Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How many years has the fair been running? Over 50 years – Mayor Roden noted it started in the 1890’s • Discussion in regard to what the actual cost may be • Committee is looking at shortening the hours to lower costs for this year. • Farmers Market is participating and moving to their venue to the arena parking lot for the event to make it even better. <p>Mayor Roden thanked Deb for her presentation and said a decision would be made at the next Council meeting.</p>	
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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.

Marco Giusti – 707 Brink

1. Representing Ashcroft and area residents
 - Sharing his fire protection and preparedness concerns relating to Ashcroft



- Mayor Roden reminded Mr. Giusti that public input is for agenda items only and invited him to discuss his concerns with staff or come back to a future Council meeting as a delegation.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
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FOR INFORMATION		
6.1	<p>CAO – Verbal Report CAO Dyck provided a brief verbal report discussing three items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shetland Creek Wildfire update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village participates in the daily coordination call with BCWS to stay informed of the fire situation and planned operations for the day, as well as multiway call when invited and is in regular contact with the TNRD EOC. • Visited the fire grounds today to get a firsthand look at the situation, fire proximity to the Village and Ashcroft Ranch, and to see the extent of the fire damage. • Noted that AFR was installing structure protection in an abundance of caution at the Ashcroft Ranch this evening. • Transportation for residents that do not have a vehicle is arranged and the community help line is activated Monday – Friday 8am to 8pm and is coordinated by the E-Fry Society and the HUB. • Sandy McDonald, granddaughter of Sam McDonald who was the owner of the Wagon in the shed, she offered assistance to move the wagon to a safe area to protect it from wildfire threat. A trigger point was established and if necessary, Sandy and her family would come and temporarily move the wagon. 2. Branding – Council was advised that due to the cancellation of the Community BBQ which is where residents would have had the final opportunity to provide feedback regarding the logo and tagline, Margaret set up at the post office on Friday morning to seek resident input. It was noted that in total over 250 surveys were received. 3. Desert Planters – CIB advised the office that the desert planters at the Community Hall and at the Harmony Bell were neglected and had not been filled regularly resulting in extremely dry soil and dying plants. This was an oversight by new seasonal employees which has been resolved. 	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	Ashcroft Hub – Request for Support M//S Roden / Lambert <i>THAT, staff provide a report giving an estimated cost of providing lawn maintenance, outdoor water upkeep, and snow removal services to the Ashcroft HUB annually.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-119
7.2	Railway Safety Week M//S Roden / Lambert <i>THAT, the Village of Ashcroft Council declare September 23-29, 2024 Rail Safety Week</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-120
FOR INFORMATION		
7.3	TNRD – Step 1B Screening Level Amendment Request	
7.4	SILGA Summer Newsletter	
7.5	BC Government - 410993 – Act Review Notification Letter – Municipal Governments - Final	
7.6	HVC Open House Invitation - Sunday August 4th 2024	
7.7	BC Interior Community Foundation – Celebrate our 40th Anniversary	
7.8	Thank you DSCS Class of 2024	
7.9	Thank you from Bursary Recipients: Moira Kopanyas and Khiara Archibald	
7.10	UBCM Resolution – BC Hydro Projects	
7.11	United Way BC Kick Off Breakfast	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager – Motion Tracker	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.1	Policy Review Meeting Notes – July 11, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Roden commented that to date all changes have been housekeeping edits, if edits are required that change the intent of the policy, these will be brought to Council for consideration. 	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanked all the community members that are donating things to the responders ie: water, Gatorade, food, etc. Wonderful to see how people come together Power flip was due to BC Hydro switching Spences Bridge to the Boston Bar power grid as they de-energized the Hydro lines along Hwy 1 to reduce firefighter risk 	
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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

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday July 22, 2024, at 6:44 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, July 22, 2024.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor