



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**
FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE VILLAGE
OFFICE AT 5:30 PM ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

PRESENT: Mayor, Barbara Roden
Councillor, Jonah Anstett - 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**

Deputy Mayor Jessica Clement called the COTW Meeting to order at 5:30 pm

2. **ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA**

M/S Lambert / Roden

THAT, the CFO Report – Permissive Tax Exemption be added to staff Reports for discussion.

CARRIED - Unanimous

3. **MINUTES**

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

4. **DELEGATIONS**

	NONE	
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5. **BYLAWS FOR DISCUSSION**

	NONE	
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6. **STAFF REPORTS**

6.1	<p>CAO REPORT – Grant in Aid – Second <i>Deputy Mayor Jessica Clement recused herself citing a conflict of interest as she is the Executive Director of the Ashcroft HUB Society at 5:31 pm.</i> Mayor Roden assumed the Chair position in the Deputy Mayor absence. Purpose:</p>	
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	<p>Provide Council with an opportunity to review and discuss Grant in Aid applications received for the second intake of 2024, in line with the Village's Grants in Aid Policy C-01-2022. And provide the opportunity to discuss utilizing the undersubscribed fund to offset facility us and other donations approve by Council this calendar year.</p> <p>M/S Roden / Davenport <i>THAT, Council rise and report the second intake Grant in Aid allocation to the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, September 9, 2024, as noted below:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Ashcroft HUB Society - \$500;to assist with advertising and plaque for the Santa Parade.</i> <p>Deputy Mayor Clement returned at 5:34pm and resumed as the chair.</p> <p>M/S Roden/Davenport <i>THAT, Council approves the use of the remaining \$2,625.00 balance in the Grant in Aid program to offset facility use and other donations for the current year. Further, that Council directs the Policy Review Committee to review and amend the Grant in Aid policy to include donations and facility use as eligible components of the program.</i></p> <p>Clarification requested – how many GIA’s were received this year and will the GIA offset for donations and free facility use be ongoing? It was noted that tracking these donations will show the value of what is being donated back to the community.</p>	
	<p>CFO Report – Permissive Tax Exemption Introduction – move forward with advertising Cnclr. Clement recused herself citing a conflict of interest as the Director of the HUB at 5:40 pm <i>Mayor Roden assumed the Chair once again.</i> CFO Bhalla discussed that it was time to update and adopt a new Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw before October 31. Application was received for the HUB to be added to the exemption list. CFO Bhalla noted he is bringing this forward so that he can move forward with advertising. Mayor Roden noted, the village has not collected taxes for the property in the past as it belonged to the School District. Council needs to determine if the HUB a valued service under the legislation and if they wish to support the request.</p>	



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	<p>CFO Bhalla will calculate what the property taxes would be for the year and report back to Council at the October 1 meeting. Can we set our own tax rate – no it’s a binary decision, e have to file the exemption by October 31 Clarification that this request is separate from the mowing and snow removal request. CFO Bhalla noted the tax exemption excludes utilities. and does not include utilities Next steps: Draft advertisements and forward to the Journal Draft Bylaw to be presented Oct 1 for consideration CFO Bhalla to bring a report indicating the value of the tax exemption <i>Deputy Mayor returned to the meeting at 5:50 and resumed the chair.</i></p>	
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7. CLOSED MEETING

Motion to move to a closed meeting to discuss an item under the Community Charter Section 90.1

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8. TERMINATION

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, September 9, 2024, at 5:50 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the COTW Meeting of Council held Monday, September 9, 2024.

 Daniela Dyck,
 Chief Administrative Officer

 Jessica Clement,
 Deputy Mayor