



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 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2024

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

CFO, Yogi Bhalla
 DPW, Brian Bennewith

EXCUSED: CAO, Daniela Dyck

Media – 1
 Public – 1

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Tuesday October 15th 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 Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 1, 2024 M/S Clement / Anstett <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 1, 2024, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-155
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Jack Keough – Regional Transit Systems – Seeking Letter of Support and Recommendation Mr. Keough representing Yellowhead Community Services (YCS) Regional Transit System thanked Council for the opportunity to present to Council beginning his presentation with history, noting they have been transit operators for 30 years and operating the Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Clinton system for 12 years successfully. As operators YCS has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • YCS introduced the Special Trips which are utilized by senior groups for outings and other private functions providing a much needed service. • Gave rider fees back to the communities which were previously forwarded to BC Transit (BCT) • Advocated for and considered purchasing a spare bus 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operates an efficient system <p>Concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of consultation from BCT prior to announcing the implementation of regionalization in February. • Concerns that this decision was made by the BCT Board of Directors who have no understanding of rural transit systems and are making their decisions filtered through the lens of urban based systems. • Concern that costs will escalate and become unaffordable for rural BC operators. Cost increases are estimated at 20-30%. • Concern raised over constant Regional Manager turnover. <p>Mr. Keough asked Council to consider providing a letter of support which is to include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Immediate end to the regionalization; 2. A recommendation to include rural representation on the BCT Board of Directors; 3. Review of BCT leadership; and 4. Review of annualized funding formula to reflect rural demographics and geographical challenges. <p>Mr. Keough noted he will be making the same presentation to all the Council's involved in the YCS transit system.</p> <p>Mayor Roden thanked Mr. Keough for his presentation and noted that representatives from all three communities met with Ministry and BCT staff at UBCM advocating on behalf of our system and against regionalization. Noting we want to keep our drivers and the services they provide and that it must be affordable.</p> <p>Mayor Roden also commented that invitations were extended to representatives of MOTI and BCT to ride our transit system during a TNRD meeting with MOTI to fully grasp the level of service that is provided. There is a clear misconception that rural systems provide the same service as urban systems, as an example the group was asked if TRU students utilize the transit system from Clearwater to attend school.</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.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	<p>Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 871, 2024 Councillor Clement excused herself at 6:30 pm citing a conflict of interest as the director of the HUB and returned to the meeting at 6:35 pm after Council completed the business of the Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw. M/S Lambert / Davenport <i>THAT, Permissive Tax Exemption Bylaw No. 871, 2024 be adopted.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-156</p>
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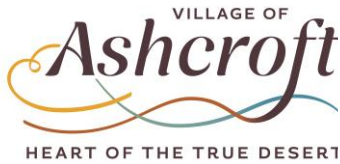
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO REPORT – Interior Community Services/Better at Home – Facility Use Request</p> <p>Purpose: To seek Council’s approval for free facility use of the community hall, as requested by Interior Community Services/Better at Home, to host a senior’s walking program on Wednesdays at 9:00 am</p> <p>M/S Clement / Lambert <i>THAT, Council approves the amended request from Interior Community Services/Better at Home for free facility use of the community hall on Wednesdays at 9:00 am for the seniors walking program, with the option to expand the program to additional days if necessary.</i></p>	<p>CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-157</p>
FOR INFORMATION		
6.2	<p>CAO Report – Legacy Park Year End Report</p> <p>Purpose: The purpose of this report is to present Council with an overview of the Legacy Park season, including visitor statistics, a summary from the camp costs, and recommendations for the upcoming year.</p> <p>Discussion: The effect of disasters impacting the parks use was noted.</p>	
6.3	<p>CAO Report – Ashcroft Museum Year End Report</p> <p>Purpose: The purpose of this report is to present Council with an overview of the museum season, including visitor statistics, a summary from the Museum Supervisor, and recommendations for the upcoming year.</p> <p>Discussion: The effects of the Shetland Creek fire with subsequent smoke and road closures was noted as impacting museum visitor stats. Comment at the dedication of the curator who was at the museum the day after being evacuated. Comment in regard to the visitor stats still below pre COVID levels. Staffing was an issue this year leading to weekend closures, although the curator did accommodate as often as possible. Consider hiring an older adult next year as the museum helper if there are not any suitable student applications.</p>	
6.4	<p>CAO Report – Pool End of Season Report</p> <p>Purpose: The purpose of this report is to summarize the Ashcroft Pool’s 2024 season, highlighting staffing, program outcomes, operational challenges, and facility needs. It provides recommendations for improvements to help enhance operations and community service in the coming years. Kudos to staff for a job well done, consider more dedicated Aquafit times.</p>	



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	Appreciation of all seasonal staff was expressed, many of which were personally impacted by the Shetland Creek Fire but still came to work to provide recreational and cultural services for the community.	
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7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	SILGA – Local Government Asset Management Infrastructure Deficit Seminar – Yogi will be one of the presenters sharing his insight with attendees in regard to asset management. Do any Council members wish to attend the Seminar? Discussion: Council members wishing to attend the session to advise staff by the end of the week.	
FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	TNRD News Release: Celebrate 50 Years of Literacy, Learning and Community with TNRD Library Special event tomorrow in Kamloops, the Ashcroft celebration is planned for October 26 th .	
7.3	TNRD News Release: Birch Island Petition 2024	
7.4	TNFC – Lunar Sway Filming Lunar Sway will be released next year. It was noted that the film Bullet which was filmed partly in Ashcroft has sequel called Get Fast which was 100% filmed in the TNRD region and will be a Netflix release. The Film Commissioner is coordinating a screening in Cache Creek.	
7.5	SD #74 – October 2024 Board Bulletin	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

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

10.	Street Safety Working Group Notes – October 8, 2024 M/S Roden / Lambert <i>THAT, Council direct staff to submit a grant application to VisionZero to leverage the costs of purchasing two LED Variable Solar Radar Speed Signs and the installation of two speed bumps on Ranch Road as a traffic calming measure for the safety of all students, pedestrians and cyclists.</i> M/S Clement / Davenport	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-158 CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-159
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	<i>THAT, Council direct staff to move forward with the installation of three 15-minute parking stalls on 3rd Street. One in front of the Bakery and two in front of the Liquor Store.</i>	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden Mayor Roden commented on the Traffic survey, noting it is available for download on the village website or pick up at the office. The survey closes at the end of the month, is open to anyone and encourages all to complete the surveys and not just talk about their concerns. This will provide comprehensive feedback from community.	
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 Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 6:43 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
 the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
 Council held Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

 Yogi Bhalla,
 Chief Financial Officer

 Barbara Roden,
 Mayor