



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, OCTOBER 28, 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 – 0
 Public – 1

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday October 28, 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.”

Mayor Roden expressed condolences to Councillor Clement and the Clement family on the sudden passing of Wendy Clement on behalf of Council and the Village of Ashcroft team.

1. ADDITIONS TO OR DELETIONS FROM THE AGENDA

M/S Roden / Davenport

THAT, the Agenda for the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday October 28, 2024, be amended to include correspondence from TECH Highland Valley Copper under Information Correspondence as item 7.5.

CARRIED Unanimous. R-2024-160

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 15, 2024 M/S <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, October 15, 2024, be adopted as presented</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-161
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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.



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No public input was received.

5. BYLAWS/POLICIES

5.1	N/A	
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6. STAFF REPORTS

REQUEST FOR DECISION		
6.1	<p>CAO Report: Request for Letter of Support for Yellowhead Community Services (YCS) Regional Transit System</p> <p>Purpose: The purpose of this report is to summarize the concerns raised by Mr. Keough of Yellowhead Community Services (YCS) regarding BC Transit's recent decision to regionalize transit services, and to seek Council's approval to provide a letter of support.</p> <p>M/S Anstett / Lambert <i>THAT, Council provides a letter of support for Yellowhead Community Services based on the information presented by Mr. Keough. The letter should include:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>A call for the immediate suspension of BC Transit's regionalization initiative, pending further consultation with rural transit operators.</i> 2. <i>A recommendation for the inclusion of rural representation on the BC Transit Board of Directors.</i> 3. <i>A request for a review of BC Transit's leadership to ensure that rural and urban transit needs are equally considered.</i> 4. <i>A request for a review and revision of BC Transit's funding formula to account for the demographic and geographical challenges unique to rural areas.</i> <p>It was noted that the Village has been sending a consistent message to BC Transit (BCT) and the Ministry of Transportation (MOTI) through the Para Transit Committee meetings and at recent meetings with BCT and MOTI at UBCM. Clinton, Cache Creek, Clearwater, Kamloops and Merritt are to be copied on the letter.</p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-162
6.2	<p>CAO Report: Application for Funding to Revitalize Heritage Park</p> <p>Purpose: The purpose of this report is to request Council support for the submission of a grant application to the Rural Economic Development and Infrastructure Program, and to advise that a commitment of up to \$200,000 from the Village will be required.</p> <p>M/S Lambert / Davenport <i>THAT, Council formally approves the submission of the grant application to the Rural Economic Development and Infrastructure</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-163



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	<p><i>Program for the revitalization of Heritage Park and improved economic benefits in the downtown core.</i></p> <p>It was noted that this application is a second attempt for funding to revitalize Heritage Park. This application will focus on the projects economic impact by bringing the travelling public off Hwy 1 into the downtown core promoting Heritage Park as an attraction and segway to increased tourist traffic, revenues and business opportunity.</p>	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.3	N/A	

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>British Columbia / Yukon Command The Royal Canadian Legion 20th Anniversary Edition “Military Recognition Book” – requesting sponsorship of an ad M/S Roden / Lambert</p> <p><i>THAT, Council supports the Village of Ashcroft to place an ad in the 20th Anniversary Edition of the Military Recognition Book at a cost of \$385.00.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-164
7.2	<p>Gold Country Communities Society (GCCS) – Excellence In Gold Country Recognition Evening Invite Councillors to advise the CAO if they wish to attend the event so arrangements can be made.</p>	
FOR INFORMATION		
7.3	Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, Okenge Yuma Morisho – UBCM Meeting	
7.4	<p>TNRD – T’kemplups te Secwepemc Raise Flag and Reach New Heights in Partnership Mayor Roden noted she had the honour to attend the flag raising commenting it was nice to see Kukpi7 Rosanne Casimir in attendance after her lengthy recover from a leg injury.</p>	
7.5	<p>Late Item – TECH Highland Valley Copper – Public Comment Period Notification It was noted that Council members provide a consistent message supporting the expansion and the economic value it would bring to the community.</p>	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	N/A	
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.1	N/A	
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to her previous comments regarding the flag raising at the TNRD, she noted that there are 25 First Nations in the regional district and 2 MOU's have been established. The TNRD External Relations and Advocacy Officer, Corbin Kelley continues to work diligently on developing MOUs with each nation. • The Seniors Harvest Bazaar is Saturday Nov. 2, 2024, at the Seniors Centre 	
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

12.1	N/A	
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13. RESOLUTIONS RELEASED FROM CLOSED MEETING

13.1	N/A	
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14. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Roden adjourned the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday October 28, 2024, at 6:10 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Monday, October 28, 2024.

 Daniela Dyck,
 Chief Administrative Officer

 Barbara Roden,
 Mayor