



**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, NOVEMBER 25, 2024

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

 CAO, Daniela Dyck
 CFO, Yogi Bhalla

EXCUSED: Councillor, Jonah Anstett
 DPW, Brian Bennewith

 Media – 1
 Public – 8

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Roden Called the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, November 25, 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

One item to be added under New Business
 Motion to adopt the agenda as amended
 M/S Clement / Davenport
THAT, the Agenda for the Regular of Meeting of Council for Monday November 25, 2024, be adopted as amended.

CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-169

2. MINUTES

2.1	Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, November 12, 2024 M/S Davenport / Lambert <i>THAT, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held Tuesday, November 12, be adopted as presented.</i>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-170
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3. DELEGATIONS

3.1	Gwen Dost, Program Coordinator and Deb Tedford, Director of the Ashcroft & District Hospice Society – Wind Phone Install in the Village of Ashcroft Cemetery	
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	<p>Debra Tedford and Gwen Dost (Hospice Society) Deb thanked council for the opportunity to present and introduced the project then handed the presentation over to Gwen discussed the concept of installing a "wind phone" in the community to support grieving individuals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is a Wind Phone? A phone booth (without connection) designed as a space for reflection and remembrance of lost loved ones. It offers an opportunity to talk and grieve in solitude. • Examples: Shared an image of a wind phone in Qualicum Beach. Plans to install similar structures in Spences Bridge and Clinton. <p>Proposal Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structure Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Covered and constructed with weather- and fire-resistant materials. It is intended to be a low maintenance structure. ○ Ideally installed on a poured cement pad. • Location: Suggested the south end of the cemetery for its quiet, secluded space with scenic views, ideal for reflection. • Dedication: Proposed dedicating the installation to Jean Huba, who played a key role in founding the local hospice society. <p>Request to Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the installation of the wind phone at the suggested location. • Commented that Heritage Park would not be a good site due to its public nature. <p>Discussion and Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wind phone is not about communicating with the dead but providing a quiet place to grieve and reflect. • Acknowledged the importance of a space for healing, especially for those who cannot visit the graves of loved ones due to distance or other reasons. • Positive feedback highlighted the need for such a space in the community. <p>Mayor Roden thanked the Hospice Society for their presentation advising that staff would bring a report back to Council for consideration at a future 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.

Cam Tedford – What happens to the Wind Phone project if the Hospice Society is no longer active? Who will be responsible for its maintenance? - This will be part of the discussion when Council considers the request.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment – dog licensing is not intended as a revenue stream but a way of returning dogs to their owners when at large. • Comment – Dog complaints is one of the most challenging bylaw functions, simplifying dog licensing reduces some of the challenges. • Reducing the fee to \$25 is more palatable and a lesser financial burden for some dog owners. 	
FOR INFORMATION		
6.3		

7. CORRESPONDENCE

FOR ACTION		
7.1	<p>The Ashcroft HUB – Santa Parade Street Closure Request for Friday, December 6th, 2024 M/S Roden / Lambert</p> <p><i>THAT, Council approves the HUB's request to close Railway Ave to all vehicular traffic on Friday December 6th, 2024, between 2nd and 7th Street for the Santa Parade and that barricades be made available for use.</i></p>	CARRIED Unanimous R-2024-174

FOR INFORMATION		
7.2	TNRD News Release – Have Your Say on TNRD Services and Costs in the 2025 Budget	
7.3	IH November 2024 Healthy Communities Newsletter	
7.4	Village of Nakusp – BC Alert Ready Program Request to include Health Services – Hon. Josie Osborne	
7.5	BC Hydro EV Operations Update for 680 Railway Avenue	

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8.1	Task Manager	
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9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1	<p>Ashcroft Curling Club – Invitation for Council and Staff to visit the Curling Club any Tuesday to see the newly renovated Lounge</p> <p>Mayor Roden proposed that Council and staff who are available on Tuesday December 10 at 2:00 pm to visit the Curling Club</p>	
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10. REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES, COTW, and COMMISSIONS

10.1	<p>Joint Para Transit Committee Minutes – November 20, 2024 Recommendation:</p>	CARRIED Unanimous
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	<p>The Para Transit Committee urges each Council to send a letter to BC Transit formally expressing concerns about the regionalization and ongoing increased costs of the Para Transit System. The letter should request that the system be excluded from regionalization due to its potential impact on individual communities and that affordability and sustainability of the system are a priority. Additionally, the Committee recommends advocating for YCS, which has a proven track record of effectiveness, to remain the system operator.</p> <p>M/S Roden / Lambert</p> <p><i>That, Council send a letter to BC Transit formally expressing concerns about the proposed regionalization and ongoing increased costs of the Para Transit System.</i></p> <p><i>The letter shall:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Request that the Para Transit System be excluded from regionalization due to its potential negative impact on individual communities.</i> • <i>Emphasize the importance of affordability and sustainability as priorities for the system.</i> • <i>Advocate for YCS, with its proven track record of effectiveness, to remain the system operator.</i> 	R-2024-175
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11. COUNCIL REPORTS

11.1	Mayor Roden	
11.2	Councillor Anstett	
11.3	Councillor Clement Attended the HAWC Meeting last week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IHA – new doctor at UPCC coming soon • Looking at a way to attach patients to the UPCC 	
11.4	Councillor Davenport	
11.5	Councillor Lambert Attended Seniors AGM on Nov. 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the executive remained the same with one exception • 10 new members • Received \$1000 from Second Time Around for air conditioning • Planning a Valentine’s tea • Christmas lunch December 18th • VOA Building accessibility concerns continue to be raised 	

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, November 25, 2024, at 6:34 pm.

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of
Council held Monday, November 25, 2024.

Daniela Dyck,
Chief Administrative Officer

Barbara Roden,
Mayor