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**Attachments:** Village of Ashcroft.pdf

Good afternoon Mayor Barbara Roden & Council

We are currently planning Phase 3 of the Gold Country Geotour which will launch this fall!  
Please see the enclosed letter and sponsorship request. We are also looking for a letter of support for our grant application for this wonderful addition to the popular GeoTour.

We would like to come and present as a delegation to the Mayor and Council at your next Board meeting.

I thank you for your continued support of Gold Country Communities Society and the society's endeavors.

Sincerely,

Marcie Down,



Executive Director  
Gold Country Communities Society



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## **March 25/19 – Presentation to Ashcroft Village Council of the Whole**

Presented by: Sandy Agatiello & Nancy White, Members of Ashcroft Moving Forward Group

The Ashcroft Community Emergency Plan came about after the July 2017 fires, and residents identified a need for a community driven emergency plan to help keep everyone safe, and informed in the event of an emergency. Ashcroft Moving Forward (AMF) is comprised of concerned residents who took it upon themselves to start a plan to address the lack of an organized community emergency plan in the event of an evacuation, emergency or disaster. Up to this time, it has been solely funded by Sandy Agatiello.

This Community Emergency Plan does not in any way replace the Village of Ashcroft official Emergency & Evacuation Plan that is filed with the TNRD, rather, it is to provide help once an evacuation has been declared, or to help get important information out to residents, and to help residents be prepared in case of an emergency.

### **The AMF Community Emergency Plan includes:**

- Community Fan-out Plan in place for the Village of Ashcroft and some outlying areas,
- Transportation plan (Match those in need with those who will help)
- Local Emergency Social Services (ESS)
- Pets / Animals plan
- Senior Preparedness
- Muster stations

#### **Fan-Out**

- The Fan-out is already in place in Ashcroft Village, it has been tested twice, and we discovered that it takes approximately 40 minutes for all phone calls to be made to pass on a message to households/businesses. The update for contact information is scheduled to be completed by the end of March 2019.
- Currently Ashcroft Moving Forward has all documents (paper/computer), with contact info only used for contacting residents who have given permission. A copy of only the first contacts in each area is on file with local RCMP, Village Office and Ashcroft Moving Forward Administration (Sandy Agatiello).

## Transportation

- A list has been compiled for each area, once the update is completed this will be revised and matching will be completed by the end of April 2019. (People who require help with transportation in the event of an evacuation and people who have indicated they are willing to help with transportation).
- A request will be made to ask for help to complete this task.
- It is suggested that communication with SD#74 regarding school buses availability be looked into as a potential mode of transport in an evacuation.

## Emergency Social Services (ESS)

- ESS is a component of the Provincial Emergency Program of the government of British Columbia. ESS are those services required to preserve the well-being of people affected by an emergency or disaster, to provide accommodation/lodging, food, clothing, and transportation as required for the first 72 hours after evacuation and, depending on the circumstances, can be extended with approval from the Province.
- Currently there is an ESS for Cache Creek/Ashcroft established with the headquarters in Cache Creek. A training session in Logan Lake in November 2018 was attended by 7 people from Ashcroft, and in April another training session in Clinton will be attended by residents from Ashcroft, Cache Creek and Bonaparte. The goal is to have co-Directors in Cache Creek and Ashcroft, with documentation in both communities, and share resources. If anyone would like to get involved with ESS, please contact Lisa Dafoe or Sandy Agatiello.
- It is up to ESS to organize the use of a facility if a Reception Centre is needed, in Ashcroft we have a number of possible locations for a Reception Centre: School, HUB, Community Hall, and Churches. This would only be if Ashcroft is needed to host evacuees.
- ESS is only part of an Emergency Plan, It is embedded within an Emergency Plan and does not take the place of a Community Emergency Plan. It is implemented when there are any evacuations – for 1 person, up to a whole community.

## Animal/Pet Preparedness

- CDART – Canadian Disaster Animal Rescue Team Contact: Cathy Mills 250-579-2142 this is a volunteer organization which assists communities in the event of an evacuation/disaster situation.
- AMF has a list of residents who expressed an interest in helping with this part of the plan. Recommendation to have a list of those in the community who are able to help with transportation of both small and large animals.

### **Senior Preparedness**

- Seniors may have different needs during an emergency, and there are many seniors in the community who would benefit from having a strategic plan in place.
- We are requesting volunteers who are passionate about providing education workshops, gathering information, and sharing with seniors to assist them in preparing for a possible emergency.
- Also, perhaps funding is available for hosting workshops, supplying educational material and helping with preparing "Grab & Go bags".

### **Muster Stations**

- According to a notice from the Village of Ashcroft Office, Muster stations were identified in August 2017 – the HUB and Ashcroft Community Hall. Neither the HUB Board of Directors nor the Executive Director were aware of this notice in August 2017, until it was brought to their attention recently (refer to attachment). This is another instance of lack of communication. At the meetings held after the 2017 and 2018 fires, the community members have requested that muster stations be identified but were never informed.
- The HUB was formally requested to agree to be designated as a Muster Station, (approved March 2/19). According to the notice from the Village of Ashcroft, August 2017, the Ashcroft Community Hall is also a designated muster station. AMF proposes that the Mesa Vista Church be approached and request that it also be identified as a Muster Station for that area. Signs will need to be posted and we request that the Village of Ashcroft pay for the signage for Muster Stations.

### **Formal request by Ashcroft Moving Forward Group**

Ashcroft Moving Forward Group is requesting that the Village of Ashcroft Council form either a Select or Standing Emergency Preparedness Committee, which will include members of the community (3 to 4), to be responsible for coordinating an Emergency Preparedness Community Plan for Ashcroft.

#### ***Suggestions for the Emergency Preparedness Committee:***

- 1) Ensure the Community Emergency Plan is established.
- 2) Review the Community Emergency Plan regularly & formulate recommendations for improvements.
- 3) Form Sub-Committees which implement improvements and report to the Emergency Preparedness Committee.
- 4) Evaluate emergency/disaster situations.
- 5) Organize debriefings for the community.
- 6) Coordinate with Emergency Operation Centre (EOC) during an evacuation.

Cc: Ashcroft Mayor, Councilors and CAO

# VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT EMERGENCY RESPONSE SAFETY PLAN

*Created August 2017*

**NOTE: THESE DUTIES ARE TO BE ACTIONED ONLY IF IT IS SAFE TO DO SO.  
USE COMMON SENSE.**

**IN ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFTS EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATION PLAN DATED 2013, THE FOLLOWING SAFETY PLAN IS DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR THE RESIDENTS OF ASHCROFT FOR A COMMUNICATION NETWORK WITH MUSTER POINT LOCATIONS IN THE EVENT THERE IS A THREAT TO OUR COMMUNITY AND ALL COMMUNICATION IS LOST (POWER AND PHONE LINES DOWN).**

The emergency response safety plan has been collectively created by the residents of Ashcroft and will be implemented by the Village of Ashcroft Mayor and Council; Jack Jeyes, Barbara Roden, Helen Kormendy, Alf Trill, and Doreen Lambert. If clarification is required on any point concerning this emergency response safety plan, contact the Village of Ashcroft.

There are TWO MUSTER POINT locations designated as emergency centers for the residents of Ashcroft.

At least two designated POC (point of contact) will be at each site.

## **NORTH ASHCROFT**

The HUB, 711 Hill Street Ashcroft BC  
POC: Jack Jeyes, Alf Trill, and Doreen Lambert

## **SOUTH ASHCROFT**

Ashcroft Community Hall, 409 Bancroft St Ashcroft BC  
POC: Helen Kormendy and Barbara Roden

*Village of Ashcroft staff would facilitate/activate the emergency response documentation and/or packages available for each site*

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**Assistance Volunteers for Ashcroft**

Billiting

Transportation

Meals

First Aid/Emergency Medical Assistance

Machinery (generators)

Animal Care/Transport

Senior Assistance

Familiarize yourself with the  
VILLIAGE OF ASHCROFT EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND EVACUATION PLAN:  
<https://tnrd.civicweb.net/document/4905>