



**THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHCROFT
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MINUTES**

**FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS
OF THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 2018**

PRESENT: Mayor John C. (Jack) Jeyes
Councillor Helen A. Kormendy
Councillor Barbara H. Roden
Councillor Wm. Alfred Trill

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer
Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer

Press and Public

EXCUSED: Councillor Doreen E. Lambert
Wayne Robinson, Deputy Corporate Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jeyes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1. Mr. Santo Talarico – Sign Requirements/Restrictions in new Zoning and OCP Bylaws

Mr. Talarico addressed Council with concerns relating to the signage requirements that are being included in the new Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw. He advised that he is interested in installing an LED sign at the corner of Railway Avenue and Highway 97C, the location of his car wash. The scrolling stand-alone sign would be 4m x 1m and 4.5 m in height. He advised that it could be used to sell advertising to other businesses within the community and could also be used if there were emergency messages that the public needed to be aware of. His concerns relate to the requirement that signs in the downtown area have a heritage style and also must be much smaller in size. Mr. Talarico requested Council to review the signage requirements to allow businesses in Ashcroft to be progressive and utilize new technology if possible. Council thanked Mr. Talarico and advised that they would direct staff to investigate his requests.

2.2. Yogi Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer – Asset Management Presentation & Finance Updates

Chief Financial Officer Bhalla reviewed the Financial Statements for the period ending July 31, 2018. He provided breakdowns of accounts for the General Operating, Water Operating and Sewer Operating funds. A summary of large transactions as well as insurance claims were reviewed.

Chief Financial Officer Bhalla provided Council with an overview of our Asset Management Program. Funding was received for Phase 1 of the program which focused on planning and compliance. This phase has been completed and the reports are being finalized. Phase 2 of the Asset Management Plan will focus on developing a GIS system and building the database. Funding for Phase 2 is being applied for through Federation of Canadian

Municipalities. Chief Financial Officer Bhalla demonstrated to Council how the data source is being developed and how the staff will be able to access the information. He showed Council how easy it is to bring up a map with all of the water lines on it, then he was able to indicate the ages of the pipes on the map and finally could show the locations of all fire hydrants within the Village. There is no limit to the amount of data that can be entered and the more data translates to better mapping and informative reports. Council thanked Chief Financial Officer Bhalla for his work in developing this program and recognized the significant savings that have been achieved with this project.

3. TERMINATION

M/S Councillor Kormendy / Councillor Roden

“That the Committee of the Whole Meeting terminate at 6:57 pm.”

Carried.

Mayor John C. (Jack) Jeyes

Certified to be a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting held Monday, August 27, 2018.

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer

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