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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, MARCH 26, 2018

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

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer
Wayne Robinson, Deputy Corporate Officer

Press and Public

EXCUSED: **Yoginder Bhalla, Chief Financial Officer**

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1. Chief Josh White & Deputy Chief Steve Anderson, Ashcroft Volunteer Fire Department – Update on department activities

Chief White provided an overview of the department's activities during 2017 touching on the number of calls for service and the three significant events that the members attended. The department dealt with 10 fatalities within a 12 month period which is significantly higher than previous years. Chief White encouraged all residents to make their properties Fire Smart and that information is available on line. Following the wildfires the association had over $23,500 donated to them and they will be using these funds for various department equipment.

Deputy Chief Anderson provided Council with a proposal to build a fire training centre out of two cargo containers. They are requesting that Council permit this to be built behind the Public Works Shop. The projected construction cost is $10,000 and their goal is to invite neighbouring departments to joint practices at the site.

Chief White closed his presentation by thanking a number of people for their support this past year.

Council thanked the Chief, Deputy Chief and all of the members for their dedication to the department.

2.2. South Cariboo Minor Soccer Association – Parking at Soccer Fields

Lee Hand, Sandra Agiatello and Seanna Sampson appeared as representatives of the South Cariboo Minor Soccer Association. They thanked Council for the excellent facility and advised that visiting teams always comment on the high quality of fields we provide.

They advised that they had concerns regarding the Village's proposal to reduce on street parking during tournaments and that they did not consider the use of the private lot to be an adequate solution. They did not feel that the soccer association should be responsible for off street parking and the Village should be taking care of this. They advised that crosswalks should be installed and the intersection of Elm and Government Streets should be a 4 way stop. They were not aware that there were any safety concerns and do not agree with the Village's proposal.

Mayor Jeyes thanked them for their presentation.

2.3. Andy Anderson, Home Hardware – Request for relaxation of Development Permit Area #4 signage requirements

Andy Anderson, representing the Home Hardware Building Centre, advised Council that the sign requirements under Development Permit Area #4 are very costly compared to other alternatives and he urged Council to reconsider these guidelines. He also suggested that other sections of the bylaw could be updated.

Mr. Anderson was advised that the Village is currently reviewing the Official Community Plan and the Zoning Bylaw and the Development Permit Area #4 bylaw is part of that process. He was advised that his application for a Development Variance Permit will be placed on the April 9, 2018 Regular Meeting of Council

3. TERMINATION

M/S Councillor Trill / Councillor Roden

"That the Committee of the Whole meeting of Council terminate at 7:03 pm."

Carried.

John C. (Jack) Jeyes, Mayor

Certified to be a true and correct copy of
the Minutes of the Committee of the Whole
meeting of Council held Monday, March 26, 2018.

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer

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