



**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, OCTOBER 24, 2016**

**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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mayor Jeyes congratulated Councillor Kormendy on her recent election and welcomed her to her first council meeting.

2. PRESENTATIONS

2.1. Ashcroft Art Club, Sharon Rennie – Declaration of “Art Heritage Week” in honour of 50th Anniversary

Ms. Rennie advised Council that the Ashcroft Art Club is 50 years old in 2017 and they would like to commemorate the event in a number of ways. Projects include making banners to hang along Railway Avenue, painting a mural on the side of a private building having a history of the club on display during the Annual Art Show. The club would appreciate having Council declare the week April 16 – April 23 as Art Heritage Week in Ashcroft. Council congratulated the club on achieving this milestone and will assist Ms. Rennie in having a proclamation drawn up.

2.2. Sgt. Kat Thain, Ashcroft RCMP Detachment – Introduction to Council

Sgt. Thain introduced herself to Council and provided a brief history of her RCMP career. She was excited to move to Ashcroft and is looking forward to working in the community. She provided an update on current staffing levels at the detachment for both general duty and traffic services. She advised that the Ashcroft detachment works closely with our neighbouring detachments but she is not responsible for other offices other than the Ashcroft one. Her goal is to increase the presence within the school system and would like to see the DARE program reinstated.

2.3. Ms. Elcy LePage, Quality Manager, Interior Roads – Semi Annual Update – Shift into Winter Presentation

Ms. LePage assumed the Quality Manager position with Interior Roads in January following the retirement of Mr. Doddridge. She provided an update on the operations in Ashcroft and advised that they have their crews in place and the equipment is ready to go. The crews are currently working day shifts and are completing some shouldering maintenance and checking drainage channels. Once the snow comes the crews will go onto staggered shifts which will provide longer coverage. Ms. LePage answered questions from council regarding other road issues including the slide concerns on Highway 99 outside of Lillooet.

2.4. Donald Cram – Items for discussion include sidewalks and cigarette butt receptacles

Mr. Cram did not attend the Committee of the Whole meeting.

2.5. Anne Marie McLean – Urban Forests – Planting Trees

Ms. McLean said that she had attended a council meeting when the Communities In Bloom Committee made a presentation regarding an urban forest and the benefits of planting trees in our community. She wanted to know if Council had a plan in place and if they were prepared to assist residents with cleaning up their property and plant trees. She feels that we are in a desert and the town could use more trees. The Mayor advised that the Village does not have a plan in place and other concerns were mentioned including providing water to the trees and pruning and maintaining them. Ms. McLean was provided with a copy of the appropriate trees for our area guide that was created by the CIB committee

3. TERMINATION

M/S Councillor Trill / Councillor Roden

That the Committee of the Whole meeting terminate at 6:55 pm.

Carried.

John c. (Jack) Jeyes, Mayor

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of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting
of Council held Monday, October 24, 2016.

J. Michelle Allen, Chief Administrative Officer

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